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20 Years Ago In CED History:

January 6, 1982:

\* Archbishop Jozef Glemp, the Roman Catholic primate of Poland, tells a congregation in Warsaw's St. John's Cathedral that those who signed oaths renouncing Solidarity were coerced by the government and the oaths have no validity.

January 7, 1982:

\* Presidential counselor Edwin Meese III reads a statement that reverses President Reagan's pre-election stand against the registration of 18-year-old males for a possible future military draft.  
\* The Winter 1982 Consumer Electronics Show begins in Las Vegas, Nevada. While a year earlier the RCA VideoDisc system had been one of the most prominent introductions, at the 1982 show the VHD VideoDisc holds the spotlight with a large display space sporting the slogan "There's More to See on VHD." Other notable video-related introductions include the Technicolor CVC mini-cassette VCR system, the first tubeless consumer video camera, and the first Pioneer LaserDisc player with CX noise reduction.  
A picture of the VHD booth at the Winter 1982 CES can be seen at this URL:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/vhd-1982-ces.jpg>

January 8, 1982:

\* Spokesmen for the American Telephone & Telegraph Company (AT&T) and the U.S. Department of Justice announce the settlement of a seven-year-old antitrust case which will result in AT&T divesting itself of 22 telephone companies, effectively breaking up the monopoly.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Four Friends.

January 9, 1982:

\* A frigid blast of arctic air arrives in the United States bringing with it a week of record low temperatures.

January 10, 1982:

\* The late Liu Shao-chi, China's discredited former chief of state, is restored to favor as government authorities allow his memoirs to go on sale in Beijing.

January 11, 1982:

\* The Reagan Administration announces that it will continue to help Taiwan produce F-5E fighter planes, but will not sell more advanced models. China issues a strong protest.  
\* In Brussels, at the first emergency meeting ever held by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), foreign ministers of 14 member countries issue a communique denouncing the Soviet Union of its active support of repression by the martial law regime in Poland.

January 12, 1982:

\* To counter a serious recession, Canada creates a Ministry of State for Economic Development and reorganizes other federal agencies.

From: RLB <rosieb>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CED repair

Have an RCA model SFT 100 that needs repair (or I'll end up selling it for parts and selling my collection). Does anyone accept these by UPS to repair? Or, alternately, does any know of someone in Virginia or DC that will work on it? I'm in Richmond.

It played fine when it played, but for years I'd had to manually advance it to get it to begin each side. Now it loads fine and spins up, but won't advance at all (either to play or fast forward) and the arm with the stylus won't move from the rearmost (load) position. (I've tried pretty hard, but don't want to force it.) I've looked over the CED Magic website (thanks, Tom. Great job.) but am not adept at working with electronics and can't begin to even disassemble the machine.

I'd had it in a shop here that promised they could "fix anything" but they had "a part on order" (they said) for three years and went out of business before getting it to work. I was lucky to retrieve it at all.

Thanks!  
Rosanna  
rosieb@sprynet.com

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From: Tony Cook <tonycook1966>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CED on CBS' "60 Minutes" recently?  
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 15:55:03 -0600

Had heard that there was some kind of mention of CED on either "60 Minutes" or "60 Minutes II" recently. Is this correct? Does anyone know what was said about CED?

Thanks

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From: Dj3928  
Date: Sun, 30 Dec 2001 18:46:10 EST  
Subject: Front Panel Switch Repair on SJT & SKT Players.  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Hello to All,

I have Found a Fix for the SJT & SKT Players with a Defective Front MEMBRANE Switch assembly. When the Switch Assembly is Bad, Some or All of the Front Buttons wont work(EX.Pause/Rev/Fwd). The Switch usually Fails on Players where the Front has been Removed numerous times.

The Connections fail where the Membrane material is Connected to the Pins that plug into the Wiring Harness going to the Microprocessor Circuit. If the end of the Switch Assembly gets bent very many times, it will break

the Connections where the Membrane Material mates to the Metal Pins.

The FIX is to Buy a Defroster Repair Kit at an Auto Parts Store. It has a Bottle of Copper Paint, a Small brush and a Template.

Step 1: Pull back the Plastic Cover over the end of the Switch assembly where the Metal Pins are.

Step 2: Clean off the Connectors & the Foil Path about a 1/4" back with Alcohol.

Step 3: Paint each Connection and its Corresponding Foil Path and let dry.

Step 4: Then Repaint over each Connection so there are 2 coats of the Repair Paint on each one.

Step 5: Check to Make sure You dont have Foil Paths together as the Paint may Run into the Path Next to it. You can take a Small Screwdriver or a Knife and Clean between the 2 Paths.

Step 6: Reinstall the Front and check for operation.

This Fix does take some time, but if You have a Bad Front Assembly, its the Only way You can Repair the Player as the Switch is NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

Enjoy the Website!

Darrell

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Tue, 01 Jan 2002 12:32:24 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Widescreen CED's

>I am curious if any of these videos were produced in widescreen.  
>thank you

There were five CED titles released in widescreen format. You can learn more about these in Featured CED's No. 7 and No. 21:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/featured/amarcord.html>

<http://www.cedmagic.com/featured/monty-python-grail.html>

--Tom

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From: "gene henley" <the\_tinman>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 05 Jan 2002 07:31:50 +0800  
Subject: for sale

i'm not sure this is the proper way to do this so my apologies if i am not using proper protocol.

I have an RCA SelectaVision SJT 400 Video Disc Player that doesn't work well but was rarely used so i don't know what's wrong with it.

i also have about ten discs that i would like to sell as well.

1. the muppet movie
2. Paddington Bear Vol 1 and 2
3. The Big Chill
4. MASH goodbye Farewell Forever

5. Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid
6. Emanuelle
7. The Electric Horseman
8. Fast Times at Ridgemont High
9. Risky Business
10. Kramer vs. Kramer
11. Making Love
12. Star 80

i would welcome any offers.  
thank you.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

January 13, 1982:

\* An Air Florida jetliner taking off from Washington National Airport hits the crowded 14th Street bridge and crashes into the Potomac River resulting in 78 deaths. Five passengers are rescued from the icy water of the river.

January 14, 1982:

\* Adil Carcani is nominated to become premier of Albania. He will succeed Mehmet Shehu, who reportedly had committed suicide in 1981 after being premier since 1954.

January 15, 1982:

\* Spain announces successors to four top military commanders who retired the day before. The Defense Ministry explains that the changes were necessary before Spain negotiates its entry into NATO.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: One From the Heart.

January 16, 1982:

\* The Vatican and Great Britain re-establish full diplomatic relations, ending a rift that occurred when King Henry VIII broke with Roman Catholicism in 1532.

January 17, 1982:

\* Record low temperatures are recorded in a number of US cities. The day is later nicknamed "Cold Sunday."

January 18, 1982:

\* Voters in Finland elect Mauno Koivisto president succeeding Urho Kekkonen who resigned in October 1981.

January 19, 1982:

\* A one-day general strike in India, called by eight national trade unions to protest the labor policies of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, halts industry and public services throughout the country.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Fri, 11 Jan 2002 14:16:56 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: 2002 Consumer Electronics Show

Hello All:

This week the Winter CES was held in Las Vegas with Thomson (RCA) in attendance. Nothing really ground breaking from the company, but they do have some nice thin plasma Scenium TV's. This press release summarizes the new products:

<http://www.rca.com/content/viewdetail/1,2811,EI700222-CI258,00.html?>

One item that is a little CED-related is RCA's RCU1000B touchscreen remote control which has a number of buttons on an illuminated screen that can learn the codes from an existing SJT400 VideoDisc remote. A picture of this remote can be seen here:

<http://www.remotecentral.com/wn000015.htm>

The coolest looking product I've seen didn't actually premier at CES, but at the simultaneous MacWorld Expo in San Francisco. This is the pedestal version of the iMac that has a retro appeal somewhat like the Philco Predicta TV's of 40 years ago:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/philco-predicta-princess.html>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

January 20, 1982:

\* Montreal's 6,800 public transit employees vote to end an illegal six-day strike.

January 21, 1982:

\* Defying union management, about 55 percent of Great Britain's nearly 250,000 coal miners vote to accept a 9.3 percent wage increase.

January 22, 1982:

\* Eduardo Frei Montalva, president of Chile from 1964 to 1970, dies at age 71.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: On Golden Pond.

January 23, 1982:

\* Over U.S. objections, France agrees to buy 282.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas from the Soviet Union every year for 25 years.

January 24, 1982:

\* The San Francisco 49ers win Super Bowl XVI, defeating the Cincinnati Bengals 26-21. Highlights of the game can be seen on the CED title NFL'81 Official Season Yearbook.

January 25, 1982:

\* Mikhail A. Suslov, Russia's chief ideologist, dies at age 79.

January 26, 1982:

\* In his first State of the Union message to the U.S. Congress, President Reagan reaffirms his support for supply-side economics and proposes a massive but gradual shift of federal social programs to the states. Reagan calls the bold concept "new federalism."

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Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2002 07:00:46 +1000

Subject: Anybody?

From: Stan <sparkerm>

To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

Hi Tom,

Great web site, great newsletter! Some things I'd like to see:

Has anybody saved their CED collection to Vcd? (seems like a natural. Both have the same 60 minute per disc format and skips could be edited out). Tell us how you did it, and how did it work out.

Has anybody interfaced with the data port on the 400 machine? Format? Language?

Thanks,

Stan

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Date: Mon, 14 Jan 2002 10:03:59 -0500

From: "Forrest Proctor" <FORRESTP>

To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

Subject: Fabulous Thrift Store Find!

Just a few months ago, I was in Birmingham, Al. visiting family over my vacation. I really enjoy going to thrift stores, and since I have become addicted to CED's I visit them on a regular basis. When I visited one thrift store called "The Exchange Club" I went to their electronic section which was quite large and proceeded to scan their piles of DOA Vcr's. One of the VCR's looked odd so I took a closer look.....It turned out to be a SJT200 in not-so-good working order. The front panel was open suggesting a broken belt or no belt at all, and the power cord had been removed via wire cutters. Despite it's problems I purchased it- and at \$5.41, it was a bargain! I replaced the belt (The old one had turned to goo and stained my hands for days) with a rubber band and bought a new power cord from Radio Shack. The unit is now up and running, with a proper belt I ordered from Tom. I have been enjoying the SJT200 along with my SGT100, which I acquired off of E-bay. Thanks for printing my story! CED forever! Forrest Proctor

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Date: Tue, 15 Jan 2002 01:13:07 -0800 (PST)  
From: Mark Edwards <mark62334>  
Subject: SUBSCRIBE  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Please put me on the mailing list. I got the collectors CD for Xmas and learned about this list from that. How does the cover of that CD work? I took the card out and it looks like a brown blob, but couldnt see any colors through the clear top. how does it make those colors?

Mark

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2002 16:22:43 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: That '80s Show

Hello All:

One week from today at 8 PM a new series "That '80s Show" will air on Fox:

<http://www.that80sshow.tv>

This seems to be in the same vein as the series "That '70s Show," and if so, it will probably be technology friendly if not entirely accurate chronologically. During the previews there's a scene in a record store where an item that looks like a CED can be seen on the right side in this captured image:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/misc/tv-movies/that-80s-show-01.jpg>

It may just be wishful thinking that the item with the yellow-lettered black label and surrounding white border is a CED, but perhaps a better view can be had when the show airs.

A couple of years ago Fox had another 80's series "Freaks & Geeks" that began in September 1980 and made an effort to be chronologically accurate. I contacted the producer of that show about donating a CED player for the possibility that it might appear in one of the living rooms on the show. But the show got canceled after little more than a dozen episodes, so it didn't make it to the March '81 time frame when the player could have appeared.

--Tom

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Date: Thu, 17 Jan 2002 13:15:48 -0800  
From: James Curiel <jacuriel>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 2

Dear All,

If you are selling on e-bay, some tips include preaching to the unconverted to increase the number of bidders. That means advertising in more than the CED category. It also brings more people into the CED fold and makes the format more viable by generating interest in the medium.

Also, I have written about how to use a Nitty Gritty Record cleaning machine to clean your discs and prolong the life of your stylus. I may have inadvertently forgotten to said to use a carbon fiber brush to brush away lint that is left by the cleaning lip of the machine.

For those that can't bring themselves to spill the dollars for one of these machines, you may try using a carbon fiber brush by itself. I use the Pickering carbon fiber brushes from Germany, and they go for between \$9-12.

I have machines on e-bay right now that have new load belts, the shafts have been lubed, and I have adjusted the height of the platter. They also have new stylus in them. Most of these machines are SJT-90's that were purchased to be used in a hotel, but never were. So far, two of the machines have pulled well over 200, and two have gone for the 150 buy it now price. Contact me directly, at jacuriel@csus.edu, to purchase one for \$150 plus shipping from Sacramento, California.

I was successful in converting a CRK-33 RCA remote to use it as a CRK-34 for the SJT-300's using Tom's advice on changing the C1 capacitor. Thanks Tom. I encourage people to try it if they get a chance.

I am getting a lot of e-mails on people wanting their machines fixed. Tom, is there any chance that a workshop could take place somewhere or via the web on fixing these machines? The repair section on the page is wonderful. I have a fair amount of luck with the J and K series, but the G and F ones are outside my forte. Also, where can one get some of the repair equipment like the adjustment guage for the F and G series. A workshop on how to use the oscilliscope and other devices to identify what is wrong might be handy.

Also, a list of shops that still repair these machines might be even better.

Peace. signed James

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 19 Jan 2002 21:31:41 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Transfer Rod Cap and Receiver Spindle on J/K Players



Hello All:

A player problem that seems to be coming up more often in J/K CED players is a missing protective cap on the disc transfer rod. If the cap is missing, a little damage will be done to every disc inserted into the player. I have this part available along with installation instructions on this page:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/transfer-rod-cap/transfer-rod-cap.html>

That page also provides a picture of the receiver spindle, which is another part sometimes missing from J/K CED players. The absence of this part is tricky, because the player will still work without it, but the likelihood of a disc not falling flat onto the turntable increases. If you have this problem, check the player to make sure the receiver spindle is there.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

January 27, 1982:

\* Honduras ends nine years on military rule with the installation of Roberto Suazo Cordova as president. During his inaugural address, Suazo pledges that officials of his administration will be "servants of the people and not beneficiaries of the state."

\* Mauno Koivisto is elected president of Finland with 167 of the 301 votes cast by members of the electoral college. He replaces President Urho Kekkonen who had resigned for health reasons after 25 years in office.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Offers Eight New Video Disc Titles in February

RCA will release eight new video disc titles in February, and will continue announcing new titles on a monthly basis in 1982, Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, announced today.

The new video disc titles available include: "Annie Hall," "Dressed To Kill," "Three Days Of The Condor," "The Great Muppet Caper," "The Return Of The Pink Panther," "The Big Fights, Vol. 2 -- Heavyweight Champions' Greatest Fights," "A Charlie Brown Festival, Vol. 11" and "Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 2." Mr. Kuhn said that the titles announced today are among 160 new titles RCA intends to add to its catalog in 1982.

"Annie Hall," winner of Oscars for Best Picture, Best Direction, Best Screenplay and Best Actress, is one of those rare movie comedies that has warmth and truth as well as laughs. Woody Allen wrote the screenplay and starred with Oscar-winner Diane Keaton and a hand-picked supporting cast.

"Dressed To Kill" is a violent and exotic film starring Angie Dickinson as Kate Miller, a restless suburban housewife, whose sexual fantasies and a dalliance with a stranger lead to her death at the hands of a knife-wielding psychopath. The film was written and directed by Brian DePalma and also stars Michael Caine and Nancy Allen.

"Three Days Of The Condor," starring Robert Redford, is a taut, all-too-believable thriller that examines morality and manipulation in post-Watergate America. Expertly directed by Sydney Pollack, the film offers meaty and unusual roles to a stellar cast, including: Faye Dunaway, Cliff Robertson, Max Von Sydow and John Houseman.

"The Great Muppet Caper" is the second hilarious Jim Henson feature length movie starring the Muppets. Kermit the Frog, Fozzie Bear, Gonzo and Miss Piggy join Diana Rigg and Charles Grodin in a sleuthing adventure complete with madcap musical mayhem, and some pretty dangerous stuff involving hot-air ballooning, parachuting, car chases, and Miss Piggy as a karate-chopping motorcycle mama, with a happy Muppet ending assured.

"The Return Of The Pink Panther," one of the most popular comedy films of all time, brought Peter Sellers back to the role of the bumbling French detective, Jacques Clouseau, which he created in "The Pink Panther" and "A Shot In The Dark." The film was written and directed by Blake Edwards and also stars Christopher Plummer, Catherine Schell and Herbert Lom.

"The Big Fights, Vol. 2 -- Heavyweight Champions' Greatest Fights," traces seven decades of heavyweight title and non-title fights. Boxing's great eras and champions are represented, including: Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Rocky Marciano and Muhammad Ali. This exciting video disc captures all of the elements that make the drama and energy of boxing unique: history-making fights, hard-fought contests between evenly matched opponents, heroism, the rapture of victory and the disbelief and devastation of defeat.

"A Charlie Brown Festival, Vol. 11" includes four delightful stories starring the Peanuts gang: "Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown," "He's Your Dog, Charlie Brown," "It's The Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown" and "Life Is A Circus, Charlie Brown."

"Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 2" is the second in RCA's video disc series showcasing the most memorable cartoons of Walt Disney. It includes the zany antics and wild shenanigans of Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Goofy and Pluto, plus the whole gang of Disney characters in two delightful features -- "At Home With Donald Duck" and "The Coyote's Lament."

January 28, 1982:

\* U.S. Brigadier General James L. Dozier is rescued from his Red Brigades kidnapers when Italian anti-terrorist forces carry out a carefully planned raid on an apartment Padua. Three men and two women are captured. Dozier is described as tired but otherwise in good health after his 42 days of captivity.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

'Airplane!' Leads RCA's VideoDisc Hit Parade

Americans are building inexpensive home movie libraries with video discs, and "Airplane!" was their favorite album in 1981, according to an RCA survey of more than 1,200 video disc player owners.

Stuart Gray, Vice President, Program and Market Research, RCA "SelectaVision"

VideoDiscs, said "The Muppet Movie" ran a close second, followed by "Star Trek -- The Motion Picture," "M\*A\*S\*H" and "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea."

Mr. Gray said "Star Trek -- The Menagerie" was the only non-feature film to place in the top 20. This album, taken from the television series, ranked 10th overall, underscoring the continuing popularity of the Star Trek series.

Based on the survey, the 20 most popular albums in 1981 were:

1. Airplane!
2. The Muppet Movie
3. Star Trek -- The Motion Picture
4. M\*A\*S\*H
5. 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea
6. The Godfather
7. The Black Stallion
8. Grease
9. Heaven Can Wait
10. Star Trek -- The Menagerie
11. Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid
12. Patton
13. Fiddler On The Roof
14. Casablanca
15. Goldfinger
16. Rocky
17. Escape From Alcatraz
18. Ordinary People
19. Singin' In The Rain
20. Saturday Night Fever

January 29, 1982:

- \* "The Bulletin" ceases publication in Philadelphia after 134 years.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Shoot the Moon.

January 30, 1982:

- \* According to a Warsaw radio report, more than 200 people are arrested in Gdansk after violent clashes with Polish police. The local military council responds by tightening curfew restrictions and suspending all sports activities and public entertainment.
- \* "I Can't Go For That" (CED) by Hall & Oates becomes the No. 1 US single, replacing "Physical" (CED) by Olivia Newton-John, which had been No. 1 since November 21, 1981, a record for the 1980's.

\* 39th Annual Golden Globe Awards:

Best Director - Motion Picture  
Warren Beatty, Reds (CED)

Best Foreign Language Film  
Chariots of Fire, Great Britain (CED)

Best Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for Television  
East of Eden (tie), Mace Neufeld Prod./Viacom/ABC  
Bill (tie), Alan Landsburg Prods./CBS

Best Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical  
Arthur, Orion (CED)

Best Motion Picture - Drama  
On Golden Pond, Universal & AFD Corp. (CED)

Best Original Song - Motion Picture  
Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do), Arthur (CED)

Best Performance by an Actor in a Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for  
Television  
Mickey Rooney, Bill

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Comedy/Musical  
Dudley Moore, Arthur (CED)

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama  
Henry Fonda, On Golden Pond (CED)

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role - Motion Picture  
John Gielgud, Arthur (CED)

Best Performance by an Actor in a TV-Series - Comedy/Musical  
Alan Alda, M\*A\*S\*H (CED)

Best Performance by an Actor in a TV-Series - Drama  
Daniel J. Travanti, Hill Street Blues

Best Performance by an Actress in a Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for  
Television  
Jane Seymour, East of Eden

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Comedy/Musical  
Bernadette Peters, Pennies From Heaven (CED)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Drama  
Meryl Streep, The French Lieutenant's Woman (CED)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role - Motion Picture  
Joan Hackett, Only When I Laugh (CED)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television-Series - Comedy/Musical  
Eileen Brennan, Private Benjamin (CED)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television-Series - Drama  
Linda Evans (tie), Dynasty  
Barbara Bel Geddes (tie), Dallas

Best Screenplay - Motion Picture  
Ernest Thompson, On Golden Pond (CED)

Best Supporting Actor in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for  
Television  
John Hillerman, Magnum P.I.

Best Supporting Actress in Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for  
Television  
Valerie Bertinelli, One Day At A Time

Best Television -Series - Drama  
Hill Street Blues, NBC

Best Television-Series - Comedy/Musical  
M\*A\*S\*H, CBS (CED)

Cecil B. DeMille Award  
Sidney Poitier

Historic Award: Best Television Special - Variety/Musical  
The Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration

Historic Award: New Star of the Year in a Motion Picture - Male or Female  
Pia Zadora, Butterfly (CED)

January 31, 1982:

\* The Israeli government signals its acceptance of France, Great Britain, Italy, and the Netherlands as part of a peace force that will patrol the Sinai after Israel's withdrawal in April.

February 1, 1982:

\* The first "Late Night with David Letterman" show is broadcast.  
\* Senegal and Gambia, two West African nations, unite in a confederation called Senegambia. Abdou Diouf, president of Senegal, becomes president of the confederation and Sir Dauda Jawara, president of Gambia, becomes vice-president. Under the agreement, Senegal and Gambia will remain sovereign nations, but the countries will be united for military and economic purposes.

\* RCA VideoDisc Releases for February 1982:

Annie Hall  
Big Fights, Vol. 2: Heavyweight Champions' Greatest Fights  
Charlie Brown Festival, Vol. 2  
Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 2  
Dressed to Kill  
Great Muppet Caper, The [monophonic]  
Return of the Pink Panther, The  
Three Days of the Condor

February 2, 1982:

\* Belgium's Senate grants the government power to enact reforms by decree to deal with the country's economic crisis.  
\* Egyptian President Hosni Mubarek arrives in Washington for two days of talks with President Reagan. Mubarek declares that resolving the "Palestinian problem" is the key to peace and stability in the Middle East. He also asserts "both sides have an inherent right to exist and function as a national unity."

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From: "Michael A. Campellone" <mcampellone>  
To: "Tom Howe" <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: RE: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 3  
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2002 11:57:59 -0800

Hi -

Actually, in reply to one of the posts in this issue of the Digest, I did in fact begin saving my CED discs to VCD. However, I sort of "cheated". I purchased a Terapin VCD recorder, I hooked up my CED player to it, and I started recording discs.

That's all there was to it. So much simpler than going through all of the hassle on the computer. You can check out the Terapin at [www.goterapin.com](http://www.goterapin.com).

Have a great day!

- Mike

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2002 17:14:32 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: CED Magic CD-ROM Cover

>How does the cover of that CD work? I took  
>the card out and it looks like a brown blob, but  
>couldnt see any colors through the clear top. how does  
>it make those colors?

The "grooves" on the jewel case cover have prisms cut into them at distinct angles so that the card underneath can provide six separate images depending on the angle of view. All those colors are present on the card, but it looks dull brown because without the facets, all the colors are mixed together too close for the eye to discern. This is the same thing that happens when an assortment of different-colored paints are mixed together. Patent 5,588,526 viewable at this URL provides more technical detail on how the CD cover works:

<http://patft.uspto.gov/netacgi/nph-Parser?Sect1=PTO1&Sect2=HITOFF&d=PALL&p=1&u=/netahtml/srchnum.htm&r=1&f=G&l=50&s1='5,588,526'.WKU.&OS=PN/5,588,526&RS=PN/5,588,526>

--Tom

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From: "Aaron Hottenstein" <ahottenstein>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: no sound on ced player  
Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2002 14:35:09 -0500

I recently recieved a CED player. THE only problem is there is no sound only a buzzing crackling sound. To me that seems like it would need a new stylus. What do you think? The picture looks okay.

Thanks for your help,

Aaron

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

February 3, 1982:

- \* The Eastman Kodak Company introduces a compact new camera called the "Kodak Disc" that uses a film disc instead of roll film. Kodak says the new system should improve the quality of amateur photography.
- \* The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that severe snowstorms and record cold have led to more than 300 deaths across the United States in January.

February 4, 1982:

- \* President Reagan suggests the elimination of all nuclear missiles in Europe, countering the 2/3 reduction proposal of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

February 5, 1982:

- \* Great Britain imposes economic sanctions against Poland and Russia in a protest against martial law in Poland.
- \* Bolivia devalues the peso and announces other measures to alleviate its economic problems.
- \* Laker Airways, a British company that had inaugurated cut-rate transatlantic passenger service in 1977, declares bankruptcy.
- \* The United Nations General Assembly adopts a resolution condemning Israel for its annexation of the Golan Heights in December 1981. Israel had occupied the Golan Heights since 1967, when it captured the region from Syria.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Wrong Is Right.

February 6, 1982:

- \* President Reagan releases a budget message for fiscal year 1983 that calls for a substantial increase in military spending and substantial cuts in such benefit programs as welfare, food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid, and subsidized housing. The projected deficit is \$91.5 billion.
- \* "Freeze Frame" (CED) by the J. Geils Band becomes the No. 1 US album, while the song "Centerfold" from the album becomes the No. 1 US single.

February 7, 1982:

- \* Lius Alberto Monge is elected president of Costa Rica succeeding Rodrigo Carazo Odio, who had been president since 1978.

February 8, 1982:

- \* Fire in the top two floors of the luxury Hotel New Japan in Tokyo kills at least 30 people and injures 60.

February 9, 1982:

- \* Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos's son-in-law, Tommy Manotoc, is reported to have been rescued from leftist guerillas the previous day. Manotoc, who mysteriously disappeared 41 days earlier, had angered the president and his wife by secretly marrying their daughter, Imee, on December 4, 1981.
- \* The Kampuchean government, under the domination of Vietnam, appoints Chan Sy premier, replacing Pen Sovan who had earlier been removed "for reasons of health," but who is rumored to be under house arrest.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Video Disc Households Owning Players Over Eight Months Now Have Average of Almost 23 Albums, RCA Survey Shows

Americans are building inexpensive home video libraries with video discs. Those owning disc players eight months or longer now have an average of almost 23 video disc albums, while those with players six months or longer have almost 21 albums, according to an RCA survey.

Stuart Gray, Division Vice President, Program and Market Research, RCA

"SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, said the survey showed that the average video disc player owner expects to buy five additional albums over the next three months.

Mr. Gray said more than 90 percent of the 1,223 respondents expressed overall satisfaction with their video disc player, a very high percentage for a new consumer electronics product.

The survey also showed that 17 percent of the player households surveyed are pay cable subscribers, which is slightly above the national average; and 16 percent have video cassette recorders, which is substantially higher than the national average of 4 percent.

Mr. Gray said the findings illustrate that the video disc is compatible with other home video products and services.

Mr. Gray said 19 percent of the sample have rented discs, and 47 percent of them have ended up buying at least one of the discs they rented.

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From: KatGlen1  
Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2002 14:12:42 EST  
Subject: Re: CED Digest  
To: tom@cedmagic.com

Does anybody out there remember when CED videodiscs were being introduced to the public and RCA had a truck that went from mall to mall and set up a big display of discs and TV sets playing different movies, all in mono of course. I remember the display in Sacramento at Florin Mall just as CED was being introduced.

Glenn

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From: Frers44  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2002 09:40:24 EST  
Subject: Stylus 149000  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Do you have any idea where to find a stylus cartridge? The player I have seems to need one.

Thanks  
Bruce Stewart  
Florida

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From: "WJON Radio - St. Cloud" <wjon>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: HELP!  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2002 17:58:29 -0600

My RCA SFT 100 played just fine until I took the stylus out to look at it. Now the playback drops in and out...slowly.

Also, where can I order new stylus's?

Paul Ciarrochi  
St. Cloud, MN



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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Fri, 01 Feb 2002 17:12:37 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Appearance on Television

Hello All:

For those of you in Oregon and Southwest Washington, I'm going to be on the KPTV (Channel 12) Good Day Oregon Show on Monday, February 4. This is not going to be about CED, but about the history of the personal computer and computer geekdom in general. But since it's being broadcast from a room in my home that is literally wall-to-wall CED's, it will be unavoidable to see them in the background, and given the opportunity, I'll put in a CED plug. The segments I'll be in should air at approximately 6:50, 7:50, and 8:50 am.

<http://www.kptv.com/gdo/>

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 6 2/9/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

February 10, 1982:

\* According to a report by a food scientist at the University of Wisconsin, deep-fat frying generates fewer mutagens - chemicals that can alter the genetic structure of cells - than other methods of cooking in which the same high temperatures are reached.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Introduces New VideoDisc Player with Optional Retail Price of \$349.95

NASHVILLE, Tenn., February 10 -- Supported by a sharply higher level of consumer awareness of video disc players, RCA today introduced a new "SelectaVision" VideoDisc player model with an optional retail price of \$349.95.

Jack K. Sauter, RCA Group Vice President and General Manager of the Consumer Electronics Division, said the new lower price level of RCA's monaural VideoDisc player was planned at this time to match the rapid rise in the public's awareness of the video disc product. "The awareness level now stands at 61 percent of the population owning a color TV set, according to our newest research findings," he said.

Compared with the video cassette recorder, "which represents a more established new video product, the video disc player now stands only 13 percent behind the VCR in consumer awareness," Mr. Sauter said. He explained that "the consumer must be sufficiently knowledgeable about a product before a price/value relationship can be established and a purchase decision considered."

At the same time, RCA reported that total industry retail sales of "CED" video disc players amounted to an estimated 105,000 units in 1981. Including imported competitive brands of the "CED" system, Mr. Sauter said that total industry sales at the consumer level during the product's introductory year "were quite encouraging considering the recessionary atmosphere of the nation's economy."

RCA also estimated that the company closed out the year with sales of 2.1 million "CED" video disc albums at the factory level, "a considerably higher total than was expected," Mr. Sauter said.

He noted previous reports from RCA's "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs operation that disc sales to the consumer have been exceptionally strong, with many video disc player owners purchasing double the number of discs that RCA had anticipated before launching its VideoDisc system last March.

"In providing distributors and retailers with an opportunity to offer a significantly lower priced player that has the advantage of a full year of manufacturing experience, RCA obviously expects to benefit from a total business opportunity that includes the player as well as continuing multiple album purchases," Mr. Sauter said.

RCA's new SGT100 model VideoDisc player weighs only 20 pounds and is as extremely compact as the initial model, SFT100. It features Visual Search which allows both forward and reverse scanning of a program while continuously displaying a picture on the screen. The player also includes Rapid Access, a high speed feature that locates any desired segment of the disc using a digital time indicator.

The replaced SFT100 model player will be offered to RCA distributors at a specially reduced price, Mr. Sauter said. "It is quite possible that portions of the trade which take a less traditional approach with their profit margins may elect to offer the closeout model at today's competitive price point of \$299.95," he added.

RCA's national advertising campaign for its VideoDisc system will be highlighted in the first quarter by a special 1,500-line newspaper ad that is scheduled to run in more than 220 newspaper editions on Thursday, February 25. The new lower price of RCA's VideoDisc player will be featured in the ad, Mr. Sauter noted.

February 11, 1982:

- \* France nationalizes five groups of major industries and 39 banks.

February 12, 1982:

- \* Pope John Paul II begins a visit to West Africa in his first trip abroad since the May 1981 attempt on his life.

- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Seduction.

February 13, 1982:

- \* A U.S. military advisor in El Salvador is ordered home after being seen on film carrying an M-16 rifle in violation of regulations.

- \* A civil court judge in El Salvador orders five former national guardsmen held for further investigation of the murders of three Roman Catholic nuns and a lay co-worker in December 1980.

February 14, 1982:

- \* The leaders of 11 member nations of the Organization of African Unity (OAU)

conclude four days of talks in Nairobi. The conflicts in Western Sahara and Chad were the main topics of discussion.

\* Bobby Allison, driving a Buick, wins \$927,625 at the Daytona 500 in Florida.

February 15, 1982:

\* The offshore oil rig Ocean Ranger sinks about 175 nautical miles off Newfoundland, killing all 84 crew members.

February 16, 1982:

\* In a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin, President Reagan denies charges that the U.S. is drifting from its policy of full support from Israel. Begin had sent Reagan a letter of protest over statements made in Jordan by U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger suggesting that the U.S. would sell advanced anti-aircraft missiles and fighter planes to that country.

\* More than 30 seamen are lost when the Soviet freighter Mekhanik Tarasov sinks in a storm off Newfoundland.

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 23:03:01 -0600

From: Bob Stocki <stockir>

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: Terapin VCD Recorder

I've read conflicting reports regarding the quality of video offered by the Terapin VCD recorder. One reviewer said the the resulting quality was lower than acceptable. Another reported that the image looked pixellated on his television set, but fine when the disc was played back on his computer. I notice that several readers of this newsletter are beginning to copy their CEDs to CD-Rs using this device. What kind of results have our readers been getting? I'd like to know before investing in one.

Bob Stocki  
bobstocki@aol.com  
Milwaukee, WI

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Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2002 15:09:05 -0800

From: "Highlander" <d69stu>

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: Subscribe

Have an SGT0750 and thought I'd look around for parts...

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Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2002 15:29:27 -0800

From: Keith Turner <accudes>

Subject: CED Stylus Cartridges

To: digest@cedmagic.com

For anyone looking for Stylus Cartridges for CED players, I have seen a few while doing searches for CED Movies and Players in general on eBay's web site. I have a spare, which I have had for a few years now, that I Purchased through an RCA supplier, but I can't remember or find the contact information any longer.

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(714) 533-9366  
<mailto:accudes@pacbell.net>accudes@pacbell.net

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To: ceds@teleport.com  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2002 23:37:18 -0600  
Subject: ced's for sale  
From: homert j simpson <w-corleone>

I have a Humpury Bogart double feature for sale. The first CED is Casablanca, and the second one is Key Largo. Both discs play FLAWLESSLY on my sjt 400 player, no skips or things of that nature. there listed on ebay now, and they are going for \$5.00 + \$3.20 shipping. Please let the mailing list folks know .

warmest regards

William

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Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2002 17:38:26 -0800 (PST)  
From: Mark Edwards <mark62334>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 5  
To: Tom Howe <digest@cedmagic.com>

Tom,

Is there anyway to see the CED TV show on the internet?

Mark

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2002 18:21:40 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Lum Fong Featured CED

Hello All:

For those of you who have asked about this hybrid CED/Audio LP, it is the current Featured CED at the site:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/featured/lum-fong/lum-fong.html>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

February 17, 1982:

\* Mexico withdraws support of the peso in international exchange markets resulting in a plunge of value within a week to 41 cents against the U.S. dollar.

\* Polish-born acting teacher Lee Strasberg dies at age 80. He introduced method acting and trained such stars as Marlon Brando, James Dean, Rod Steiger, Anne Jackson, Shelly Winters, Paul Newman, and Robert DeNiro.

February 18, 1982:

\* The Iranian government announces that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini will eventually be replaced by a four- or five-man elected council. Concurrent reports that Khomeini is seriously ill are denied by the government as "imperialist and Zionist lies."

February 19, 1982:

\* The DeLorean Motor Company of Belfast, Northern Ireland goes into receivership after the British government announces it can no longer provide money to the ailing manufacturer of the deluxe stainless steel sports car. The receivers, aware of the high unemployment rate in Northern Ireland, express hope that \$90 can be raised to keep the company operating.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Vice Squad.

February 20, 1982:

\* The New York Islanders win a record 15th straight game in the National Hockey League.

February 21, 1982:

\* Interior Secretary James Watt, in a policy shift, announced he would ask Congress to bar mining and drilling in wilderness areas until the year 2000.

\* Mexican president Jose Lopez Portillo, during a visit to Nicaragua, declares his willingness to act as a mediator to lessen tensions in Central America and the Caribbean.

February 22, 1982:

\* Syria admits for the first time that intense fighting is taking place against the rebel Muslim Brotherhood in the city of Hama.

February 23, 1982:

\* The Japanese government announces that it will grant no new credits to Poland until it lifts martial law. Japan, however, promises to fulfill its earlier commitments of economic aid.

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Date: Sun, 10 Feb 2002 06:51:54 -0800

From: James Curiel <jacuriel>

To: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>

Cc: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 6

Recently, some of my machines were subjected to below 50 degree temperatures for a few days.

I tried to play a few of them while they were cold, and I heard a strange like small snap noise like something small breaking or cracking. Sounded like it came from up front. I then warmed up the machines putting one in a warm room for a couple of days, and the other using a hair dryer. These SJT-90 machines power up, load and unload discs, but they will not read a disc and they display

only two horizontal dashes on the time readout. I have not yet done autopsies to find out what broke or why they will not work even after they were warmed up.

I warmed up two machines before playing using the same methods of one in a warm room for a few days, and one using a hair dryer. Both work fine, and I have watched several movies on them.

Does anyone know what part or parts on the SJT's and SKT's is breaking when machines are played when they are cold? I believe it is in carrier arm, but I am not sure. Haven't had time to look yet.

I also wanted to warn people not to immediately plug in and play a machine that is cold. Let it warm up in a heated room for a couple of days. Take the cover off if you want.

Thanks, James. jacuriel@csus.edu

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2002 19:12:33 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Television Appearance

>Is there anyway to see the CED TV show on the  
>internet?

There is a QuickTime movie of the computer museum appearance on the TV/Movies page at CED Magic:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/misc/tv-movies/>

During the first segment a TRON CED can be seen on the window sill above the Apple III computer. We had planned to mention the computer's appearance in that movie while showing the CED, but ran out of time right after the memory error was shown. There's still plenty of CED stuff to be seen in the background. I've also added the appearance of a VHD player in the anime series Moldiver to the TV/Movies page.

--Tom

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2002 19:17:24 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Player With No Sound

>I recently recieved a CED player. The only problem is there is no sound  
>only a buzzing crackling sound. To me that seems like it would need a new  
>stylus. What do you think? The picture looks okay.

The lack of sound would not be due to a bad stylus because the signal recovered at that point contains both video and audio and it wouldn't be possible to have one without the other. The problem causing lack of sound takes place somewhere in the signal processing circuitry after the video and audio components have been separated. The most common cause of this sound loss is failure of the Audio FM Demodulator integrated circuit, which results in no sound on mono players and sound on one channel only with stereo players:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/repair-solutions.html#missing-audio-on-one-channel>

The failures I've seen with this chip result in no sound period, so the crackling sound could be something else. The best way to diagnose this would be to signal trace the sound path through the processing board until the circuit node where it goes awry is located.

--Tom

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Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2002 21:01:12 -0800  
From: "Highlander" <d69stu>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Follow-up on Servo belts

Well, the Servo belts and drive belt arrived I am thanking you for the speedy handling of the affair considering the small financial gain it might have meant to you. <grin>.

Onward.

So. I installed the new belt and wisely tested the results before re-assembling the case. The symptom is still apparent, only not to the same degree of frequency. Let me put that another way. What seems to be happening and is probably why the original belt failed is that the belt tracks out along the drive shaft, which causes it to walk off the primary gear as well. The end result is that it jams the larger secondary gear, putting a drag on the entire process.

It is therefore apparent that one or the other or perhaps both of the surfaces (the shaft from the motor or the tracking surface of the drive gear) are out of true. At least if the belt tracked in the opposite direction toward the wall of the gearbox, it would be less prone to bind up the operation. Still, it would eventually run off the drive surface altogether or at least sufficiently enough so as not to be functional. Anyway, what's happening seems to indicate that the tension of the belt has either pulled the shaft from the motor up or the drive gear shaft down; perhaps a little of both. There probably is a mechanism built into the design that makes it possible to adjust this problem, but I haven't, as of this moment in time, quite got a handle on the dynamics involved. I have a couple of thoughts involving shimming that might work, but have yet to implement them.

Since the motor transom and gearbox assy are injection mold creations made from a duPont styrene synthesis, I happen to have found a stress table for variations of this sort of design that was manufactured by Paramount Plastics back during the late seventies and early eighties. I've been working on a relational variation routine in EXCEL that will accept the output from a simulation run under TrueSpace (3-d imaging) and Turbo-Cad.

Um, Well, yes. That's getting way off into left field, isn't it. Anyway, if I can work it out over the next few days, I'll share the results. Hopefully, I will be able to put sufficient stress back into the transom to draw the two shafts away from each other sufficiently to cause the belt to track properly once again. I wonder why they designed that drive with a convex hub instead of a concave one! Planned

obsolescence and timed failure? Who really knows for sure!

DJS

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Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2002 21:53:13 -0800  
From: "Highlander" <d69stu>  
To: "CED Digest" <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Ok... Now I get it (Duh!)

It took a minute. This is a weekly magazine as opposed to a Newsgroup!  
The turnaround is a week or so instead of an hour or so!

The only downside here is that by next week my brain will be in some  
undiscovered country!

Anyway, I'll still get back with the ongoing results of the great SGT075  
repair adventure. It is still dismantled all over a yard of coffee  
table in the middle of the living room, but it's an 800sf living room so  
there is room to cope.

Drives me up the wall a little because "Raiders...", "Victor, Victoria",  
"Star Wars", "Star Trek", "Superman", and about a hundred other  
oldie-but-goodie things are in Selectavision format!

DJS

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Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2002 09:10:37 -0800  
From: "Highlander" <d69stu>  
To: "CED Digest" <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Follow-up on Servo Belt (II)

Well, there it is.

I had a great time emotionally, running simulations and scratching my  
brain with a lawn rake, but in the end I guess all the belt needed to do  
was sit overnight and get comfortable ...

I did what I had to do during the day yesterday and fired up the  
Selectavision after dinner. Pushed in the Raiders of the Lost Ark  
platter and alternately stared at the crystal clear display while  
glancing down regularly at the sturdy little belt tracking nicely as it  
should have.

I didn't even bother to attend it during side two. After all, that's  
the grand fight scene on the truck that drags on forever it seems.  
Somewhere up here I read a piece about revitalizing the stylus with  
alcohol so I swirled it around in a glass of cognac for a few seconds -  
removing it when the plastic began to dissolve. Sure enough, the  
minuscule tip brightened right up and began transmitting a flawless  
image!

Just kidding! Actually, I used a cotton swab and dried it all out  
carefully with a few gentle blasts from a can of air. No fluorocarbons.

DJS



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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 8 2/23/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

February 24, 1982:

\* President Reagan, in an address to the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C., warns that "new Cubas will arise from the ruins of today's conflicts" in Central America unless something is done to prevent it from happening.

\* Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers breaks the National Hockey League season-scoring record of 76 goals. By the end of the season he has set a new mark of 92 goals.

\* 24th Annual Grammy Awards:

Record of the Year "Bette Davis Eyes" Kim Carnes

Album of the Year "Double Fantasy," John Lennon and Yoko Ono

Song of the Year "Bette Davis Eyes" (CED) Donna Weiss and Jackie DeShannon, songwriters

Best New Artist Sheena Easton (CED)

Best Pop Vocal Performance, Male, "Breakin' Away," Al Jarreau

Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female, "Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music Live On Broadway," Lena Horne

Best Pop Vocal Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocal "Boy From New York City" Manhattan Transfer

Best Pop Instrumental Performance "The Theme From Hill Street Blues" Mike Post featuring Larry Carlton

Best Rock Vocal Performance, Male "Jessie's Girl" Rick Springfield

Best Rock Vocal Performance, Female "Fire and Ice" (CED) Pat Benatar

Best Rock Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocal "Don't Stand So Close to Me" (CED) Police

Best Rock Instrumental Performance "Behind My Camel" Police

Best Rhythm and Blues Song "Just the Two of Us" Bill Withers, William Salter and Ralph MacDonald, songwriters

Best Rhythm and Blues Performance, Male "One Hundred Ways" James Ingram

Best Rhythm and Blues Vocal Performance, Female "Hold On I'm Comin'" Aretha

Franklin

Best Rhythm and Blues Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocal "The Dude,"  
Quincy Jones

Best Rhythm and Blues Instrumental Performance "All I Need Is You" David  
Sanborn

Best Jazz Vocal Performance, Male "Blue Rondo a la Turk" Al Jarreau

Best Jazz Vocal Performance, Female "Digital III at Montreux," Ella Fitzgerald

Best Jazz Vocal Performance, Duo or Group "Until I Met You" Manhattan Transfer

Best Jazz Instrumental Performance, Soloist "Bye Bye Blackbird," John Coltrane

Best Jazz Instrumental Performance, Group "Chick Corea and Gary Burton in  
Concert," Zurich, October 28, 1979, Chick Corea and Gary Burton

Best Jazz Instrumental Performance, "Big Band Walk on the Water," Gerry  
Mulligan and His Orchestra

Best Jazz Fusion Performance, Vocal or Instrumental "Winelight," Grover  
Washington, Jr.

Best Country Song "9 to 5" (CED) Dolly Parton, songwriter

Best Country Vocal Performance, Male (There's) "No Gettin' Over Me" Ronnie  
Milsap

Best Country Vocal Performance, Female "9 to 5" (CED) Dolly Parton

Best Country Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocal "Elvira" Oak Ridge Boys

Best Country Instrumental Performance Country, "After All These Years," Chet  
Atkins

Best Gospel Performance, Contemporary or Inspirational "Priority," Imperials

Best Gospel Performance, Traditional "The Masters V," J.D. Sumner, James  
Blackwood, Hovie Lister, Rosie Rozell, and Jake Hess

Best Soul Gospel Performance, Contemporary "Don't Give Up," Andrae Crouch

Best Soul Gospel Performance, Traditional "The Lord Will Make a Way," Al Green

Best Latin Recording "Guajira Pa la Jeva" Clare Fischer

Best Inspirational Performance "Amazing Grace," B.J. Thomas

Best Ethnic or Traditional Recording "There Must Be a Better World Somewhere,"  
B.B. King

Best Arrangement of an Instrumental Recording "Velas" Quincy Jones and Johnny  
Mandel, arrangers

Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocal(s) "Ai No Corrida" Quincy  
Jones and Jerry Hey, arrangers

Best Vocal Arrangement for Two or More Voices "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" Gene Puerling, arranger

Best Instrumental Composition "The Theme From Hill Street Blues" Mike Post, composer

Best Cast Show Album Lena Horne: "The Lady and Her Music Live on Broadway," various composers and lyricists

Best Album of Original Score Written for a Motion Picture or a Television Special "Raiders of the Lost Ark," John Williams, composer (CED)

Best Classical Album "Mahler, Symphony No. 2 in C Minor," Sir Georg Solti conducting Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

Best Classical Orchestral Recording "Mahler, Symphony No. 2 in C Minor," Sir Georg Solti conducting Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

Best Chamber Music Performance "Tchaikovsky, Piano Trio in A Minor," Itzhak Perlman, Lynn Harrell and Vladimir Ashkenazy

Best Classical Performance, Instrumental Soloist(s) (With Orchestra) "Isaac Stern 60th Anniversary Celebration," Isaac Stern, Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman; Zubin Mehta conducting New York Philharmonic Orchestra

Best Classical Performance, Instrumental Soloist(s) (Without Orchestra) "The Horowitz Concerts 1979/80," Vladimir Horowitz

Best Opera Recording "Janacek, From the House of the Dead," Sir Charles Mackerras conducting Vienna Philharmonic; solos: Zahradnicek, Zitek and Zidek

Best Choral Performance (Other Than Opera) "Haydn, The Creation," Neville Marriner conducting Chorus of Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Best Classical Vocal Soloist Performance "Live From Lincoln Center, Sutherland-Horne-Pavarotti," Joan Sutherland, Marilyn Horne and Luciano Pavarotti

Best Comedy Recording Rev. "Du Rite," Richard Pryor

Best Spoken Word, Documentary or Drama Recording "Donovan's Brain," Orson Welles

Best Recording for Children "Sesame Country," Muppets, Glen Campbell, Crystal Gayle, Loretta Lynn, Tanya Tucker; Jim Henson

Best Album Package "Tattoo You," Peter Corriston, art director

Best Album Notes Erroll Garner, "Master of the Keyboard," Dan Morgenstern, annotator

Best Historical Album "Hoagy Carmichael: From "Star Dust" to "Ole Buttermilk Sky""

Video of the Year "Michael Nesmith in Elephant Parts" (CED) Michael Nesmith

Producer of the Year (Non-Classical) Quincy Jones

Classical Producer of the Year James Mallinson

February 25, 1982:

- \* The U.N. Security Council votes 13-0 to increase its 6,000 man peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon by an additional 1,000 troops.
- \* An article in the Wall Street Journal points out that the recently named GRID or gay-related immunodeficiency disease also occurs in women and heterosexual men.

February 26, 1982:

- \* Hungarian-born guitarist Gabor Szabo dies at age 45. His unique style combined jazz with traditional Hungarian folk music.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Venom

February 27, 1982:

- \* Wayne B. Williams, a 23-year-old photographer and talent promoter, is convicted of murdering 2 of the 28 black children and young adults whose bodies were found in Atlanta, Georgia over a two-year period.
- The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company goes out of business after presenting Gilbert and Sullivan operettas for more than 100 years.

February 28, 1982:

- \* The Israeli Cabinet announces that if Egyptian President Hosni Mubarek "refuses to visit Jerusalem during the course of his visit to Israel, we would have to do without this important visit." The Israeli demand effectively ends any hope that Mubarek will visit Israel in the near future.

March 1, 1982:

- \* Two unmanned Russian space probes land on Venus and begin transmitting information back to Earth.

March 2, 1982:

- \* At the conclusion of a two-day visit to Moscow, Polish Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski pledges closer ties with the Soviet Union and a continuation of efforts to stop "in the most resolute manner" uprisings against Communist rule in Poland.

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Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2002 00:14:54 -0800  
From: "Highlander" <d69stu>  
To: "CED Digest" <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: New Problem ...

This is probably a a dead disk, but I hope not. Hopefully there is some way to bring it back because I doubt I can find a replacement.

We were watching "Once Upon A Time In America". Great movie. This is a two-disc deal. The first disc played fine. The second disc appears to be dead, however. All that comes up is video static and no sound at all. I tried forward searching to find something, but nothing appears to happen.

I put the first disc back in and it works fine. Tried a different movie. Works fine.

Is this a case of the starter grooves being damaged causing the stylus to get caught up in and endless loop? Sort of like with a phonograph

record where the groove would be damaged so the needle kept jumping back?

Sure would hate to write off that disc! This is a great movie and this cut has everything intact.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2002 07:11:34 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Much Sadness

Earlier this morning my cat Astarte passed away due to total liver failure. She was born in 1987, the same year I started collecting CED's. I informally called her "The VideoDisc Cat" because she was always hanging around when I was working on newly acquired players. I haven't been able to sleep or concentrate on anything else, so putting up a tribute page has helped. The picture on this page says it all:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/astarte.html>

--Tom

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From: Dj3928  
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2002 22:37:03 EST  
Subject: Problems with the NEW OLD STOCK 154216 Stylus!  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Hello All,

I have come across a problem with the 154216 Stylus's, (they fit the SJT and SKT RCA Players). I have been ordering New Old Stock from My RCA Parts distributor for some time now and have never had a problem. But, in the past 6 months I have ordered around 20 of them and have received 8 that were bad. When I say bad, I mean that the Stylus tips are not connected. In fact, the small copper colored band that goes from the Stylus Tip to the Pressed in Connector is hanging loose, apparently from some sort of corrosion of the metal band. It is always broken where it attaches to the Pressed in Connector. Has anyone had this problem?

I have a theory, these Stylus have been sitting around in an RCA Warehouse for around 15 to 18 years, I think the moisture in the warehouse is causing this. In fact, on a couple of the bad Stylus, the copper colored band has turned a darker color like copper will turn when exposed to moisture. I have also bought a lot of these on eBay and have never found this problem on them, which probably confirms my theory. If there stored in someone's house in a controlled environment, the band doesn't come loose.

As you probably all know, there isn't anyway to repair this problem, I have looked at them under a microscope and can't see any way to reconnect the copper colored band back to the connector.

If anyone has any thoughts on this, please let me know.

Thanks for everyone's time, I really enjoy the website,

Darrell

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 9 3/2/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 3, 1982:

\* French President Francois Mitterrand arrives in Israel on the first visit to that country by a European head of state.

March 4, 1982:

\* President Reagan names General John W. Vessey, Jr. chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.  
\* The American Petroleum Institute announces that U.S. refineries are operating at 63.9% of capacity because imports of crude oil have reached a seven-year low. The decline is attributed to conservation, the use of alternate fuels, and economic recession.

March 5, 1982:

\* Comedian and actor John Belushi dies of a drug overdose at age 33. He appears on the CED titles Animal House, The Blues Brothers, Neighbors, and Saturday Night Live Volumes 1 and 2.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Evil Under the Sun.

March 6, 1982:

In Cairo, five defendants are sentenced to death and seventeen others receive prison terms for involvement in the 1981 assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.  
\* Arab members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) agree to cut their aggregate output of oil by more than one million barrels a day to shore up sagging oil prices.  
\* "Beauty and the Beat" by the Go-Go's (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. album.

March 7, 1982:

\* General Angel Anibal Guevara outpolled three other candidates in Guatemala's presidential election making him the likely successor to President Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia.

March 8, 1982:

\* The Dow Jones industrial average dips to 795.47, its lowest level since April 23, 1980.  
\* The Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress approves sweeping changes in the structure of the government, including a reduction of vice-premierships from 13 to 2.

March 9, 1982:

\* Ireland's Dail (Parliament) elects Charles J. Haughey prime minister by a vote of 86-79. He replaces Garret FitzGerald.

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Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 11:47:15 -0800  
From: James Curiel <jacuriel>  
To: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>

Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 8

Dear DJ,

I received a whole shipment of new stylus that were broken. They were a free gift sent by a nice gentlemen in Pennsylvania.

It took several tries, but I took four broken cartridges and from these I reconstructed one working cartridge. If the ribbon is connected to the stylus, you can solder the ribbon back to the cartridge using surgical tweezers to hold things in place. A minimum of solder is best. There are several problems attempting this. First, it is difficult to get everything in place and set up with the proper bend to the ribbon while it sits in place for solder. Second, the copper hold on the cartridge or copper button where the ribbon attaches to the cartridge can become heated to the point where it pushes through the cartridge. Once that button goes through because of heat you have to begin again on a new cartridge main body.

So, for best results do it quickly with a minimum of solder to hold the ribbon to the copper button on the cartridge

Tom,

My condolences on your cat.

The other person who wrote about the disc problem, sounds like they were putting in side two of disc two where no program material exists.

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From: "Mark Groth" <megrot>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Need Help  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 16:58:49 -0600

Hello! Firstly, what a great site...an excellent resource. I inherited a RCA SelctaVision disc player and > 20 discs from a relative who told me it was a Laserdisc player. The darn player wouldn't work. I started to list some of the discs on Ebay. Come to find out, a kind Ebay-er told me that I was incorrectly listing these as LDs when in fact they are CEDs. Ignorance is bliss!

Anyhow, now that I know what I have, I want to fix this thing. The discs load just fine, however, the LCD panel just indicates 2 horizontal red lines once the disc is loaded. I took it apart and the motor seems to work however I suspect a belt is out. Radio Shack told me to get lost. I looked into your site a little and can't quite determine whether I need the Servo Drive Belt, Turntable Drive Belt, or the Function Motor Drive Belt. Your pictures are highly detailed, yet I still don't know which one to order.

Any advice? Again, thanks so much for your great site and interest in old electronics.

Mark

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Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2002 09:52:26 -0800  
From: "Highlander" <d69stu>  
To: "CED Digest" <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: "Once Upon A Time..."

Hi, everybody!

My fault! I was not clear on the matter. Before posting about a problem, I tried every reasonable and logical approach to a solution that came to mind.

I played both sides of the second disk with the same null results.

I removed the platter from the sleeve and inspected both surfaces; there appear to be no scratches or other visible defects.

It worked fine once upon a time and disk two of this movie has data on both sides. The final 18 minutes is on side two of disk two. That means no matter which side I play, I should get something. Odd that both sides should prove faulty now when once upon a time they both worked. It has all the earmarks of a physical rather than a logical problem, but I have no idea what it might be. The damage could be microscopic, I suppose, but other than a scratch or imbedded particle, I have no idea what to look for. Is the data binary - as in '0's and '1's? - so that the destruction of a single bit would impair the entire 'start-up' sequence? That's what happens with a hard drive when you blow out the FAT data in Sector '0' ...

DJS

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Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 09:08:53 -0600  
From: "Reuterskiold, Ryan" <Ryan.Reuterskiold>  
Subject: SGT100 woes...  
To: "'digest@cedmagic.com'" <digest@cedmagic.com>

Greetings. I'm new to the CED scene, having been given a non-functioning SGT100 and several disks. To eliminate the possibility, I bit the bullet and replaced the stylus with a NOS 154100. \$58.00 later, and still not working, I'm a little dismayed, but nonetheless committed to fixing it. I'll describe exactly what it's doing (actually, not doing), along with what I've checked, so that maybe you experts have a suggestion.

- 1) I get a flashing "L" in the load/unload position - seems normal.
- 2) After loading and moving the lever to play, the platter spins up, but I get only "--" on the display. I never get a video or audio signal on the screen.
- 3) Upon examination, the stylus does lower into position onto the disk, but the servo drive never attempts to advance.
- 4) If I move the arm off of the resting position, to somewhere nearer the center of the player, and then turn it on, the servo WILL move the arm backward toward to rear of the player a couple centimeters before lowering the stylus, but still no signal of any type.
- 5) I have checked the regulator voltages at the test points indicated in the "FAQ" section of the website - all are right on target.



Ideas?

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From: "ROY ESQUEDA" <ROYESQUEDA>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Hitachi VIP1000  
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2002 17:08:49 -0800

Dear <mailto:digest@cedmagic.com>digest@cedmagic.com,

I have this unit that has a disc stuck inside and I would like to know were I can send my unit for repair.

Thank You.  
Roy Esqueda

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 19:43:52 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Disc Won't Play on Either Side

>Is this a case of the starter grooves being damaged causing the stylus  
>to get caught up in and endless loop? Sort of like with a phonograph  
>record where the groove would be damaged so the needle kept jumping  
>back?

CED titles do vary in a measurement called "the diameter of the first modulated groove." If this disc happens to have a small value for this measurement relative to other discs in your collection, it could result in no playback on that disc, while other discs play OK. A quick check would be to turn the SGT075 player off and advance the pickup arm by hand to the approximate middle of the groove band. If playback then occurs when the power is switched back on, an adjustment of the stylus set down position may be in order:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/repair-solutions.html#improper-stylus-set-down-adjustment>

--Tom

P.S. Thanks to all the cat and dog lovers for the condolence messages on the passing of Astarte.

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 10 3/9/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 10, 1982:

\* The Reagan administration places an embargo on oil imported from Libya and on exports to Libya of certain high technology products. The embargo means Libya will lose a market worth \$2 billion - about a quarter of its total annual oil

revenues.

March 11, 1982:

\* Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey resigns from the U.S. Senate when it appears certain his colleagues will vote for his expulsion over his 1981 conviction of bribery and conspiracy in connection with the Abscam scandal.

March 12, 1982:

\* The U.S. Department of Labor announces a drop of 0.1 percent in producer prices during February 1982, the first such decline in six years.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Parasite.

March 13, 1982:

\* Elain Zayak and Scott Hamilton, both from the United States, win the women's and men's singles titles at the World Championship Ice Skating competition in Copenhagen, Denmark.

March 14, 1982:

\* Mexico is authorized by the Reagan administration to make proposals for renormalizing U.S. relations with Cuba and Nicaragua.

March 15, 1982:

\* Daniel Ortega Saavedra, coordinator of Nicaragua's ruling junta, proclaims a month-long state of siege and suspends the nation's constitution for one day after anti-government rebels destroy two bridges near the Honduran border.

March 16, 1982:

\* Russia announces a halt in its deployment of new nuclear missiles in Western Europe.  
\* In a highly publicized trial at Newport, Rhode Island, socialite Claus von Bulow is found guilty on two counts of attempting to murder his wealthy wife, Martha (Sunny) von Bulow.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Video Disc Owners Buying an Average 30 Albums in First Year of Video Disc Ownership

The average video disc player owner is expected to buy nearly 30 video disc albums in the first 12 months of ownership, a rate more than double RCA's original forecasts, it was announced today.

Seth M. Willenson, Division Vice President, Programs and Business Affairs, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, said this rate of purchase underscores the growing popularity of the video disc as a home entertainment device.

"The outlay just for video disc albums represents an impressive investment on the part of the average video disc player owner, particularly in view of economic conditions," he said.

"It is further evidence that consumers are becoming more home entertainment oriented, and that they will spend money for programs that entertain and inform," Mr. Willenson said.

In addition to a reluctance to go out at night in many areas, he noted the cost of outside entertainment has escalated to the point where the average family now finds it cheaper to bring the entertainment home on inexpensive video discs.

Mr. Willenson said it will be possible to buy a video disc of a Broadway show, such as "Pippin" or "Eubie!," for less than the \$35 cost of a single ticket to a Broadway theater.

The average movie on video disc costs about \$22, which is less than the cost of going out to a movie when one considers such expenses as tickets, baby-sitter, driving and parking, buying snacks in the theater and possibly a refreshment on the way home, he said.

"In addition to the economics," he added, "the video disc enables the consumer to tailor his or her viewing to specific subjects, and for the first time to buy and collect programs that appeal to specific tastes. The video disc also permits family members to watch a program as often as they want, when they want, in the safety and comfort of their own home."

The video disc also gives the home TV viewer direct control over what is on his or her television screen at any hour of the day. Mr. Willenson said this is particularly important to many parents who want to control their children's viewing habits. "Different programs have different appeal to different people, making it possible to collect those discs which satisfy one's preference.

"With the video disc, a parent can become the producer and director of television viewing in the home. A diverse catalog of family-oriented programs is available at the parent's discretion," he said.

By freeing the family from the schedule of the networks or cable operators, the video disc "adds a new dimension to home entertainment and promises to have an impact on lifestyles in the 1980's," Mr. Willenson said.

The RCA video disc system enables every homeowner to convert the family television room into a screening room that rivals anything in Hollywood, and at only a fraction of the cost.

The screening rooms on the "Bel Air" circuit are reported to have cost upwards of \$500,000, depending on the sophistication of the equipment used. Now, for as little as \$300 or less, the video disc does the same for the average home.

Since the television set serves as the display device, there is no need for projectors, screens, threading film or changing reels. An RCA video disc holds up to two hours of programming, which means that most movies can be put on a single disc. The video disc player attaches easily to any television set and produces a picture of excellent quality.

Mr. Willenson said the RCA system makes it possible to bring home the classics as well as recent motion pictures, the best of television, the best of Walt Disney and other children's programs, sports programs, cultural fare from Shakespeare to the ballet, music from rock to country, and instructional programs on many subjects, all at prices cheaper than going to the movie or the live theater.

"And the consumer can see these shows at his convenience, as often as he wants, at no additional cost," he said.

"Actually, watching quality programs at home can become an enjoyable family experience, complete with popcorn, soda and other refreshments. And the pause button on the video disc player enables the family to replenish supplies without missing a single frame of the program."

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2002 18:27:35 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Need Help

>Anyhow, now that I know what I have, I want to fix this thing. The discs load  
>just fine, however, the LCD panel just indicates 2 horizontal red lines once  
>the disc is loaded. I took it apart and the motor seems to work however I  
>suspect a belt is out. Radio Shack told me to get lost. I looked into your  
>site a little and can't quite determine whether I need the Servo Drive Belt,  
>Turntable Drive Belt, or the Function Motor Drive Belt.

From your description this sounds like it is an RCA SGT250 player. If that is the case, and the player loads a disc with the turntable spinning, then the turntable drive belt and function motor drive belt are OK. THE "--" in the LED display means no signal is being recovered from the disc, which could be due to a worn-out or missing servo drive belt. Other common causes of this are a defective stylus cartridge or improper stylus set down position. The later can be checked by manually advancing the pickup arm to the approximate middle of the groove band on the disc, while testing the stylus cartridge requires substitution of a known-good stylus cartridge.

--Tom

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Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2002 13:19:25 -0800  
To: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
From: James Curiel <jacuriel>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 9

Dear Tom and Fellow CED enthusiasts,

I am writing to announce the opening of my web page [www.cedcentral.com](http://www.cedcentral.com)

Through it you can purchase New Old Stock players, used players, stylus, discs, and remotes.

You can also drop me a line at [james@cedcentral.com](mailto:james@cedcentral.com) with inquiries or ideas.

I have already had some interesting questions come my way.

The page is still under construction, and each day I have been adding to it. So you will find errors in grammar, html layout and so forth.

The inventory of players and other products is changing with new additions and machines being sold. First sale from the web page was on a SJT-300 player. So, check in periodically to see what's been sold and what's new for sale.

Peace.

signed James

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Date: Fri, 8 Mar 2002 18:35:34 -0800 (PST)  
From: Bill Mayer <allapologies>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: CED question

Hi

I recently bought a RCA SGT075 ced player. I was just wondering if it is rare, or really is any player is rare. I was pretty suprised that it worked quite well, and I doubt the stylus was ever replaced. Also, if you ever come by a copy of Let it Be on CED (or laserdisc) please tell me, I love that film! I bought the CED, but it was a former rental, and skips a lot (I can see scratches :( ) Anyways, just kinda wanted to email a fellow video format lover :)

Thanks!  
Bill

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 11 3/16/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 17, 1982:

\* Four members of a Dutch television crew, filming a report in an area of El Salvador controlled by leftist guerrillas, are killed by government troops during a 40-minute firefight.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA and KVC Complete Home Video Production of Jane Fonda's 'Workout' Exercise Program

The 90-Minute Adaptation Of Miss Fonda's Best-Selling Exercise Book Will Be Distributed On Video Cassettes By KVC And Video Discs By RCA

RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs and KVC, Inc. announced today the completion of a 90-minute home video production featuring Academy Award nominee, Jane Fonda, in her acclaimed "Workout" exercise program.

The program, specially adapted for the growing home video market, will be distributed on video cassettes by KVC, and on video discs by RCA.

"Workout" features Jane Fonda and several of her exercise instructors in a video presentation of her best-selling book. It includes a 30-minute beginner's program and an hour-long advanced session.

Seth M. Willenson, Division Vice President, Programs and Business Affairs, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, said, "We believe 'Workout' will have mass appeal based on the popularity of Miss Fonda's program and a growing emphasis on physical fitness."

He said working with KVC on this project was part of RCA's commitment to utilizing the best creative talent in the television and motion picture industries to co-produce a variety of quality programs for the home video disc

market.

Stuart Karl, President of KVC, said the rapid growth of the home entertainment market would attract other stars who have interests outside of their professional careers which they will want to share with the public. He predicted that other major entertainers will be appearing in original home video productions by the end of the year.

Richard D. Klinger, Director, West Coast Programming for RCA, said, "Workout" is the first special production for the home video market featuring a major box office star. The production is a visual adaptation of Miss Fonda's best-selling exercise book, and once again underscores the close relationship between book publishing and video disc programming, he added.

Mr. Karl said, "We believe this production is a milestone because it pioneers in using a proven star and because it employs an entertaining approach to promoting physical fitness. We believe this production will establish a precedent for future home entertainment programs."

Long an advocate of physical fitness, Miss Fonda became a leader in the field with the opening of her first workout salon in Beverly Hills. This led to other salons and eventually to the publication of her book, Workout, which has been a best seller.

Mr. Karl and Mr. Klinger approached Miss Fonda last year about adapting her exercise program for the home video market. The program was produced by John Guess and taped under the direction of Sid Galanty. The original score was by Joe Chemay and John Hobbs.

March 18, 1982:

\* More than 60 persons are reported injured and 240 arrested during riots that broke out at an election rally in Indonesia.

March 19, 1982:

\* All 27 aboard a National Guard jet tanker die in a crash 50 miles northwest of Chicago.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Porcky's.

March 20, 1982:

\* An oil production cut of 700,000 barrels per day is announced by OPEC.

\* "I Love Rock and Roll" by the Joan Jett and the Blackhearts becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

March 21, 1982:

\* The U.S., the U.K., and other Western countries condemn the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan on this day, the start of the Afghan new year, which is proclaimed Afghanistan Day by the West. At the same time, the U.S.S.R. declares its intention of staying in Afghanistan until the Kabul government is secure. The Soviet media criticized the proclamation of Afghanistan Day as part of a "slandorous campaign" against the Soviet presence in the country.

March 22, 1982:

\* The U.S. space shuttle "Columbia" is launched into orbit on mission STS-3, the third orbital flight of the reusable vehicle.

March 23, 1982:

\* President Reagan sends Congress a plan to revitalize urban areas by offering businesses attractive incentives to invest in designated "enterprise zones."

The inducements include tax breaks and a relaxation of government regulations.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Honors Eubie Blake Whose Music is Featured on Stereo Video Disc of Broadway Musical, 'Eubie!'

Eubie Blake, the 99-year old musician/composer, was honored today by RCA Chairman, Thornton F. Bradshaw, who presented him with a video disc player and the first stereo video disc of the Broadway musical, "Eubie!"

In making the presentation, Mr. Bradshaw noted that Mr. Blake's music has charmed people of all ages for more than eight decades.

Seth M. Willenson, Division Vice President, Programs and Business Affairs, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, said, "Eubie Blake holds a unique place in American musical history as the first widely accepted Black composer who wrote expressly for the Broadway stage. His music has retained a theatricality and freshness throughout the years."

Noting that more than 2.5 million theatergoers saw "Eubie!" on Broadway and on tour, Mr. Willenson said, with the video disc, "many millions of Americans will be able to see this great musical at home and at a price they can readily afford. He said the video disc costs less than the price of a single ticket to a Broadway show.

"Eubie!" is a visual musical comedy that features some of the great songs of Eubie Blake, including such standards as "Memories Of You," "I'm Just Wild About Harry," "In Honeysuckle Time," "Goodnight Angeline," and "Charleston Rag," the first piece of music he ever composed.

The RCA video disc captures all the fun and nuances of the live Broadway production, retaining the original sets, award-winning costumes, and nearly every member of the original cast: Leslie Dockery, Lynn Godfrey, Mel Johnson, Jr., Maurice Hines, Gregory Hines, Alaina Reed, and Jeffery V. Thompson.

"Eubie!" was nominated for four Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score, Choreography, and Featured Actor in a Musical.

"Eubie!" will be one of the stereo discs available in May when RCA brings its stereo video disc player to market.

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From: Girafrey43  
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 06:02:08 EST  
Subject: no subject just help  
To: ceds@teleport.com

i got a sjt 300 it work for long time now there no light no noise just quite.what can i do and where can fine that at give me ideal thanks. p.s makes a huming noise my the service cord when i turn it on and off

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From: zmd  
To: Tom Howe <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 15:12:20 -0600  
Subject: Great CED Titles for Sale

I am going to try and part with my entire CED collection. It may

take a little time, but I have not had a player for some time and so have not actively been watching them. The fun was in finding them all anyways.

SO, at present I do not have a list of titles for sale, however I do have many titles I would consider hard to find so for starters I would like any CED enthusiasts who don't already have every disk already to send me there wish lists. Also if you are looking to build a collection fast I will have many titles available also.

If you are interested, drop me a line!

Right off hand I know I have all the Kubrick discs including Lolita, Shining, Paths of Glory, Spartacus, 2001.. all the Hitchcock titles, Most of the Woody Allen titles. I mainly collected "classic" movies. I also have some harder to find like the making of Star Wars disc and Pee Wee's Big Adventure!

I hate to part with them but would like to transfer them to someone who likes CED's and I will be reasonable on prices!

Thanks all!  
Zach D.

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Radio Frank --Shoutcast-- <http://fc.net/~zachd/main.htm> - 209.217.181.109:8000

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Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2002 13:12:33 -0800  
From: "Highlander" <d69stu>  
To: "Digest, CED" <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Lost data problem

For all:

Problem of apparently not reading a disk with my old manually operated 075...

The BFFI solution appears to be a gentle finger-tap at the left side of the case front causes the stylus to jump ahead a few tracks and - viola! - the play begins! Based on that ignorant bit of experimentation, I did the quarter-turn-ahead adjustment with the hex-screw and all is now well with "Once Upon A Time...".

The same problem occurred with "Victor/Victoria" and that one is also resolved. Evidently, the second disk of multi-disk sets tend to start a track or two later than the Start Disc. Curious. And they both worked fine originally, so it probably has to do with 'aging' of the Stylus carrier and tracking mechanism. Once it is broken in and loosens up a bit... much like any other mechanical device.

CED's Forever!

DJS

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To: [digest@cedmagic.com](mailto:digest@cedmagic.com)



Date: Mon, 11 Mar 2002 09:52:48 -0800  
Subject: J/K Chassis Wobbly Picture  
From: hbo3

To all on the CED Magic Digest:

I have an SKT-400 and an SJT-300 that both seem to be having a problem of the picture very wobbly as the disc plays. The picture quality and sound quality are 100%, but the entire picture wobbles thru-out the entire side of play. I can re-load the disc and the problem will either get somewhat better, or somewhat worse. I have an SJT-090 that seems to NOT suffer from this problem at all. It's picture is flawless. No wobble effect. I was just wondering what the problem could be? A faulty Resonator Circuit Assembly? Or something else? All turntables do not physically wobble, they're straight & true. So that possibility is overruled. Any help would be appreciated. Many Thanx, and CED Lives On!

-Chris

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Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 06:55:02 -0800 (PST)  
From: Terry Helopoulos <medmatch2>  
Subject: CED collection for sale  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

For Sale:

Entire CED collection. More than 330 titles plus 2 video disc players. Includes Classics, Adventure, Drama, Playboy, Elvis and more! Stored properly. Will e-mail list of titles to interested parties. \$400 plus shipping for all! Or come to Miami/Ft. Lauderdale and save the shipping cost. E-mail medmatch2@yahoo.com

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From: "W Lacey" <wlacey1>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: SKT 400 player  
Date: Fri, 15 Mar 2002 20:47:58 -0500

Is there any dealers out there who stock circuit boards for these machines. The distress arm solenoid <sp?> on the arm interconnect board seized. I might be able to ream the plastic core where the solenoid rod goes through with a round file, but that might only be a temp fix. Could the coil have gotten hot enough to cause the plastic to shrink, binding up the rod? I don't see any signs of actual melting, nor any discoloration of the coil wire.

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From: "Merle" <mfrichards1>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: player skips  
Date: Sat, 16 Mar 2002 07:00:47 -0800

Hello again,

Well your site did such a wonderful job, the player is up and running again! The Mother in law is overjoyed and is playing those discs of hers like crazy. She has noticed that sometimes towards the middle of the movie, just about half way through right before the "change over", the picture quality starts to

degrade and she describes it as "starts to skip". Sometimes just a few "lines" and then sometimes quite a few. To me it sounds like the "reader" might need cleaning, if that function is done in this type of unit but I thought I would check with the expert. What suggestions might you have to offer, Oh Obi Wan of CED players? Thanks for taking the time to answer.

Merle Richards

Independent Vehicle Inspector

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 24, 1982:

\* Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev states Russia is willing to resume border talks with China.

\* Lt. General Hussain Mohammed Ershad Overthrows the government of Abdus Sattar, president of Bangladesh. Ershad says he seeks to end corruption and reestablish democracy.

March 25, 1982:

\* A court in Verona, Italy sentences 17 Red Brigades terrorists for their roles in the kidnapping of U.S. Brig. General James Dozier on December 17, 1981. The terrorists receive prison sentences ranging up to 27 years.

March 26, 1982:

\* Three of the space shuttle Columbia's four communications links to earth fail, but project officials state backup systems are adequate for the mission to continue.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Beach Girls.

March 27, 1982:

\* Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, the American author of nearly 200 children's books, dies at the age of 89. Adams wrote many of the Nancy Drew stories under the pen name Carolyn Keene. Using other pen names, she also wrote many books in the Hardy Boys and Bobbsey Twins series.

March 28, 1982:

\* Five right wing parties win a majority in national elections to El Salvador's constituent assembly.  
LA Tech beats Cheney 76-62 in the first Women's NCAA Basketball Championship.

March 29, 1982:

\* The University of North Carolina wins the 44th Men's NCAA Basketball Championship with a 63-62 score against Georgetown University.

\* 54th Annual Academy Awards (Winners in all caps):

ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Paul Newman, *Absence of Malice* (CED)  
Dudley Moore, *Arthur* (CED)  
Burt Lancaster, *Atlantic City* (CED)  
HENRY FONDA, *ON GOLDEN POND* (CED)  
Warren Beatty, *Reds* (CED)

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

JOHN GIELGUD, *ARTHUR* (CED)  
Ian Holm, *Chariots of Fire* (CED)  
James Coco, *Only When I Laugh* (CED)  
Howard E. Rollins, Jr., *Ragtime* (CED)  
Jack Nicholson, *Reds* (CED)

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Susan Sarandon, *Atlantic City* (CED)  
Meryl Streep, *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (CED)  
KATHARINE HEPBURN, *ON GOLDEN POND* (CED)  
Marsha Mason, *Only When I Laugh* (CED)  
Diane Keaton, *Reds* (CED)

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Melinda Dillon, *Absence of Malice* (CED)  
Jane Fonda, *On Golden Pond* (CED)  
Joan Hackett, *Only When I Laugh* (CED)  
Elizabeth McGovern, *Ragtime* (CED)  
MAUREEN STAPLETON, *REDS* (CED)

ART DIRECTION

*The French Lieutenant's Woman*, Assheton Gorton (CED)  
*Heaven's Gate*, Tambi Larsen (CED)  
*Ragtime*, John Graysmark, Patrizia Von Brandenstein, Anthony Reading (CED)  
*RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK*, NORMAN REYNOLDS, LESLIE DILLEY (CED)  
*Reds*, Richard Sylbert (CED)

BEST PICTURE

*Atlantic City*, Denis Heroux, John Kemeny (CED)  
*CHARIOTS OF FIRE*, DAVID PUTTNAM (CED)  
*On Golden Pond*, Bruce Gilbert (CED)  
*Raiders of the Lost Ark*, Frank Marshall (CED)  
*Reds*, Warren Beatty (CED)

CINEMATOGRAPHY

*Excalibur*, Alex Thomson (CED)  
*On Golden Pond*, Billy Williams (CED)  
*Ragtime*, Miroslav Ondricek (CED)  
*Raiders of the Lost Ark*, Douglas Slocombe (CED)  
*REDS*, VITTORIO STORARO (CED)

COSTUME DESIGN

*CHARIOTS OF FIRE*, MILENA CANONERO (CED)  
*The French Lieutenant's Woman*, Tom Rand (CED)  
*Pennies from Heaven*, Bob Mackie (CED)  
*Ragtime*, Anna Hill Johnstone (CED)  
*Reds*, Shirley Russell (CED)

DIRECTING

Atlantic City, Louis Malle (CED)  
Chariots of Fire, Hugh Hudson (CED)  
On Golden Pond, Mark Rydell (CED)  
Raiders of the Lost Ark, Steven Spielberg (CED)  
REDS, WARREN BEATTY (CED)

DOCUMENTARY (Feature)

Against Wind and Tide: A Cuban Odyssey, Suzanne Bauman, Paul Neshamkin, Jim Burroughs  
Brooklyn Bridge, Ken Burns  
Eight Minutes to Midnight: A Portrait of Dr. Helen Caldicott, Mary Benjamin, Susanne Simpson, Boyd Estus  
El Salvador: Another Vietnam, Glenn Silber, Tete Vasconcellos  
GENOCIDE, ARNOLD SCHWARTZMAN, RABBI MARVIN HIER

DOCUMENTARY (Short Subject)

Americas in Transition, Obie Benz  
CLOSE HARMONY, NIGEL NOBLE  
Journey for Survival, Dick Young  
See What I Say, Linda Chapman, Pam LeBlanc, Freddi Stevens  
Urge To Build, Roland Hallé, John Hoover

FILM EDITING

Chariots of Fire, Terry Rawlings (CED)  
The French Lieutenant's Woman, John Bloom (CED)  
On Golden Pond, Robert L. Wolfe (CED)  
RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK, MICHAEL KAHN (CED)  
Reds, Dede Allen, Craig McKay (CED)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM

The Boat Is Full, Switzerland  
Man of Iron, Poland  
MEPHISTO, HUNGARY  
Muddy River, Japan  
Three Brothers, Italy

GORDON E. SAWYER AWARD (Scientific and Technical Award)  
JOSEPH B. WALKER

HONORARY AWARD (Acting)

BARBARA STANWYCK

IRVING G. THALBERG MEMORIAL AWARD

ALBERT R. BROCCOLI

JEAN HERSHOLT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

DANNY KAYE

MAKEUP

AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON, RICK BAKER (CED)  
Heartbeeps, Stan Winston

MUSIC (Original Score)

CHARIOTS OF FIRE, VANGELIS (CED)  
Dragonslayer, Alex North (CED)  
On Golden Pond, Dave Grusin (CED)  
Ragtime, Randy Newman (CED)  
Raiders of the Lost Ark, John Williams (CED)

MUSIC (Original Song)

ARTHUR, BURT BACHARACH, CAROLE BAYER SAGER, CHRISTOPHER CROSS, PETER ALLEN  
[SONG: ARTHUR'S THEME] (CED)

Endless Love, Lionel Richie [Song: Endless Love] (CED)

For Your Eyes Only, Bill Conti, Mick Leeson [Song: For Your Eyes Only] (CED)

The Great Muppet Caper, Joe Raposo [Song: The First Time It Happens] (CED)

Ragtime, Randy Newman [Song: One More Hour] (CED)

SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL AWARD (Academy Award of Merit)

FUJI PHOTO FILM COMPANY, LTD.

SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL AWARD (Scientific and Engineering Award)

Camera, Richard Edlund, Industrial Light And Magic, Incorporated

Laboratory, Eastman Kodak Company , Leonard Sokolow , Howard T. Lazare, Edward  
J. Blasko, Dr. Roderick T. Ryan

Photography, Nelson Tyler

Special Photographic, Richard Edlund, Industrial Light And Magic, Inc.

SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL AWARD (Technical Achievement Award)

Camera, Continental Camera Systems, Inc. , Oxford Scientific Films Image Quest  
Division, Ernst F. Nettmann , Peter D. Parks

Special Photographic, John Demuth , Hal Landaker , Ruxton, Ltd., Richard J.  
Stumpf, Universal City Studios, Daniel R. Brewer, Alan D. Landaker, Universal  
City Studios Production Sound Department, Bill Hogan, Bill Taylor

Stage Operations, Industrial Light And Magic, Incorporated , Dr. Louis  
Stankiewicz, H.L. Blachford, Dennis Muren, Stuart Ziff

SHORT FILM (Animated)

CRAC, FREDERIC BACK (CED)

The Creation, Will Vinton

The Tender Tale of Cinderella Penguin, Janet Perlman

SHORT FILM (Live Action)

Couples and Robbers, Christine Oestreicher

First Winter, John N. Smith

VIOLET, PAUL KEMP, SHELLEY LEVINSON

SOUND

On Golden Pond, Richard Portman, David Ronne (CED)

Outland, John K. Wilkinson, Robert W. Glass, Jr., Robert M. Thirlwell, Robin  
Gregory (CED)

Pennies from Heaven, Michael J. Kohut, Jay M. Harding, Richard Tyler, Al

Overton (CED)

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK, BILL VARNEY, STEVE MASLOW, GREGG LANDAKER, ROY CHARMAN  
(CED)

Reds, Dick Vorisek, Tom Fleischman, Simon Kaye (CED)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Sound Effects Editing)

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK, BEN BURTT, RICHARD L. ANDERSON (CED)

VISUAL EFFECTS

Dragonslayer, Dennis Muren, Phil Tippett, Ken Ralston, Brian Johnson (CED)

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK, RICHARD EDLUND, KIT WEST, BRUCE NICHOLSON, JOE

JOHNSTON (CED)

WRITING (Screenplay Based on Material from Another Medium)

The French Lieutenant's Woman, Harold Pinter (CED)

ON GOLDEN POND, ERNEST THOMPSON (CED)  
Pennies from Heaven, Dennis Potter (CED)  
Prince of the City, Jay Presson Allen, Sidney Lumet (CED)  
Ragtime, Michael Weller (CED)

WRITING (Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen)

Absence of Malice, Kurt Luedtke (CED)  
Arthur, Steve Gordon (CED)  
Atlantic City, John Guare (CED)  
CHARIOTS OF FIRE, COLIN WELLAND (CED)  
Reds, Warren Beatty, Trevor Griffiths (CED)

\* 2nd Annual Golden Raspberry Awards ("Winners" in all caps):

WORST PICTURE

Endless Love (CED)  
Heaven's Gate (CED)  
Legend of the Lone Ranger (CED)  
MOMMIE DEAREST (CED)  
Tarzan, The Ape Man (CED)

WORST ACTOR

Gary Coleman - On the Right Track  
Bruce Dern - Tattoo (CED)  
Richard Harris - Tarzan, The Ape Man (CED)  
Kris Kristofferson - Heaven's Gate (CED)  
KLINTON SPILSBURY - LEGEND OF THE LONE RANGER (CED)

WORST ACTRESS

BO DEREK - TARZAN, THE APE MAN (tie) (CED)  
FAYE DUNAWAY - MOMMIE DEAREST (tie) (CED)  
Linda Blair - Hell Night  
Brooke Shields - Endless Love (CED)  
Barbra Streisand - All Night Long

WORST SUPPORTING ACTOR

STEVE FORREST - MOMMIE DEAREST (CED)  
Billy Barty - Under the Rainbow  
Ernest Borgnine - Deadly Blessing (CED)  
James Coco - Only When I Laugh (CED)  
Danny DeVito - Goin' Ape

WORST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Rutanya Alda - Mommie Dearest (CED)  
Farrah Fawcett - Cannonball Run (CED)  
Mara Hobel - Mommie Dearest (CED)  
Shirley Knight - Endless Love (CED)  
DIANA SCARWID - MOMMIE DEAREST (CED)

WORST DIRECTOR

MICHAEL CIMINO - HEAVEN'S GATE (CED)  
John Derek - Tarzan, The Ape Man (CED)  
Blake Edwards - S.O.B. (CED)  
Frank Perry - Mommie Dearest (CED)  
Franco Zeffirelli - Endless Love (CED)

WORST SCREENPLAY

Endless Love (CED)

Heaven's Gate (CED)  
MOMMIE DEAREST (CED)  
S.O.B. (CED)  
Tarzan, The Ape Man (CED)

WORST NEW STAR

Gary Coleman - On the Right Track  
Martin Hewitt - Endless Love (CED)  
Mara Hobel - Mommie Dearest (CED)  
Miles O'Keefe - Tarzan, The Ape Man (CED)  
KLINTON SPILSBURY - LEGEND OF THE LONE RANGER (CED)

WORST SONG

"BABY TALK" - PATERNITY (CED)  
"Hearts, Not Diamonds" - The Fan  
"The Man in the Mask" - Legend of the Lone Ranger (CED)  
"Only When I Laugh" - Only When I Laugh (CED)  
"You, You're Crazy" - Honky Tonk Freeway

WORST SCORE

Heaven's Gate - David Mansfield (CED)  
LEGEND OF THE LONE RANGER - JOHN BARRY (CED)  
Theif - Tangerine Dream  
Under the Rainbow - Joe Renzetti  
Zorro, the Gay Blade - Ian Fraser (CED)

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

RONALD REAGAN

March 30, 1982:

\* The space shuttle Columbia completes its third and longest test flight, landing at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico after eight days in space. This alternate landing site is used because heavy rain at Edwards Air Force Base made the ground too soft.

\*RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA and Warner Home Video in Video Disc Agreements

RCA and Warner Home Video, a Warner Communications company, today jointly announced the execution of a series of agreements in the video disc area.

The agreements provide RCA with domestic video disc licenses to 35 of the most successful pictures released by Warner, the possibility of access to future titles, and grant Warner Home Video a number of options as to its involvement in the CED video disc business.

The motion pictures licensed include "Superman," "10," "Blazing Saddles," "Enter The Dragon" and "Every Which Way But Loose," movies which have been leaders in video cassette sales.

The agreements grant Warner Home Video, among other rights, the right to decide in the future if it desires to distribute certain percentages of RCA video discs itself, the possibility of future access to RCA custom pressing services, and finally, a future claim on RCA video disc patent and technological manufacturing expertise.

Seth M. Willenson, Division Vice President, Programs and Business Affairs, for RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, said, "Our agreements with Warner Home Video

will provide a major new source of programs for the CED system, making available for the first time on discs the performances of some of Hollywood's biggest stars, most successful motion pictures and most innovative filmmaking."

Mr. Willenson said "the video disc provides Warner Home Video with a new vehicle for reaching the American consumer market with Warner's quality entertainment."

Carl DeSantis, Senior Vice President, Programming and Business Affairs of Warner Home Video, agreed, stating, "These are our first agreements in the video disc business. We look forward to their success."

Thomas G. Kuhn, RCA Division Vice President in charge of RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, said, "The support of Warner Home Video to RCA's video disc effort adds momentum to the development of this exciting new medium, and we, at RCA, look forward to acceptance of the CED system as the video disc standard for home entertainment."

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Date: Fri, 22 Mar 2002 19:26:11 -0800  
From: Neil Wagner <orac>  
X-Accept-Language: en  
To: \_CED Magic mail list <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: SJT400/SKT400 compatible remote on ebay

For those of you with an RCA 400 series player, but are missing the big 30-button remote, here's your chance to probably get a good deal on a remote you can use with it. It's an RCA Digital Command Center, and it's on ebay right now, ending MONDAY at 7:30pm PST. Here's the link to the auction -

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1525491771>

and a link to Tom's web page talking about how it can be used with the SJT400 -

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/digital-command-center.html>

I have no affiliation or experience with the seller, just pointing it out to anyone who may be interested.

Neil

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From: DRMARTII  
Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 09:37:52 EST  
Subject: subscribe  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

looking for stylus for RCA SJT 100 .....I think its a 154216.....please help

DRMartii@aol.com

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 31, 1982:

\* In a televised news conference, President Reagan rejects a mutual freeze at current levels of U.S. and Soviet nuclear forces, but he states he would seek to negotiate a dramatic reduction in nuclear arms by both sides.

April 1, 1982:

\* Heavy storms sweep across the United States from California to the North East and South East producing winds, tornadoes, hail, snow and rain resulting in 64 deaths over the week-long period.

April 2, 1982:

\* Argentina seizes the Falkland Islands, a British dependency in the South Atlantic Ocean, at the same time seizing the nearby South Georgia Island and South Sandwich Islands. The several thousand Argentine troops easily overrun the 84 British marines guarding the islands.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Diva.

April 3, 1982:

\* British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher orders a large naval force on an 8000 mile journey to the Falkland Islands and announces the freezing of Argentine assets in Great Britain.

\* American character actor Warren Oates dies of a heart attack at age 53. He appears in the CED titles Major Dundee, In the Heat of the Night, The Wild Bunch, Stripes, Dillinger, Tom Sawyer, and posthumously in Blue Thunder.

April 4, 1982:

\* Suriname's President and Prime Minister Henk R. Chin A Sen resigns. The country's armed forces take control of the government.

April 5, 1982:

\* Lord Carrington resigns as British foreign secretary because of the Falklands crisis. Francis Pym, leader of the House of Commons, is named to replace him.

April 6, 1982:

\* The White House suspends efforts to formulate a plan for transferring welfare and food stamp programs to the states.

\* Egypt's U.N. Ambassador Ahmad Esmat Abdel Meguid outlines a peace plan for the Middle East during a meeting of regional countries in Kuwait. Meguid, adhering closely to a plan proposed earlier by Saudi Arabia, calls for recognition of Israel and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza within the boundaries existing prior to the 1967 war. Algeria, Yemen, Syria, and the Palestine Liberation Organization immediately reject the proposal.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 2002 16:45:18 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: J/K Chassis Wobbly Picture

>I have an SKT-400 and an SJT-300 that both seem to be having a problem of

>the picture very wobbly as the disc plays. The picture quality and  
>sound quality are 100%, but the entire picture wobbles thru-out the  
>entire side of play. I can re-load the disc and the problem will either  
>get somewhat better, or somewhat worse.

This sounds like a problem somewhere in the armstretcher circuit that provides time base correction in the CED system. If you have ever played an audio LP with the spindle hole stamped off-center you'll understand what this circuit does. In the case of the audio LP, the sound flutters as the angular velocity of the stylus tip increases and decreases. In the case of CED's, jitter in the video image is visible. RCA went to great lengths to achieve Zero TIR, a state where the center hole is perfectly cut into the stamper used to press discs, but there could be small variations, and because the disc needs to freely drop onto the spindle in J/K players, the spindle is slightly smaller than the disc center hole.

The armstretcher circuit uses a phase lock loop to correct these small variations, which causes a transducer to constantly "lengthen" and "shorten" the stylus tip as the disc spins. If the loop circuit is broken this transducer becomes non-functional, and no time base corrections are made. To fix this problem it will be necessary to troubleshoot the armstretcher circuit in conjunction with the player service manual.

--Tom

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Fri, 26 Mar 2002 19:20:31 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Goodbye Digital Convergence

Digital Convergence, the company that was distributing the free CueCat optical scanner which can catalog CED titles, appears to have gone completely out of business. Their web site has been non-existent for a few weeks and RadioShack has recently started having their stores dispose of any scanners remaining in inventory. Some people have reported finding multiple cases of the scanners in the dumpsters behind RadioShack stores. If you want a scanner, now would be a good time to check with your local RadioShack to see if they're still giving them away or have already tossed them. Some of these scanners were made with a USB interface, but the plentiful PS/2 variety can be adopted with a PS/2 to USB adapter. RadioShack has a cheap one available for \$9.99. I'll update the CueCat page once I determine this company is truly gone:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/cuecat/>

For the purpose of cataloging CED titles of other items with UPC's, it doesn't really matter if the company is gone, as they gave away over 10 million of the units. They'll be turning up in thrift stores and on Ebay for a long time to come. I even brought one in a thrift store for \$1.99 as it had a Forbes logo indicating it was one of the first ones made. Digital Convergence appears to have never made any money past their initial investors, so it's not surprising they went down giving away these units for free. The Dallas-based company laid off most of its employees last Summer, but I haven't seen any news reports since then. Here's an article from the Dallas News describing the company's woes, so they may post a follow-up if more details emerge:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/>

## CueCat Firm Fires Most Workers, Restructures

06/16/2001

By Katie Fairbank / The Dallas Morning News

The Dallas-based technology company behind the CueCat computer-scanning device fired the majority of its 225 staffers on Friday as part of a restructuring.

Employees leaving the local offices of Digital Convergence Corp. said about 160 workers in Dallas were told that their jobs were eliminated, leaving about a dozen workers to maintain the company's servers and answer phones.

Some employees in the New York office also were let go, according to company spokeswoman Molly Reilly, who declined to comment on the total number of jobs cut.

"The staff has been significantly reduced," she said. "But a number of employees throughout the company have decided to stay on as unpaid consultants."

Ms. Reilly said privately held Digital Convergence will continue to honor its contracts with investors, which include NBC parent General Electric Co. and Dallas-based Belo.

"Belo is going to continue with the Digital Convergence technology in the same way that it always has," said Skip Cass, Belo senior vice president.

The company uses the technology at its media properties, which include The Dallas Morning News and WFAA-TV (Channel 8).

Digital Convergence's technology enables consumers to scan bar codes in publications and on product labels in order to link directly to Web pages.

The software also picks up special television signals to send nearby computers to related Web sites.

This week, NBC launched a promotional contest using the linking technology. An NBC executive said the company has been assured that Digital Convergence will honor its contract throughout the campaign, which ends July 11.

GE has an 8.94 percent stake in Digital Convergence. Calls to the company Friday were not returned.

Belo has a stake of about 6.92 percent and invested \$37.5 million in Digital Convergence, according to Mr. Cass. He said he could not comment on how Belo would handle its investment.

RadioShack Corp. wrote off its \$30 million investment in Digital Convergence in the first quarter, saying that Digital Convergence has had problems getting financing because of the technology industry downturn.

The Fort Worth-based electronics retailer manufactured and distributed Digital Convergence's free handheld scanners. RadioShack plans to continue handling the devices.

"We have stock in the stores, and we're continuing to distribute," said Laura Moore, senior vice president. "I believe manufacturing has been completed."

Digital Convergence spokesman Peter Eschbach said the company can support its customers and investors with its remaining crew.

"Quite frankly, we're even going after new business," he said.

Digital Convergence gave fired employees no severance pay. The workers were told they would receive stock options if the company's current financial situation changes.

"They could have value, if at a future point we have an IPO or enter a strategic alliance with a public company," Ms. Reilly said.

In March, Digital Convergence said market conditions forced it to withdraw a planned initial public offering. The company had intended to issue 10 million shares at an offering price of \$11 a share.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 7, 1982:

\* President Reagan begins a five-day "working holiday" in the Caribbean during which he meets leaders of Jamaica, Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, and St. Kitts-Nevis.

\* U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig begins a series of intense diplomatic discussions with leaders in Britain and Argentina in an effort to resolve the growing crisis over Argentina's seizure of the Falkland Islands on April 2. Hopes for a peaceful settlement dim as Argentina refuses to meet British demands that it withdraw its troops as a precondition for negotiations.

April 8, 1982:

\* In response to the Hama uprising that began in February, Syria closes its border with Iraq, shutting off the pipeline carrying Iraqi oil to the Mediterranean.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Howard Ballon Named Director of Marketing for RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs

Howard M. Ballon has been named Director of Marketing for RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, it was announced today by Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs.

Mr. Ballon's expanded responsibilities will include: market planning, national sales and merchandising, advertising, and creative services for RCA's video discs. He was previously Acting Director of Marketing for RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs.

Mr. Ballon has an extensive background in book and film marketing and distribution, having served previously with Random House and Warner Communications.

A native of New York City, he received a B.A. from Vassar and an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

April 9, 1982:

- \* General Motors workers narrowly ratify a contract including major pay concessions to management.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Diner.

April 10, 1982:

- \* The Iranian government confirms that Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, who became Iran's foreign minister shortly after the seizure of the U.S. embassy in November 1979, was arrested on April 7 for plotting to assassinate Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

April 11, 1982:

- \* Alan Harry Goodman, a 37-year-old U.S.-born Israeli soldier, runs amok in Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, one of Islam's most sacred shrines. Two people are killed and a number wounded before Goodman is subdued by Israeli policemen and border guards.
- \* Craig Stadler wins the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

April 12, 1982:

- \* The British Navy begins enforcing a blockade around the Falklands, threatening to sink any Argentine ship within 200 miles of the islands.

April 13, 1982:

- \* King Khalid of Saudi Arabia asks Moslems to strike in protest of the Dome of the Rock attack on April 11.

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From: JasonCheeser  
Date: Mon, 1 Apr 2002 02:37:04 EST  
Subject: I remember CED(S)!  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

I remember in my early childhood in california, while attending a preschool/daycare center, walking in on a big man in a big buisness suit talking to one of the head ladies about something or someone brining movies so that we could watch them latter on. Several weeks latter we were all called around to sit in front of the tv in a large room. There an assistent pulled out a large yet skinny blue rectangle looking thing. She shoved it into a brown machine and...I saw Escape to Witch Mountain...one of my now favorites...for the first time via the old CED system.

(I loved it whtn the RCA Selectavision logos came on and when you flip the disk over!)

But there is a problem. I went to this school in between 1989-1990!  
Was there some sort of program to re-sell the old ced system to schools and educational facilities?

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From: "David Lowell" <david4stgh>

To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Find at a Hobby Shop  
Date: Mon, 01 Apr 2002 07:57:47 -0800

I am helping a friend who plans to close his hobby shop by years end. While going through the storage area of his shop to start inventory, I came across 500+ titles of CEDs and four CED units still in unopened cartons.

I have inventoried the titles. If any one would like to get a list of the titles found, they can email me. Some of the titles are still factory sealed. The Hobby Shop was an authorized dealer for RCA back in the 1980s.

Thanks.

David

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Fri, 05 Apr 2002 20:14:06 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: A Tale of Two Tails

Hello All:

TV Land is going to broadcast this episode of the "Get Smart" TV series on Monday 4/8 at 8am and again on Tuesday 4/9 at 3am (East coast times). You may know from the current Featured CED that this is some of the earliest material ever put on CED:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/featured/>

I'll be updating the Featured CED to the Spider-Man discs next week to cover the TV genre and in anticipation of the new movie coming out in May.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 14, 1982:

\* The U.S. and Nicaragua agree to try lessening tensions between their two countries, but no time or place for formal discussions is announced.

April 15, 1982:

\* The two military men and three civilians convicted by a military court of assassinating former President Anwar Sadat are executed with the approval of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who rejects their final pleas for clemency.

April 16, 1982:

\* Keeping a campaign promise, President Reagan announces a proposal for tuition tax credits for families who send their children to private elementary or secondary schools.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Sword and the Sorcerer

April 17, 1982:

\* Canada loses the last vestiges of legal dependence on Great Britain when Queen Elizabeth II proclaims the first formal Canadian constitution. Canada, which had been governed for more than a century by the British North America Act of 1967, retains the British monarch as its official head of state.

\* "Chariots of Fire" soundtrack by Vangelis (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. album.

April 18, 1982:

\* Kathy Whitworth wins the LPGA CPC International golf tournament, her 82nd victory since 1962.

April 19, 1982:

\* The United States, charging Havana with subversion in Central America, announces a ban on U.S. tourist and business travel to Cuba.

\* Alberto Salazar wins the Boston Marathon with a course record of 2 hr 8 min 51 sec, just two seconds ahead of Dick Beardsley.

\* Two Australian Cabinet ministers resign in the wake of a customs scandal.

April 20, 1982:

\* Biologists find life flourishing on volcanic energy 8,600 feet under the sea off the coast of California.

\* American poet and playwright Archibald MacLeish dies in Boston at age 90.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com

Date: Mon, 08 Apr 2002 11:40:48 -0800

From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>

Subject: James E. Carnes Announces Retirement as CEO of Sarnoff Corp.

Hello All:

Jim Carnes, CEO of Sarnoff Corp. (formerly RCA Laboratories) last week announced his upcoming retirement after 11 years in that job. Here's a Sarnoff press release on Dr. Carnes' retirement:

<http://sarnoff.com/news/index.asp?releaseID=79>

In the late 1970's Dr. Carnes headed a team at RCA Labs that developed the first CCD comb filter integrated circuit. This IC was initially marketed in RCA TV's in 1979 as the Dynamic Detail Processor and gave RCA a competitive advantage with the cleaner picture and improved resolution provided by the IC. This was the same time as the design of the SFT100 CED player was being finalized, so two members of Dr. Carnes' team, Dalton Pritchard and Donald Sauer, went to work on adopting the comb filter IC for CED use. The primary comb filter function made the so-called "buried subcarrier" encoding feasible, a form of analog compression where the chrominance subcarrier is at 1.53MHz rather than the NTSC standard of 3.58MHz and thus can be buried inside the 3MHz luminance bandwidth.

A secondary function of the custom chip implemented for CED players was a 1-H delayed signal, which allows the FM demodulator circuit to choose either the incoming video or the 1-H delayed video signal. This was used for the correction of picture drop-outs caused by small defects on the disc surface.

The CED Comb filter/defect corrector IC is RCA Part No. 149039, and the same IC was used in all F/G/J/K CED players:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/rca-ic-numbers.html>

--Tom

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From: "Ken King" <kkingcqe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CueCat  
Date: Sat, 13 Apr 2002 13:06:42

I hadn't known about the bar codes on CEDs or the Excel macro available at CED Magic until reading Tom's posting about the possible demise of the company that makes the CueCat scanner.

Seemed like a good idea so I found and purchased one on eBay.

I didn't know about the need to contact the manufacturer to activate the software (as Tom mentioned, their Web site seems to be gone) and it doesn't seem to be doing the job without it.

can anyone offer some help here?

Thanks,

-Ken

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 21, 1982:

\* Israeli fighter planes attack Palestinian-controlled villages in southern and coastal Lebanon, breaking a nine-month-old cease-fire between Israel and the PLO.

April 22, 1982:

\* Ending rumors of a serious illness, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev appears at a rally in Moscow marking the 112th anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Lenin.

\* During the first national congress of the Social Democratic Party since 1979, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt wins a major political battle when his party votes down a nuclear freeze motion.

\* Roberto d'Aubuisson, an extreme right-wing leader, is elected president of El Salvador's Constituent Assembly.

April 23, 1982:

\* The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that consumer prices declined in



March for the first monthly decline in almost 17 years; consumer prices rose in the first quarter of 1982 by only 1 percent annually, the lowest quarterly rate since 1965.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Amateur.

April 24, 1982:

\* Vietnam reshuffles its Cabinet, apparently because of economic problems.

April 25, 1982:

\* In a simple but significant ceremony, Egypt regains control over the eastern portion of the Sinai as had been stipulated in the peace treaty signed with Israel in 1979. The Israeli withdrawal follows days of turmoil in the northern settlement of Yamit, the stronghold of militant nationalistic and religious opposition to the pullout. Israel had occupied the territory since seizing it during the 1967 war.

\* British troops recapture the principal port on South Georgia, the island also occupied by Argentina and located some 500 miles to the East of the Falkland Islands.

April 26, 1982:

\* The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service begins a week-long roundup of illegal aliens working in Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, and San Francisco. Of the 5,635 persons taken into custody, a few are able to produce proper documentation and return to work, but more than 4,000 agree to leave the country voluntarily.

\* The trial of John Hinckley for the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan begins in Washington, D.C.

April 27, 1982:

\* China proposes a new constitution that would radically alter the structure of the national government.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com

Date: Mon, 15 Apr 2002 12:14:48 -0800

From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>

Subject: RE: CueCat

>I didn't know about the need to contact the manufacturer to activate the  
>software (as Tom mentioned, their Web site seems to be gone) and it doesn't  
>seem to be doing the job without it.

There actually isn't a need to have the CueCat software installed for the scanner to simply read regular UPC's. All that is needed is one of the third-party software products, like Catnip for Windows machines, or MacCat for the Macintosh, which have download links in the step-by-step instructions on the CueCat page. The CueCat software doesn't even work any longer, returning the rather cryptic message "Your computer is not online with the Internet. Please check your Internet connection" whenever a barcode is scanned with the software running. This message could more accurately be stated "The web site www.crq.com cannot be located. Either your Internet connection is inactive or the web site is down. The CueCat software requires access to this web site so demographic data on your scanning habits can be gathered."

Is there anyone on the list in Dallas who knows more about the ultimate fate of the Digital Convergence company? I haven't seen any up-to-date info on the web, and since the company was/is privately owned, the owners don't have to make public statements about their status.

--Tom

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From: Thompson Bob <Bob.Thompson>  
To: "'digest@cedmagic.com'" <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Hand cleaning CED's  
Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2002 10:01:32 +0100

I did a search on cleaning CED's in archives of this digest and didn't find a lot. Some say it's ok, some say don't do it. Is there anyone here who does clean them by hand and what techniques and materials do you use? I have a lot of CED's that have spots on them probably from damp conditions (I live in the UK BTW which may have something to do with it) and I'm sure they would play better if cleaned. I also have some with finger marks, due to curious previous owners, which I would also like to clean off as they attract dust like a magnet.

I already clean clean vinyl LP's by hand with great success (I also realise it's like comparing chalk and cheese) so hopefully there is some way of doing it without damaging the discs or the player.

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Bob Thompson.

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: CED'S Going Fast !!!!  
Date: Fri, 19 Apr 2002 12:24:53 -0500

Hello All,

In the past six month's, the ced format has bin rather hard to find on the used market! the only people that i know who have them will not part with them. this is scary!!!! are we seeing the final nail in the old ced coffin lid?

Allen Wolf.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 20 Apr 2002 10:32:12 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CED Player Parts Disposed Of

Hello All:

I heard indirectly through the grapevine that Thomson closed their Parts and Accessory Division in Deptford, New Jersey last month and disposed of many older parts. Thomson owns what used to be the RCA Consumer Electronics Division, and apparently this place still had some "player critical" parts. This would include the unique CED parts we need today like stylus cartridges and custom IC's, motors, and gears.

It's not clear what "disposed of" means, whether these parts were thrown in the dumpster or somehow formally surplused. If there's anyone in New Jersey near that facility it might be worth checking with some of the electronic surplus places in the phone book to see if they dealt with Thomson.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 28, 1982:

\* Poland's Military Council of National Salvation announces that 800 detainees will be released outright and an additional 200 granted "conditional leave" as part of a program to relax martial law. Lech Walesa, the leader of Solidarity, is not among those freed.

April 29, 1982:

\* El Salvador's 60-member Constituent Assembly elects Alvaro Alfredo Magana Borjo provisional president of the country, thereby ending a month of partisan political strife that followed in the wake of elections for the assembly on March 28.

April 30, 1982:

\* Corporate sponsors announce that they are delaying for two years construction of the U.S. segment of the 4800 mile Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline that will carry gas from Prudhoe Bay in Alaska into Canada and then into the lower 48 states. Canada had already completed part of its work on the pipeline.

\* Ending eight years of diplomatic bargaining, delegates to the UN Law of the Sea Conference overwhelmingly approve a comprehensive treaty on the use and exploitation of the world's seas. However, U.S. opposition raises questions about the treaty's effectiveness.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: If You Could See What I Hear.

May 1, 1982:

\* The 1982 World's Fair opens in Knoxville, Tennessee. The theme of the fair is "Energy Turns the World." Most of the countries, states, and corporations that have pavilions at the fair devote their exhibitions to energy- how to obtain it, conserve it, and use it.

\* The 108th Kentucky Derby is won by Gato del Sol ridden by jockey Ed Delahoussaye in a time of 2:02.4.

\* RCA VideoDisc Releases for May 1982:

Coming Home (2)

Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 3

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex

Eyes of Laura Mars

Great Cities: London, Rome, Dublin, Athens

On Golden Pond

Some Like It Hot

Time Bandits [monophonic]

Wimbledon 1981/A Century of Greatness

You Only Live Twice [RCA]

May 2, 1982:

\* Casualties in the war over the Falkland Islands dramatically increase when the Argentine cruiser "General Belgrano" is sunk by a British submarine with the loss of 321 lives.

\* Actor Hugh Marlowe dies at age 71 after 13 years in the role of Jim Matthews on the daytime TV serial "Another World." Prior to his TV career he appeared in the CED titles Twelve O'Clock High, Elmer Gantry, Birdman of Alcatraz, and Seven Days in May.

May 3, 1982:

\* Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, speaking to the Knesset, declares that Israel will assert sovereignty over the West Bank at the end of the five-year transitional period specified in the Camp David peace accords.

May 4, 1982:

\* The federal trial of 26-year-old John Hinckley, Jr. for shooting President Reagan and three others gets under way in Washington, D.C.

\* In the wake of violent protests in several cities on the May Day holiday, the Polish government reimposes tough martial law restrictions, which it had lifted only a few days earlier.

\* An Argentine missile heavily damages the British destroyer "Sheffield," forcing the ship to be abandoned with the loss of 20 lives.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Will Offer 10 New Diverse Video Disc Titles In May

Featuring Albums of Movies, Cartoons, Sports, and Special Interest Programming

RCA will add 10 new albums to its growing video disc catalog in May, including a guided tour of four of Europe's great capitals.

The 10 new albums are: "On Golden Pond", "Time Bandits", "Coming Home", "You Only Live Twice", "The Eyes of Laura Mars", "Some Like It Hot", "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask)", "Disney Cartoon Parade, Volume 3", "Wimbledon 1981 and Wimbledon: A Century of Greatness", and "Great Cities: London, Rome, Dublin and Athens."

"The May titles broaden the RCA catalog and heighten interest in this new home entertainment medium," said Seth M. Willenson, Division Vice President, Programs and Business Affairs, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs. "They range from 'On Golden Pond', this year's winner of three Academy Awards, to 'Great Cities', an exciting tour through four of the world's great capitals."

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Home Entertainment Saga

Consumers Buying An Average Of 32 Video Discs In First 12 Months Of Player Ownership

Despite the recession, the average video disc player owner is buying almost three times as many video disc albums as originally forecast, an RCA consumer survey showed today.

"We are experiencing an accelerating demand for video discs and our distributor-to-dealer shipments are running at the highest levels since the RCA video disc system was introduced in March 1981," according to Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs.

He noted that those who have owned their video disc player for 12 months have accumulated an average of more than 32 disc albums, compared with RCA's original projection of 10 to 12 albums in the first year of ownership.

"The most interesting statistic is the number of albums that new player owners are buying. Those who own their players for four months or less already have bought an average of 14.5 albums -the highest for this category since RCA began tracking consumer purchases in March 1981," Mr. Kuhn said.

"Consumers are buying discs in record numbers," he added. "Some retailers, such as Erol's in Washington, D. C., Lechmere's in Boston and Crazy Eddie's in New York, report that they have sold almost as many discs in the first three months of 1982 as in all of 1981, and the pace seems to be quickening despite the adverse economy."

Noting that RCA and CBS are both producing "CED" video discs, Mr. Kuhn said, "It now looks as though there may be approximately 450 titles available to consumers by the end of this year."

Mr. Kuhn said video disc sales reflected a growing consumer interest in home entertainment. "The video disc permits consumers to enjoy their favorite programs and stars in the comfort and security of their own homes, and now the system is available at prices they can afford."

He noted that RCA will bring "On Golden Pond" to market on the disc in May at approximately \$28, while the same motion picture on prerecorded video cassette has a list price of about \$80. This film, starring Henry and Jane Fonda and Katharine Hepburn, won three Academy awards and is one of the most highly acclaimed films of the year.

In addition to movies, the RCA video disc catalog includes children's programs, science fiction, comedy, music, the best of television, drama and the performing arts, sports and programs of special interest.

Mr. Kuhn also noted that Miss Piggy, the star of "The Muppet Movie", hogged the spotlight as the top box office draw in the first full year of the RCA video disc system.

In a survey of almost 1,200 video disc owners, "The Muppet Movie" was the most popular video disc with consumers. It was followed by "Airplane!", "Star Trek -- The Motion Picture", "The Black Stallion" and "M\*A\*S\*H."

In achieving superstar status on the video disc, Miss Piggy beat out such stars as Captain Kirk, James Bond, Mickey Rooney, Robert Redford, John Travolta and The Godfather.

A second Miss Piggy movie, "The Great Muppet Caper", ranked 31st on the popularity list.

Mr. Kuhn said "The Muppet Movie" also was one of ten RCA video discs which recently received a Gold Video Award from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). To qualify for a Gold Award, a video disc must have certified sales of at least 25,000 units and \$1 million retail list value.

"Since 'The Muppet Movie' has a suggested retail price of \$19.98, we had to ship more than 50,000 units to meet the RIAA's criteria," Mr. Kuhn said.

The ten top selling video discs through the first 12 months were:

1. The Muppet Movie
2. Airplane!
3. Star Trek -- The Motion Picture
4. The Black Stallion
5. M\*A\*S\*H
6. The Godfather
7. Heaven Can Wait
7. Casablanca (ED. NOTE: DUPLICATE NO. 7 ON OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE)
8. Goldfinger
9. 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea
10. Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid

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From: "Ken King" <kkingcqe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject:  
Date: Sun, 21 Apr 2002 12:58:30 +0000

Through buying collections I have ended up with the following single disks from two-disk sets. They all appear to be in very good condition.

Inherit the Wind disk 2  
The Blues Brothers disk 2  
The Verdict disk 2  
The Right Stuff disk 2  
A Star is Born disk 1  
Never Say Never Again disk 1

If you have the other disk for any of these sets, I will ship this one to you for just the cost of shipping or if you want to sell your disk, e-mail me!

-Ken King

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From: "DaRyOo" <dariosalvi>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CED  
Date: Wed, 24 Apr 2002 13:21:07 +0200

I have the Don Kirshner Rock Concert vol. 1 CED ( with Commodores, Billy Preston ).....  
How can I dub it on a vhs ???  
What laserdisc player can read CED discs. Can U Do The dubbing for me ?

Dario

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From: JasonCheeser  
Date: Sat, 27 Apr 2002 22:16:25 EDT  
Subject: SUBSCRIBE  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Jasoncheeser@aol.com

I would like to join your list.  
And I also have questions involving my SKT 090 player.  
(There is a disc stuck in the player when I bought it last week)

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 18 5/4/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

May 5, 1982:

\* The Canadian Wheat Board announces that it has signed a contract to sell China between 3.5 and 4.2 million metric tons of wheat each year for the next three years. It is the largest long-term grain deal between the countries since they initiated such trade in 1961.

May 6, 1982:

\* President Reagan formally endorses a constitutional amendment authorizing organized prayer in public schools.

May 7, 1982:

\* The United States and Canada announce April unemployment rates of 9.4 and 9.6 percent, respectively. The rates were the highest since monthly reports were begun in each country after World War II.

\* Evangelist Billy Graham arrives in Moscow to attend a religious leaders conference on nuclear disarmament. He later states he saw no evidence of religious repression in the country.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Paradise.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Breaks Ground For \$19 Million Manufacturing Facility To Supply Key 'CED' Video Disc Material

INDIANAPOLIS, May 7 -- RCA formally broke ground today for a new \$19 million facility capable of supplying an essential material used in the manufacture of "CED" video discs to other manufacturers on a worldwide basis.

The establishment of a separate facility to produce compounding material will also enable RCA to support expanded disc manufacturing at the company's Rockville Road plant which produces all RCA-branded "CED" video discs, as well as other brands of discs.

"In the space of some 11 months, RCA has nearly tripled the video disc pressing capacity in support of strong consumer demand for discs, " said Dr. Jay J.

Brandinger, Division Vice President and General Manager, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDisc Operations.

In addition to the new 55,000 square foot compounding facility, RCA has completed a new power plant here with a planned capability of handling energy requirements for 60 disc presses.

The compounding facility will consist in part of special mixing equipment which blends the plastic, carbon and other additives that are used in pressing the conductive RCA discs. The blended material takes the form of pellets, which are formed into a mass and then placed between the two stampers of an automatic compression molding press to make the final disc.

In the RCA "CED" system, the disc provides up to 60 minutes per side of sound and pictures for display on a television receiver using the VideoDisc player. RCA plans to introduce stereo discs and players in June, thus significantly broadening its VideoDisc line to provide wider appeal to more segments of the consumer market.

Dr. Brandinger said the new compounding facility, which will replace a smaller in-plant operation, will be "a totally closed system that is computer-controlled and environmentally clean." Stainless steel equipment will be used extensively in the compounding system that will be able to process some 50,000 pounds of raw material on a daily basis.

The facility will be the most modern system in the world for supplying the essential compound material for the disc manufacturers worldwide, Dr. Brandinger said. Completion date will be in the early part of 1983.

Pictures of the compounding facility can be seen on these pages:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/rockville-road/mem021.html>

<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/rca-laboratories/mem485.html>

A picture of the power plant can be seen on this page:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/way-we-were/mem162.html>

May 8, 1982:

\* Canadian formula one racer Gilles Villeneuve is killed in an accident during qualifying at Zolder in Belgium. He was the winner of the 1981 Monaco Grand Prix and the 1981 Spanish Grand Prix featured on the CED Title "Start to Finish."

\* "Chariots of Fire" by Vangelis (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

May 9, 1982:

\* In a commencement address at Eureka College, his alma mater, President Reagan proposes that the United States and Russia reduce the number of their nuclear warheads by one-third.

\* U.S. Vice President George Bush completes a two-week tour of Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, and China.

May 10, 1982:

\* Federal epidemiologists report at least 335 cases, including 136 fatal cases, of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

May 11, 1982:



\* South Korea announces the arrests of Lee Chul Hi and his wife, Chang Yong Ja, for alleged fraudulent transactions on Seoul's unregulated curb market. Chang is related by marriage to the wife of President Chun Doo Hwan. The fraud creates panic on the stock market and severely damages the financial structures of several corporations.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Retailers Report Strong Demand For RCA Video Discs

Retail outlets across the United States report strong consumer demand for RCA video discs. Many have sold more video discs in the first quarter of 1982 than in all of 1981.

"All types of retailers, from mom-and-pop TV stores to giant national chains, are reporting an accelerating demand for RCA video discs," according to Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs.

"There are several factors involved in the growing demand for discs," Mr. Kuhn said. "Consumer awareness of RCA's program offerings is getting stronger every day; retailers have found that stocking and displaying greater numbers of video disc titles increases this awareness and leads to strong disc sales; and we are continuously expanding the RCA video disc catalog with new and exciting programs."

A spokesman for Sears, the leading retailer of RCA video discs, through its stores and catalog, said, "Sears is committed to the CED system. We attribute our successful sales of discs to our large assortment and the appeal of these programs to our family-oriented customer base."

Curtis Woodard, Vice President and General Manager of Erol's Color TV, a six-store chain operating in the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area, attributed his sales success to video disc availability in Erol's stores. "We have every title stocked in our stores. If anybody in town has it, we do; and after a while customers know they can get the discs they want at our stores," he said.

Ken Crane, Jr., Manager, Ken Crane's Entertainment City, Westminster, California, said, "We're pleasantly surprised at the amount of software we're currently selling. It's a great addition to our business and a tremendous traffic builder, too. We expect to be in the video disc business for a long time."

Jeff Biederman, a buyer from Lechmere, a six-outlet discount department store in the Boston area, said his company has sold more discs in the first quarter of 1982 than in all of 1981. "We have had a strong commitment to video disc since the beginning," he said, "and we have always displayed a full assortment of titles."

Russ Anzalone from Video Dynamics in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, noted, "Since the first of the year, we've seen many VCR owners buy disc players because they want to own rather than rent their favorite movies. Discs are much cheaper than prerecorded cassettes. We find that the whole catalog is moving, both the contemporary and classic programs. We're selling about 100 albums a week."

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From: "Ken King" <kkingcqe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Ramblings about CueCat Scanning

Date: Mon, 29 Apr 2002 15:23:46 +0000

I tried using the CueCat scanner to catalog my CED collection. I wanted to share my experience in case you wanted to try it too.

- 1) From the CED Magic home page, "CED Title Excel Macro" page does not have a link to the information that you will need to run the CueCat. Instead, click on the CueCat link near the bottom of the CED Magic home page in this line: „Digital Convergence- Supplier of the Free CueCat Scanner%. That will give you the information you will need to set the scanner up. Use the CatNip program link available to download the \*free\* software you need to make the CueCat talk to Excel spreadsheet. Free is good.
- 2) Use the 11-digit Excel UPC Macro. It seems to work using the CueCat for most disks. The CED Magic Web site was a little unclear which to use and why unless you understand barcode-ese better than I do.
- 3) The Excel macro only works on a batch basis. It does not, unfortunately, translate the numbers into titles as you scan them in. For this reason, we kept our lots to about 65 disks, ran the macro, and edited the resulting page. I saved each set as a new file name. When I had a few sets done I cut and pasted all onto a single spreadsheet and sorted so that my entire collection was listed alphabetically.
- 4) Be prepared for many of the scans to come back and tell you that they cannot match up a title with the scan when you run the macro. This seems to be especially true of double disks.
- 5) Sometimes your scan will produce a number that the macro just does not understand, so line the disks up in order after you scan so that when you complete a page you can find the unidentified title.
- 6) The CatNip program has a control window where you need to set the „return% after each scan so it will go to the next line. In that same window you can set a „beep% or other sound after the scan. I recommend this highly even though the software kept screwing up my Windows sound system causing me to reboot several times. Even clean undamaged disks sometimes take several swipes to register and the beep helps indicate success.
- 7) Altogether this was not a bad experience. I,m not done yet but I cataloged 264 disks in a couple of hours on Sunday afternoon. Don,t try this without a scanner. It helps to have someone moving disks around and I,ll bet a laptop would be even better than carrying disks like we did.

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Date: Fri, 3 May 2002 00:37:48 -0500  
From: niNjaTaz <mragnet>  
Reply-To: niNjaTaz <mragnaet>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

The instructions on the CED Magic page for adding composite A/V outputs to the SJT100 refer to TP3504 and TP3410, and that they are labeled TP04 and TP10, respectively. First off, they are labeled TP3504 and TP3410. Also, to get a good image, I had to run the video signal through an attenuator. The audio has ALOT of hiss, like it is taken off a really low quality cassette tape.

Are these points correct, and if so, why is the quality so poor?

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Derek Tombrello  
Shelby TV Service

mrmagnet@bellsouth.net

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 19 5/11/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

May 12, 1982:

- \* During a candlelight procession at the shrine of the Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal, a Spanish priest attempts to assault Pope John Paul II with a bayonet. The priest is identified as Juan Fernandez Krohn, an ultraconservative living in France. He reportedly opposes the reforms of Vatican Council II and calls the pope an "agent of Moscow."
- \* South Africa unveils a plan that would give voting rights to citizens of Asian and mixed-race descent, but not to blacks.

May 13, 1982:

- \* Braniff International Corp. becomes the largest major U.S. airline to file for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the federal Bankruptcy Act. Burdened with debts and mounting losses, the nation's eighth largest carrier cancels all its flights on May 12 and terminates 8,000 employees.

May 14, 1982:

- \* Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos swears in 15 members of the newly constituted Supreme Court four days after demanding and receiving the resignations of all 14 members of the former court. All but three of the new justices served on the former court.
- \* The Abscam conviction of former U.S. Representative Richard Kelly is upset by a federal judge.
- \* Actor Hugh Beaumont dies at age 72. He is best known for the role of Ward Cleaver, the understanding father in the television series "Leave It to Beaver," a hit for seven years in the late 1950's and early 1960's.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Conan the Barbarian.

May 15, 1982:

- \* "Asia" by Asia (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. album, entering the charts at the top spot.
- \* "Ebony and Ivory" by Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.
- \* Jack Kaenel at age 16 becomes the youngest winner of a Triple Crown race at the Preakness Stakes. He rides Aloma's Ruler to victory in a time of 1:55.4.

May 16, 1982:

- \* Salvador Jorge Blanco, a member of the Dominican Revolutionary Party, is elected president of the Dominican Republic with something less than half of the popular vote. President Antonio Guzman Fernandez did not run, but it was

largely due to his efforts that the Army was depoliticized and played no significant role in the electoral process.

\* The New York Islanders win professional hockey's Stanley Cup for the third consecutive year, defeating Vancouver.

May 17, 1982:

\* President Reagan meets with Prime Minister J. Malcolm Fraser of Australia in Washington, a few weeks after Vice President George Bush had made a trip to Australia.

May 18, 1982:

\* A crisis develops in the European Community when seven member nations vote to increase farm prices by 10.7 percent over Great Britain's forceful objections. Britain also resents the apparent disregard of a well-established tradition that requires unanimous approval of any measure that affects a "vital national interest" of any member nation.

\* Russia's Leonid Brezhnev terms Ronald Reagan's arms proposals "absolutely one-sided," and calls for an immediate nuclear freeze.

\* South Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon is found guilty of tax evasion by a U.S. federal court.

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From: "Tracy-Mark Gorgas" <moonvydeo>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Quick Audio Question  
Date: Mon, 6 May 2002 18:28:13 -0700

I recently saved a SJT100 from the trash & after replacing a belt on it, got it up & running. Now the problem is that the audio is low. I followed the repair solution on the web site (Audio Gain Set Too Low) & that did help it a lot, but it still is low & I think I have turned the resistor up as much as it will go.

Any help? Please not too technical, I'm just a tinkerer.

Thanks,  
Tracy

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From: "Roger The Shrubber" <rshrubber>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Trouble With SJT200  
Date: Wed, 8 May 2002 00:33:03 -0700

Hi

After about a year of collecting CED, primarily off the E Bay, my SJT200 stopped working. I am sad, frustrated even. When I insert a disc, the loading mechanism works fine, and the needle appears to move to the right place at the outside of the disc. However, it will not play. The LED registers those two little dashes.

My first thought was that I needed a new stylus. So I ordered one from Fox International. When it came I thought I had it properly inserted in the machine and still no luck. In the process of attempting repair I damaged the stylus. The more I learn the more I think it was one of those notorious badly stored stylus and was probably just waiting to break.

So I brought it to a repair place. They too thought it was the stylus. They ordered one and it arrived busted. When they tried to get another they were told there was no more.

If anyone can give me advice I would appreciate it greatly. I live in Seattle, Washington and would be happy to find a repair person locally who really knows these things. Also I lost the web address of the new CED site a guy was promoting here recently. He said he had good stylus for only \$38 shipping included.

Thanks in advance.

Joseph Topolinski

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From: "Steven J Smith" <ssmith>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: post to the mailing list  
Date: Thu, 9 May 2002 07:25:14 -0400

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1535585944>

200 CED Video Discs Players and 3000 Disc

LARGE lot of CED Movies and Players, Some players are still in original cases, Buyer pays Shipping cost. Seller will consider half if reasonable high bid is met. List of all movies and players Movies:2001: A Space Odyssey (2) [monophonic], Disc 2 Doctor Zhivago (2), Disc 2 Fame (2), Disc 2 Guys and Dolls (2), Disc 2 My Fair Lady (2), Disc 2 Oklahoma! (2), Disc 2 Victor/Victoria (2)\*\*, Disc 2 12 Angry Men 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea 2001: A Space Odyssey (2) [monophonic] 2001: A Space Odyssey (2)\* 2010\*\* 39 Steps, The 48 Hrs.\*\* 7th Voyage of Sinbad, The 9 To 5 ABC Mantrap\* Absence of Malice Absent Minded Professor, The Adam and the Ants\* Adam's Rib Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai, The\*\* Adventures of the Little Prince, The Aerobicise: The Beautiful Workout\* Africa Screams After The Fox Against All Odds\*\* Agency Airport (2) Alamo, The (2) Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore Alice in Wonderland Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Alice's Restaurant Alien\*\* [20th Century Fox logo] All of Me All The Marbles All the President's Men (2) All the Right Moves Allegro Non Troppo\*\* Allman Brothers Band: Brothers of the Road\* Alone in the Dark Altered States\*\* Amarcord Amazing Spiderman, The American Gigolo American Graffiti\*\* American Hot Wax American in Paris, An Amityville 3-D\* Amityville II: The Possession And God Created Woman Anderson Tapes, The Angel of H.E.A.T. Animal Crackers Animal House Annie Hall Any Which Way You Can Apache Apartment, The [RCA] Aphrodite Apocalypse Now Apple Dumpling Game, The Arthur Ashford & Simpson\* Atlantic City Author! Author! Avalanche Avenging Angel Bachelor Party Back Roads Bad News Bears in Breaking Training, The Baffled Bananas Bandolero!\* Barbarella Barbarosa Barefoot in the Park Baseball's Hall of Fame Battle Beyond the Stars Battle of Britain, The (2) Battlestar Galactica Beach Girls, The Bears and I, The Beast Within, The\*\* Beastmaster, The\*\* Beat Street\* Being There (2) Bell, Book & Candle Bells Are Ringing Ben-Hur (2) Benji Best Defense Best Friends Best of Judy Garland, The\* Best of Terrytoons, The (Mighty Mouse et. al.) Betrayal Betsy, The Bette Midler Show, The\* Between the Lines Big Chill, The Big Jake Big Red One, The Billion Dollar Hobo, The Billy Jack Billy Joel Live from Long Island\* Birdman of Alcatraz (2) [CBS] Birds, The Birdy\*\* Black Hole, The\*\* Black Orpheus Black Stallion Returns, The\*\* [RCA] Black Stallion, The [monophonic] Black Sunday (2) Blackstar Blade Runner\*\* Blame it on Rio Blazing Saddles Bloody Mama Blow Out Blue Hawaii Blue Lagoon, The Blue Max, The (2) Blue Thunder\*\* Blues Alive\* Blues Brothers, The (2)\* Boat, The (2)\* Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice Bob Welch and Friends: Live from the Roxy\* Bobbie Jo and the Outlaw Body and Soul\* Body Double\*\* Body Heat Bolero (2)\*\* Born Free Born Losers Boston Strangler, The Bostonians, The (2) Boxcar Bertha Boy Named Charlie Brown, A Boys From Brazil, The Boys in the Band, The Boys of Summer, The Brady's Escape Brainstorm\*\* Brannigan Breaker Morant Breakfast at Tiffany's Breakheart Pass Breakin'\*\* Breaking Away Breakout Breathless Brian's Song

Bridge On The River Kwai, The (2) Bridge Too Far, A (2) Brigadoon Brimstone and Treacle\*\* Broadway Danny Rose Bronco Billy Brubaker (2) Buddy Buddy Buddy Hackett: Live and Uncensored\* Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie, The Bullitt Bullwinkle & Rocky & Friends, Vol. 1 Bullwinkle & Rocky & Friends, Vol. 2 Burn! Bus Stop Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid [RCA] Butterflies Are Free Butterfly Cabaret Cactus Flower Caddyshack Caine Mutiny, The (2) California Suite Candid Camera Candidate, The Cannery Row Cannonball Run II Cannonball Run, The Capricorn One Carbon Copy Caring for your Newborn Carlin at Carnegie Carlin on Campus\* Carnal Knowledge Carny Carrie [RCA] Casey's Shadow Cat Ballou Cat on a Hot Tin Roof [normal caddy] Cat People\*\*\* CATCH-22 Caveman Chained Heat Challenge, The Champ, The Changeling, The Chariots of Fire\*\* Charlie Brown Festival, A Charlie Brown Festival, Vol. 2 Charlie Brown Festival, Vol. 3 Charlie Brown Festival, Vol. 4 Charlie Daniels Band: The Saratoga Concert\* Chatterbox Cheech & Chong "Up In Smoke" Children's Treasures Christmas Collection Chinatown (2) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (2) Christine\*\* Christmas Carol, A (1982) Chu Chu and the Philly Flash Cincinnati Kid, The\* [stereo-labeled caddy] City Lights Clarence Darrow Class Cleopatra (2)\* Cloak & Daggar\*\*\* Clockwork Orange, A (2) Close Encounters of the Third Kind (2) Coal Miner's Daughter Cold River Collector, The College Football Classics, Vol. 1 Coma Comancheros, The Coming Home (2) Conan the Destroyer Cool Cats: 25 Years of Rock 'n' Roll Style\* Cotton Club, The (2)\*\* Count of Monte-Cristo, The Country Girl, The Court Jester, The Crimes of Passion Cross Creek Cruising Cujo Culture Club: A Kiss Across the Ocean\* Cutter's Way D. C. Cab\*\*\* Daffy Duck's Fantastic Island Damien Omen II Dark Crystal, The\*\* Day After, The Day at the Races, A Days of Heaven\*\* Dead Zone, The\*\* Deadly Blessing Deal of the Century\*\* Death Hunt Death on the Nile Death Wish Death Wish II Deathstalker Deep, The Deer Hunter, The (2)\*\* Defiance Defiant Ones, The Deliverance Detective, The Devil and Daniel Mouse, The Dexys Midnight Runners\* Dial M for Murder Diamonds Are Forever [RCA] Diana Ross in Concert\* Diary of Anne Frank, The (2) Dillinger Diner Dirty Dozen, The (2)\* [MGM] Dirty Harry Disney Cartoon Classics: Daisy Disney Cartoon Classics: Donald Disney Cartoon Classics: Mickey Disney Cartoon Classics: Minnie Disney Cartoon Classics: Pluto Disney Cartoon Classics: Silly Symphonies Disney Cartoon Classics: The Fabulous '50s Disney Cartoon Classics: Vol. 1, Chip n Dale w/Donald Disney Cartoon Classics: Vol. 2, Pluto Disney Cartoon Classics: Vol. 3, Scary Tales Disney Cartoon Classics: Vol. 4, Sport Goofy Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 1 Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 2 Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 3 Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 4 Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 5 Disney Christmas Gift, A Disney: Golden Oldies\* Disney: Pop & Rock\* Disney: Rock, Rhythm & Blues\* Diva Divine Madness: Bette Midler\*\* Doctor Detroit Doctor Dolittle (2) Doctor Zhivago (2) Dog Day Afternoon Dogs of War, The Doll's House, A Domino Principle, The Don Kirshner Presents Rock Concert, Vol. 1 Don't Look Now Doobie Brothers Live In Concert- Santa Barbara\* Dot and Santa Claus Dot and the Bunny Dot and the Kangaroo Dr. Seuss Video Festival: Horton/Grinch Stole Xmas Dr. Strangelove Dragonslayer\*\* Dressed to Kill Dresser, The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox, The Duck Soup Dumbo Dunder Klumpen Dune (2)\*\*\* Duran Duran\* Earth, Wind and Fire in Concert\* Earthling, The East of Eden Easter Parade Easy Rider Eat to the Beat-- Blondie Eddie Murphy Delirious\*\* Educating Rita El Cid (2) El Dorado (2) Electric Horseman, The Elephant Man, The (2) [1980] Elmer Gantry (2) Elton John: Visions\* Elvis On Tour Elvis: His 1968 Comeback Special Emanuelle in Bangkok Emily Emmanuelle Empire Strikes Back, The\*\* End, The Endangered Species Endless Love Enforcer, The Entity, The\*\* Eroticise\*\*\* Escape From Alcatraz Escape >From New York Escape to Witch Mountain Eubie!\* Every Which Way But Loose Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex Evil That Men Do, The Evil Under the Sun Evilspeak Excalibur (2) Exodus (2) Exorcist, The Exposed Exterminator, The Eye for an Eye, An Eye of the Needle Eyewitness F.I.S.T. (2) Fail Safe Fairy Tale Classics Falling in Love Falling In Love Again Fame (2) Family Entertainment Playhouse, Vol. 2 Fanny & Alexander (2) Fantastic Voyage [RCA] Farewell My

Lovely Farmer's Daughter, The Fast Break Fiddler on the Roof (2) Final Conflict, The Final Countdown, The Final Exam Final Terror, The Fire and Ice\*\* Firesign Theatre Presents "Hot Shorts"\* Firestarter First Blood\*\* Fistful of Dollars, A Flaming Star Flashdance\*\* Fleetwood Mac In Concert: Mirage Tour '82\* Fleetwood Mac: Documentary and Live Concert Flying Deuces, The Fog, The Footloose\*\* For the Love of Benji Forbidden Planet Forced Vengeance Foreplay Formula, The Fort Apache, The Bronx Four Friends Four Seasons, The Frances Free To Be...You And Me/Mandy's Grandmother French Connection, The [RCA] French Lieutenant's Woman, The Friday the 13th, Part 2 Friday the 13th, Part 3 Friday the 13th, the Final Chapter Friendly Persuasion (2) FTT Beauty and the Beast FTT Boy Who Left Home to Find Out About the Shivers FTT Goldilocks and the Three Bears FTT Hansel and Gretel FTT Jack and the Beanstalk FTT Little Red Riding Hood FTT Nightingale FTT Pinocchio FTT Princess and the Pea FTT Rapunzel FTT Rumpelstiltskin FTT Sleeping Beauty FTT Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs FTT Tale of the Frog Prince, The FTT Thumbelina Fugitive: The Final Episode Fun in Acapulco Fun with Dick and Jane Funny Girl (2)\* Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, A [CBS] Futureworld Fuzz G. I. Blues Game of Death Gandhi (2)\*\* Gas Pump Girls Gator Gauntlet, The Gentleman Jim Gentlemen Prefer Blondes Getting of Wisdom, The Gigi\* [UA] Gilda Giselle Give My Regards to Broad Street\*\* Go Tell the Spartans Godfather, The (2) Godzilla Going Berserk Golden Seal, The Gone With the Wind (2)\*\* Good Guys Wear Black Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, The (2) [CBS] Goodbye, Columbus Gospel According to St. Luke, Vol. 1 Gospel According to St. Luke, Vol. 2 Gospel\*\* Graduate, The Graduation Day Grateful Dead, The Grease 2\*\* Grease [monophonic] Great Caruso, The Great Cities: London, Rome, Dublin, Athens Great Dictator, The Great Gatsby, The (2) Great Locomotive Chase, The Great Muppet Caper, The [monophonic] Great Muppet Caper, The\*\* Great Santini, The Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday, The Great Space Coaster, The Great Train Robbery, The Greatest Adventure, The Greatest Show On Earth, The (2) Green Berets, The (2) Gregory's Girl Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan\*\* Grover Washington, Jr in Concert\* Gunfight at the OK Corral Guns of Navarone, The (2) Gus Guys and Dolls (2) Hair\*\* [RCA] Halloween II\*\* Halloween III: Season of the Witch Hamlet (2) Hang 'Em High [FOX] Hanky Panky Hanover Street Hansel and Gretel [RCA] Happy Hooker Goes to Washington, The Happy Hooker, The Hard Country Hard Times Hard to Hold\*\*\* Hardbodies Harder They Come, The Harold and Maude Harper Valley P.T.A. Harry & Son Hawaii (2) He Knows You're Alone He-Man and the Masters of the Universe, Vol. 2 Heart Like A Wheel Heartaches Heartbreakers Heaven Can Wait Heidi [RCA] Heidi [Vestron] Hellhole Hello, Dolly! (2)\* [FOX] Henry V (2) Herbie Rides Again Here Comes Mr. Jordan Here It Is, Burlesque Heritage of the Bible, The High Anxiety High Country, The High Noon Hocus Pocus, It's Magic Hombre Hooper Hopscotch Horse Soldiers, The [RCA] Hospital Massacre Hospital, The Hot Stuff Hotel New Hampshire, The\*\* Hothead Hound of the Baskervilles, The House on Sorority Row, The How to Beat the High Cost of Living How to Marry a Millionaire Howling, The Huckleberry Finn HUD Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Hunger, The Hustler, The (2) I Am A Fugitive From A Chain Gang I Love You Ice Castles Iceman\*\*\* Idolmaker, The\*\* If You Could See What I Hear Improper Channels Impulse In Praise of Older Women In the Heat of the Night [RCA] In-Laws, The Incredible Machine/Mysteries of the Mind Incubus, The Inn of the Sixth Happiness (2)\* Intermezzo Invasion of the Body Snatchers [1956] Invasion of the Body Snatchers\*\* [1978] Invisible World/Dive to the Edge of Creation Invitation To A Gunfighter Invitation to the Dance Irma La Douce (2) Irreconcilable Differences Isaac, Esau, and Jacob Island of Dr. Moreau, The It Came from Hollywood It Happened One Night It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (2) [CBS] It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (2) [RCA] Jacques Cousteau, Vol. 1: Sharks/Singing Whales Jailhouse Rock James Taylor in Concert Jane Fonda's Workout Challenge Jane Fonda's Workout for Pregnancy, Birth, and Recovery Jason and the Argonauts Jaws Jaws 2 Jazz in America\* Jazz Singer, The [1980]\*\* Jefferson Starship\* Jeremiah Johnson Jerk, The Jinxed Joe Joe Piscopo Video, The\* John Curry's IceDancin' Joni Mitchell- Shadows and

Light\* Journey Back to Oz Juggernaut Julia Child: The French Chef, Vol. 1  
Junior Bonner Karate Kid, The (2)\*\* Kenny Loggins Alive!\* Kentuckian, The Kids  
Are Alright, The\*\* Kids from Fame Live at the Royal Albert Hall, The\* Killer  
Force Killpoint King Creole King David\*\* King Kong (2) [1976] King Kong [1933]  
King of Hearts [CBS] King of Hearts [RCA] Kipperbang Kiss Me Goodbye Klute  
Knock On Any Door Kotch Kramer vs. Kramer Krull\*\* La Cage Aux Folles Lady  
Chatterley's Lover Lady Sings the Blues (2) Lassie's Rescue Rangers Lassiter  
Last American Virgin, The\* Last Chase, The Last Starfighter, The\*\*\* Last Tango  
in Paris Last Unicorn, The\*\* Last Valley, The (2) Last Waltz, The [monophonic]  
Laura [RCA] Legend of the Lone Ranger, The Lenny Lenny Bruce Performance Film,  
The Liar's Moon Linda Ronstadt In Concert\* Lion In Winter, The (2) Little Big  
Man (2) Little Drummer Girl, The (2) Little House on the Prairie Little River  
Band: Live Exposure\* Little Women Logan's Run Lolita (2) Lone Ranger, The Lone  
Wolf McQuade Lonely Guy, The Lonely Lady, The Long Goodbye, The Long Riders,  
The Longest Day, The (2) [RCA] Lookin' To Get Out Looking for Mr. Goodbar (2)  
Looney Looney Looney Bugs Bunny Movie Lord of the Rings, The (2) Lords of  
Discipline, The Lost and Found Love and Death Love At First Bite Love Bug, The  
Love in the Afternoon (2) Love Is A Many-Splendored Thing\* Love Letters# Love  
Me Tender Love Story Loving Couples M\*A\*S\*H: Goodbye, Farewell and Amen Mad Max  
Magic Magic Pony, The Magnificent Seven, The (2) [RCA] Magnum Force Mahogany  
Main Event, The Making Love Making Michael Jackson's Thriller\* Man Called  
Horse, A Man For All Seasons, A Man from Snowy River, The\*\* Man of La Mancha  
(2)\* Man on the Moon Man Who Loved Women, The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, The  
Man Who Would Be King, The (2) Man With the Golden Arm, The Man With Two  
Brains, The Mandingo Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, The Marathon Man  
Maria's Lovers Marty Mary Poppins (2) Mary Tyler Moore Show, Vol. 1 Matilda  
Matter of Time, A Mausoleum Max Dugan Returns Meatballs Meatballs, Part II  
Mechanic, The Meet Me In St. Louis [UA] MegaForce Metalstorm: The Destruction  
of Jared-Syn\*\* MGM Cartoon Magic, Vol. 1 Michael Nesmith in Elephant Parts\*  
Mickey's Christmas Carol\* Micki & Maude Midnight Cowboy Midnight Express  
Mildred Pierce [CBS] Mirror Crack'd, The Misfits, The [RCA] Miss Peach of the  
Kelly School Missing Missing In Action Missionary, The Missouri Breaks Mister  
Roberts Moby Dick Modern Times Mommie Dearest (2) Monsignor Monty Python- Live  
at the Hollywood Bowl Moon Is Blue, The Moonraker (2)\*\* Moscow on the Hudson\*\*  
Moses (2) Mouse That Roared, The Movie Movie Mr. Magoo in Sherwood Forest Mr.  
Rogers Vol. 1: Helping Children Understand Muppet Movie, The [Dolby Stereo  
Label] Muppets Take Manhattan, The\* Murder by Death Murder By Decree Murder on  
the Orient Express (2) Music of Melissa Manchester, The\* My Bodyguard My Dinner  
With Andre My Fair Lady (2) My Favorite Year My Little Chickadee My Seventeenth  
Summer/Flying for Fun (Big Blue Marble) My Tutor Mysterious Island, The Nana  
Nashville (2)\*\* Nate and Hayes\*\* Natural, The (2)\*\* Neighbors Neil Diamond:  
Love at the Greek\* Network Never Cry Wolf\*\* Never Give A Sucker An Even Break  
Neverending Story, The\*\* New Adventures of Zorro, The New Centurions, The New  
Video Aerobics, The New York, New York (2) Night Games Night Porter, The Night  
Shift\*\* Nighthawks Ninotchka No Nukes: The Muse Concert\*\* No Small Affair\*\*  
Norma Rae Norseman, The North By Northwest (2) [RCA] North By Northwest (2)  
[UA] North Dallas Forty North to Alaska Nothing Personal Notorious Now and  
Forever\*\*\* Nutcracker, The [1978] Nutcracker, The\* [1977] Nutty Professor, The  
Obsession Octopussy (2)\*\* Odd Couple, The Officer and a Gentleman, An (2) Oh,  
God! Oh, God! You Devil Oklahoma! (2) Old Yeller Olivia- Physical\* Omen, The On  
a Clear Day You Can See Forever (2) On Golden Pond On Her Majesty's Secret  
Service (2) On the Beach (2) On the Town [UA] On the Waterfront Once Upon A  
Time In America (2) One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (2) One From the Heart\*\*  
One-Night Stand: A Keyboard Event\*\* Oscar, The Other Side of Nashville, The\*  
Our Town Out of the Past Out-Of-Towners, The Outland\*\* Outsiders, The\*\* Owl and  
the Pussycat, The Paddington Bear, Vol. 1 Paddington Bear, Vol. 2 Paper Chase,  
The Paper Moon Papillon (2) Parasite Parent Trap, The (2) Passage to India, A  
(2)\*\* Passion Of Love Paternity Paths of Glory Patton (2) [monophonic] Paul



McCartney & Wings Rockshow\* Paul Simon In Concert [monophonic] Paul Simon In Concert\* Pennies From Heaven Peter Allen and the Rockettes\* Peter-No-Tail Phantom Tollbooth, The Piaf Picture Music\* Pink Floyd at Pompeii\* Pink Panther Strikes Again, The Pink Panther, The Pippin\* Pirate Movie, The\*\* Pirate, The Place in the Sun, A Places in the Heart\* Planet of the Apes [RCA] Play It Again, Sam Playboy Playmate Workout\* Plaza Suite Police Academy Pollyanna (2) Poltergeist\* Popeye Cartoons, Vol. 1 Popeye\* Porky's Porky's II: The Next Day Poseidon Adventure, The Pretty Baby Pride of the Yankees, The (2) Prince of the City (2) Prince's Trust Rock Gala, The\* Private Benjamin Private Eyes, The Private Lessons Private Popsicle Private School Producers, The Protocol\*\* Psycho Purple Rain\*\* Quadrophenia\*\* Quest For Fire Quiet Man, The (2) Raccoons' Adventures, The Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown Racing with the Moon Raggedy Ann & Andy Raging Bull (2) Ragtime (2) Raiders of the Lost Ark\*\* Rainbow Brite in "Peril in the Pits" Raise the Titanic Rascals, The Raven, The Razor's Edge, The (2)\*\* RCA's All-Star Country Music Fair\* Rear Window Rebel Without A Cause Red Dawn\*\* Red on Roundball Red River (2) Red Shoe's, The (2) Redd Foxx: Video In A Plain Brown Wrapper\*\*\* Reds (2) Reefer Madness Return of a Man Called Horse, The Return of the Pink Panther, The Return of the Street Fighter Return to Boggy Creek Return to Macon County Revenge of the Nerds Revenge of the Ninja Rhinestone\*\* Rich and Famous Richard Pryor: Here and Now Richard Pryor: Live In Concert Right Stuff, The (2)\*\* Ring of Bright Water Rio Bravo (2) Rio Lobo Risky Business\*\* River, The (2)\*\*\* Road Games Road Warrior, The\*\* Robe, The (2) Robin and Marian Robin Hood Rock'N Soul Live (Hall & Oates)\*Rocky II [RCA] Rocky III\*\* [RCA] Rod Stewart: Live at the Los Angeles Forum\* Rod Stewart: Tonight He's Yours\* Rodan Rollerball Rolling Stones: Let's Spend the Night Together\*\* Rolling Thunder Roman Holiday Romancing the Stone\*\* Romeo and Juliet (2) Rosemary's Baby (2) Roxy Music: The High Road\* Royal Wedding Rumble Fish\*\* Running Brave\*\* Rush/Exit...Stage Left\* Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming [CBS] Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming [RCA] S.O.B. (2) Sacred Ground Sacred Music of Duke Ellington, The\* Sailor Who Fell From Grace With the Sea, The Saturday Night Fever [monophonic] Saturday Night Live, Vol. 1: George Carlin/Steve Martin Saturday Night Live, Vol. 2: Richard Pryor/Steve Martin Saturday the 14th Saturn 3 Savannah Smiles Say Amen, Somebody\* Sayonara (2) Scarface (2)\*\*\* Sea Wolves, The (2) Search and Destroy Searchers, The Secret of NIMH, The\*\* [long] Secret of NIMH, The\*\* [short] Seduction, The Seems Like Old Times Semi-Tough Seniors Separate Tables Separate Ways Serpico (2) Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Seven Days In May Seven Year Itch, The [RCA] Sex on the Run Shaft Shaggy Dog, The Shamus Shane Sharky's Machine Shazam! Sheena Easton Live at the Palace, Hollywood\* Sheena\*\* Shining, The (2) Shogun Shoot the Moon Shootist, The Shot In the Dark, A [CBS] Shot In the Dark, A [RCA] Silent Partner, The Silent Rage Silkwood (2) Silver Streak Simon & Garfunkel: Concert in Central Park\* Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger Singin' in the Rain [RCA] Six Pack Six Weeks Sixteen Candles Slapstick of Another Kind Slave of the Cannibal God Sleeper Slipstream: Starring Jethro Tull\*\* Slugger's Wife, The\*\* Slumber Party '57 Small Town In Texas, A Smokey and the Bandit Smokey and the Bandit, Part 3 Smurfs and the Magic Flute, The Snoopy Come Home Soldier, The Some Kind of Hero Some Like It Hot Something Wicked This Way Comes\*\* Songwriter\*\* Sons of Katie Elder, The Sophie's Choice (2) Sounder South Pacific (2) Southern Comfort Soylent Green Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone\* Spartacus (2)\*\*\* Spellbound Spiderman Cartoons Spiral Staircase, The Splash\*\* Split Image Spring Break Stalag 17 Star Chamber, The\*\* Star Is Born, A (2)\*\* [1976] Star Trek - The Motion Picture (2) Star Trek III: The Search for Spock\*\* Star Trek: Vol.1, The Menagerie Star Trek: Vol.2, City/Battlefield Star Trek: Vol.4, Space Seed/Changeling Star Trek: Vol.5, Balance of Terror/Mirror,Mirror Star Trek: Vol.6, Amok Time/Journey to Babel Star Wars\*\* Stardust Memories Starring Mr. Magoo, Vol. 1 Stars on 45\* Starting Over Staying Alive\*\* Stereo Demo Disc\* Steve Miller Band Live\* Stevie Still of the Night Sting, The (2) Stone Killer, The Story of Joseph, The Strange

Behavior Strange Invaders Stranger Is Watching, A Strangers on a Train Straw  
Dogs Street Fighter, The Street Music Streetcar Named Desire, A Streets of  
Fire\*\*\* Stunt Man, The Sudden Impact Suddenly Last Summer Summer Lovers Summer  
of '42 Sunset Boulevard Sunshine Boys, The Supergirl\*\* Superman -- The Movie  
(2) Superman II (2)\*\* Survivors, The Swap, The Swing Shift Swing Time Swiss  
Family Robinson Sybil (2) Table For Five Take the Money and Run Taking of  
Pelham One Two Three, The Tales >From Muppetland Tales From Muppetland, Vol. 2  
Tales of Hoffman, The (2)\* Taming of the Shrew Tank TAPS Tarzan, The Ape Man  
Tattoo Taxi Driver Teachers\*\* Tempest (2)\*\* Ten Commandments, The (2) Tender  
Mercies Tentacles Terms of Endearment (2) Terror in The Aisles Terrytoons  
Volume 1 Featuring Mighty Mouse Tess (2) Testament Tex That Championship Season  
That's Entertainment The Who Rocks America 1982 American Tour\* There's a Girl  
in my Soup There's No Business Like Show Business They All Laughed They Call Me  
Bruce? They Call Me Mr. Tibbs! They Shoot Horses, Don't They? Thief Thief of  
Hearts\*\* Thing, The [1951] Thing, The\*\*\* [1982] Things Are Tough All Over  
Thomas Crown Affair, The Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines (2)  
Thousand Clowns, A Three Days of the Condor Three Musketeers, The [1974] Three  
Musketeers, The [1981] Three Stooges VideoDisc, Vol. 2, The Three Stooges  
VideoDisc, Vol. 3, The Thunderball (2) Thunderbirds Are Go Thunderbolt and  
Lightfoot [CBS] Ticket To Heaven Tightrope Till Marriage Do Us Part Time  
Bandits [monophonic] Time Bandits\*\* Time Machine, The Timerider\*\* To Forget  
Venice To Russia...With Elton To Sir, With Love Tom & Jerry Tom & Jerry Cartoon  
Festival, Vol. III Tom & Jerry II Tom Jones (2) Tom Sawyer Tommy\*\* Tony Bennett  
Songbook, A\* Tootsie Top Secret!\*\* Topkapi Towering Inferno (2) Toy, The  
Trading Places Trail of the Pink Panther Trapeze Treasure In Search Of The  
Golden Horse\* Treasure Island [1934] Treasure Island [1950] Tribute (2) Tron\*\*  
Truck Stop Women True Confessions True Grit (2) Tubby the Tuba\* Tubes Video,  
The\* Turning Point, The Tut: the Boy King/The Louvre Twelve O'Clock High (2)  
Twilight Zone-- The Movie\*\* Twist of Fate\* Uncommon Valor\*\* Under Fire\*\* Under  
the Volcano Unfaithfully Yours\* Unmarried Woman, An Up the Creek Urban Cowboy  
(2) Urgh! A Music War (2)\*\* Used Cars Utopia Vacation Valley Girl Venom\*\* Vera  
Cruz Verdict, The (2) Vertigo (2) Vice Squad Victor/Victoria (2)\*\* Victory  
Victory at Sea Village of the Damned Visiting Hours Visitor, The [1979] Viva  
Las Vegas Walt Disney Christmas, A War of the Worlds, The WarGames\*\* [RCA]  
Warlords of the Twenty-First Century Warrior and the Sorceress, The Wasn't That  
A Time: The Weavers Way We Were, The We're All Devo\* We're No Angels Weekend  
Pass West Side Story (2)\*\* [RCA] Westworld What's New, Pussycat? What's Up,  
Doc? What's Up, Tiger Lilly? When A Stranger Calls Where's Pappa White  
Lightning [RCA] White Line Fever Who's Afraid of Opera, Volume 1\* Who's Afraid  
of Opera, Volume 2\* Who's Afraid of Opera, Volume 3\* Wholly Moses! Whose Life  
Is It Anyway? Wifemistress Wild Bunch, The (2) Wild in the Country\* Wild Life,  
The\*\*\* Wimbledon: 1979 and 1980 Wind in the Willows, The Winter Kills With Six  
You Get Eggroll Without A Trace Witness for the Prosecution Wizard of Oz, The\*  
[1982] Woman in Red, The\*\* Women In Love (2) Woody Woodpecker And His Friends  
World According to Garp (2) World of Henry Orient, The World of Wildlife, Vol.  
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Greatest Lover, The Wrong Is Right Year of Living Dangerously, The Yellowbeard  
Yentl (2)\*\* Yor, the Hunter from the Future Young Doctors In Love Young  
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Blade

Players: Make Model RCA SJT090 SFT100 SGT100 SKT100 SGT200 SJT200 SGT250 SJT300  
HITACHI VIP1000 TOSHIBA VP100C VP550C ZENITH VP2000  
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From: katglen1  
To: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>

Subject: Re: (RCA Reunion)  
Date: Thu, 09 May 2002 18:11:15 +0000

If any of you out there are former RCA employees and attend this reunion or were involved in the CED disc business how about sharing some memories with us?  
Glenn

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: SJT-090 CED Player & Pioneer LD-1100 LaserDisc Player.  
Date: Sat, 11 May 2002 11:24:19 -0500

Hi All,

I am selling an RCA,SJT-090 CED Player with two ced discs.....

1-Jaws.  
2-Metalstorm.  
and a Pioneer LD-1100 LaserDisc Player with four laserDiscs....  
1-Killer Tomatos eat france.  
2-Penthouse:nightys.  
3-Killing Zoue.  
4-Rush:Grace under Pressure tour(Concert)

all this is in Great working order!!!! i will sell everything together for \$100.00. (Money Order Only) e-mail me if any of you are Interested.  
or I'll trade for a Sanyo VDR-3000 CED Player. did i get that model number right on the sanyo? Allen wolf

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 11 May 2002 17:22:49 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Infrared Remote for the Hitachi VIP201P Player

Hello All:

I finally found an IR remote for the PAL-format Hitachi VIP201P player and have made an OmniRemote layout for it so that a Palm handheld can control the player. This has been added to the SJT400/SKT400 OmniRemote database, so downloading the new database will provide IR remote control for both the 400 players and the VIP201P. This is available on the Software Downloads page:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/software-downloads-page.html>

On a related note, I was playing the disc "Elton John in Central Park" while setting up this layout and noticed that this disc is on one side only. But according to the caddy label it has Side 1 and Side 2, with Side 1 ending with the John Lennon song "Imagine" (this concert was a couple months before he was killed). I believe this label may have simply been lifted from the LaserDisc release of this title. These PAL CED's can hold 75 minutes on one side, but in this case the LaserDisc version may have been CAV with 30 minutes of material on each side. Does anyone have the LaserDisc release to confirm this?

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 20 5/18/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

May 19, 1982:

\* Film star Sophia Loren returns to Naples, Italy to begin a month long jail term for tax evasion. She says the sentence is preferable to a life in exile from her homeland.

May 20, 1982:

\* Great Britain rejects further participation in the UN talks aimed at a peaceful settlement of the Falklands crisis.  
\* Kenyan president Daniel arap Moi expels former vice-president Oginga Odinga from the Kenya African National Union (KANU) party for "divisive and destructive propaganda against the government."

May 21, 1982:

\* British forces launch a major offensive against East Falkland Island and within a few days are in control of about sixty square miles along the west coast.  
\* California's parole board revokes a 1984 parole date scheduled for Sirhan Sirhan, who assassinated Robert F. Kennedy in 1968.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Road Warrior.

May 22, 1982:

\* George Wallace announces he will seek a fourth term as governor of Alabama.  
\* Bahraains hidhest court convicts 73 Shi'ah Muslims on charges of planning acts of sabotage against the conservative government of Emir Isa ibn Sulman al-Khalifah, whose family and supporters are mostly Sunni Muslims.

May 23, 1982:

\* Under heavy Iranian attack, Iraqi forces begin a retreat from the key port city of Khorramshahr. Iraq won the fierce battle for control of Khorramshahr in late September 1980 but never succeeded in conquering nearby Abadan, especially important because of its huge oil refinery.

May 24, 1982:

\* Yuri Andropov, head of Russia's intelligence and security agency and mentioned as a possible successor to Brezhnev, is named to the powerful ten-member Secretariat of the Communist Party Central Committee. He replaces Mikhail A. Suslov, who died in January.

May 25, 1982:

\* The state Supreme Court of New Jersey upholds mandatory sex education in public schools.

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From: Ejfandtsf  
Date: Mon, 13 May 2002 13:33:55 EDT  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Announcement (RCA Reunion)

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Ugh we got this notice too late! Ed and I were in Indiana this past week, and actually could have attended - darnit! We don't have a computer at our new digs out there yet, so didn't see the notice - perhaps next time there's a reunion, we could get info on it a week or so ahead of time?

Ed and Suzy (Lyon) Freeman  
now residing in Huntington NY

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: CED Want List Pt II  
Date: Thu, 16 May 2002 11:57:56 -0500

Hi all,  
I'm looking for two CED VideoDiscs:Amityville 3-D & Halloween III.  
I'll pay you what you want as long as they are in good condition. if you have these two CED's..e-mail me with the price and I'll get it right out...Allen Wolf.

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Date: Fri, 17 May 2002 18:55:08 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
From: "Harry Libby" <fiddy>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 19

I am the Guy with the new in sealed box for \$38.00 Free S&H Also 1400 different titles.

Harry

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END CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 20

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 21 5/25/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

May 26, 1982:

\* The 1982 Cannes Film Festival ends in France. The CED title "Missing" is co-winner of the Palme d'Or award.

May 27, 1982:

\* Japan announces the elimination of tariffs on 96 industrial goods, including machine tools and computers, and a reduction of import duties on 121 other items.

May 28, 1982:

\* British troops driving toward the Falkland capital of Port Stanley, capture the towns of Darwin and Goose Green.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Rocky III.

May 29, 1982:

\* Highlighting a six-day visit to Great Britain, the first ever by a pontiff, Pope John Paul II joins with Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Robert Runcie, in an emotional religious service that ends 450 years of division between the Church of Rome and the Church of England.

\* "Tug of War" by Paul McCartney (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. album

May 30, 1982:

\* Spain formally becomes a member of NATO following ratification by each of the other 15 member nations. Spain stipulated, as did Norway and Denmark before it, that no nuclear weapons would be based on its soil.

\* Gordon Johncock wins the Indianapolis 500 auto race by a margin of 0.16 seconds, the closest finish ever.

May 31, 1982:

\* Belisario Betancur Cuartas, a member of the Conservative Party, is elected to a four-year term as president of Colombia. He replaces President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala, who is not permitted to run for a second term.

June 1, 1982:

\* Success is reported by British researchers in the use of artificially made interferon to protect humans against a cold virus.

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From: DQauto

Date: Sun, 19 May 2002 12:44:25 EDT

Subject: No Subject

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Hi,

I am a big fan of the laser disks... Knowing this my husband purchased me a selectavision that he found at a pawnshop with about 100 movies.

My husband is very thoughtful, but his intentions leave me in a pile of junk wondering where all of his paychecks went. He was the manager of 3 radio shacks and so I guess his love for gadgets and the hunt for said gadgets greatly improved.

The problem is that I don't want it. He paid \$150. for the machine and the movies. Fine. Money is just money and he would have blown it on something else. However, it is broken. After a close inspection I noticed that the lever didn't go down to the load/unload part and stay there. So, being an auto mechanic, I took out my trusty flashlight and needle nose pliers and removed a disk and the plastic holder.

I don't know who I would trust to fix it, if that is possible. But even if I did fix it...the movies are not my speed. :)

If you had the time and inclination to count up all of the electronic gadgets that my husband had purchased, it would blow your mind. It does mine! The same day that he came home with the video disk player he also brought home a mac powerbook...that makes 5 of them!!! and we are a family of 3.

Frankly, I waste alot of time trying to fix all of his good intentions and sell or GIVE THEM AWAY!!! The selectavision has been the last toy so far...because I threatened divorce. :)

You see, last time we moved...I did ALL OF THE PACKING, UNPACKING, AND ARRANGING Alone.... He was no where to be found. We are planning on moving when the house is finished but...I told him that we will be making trips to the good will if he doesn't do something about it.

Thanks for letting me vent. :)

If you know someone who would like the movies and player..please pass on my address.

I live in Charlestown, WV...outside of Martinsburg.

Anna Noe

Don't just dream the dream, live the dream, and drive Stainless!  
DeLorean DMC-12...

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Date: Mon, 20 May 2002 02:03:04 -0400  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>  
Subject: Universal remote

I just got an RCA 805 universal remote. On a lark, I decided to try it with my SJT400! Well, it works! At least partially.

Selecting the code for the RCA "Laser disc" (083) allowed me to play, pause, and stop (reject) the disc! I'll experiment further to see what else I can get. Fast search would be great.

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Date: Tue, 21 May 2002 01:09:11 -0400  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>  
Subject: Universal remote II

The only other function that works is the TV/VCR button. It pauses the disc, presumably connects the RFin to RFout, and displays a blinking A instead of a blinking P. Too bad it doesn't work for searching or audio switching...

Michael

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Date: Tue, 21 May 2002 17:17:37 -0400  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>  
Subject: Universal remote III

Another remote that provides the same functionality as the RCA is the Jensen 5-device. VCR code 676 (RCA) does it.

BTW, although I prefer the Jensen over the RCA universal in some ways, it does not work with EITHER of my VCRs, whereas the RCA mostly does. Haven't yet decided if one or both are going back!

p.s., Tom, couldn't you make the digest more frequent. The 1 week delay is really a pain. Thx.

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: My Luck with CED's!  
Date: Wed, 22 May 2002 12:00:28 -0500

Hi all:  
Just in the past two weeks, i've bin very lucky in finding CED Player's & CED VideoDiscs. i must tell everyone that while i think DVD's & LaserDiscs are better...CED's are alot, and i mean alot better than VHS!!! The CED discs that i like most are Halloween III & Amityville 3-D Both of which i've found and are being sent to me at this moment. i hope other CED lovers out there will get together and keep this wonderful format going forever!!!! and yes..I do think RCA pulled the plug to Damn soon. lets all THANK the great "TOM HOWE" for keeping the fire going that we all love so much!!! CED MAGIC! Have a Good week Everybody!!!! Allen Wolf

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From: "Martin Floyd" <mfloyd>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: TOSHIBA CED CHASSIS PART/REPAIR  
Date: Thu, 23 May 2002 11:05:51 -0500

I have a Wards GEN10301 CED player. I recently ordered the replacement parts for the grooved pulley belt replacement. The change over went well. But, when I tried to play a disc to make sure the turntable will spin correctly, the motor would not operate. The control panel lit up, the power light was lit, but nothing happened. After nearly a minute, there was



a small wisp of smoke coming from the large white soldered "electronic" part located at the extreme left corner of the control board. This is next to the top left hold-down screw. It was hot to the touch. Anyone know what I have done? Obviously there has been a short-out, but I was hoping some one could identify the large white part, its function, and what might have happened to it. Then, I wish some one could tell me how to fit it. Thanks very much.  
Martin Floyd  
<mailto:MGF28931@aol.com>MGF28931@aol.com

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: Mr. CED is here!!!!  
Date: Thu, 23 May 2002 12:18:44 -0500

Hi All,  
Just another letter to the Diegest(hope this make's it into this weeks issue),to let all you CED hounds out there Know that if you want CED's then this guy is where to go!!!! his name is Harry Libby."HE's THE MAN!!! he has about 1400 different CED Discs and will give you a great price on the one's you want! his e-mail is(fidly@adelphia.net) Chances are he'll have that hard to find CED Disc you have bin Spending years trying to find!!!! check him out. he's Great "NO KIDDING"

Allen Wolf.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 25 May 2002 18:35:16 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Ammonia Damage to Stylus Cartridges

Hello All:

I received some information on an analysis RCA did to determine the cause of high failure rate among 154216 stylus cartridges in their Deptford parts depot. These cartridges were originally stored in white boxes, and it was determined that ammonia outgassing from the bleach originally used to make the box paper white was over time corroding the beryllium copper flylead on the stylus cartridge. RCA replaced all cartridge boxes still in inventory with inert brown cardboard boxes, which accounts for the relative rarity of 154216 cartridges still in white boxes.

The 149000 and 154100 cartridges also come in white boxes, but the foam packaging in these boxes provides some isolation from the white cardboard which apparently lessens the effect of the ammonia. It's unknown how long this outgassing goes on, as new stylus cartridges in these white boxes will be approaching 20 years of being enclosed in that box, but it won't hurt to remove all stylus cartridges from white paper packaging and store them in something relatively inert, like a glass or metal container. It also would be prudent to have a silca gel dessicator in that container to lessen the possibility of humidity damage.

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 22 6/1/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 2, 1982:

\* The U.S. Open Golf Championship is won by Tom Watson at Pebble Beach GL in Pebble Beach, California. He collects a \$60,000 purse for the victory.

June 3, 1982:

\* The U.S. House of Representatives approves a bill forbidding the identification of current U.S. intelligence agents, informers, or sources of information, even if such information is available in public records.

\* Shlomo Argov, Israel's ambassador to Great Britain, is shot and seriously wounded outside a London hotel.

\* Lina Wichser, a 28-year-old American who had been teaching in Peking, is released from government detention and given 48 hours to leave China. She is charged with violating China's law by stealing "secret information."

June 4, 1982:

\* The leaders of seven major industrialized democracies begin their eighth annual economic summit in Versailles, France.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan.

June 5, 1982:

\* The 114th Belmont Stakes is won by Conquistador Cielo ridden by Laffit Pineay, Jr. in a time of 2:28.

June 6, 1982:

\* Israel carries out previous warnings by invading Lebanon by land, sea, and air. The announced objective is to destroy strongholds of the PLO. The U.N. Security Council demands that Israel withdraw its troops, but Israel rejects the demand.

\* The economic summit concludes in Versailles, France. The official communique, signed by Canada, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the U.S., and West Germany, declares that the participating nations have come closer together on such economic issues as currency exchange rates, aid to developing countries, and export credits to the U.S.S.R.

\* 36TH ANNUAL TONY AWARDS (WINNERS IN ALL CAPS):

PLAY OF THE YEAR

Crimes Of the Heart

The Dresser (CED, movie version)

THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

"Master Harold" ...And the Boys

MUSICAL OF THE YEAR

Dreamgirls

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat  
NINE  
Pump Boys and Dinettes

REVIVAL  
Medea  
My Fair Lady (CED, movie version)  
OTHELLO  
A Taste Of Honey

LEADING ACTOR - PLAY  
Tom Courteney in The Dresser (CED, movie version)  
Milo O'Shea in Mass Appeal  
Christopher Plummer in Othello  
ROGER REES IN THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

LEADING ACTOR - MUSICAL  
Hershel Bernardi in Fiddler On the Roof (CED, movie version)  
Victor Garber in Little Me  
BEN HARNEY IN DREAMGIRLS  
Raul Julia in Nine

LEADING ACTRESS - PLAY  
ZOE CALDWELL IN MEDEA  
Katharine Hepburn in The West Side Waltz  
Geraldine Page in Agnes Of God (CED, movie version)  
Amanda Plummer in A Taste Of Honey

LEADING ACTRESS - MUSICAL  
JENNIFER HOLLIDAY IN DREAMGIRLS  
Lisa Mordente in Marlowe  
Mary Gordon Murray in Little Me  
Sheryl Lee Ralph in Dreamgirls

FEATURED ACTOR - PLAY  
Richard Kavanaugh in The Hothouse  
ZAKES MOKAE IN "MASTER HAROLD" ...AND THE BOYS  
Edward Petherbridge in The Life and Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby  
David Threlfall in The Life and Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby

FEATURED ACTOR - MUSICAL  
Obba Babatunda in Dreamgirls  
CLEAVANT DERRICKS IN DREAMGIRLS  
David Allen Grier in The First  
Bill Hutton in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

FEATURED ACTRESS - PLAY  
Judith Anderson in Medea  
Mia Dillon in Crimes Of the Heart  
Mary Beth Hurt in Crimes Of the Heart  
AMANDA PLUMMER IN AGNES OF GOD (CED, movie version)

FEATURED ACTRESS - MUSICAL  
Karen Akers in Nine  
Laurie Beechman in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat  
LILIANE MONTEVECCHI IN NINE  
Anita Morris in Nine

DIRECTOR - PLAY

Melvin Bernhardt for Crimes Of the Heart

JOHN CAIRD, TREVOR NUNN FOR THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

Geraldine Fitzgerald for Mass Appeal

Athol Fugard for "Master Harold" ...And the Boys

DIRECTOR - MUSICAL

Michael Bennett for Dreamgirls

Martin Charnin for The First

Tony Tanner for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

TOMMY TUNE FOR NINE

BOOK OF A MUSICAL

DREAMGIRLS

The First

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Nine

SCORE

Dreamgirls

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Merrily We Roll Along

NINE

SCENIC DESIGN

Dreamgirls

THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

Medea

Nine

COSTUME DESIGN

Dreamgirls

The Life and Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby

Medea

NINE

LIGHTING DESIGN

DREAMGIRLS

The Life and Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby

Medea

Nine

CHOREOGRAPHY

DREAMGIRLS

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Little Me

Nine

REGIONAL THEATRE

The Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

The Actors Fund Of America

Radio City Music Hall

Warner Bros. Communications

\* The Summer Consumer Electronics Show (CES) opens in Chicago, Illinois. RCA introduces the stereo CED system at the show. Other notable introductions

include the VHS-C tape format, the Vectrex Arcade system, and over 180 new cartridge titles for various video game systems.

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/sgt250-1982.html>

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/vectrex.html>

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA UNVEILS ITS STEREO VIDEO DISC PLAYER AND CATALOG AT CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW

CHICAGO, June 6 -- Consumers now can bring the magic home in stereo sound on the RCA video disc system, Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA VideoDiscs, announced today.

RCA publicly demonstrated its stereo video disc player at the Consumer Electronics Show and said the first 11 stereo disc albums are now available at retail.

Mr. Kuhn said RCA plans to offer a continuing flow of new stereo discs, including some original programs made specifically for the home video market.

Noting that stereo video discs will add a whole new dimension to home entertainment, Mr. Kuhn said RCA "believes that music video will become a major segment of the overall disc catalog." RCA video discs in stereo will offer rock concerts, Broadway shows, movie musicals and great performances by top entertainers.

"Many of the groups and stars that we will be offering on stereo video discs have enormous followings. Their fans constantly fill concert halls and arenas. Now for almost the same price as a ticket to a concert, they can enjoy their favorite artists over and over again in the privacy of their own homes. Television and music are very popular with young Americans, and discs that combine sight and stereo sound offer them the best of both worlds," he added.

RCA's opening stereo catalog includes two Broadway musicals, two motion pictures and performances by Paul McCartney, Neil Young, Paul Simon, Rod Stewart, Pink Floyd, Joni Mitchell, and The Who.

The new stereo discs include:

. . . "Eubie!", the smash Broadway musical based on the music of 99-year old composer, Eubie Blake.

. . . "Pippin", starring Ben Vereen in a newly staged version of the hit Broadway musical that blends songs and visuals based on Bob Fosse's Tony Award-winning choreography.

. . . "The Jazz Singer", starring Neil Diamond, Laurence Olivier and Lucie Arnaz.

. . . "Popeye", starring Robin (TV's "Mork") Williams as the spinach-eating sailor and Shelley Duvall as Olive Oyl.

. . . "Neil Young -- Rust Never Sleeps", a rock performance that captured raves from both critics and fans.

. . . "Rod Stewart Live at The Los Angeles Forum", a rock concert that includes

such classics as "Maggie May", "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy" and "Hot Legs."

. . . "Paul McCartney & Wings -- Rockshow", an exciting film of the former Beatle star on his 1976 American tour.

. . . "Paul Simon in Concert", a tribute to performer/ songwriter Simon's popularity and creativity.

. . . "Pink Floyd at Pompeii", an intense audio-visual experience from the hard rock group whose world-wide album sales total well over 20 million.

. . . "Joni Mitchell -- Shadows and Light", a performance fusing the jazz style of guitarist Pat Metheny and tenor saxophonist Michael Brecker with Mitchell's popular melodies and lyrics.

. . . "The Who -- The Kids Are Alright", a souvenir of this popular group's best filmed and taped performances, plus interviews with the bandmembers themselves, including the late Keith Moon.

All the discs are optionally priced at \$24.98 with the exception of "The Jazz Singer" and "Popeye", which are priced at \$29.98.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

SALES OF CED VIDEO DISC PLAYERS AND DISCS EXCEEDED \$90 MILLION IN FIRST 12 MONTHS

CHICAGO, June 6 -- Despite the recession, American consumers spent more than \$90 million for CED video disc players and albums in the product's first year, Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA VideoDiscs, announced today.

"This means that video disc hardware and software sales in the first 12 months exceeded the combined first-year sales volumes of black-and-white television, color television, and video cassette recorders, an achievement that becomes even more dramatic when viewed against the economic environment of the past-year," Mr. Kuhn told a press dinner prior to the opening of the Consumer Electronics Show here.

Mr. Kuhn said disc sales have far exceeded RCA's expectations. He said there are some 250 titles currently available on the CED system, a number which is expected to exceed 400 by year-end.

Of the 30 top grossing movies of all time, 14 currently are available on CED format albums, including "Grease", "The Godfather", "Saturday Night Fever", "Kramer vs. Kramer", "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest", and "Superman." Of the top 100 grossing films, RCA has licensed 50 and has already released 30 of these on video discs.

A group of companies responsible for manufacturing and marketing the CED video disc format will co-sponsor an exhibit on the main floor of the Consumer Electronics Show. In addition to RCA, they include CBS and Fox Video, Hitachi, MGM/UA, Sanyo, Toshiba and Zenith. The exhibit will feature a demonstration of stereo video discs.

In addition to 11 new stereo video disc albums which were announced today, RCA is releasing nine new monaural video disc titles in June and 13 more in July. The June and July titles include a mix of recent and classic motion pictures, sports programming and RCA's first dual track disc ("Jane Fonda's Workout"), which gives the stereo player user a choice of listening to music and

instruction on one track, or music alone on the other. Mr. Kuhn also noted that CED monaural and stereo discs are totally compatible and can be played on any CED player.

The June releases are: "The Deep", "The Producers", "Superman", "Dirty Harry", "The Horse Soldiers", "California Suite", "Tess", "Modern Times", and "Family Entertainment Playhouse, Volume II: The Ransom of Red Chief/Mr. Gimme/Shoeshine Girl/Best Horse."

The new releases for July are: "The Three Musketeers", "Blazing Saddles", "Last Tango in Paris", "The Adventures of Robin Hood", "White Lightning", "The Bugs Bunny/Roadrunner Movie", "10", "The Sailor Who Fell From Grace With The Sea", "Dr. No", "Love At First Bite," "Stripes", "Baseball Fun & Games", and "Jane Fonda's Workout."

Mr. Kuhn added that "the rate of disc sales is a strong indication of consumer satisfaction with the CED video disc system." He said that video disc player owners who have owned the player for 12 months or more have already accumulated an average of more than 32 discs. "We are finding that player owners are interested in collecting video discs and that they are building libraries of them, just as they do with books and audio records," Mr. Kuhn said.

"While we want our system to cater to the mass market," Mr. Kuhn continued, "we also want to reach out to those consumers who have specific fields of program preference -- classic movie fans, lovers of Shakespeare or the ballet, sports fans, and so on. RCA will be promoting video discs by themes starting this summer with the new category of stereo video discs and the very popular area of children's programming."

Mr. Kuhn also noted that late this summer RCA VideoDiscs' first national print advertising campaign will begin. The ads will stress the simplicity of player operation, the affordability of the system and the diversity of entertainment available.

"Based on the strength of disc sales and optimistic reports coming in from dealers all over the country, I believe we will see the momentum behind the CED system continue to accelerate through the end of 1982 and beyond. Several dealers have reported disc sales in the first quarter of 1982 far in excess of what they sold in all of 1981. Software is the locomotive behind this product, and we're picking up steam," Mr. Kuhn said.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA VIDEO DISCS FEATURE DUAL SOUND TRACKS

'Jane Fonda's Workout' Will Be First RCA Video Disc to Give Consumers Choice of Sound Tracks; Bilingual Video Discs Also Possible

"Jane Fonda's Workout" will be the first RCA video disc to utilize the unique dual sound capability of the Capacitance Electronic Disc (CED) system, Seth M. Willenson, Division Vice President, Programs and Business Affairs, RCA VideoDiscs, announced today.

"Each groove on a CED video disc has two completely separate sound tracks, which makes possible rich stereo sound, bilingual programs or a choice of audio channels," he said.

The CED VideoDisc system has all the technical features to enable it to accommodate the needs of the consumer. The Jane Fonda exercise disc, which will

be available at retail in July, gives owners of CED stereo video disc players the choice of listening to music and instruction while they exercise, or to music only, as part of a regular exercise routine, Mr. Willenson added.

He said that owners of monaural video disc players receive both music and instruction. All CED discs can be played on either stereo or monaural players.

Mr. Willenson said the Jane Fonda video disc "demonstrates the great flexibility we have on the CED system when it comes to audio. The options available to the consumer will enhance the entertainment and educational value of video discs and broaden the market potential of the system."

He noted "Jane Fonda's Workout" is a special 90-minute video adaption of Ms. Fonda's exercise school program and bestselling book. Ms. Fonda designed the workout to appeal to men and women, young and old. The CED disc will make this popular program available internationally. "Jane Fonda's Workout" was produced by Ms. Fonda for VideoDisc under the supervision of Richard D. Klinger, RCA Director of Programming, West Coast.

The disc, which sells for \$24.98, highlights the major price advantage of disc versus prerecorded cassette. The cassette version of Ms. Fonda's exercise program sells for about \$60. A week at one of her exercise studios -- five one-hour sessions would cost \$32.50.

"RCA is committed to developing programming which meets the needs of the consumer and which takes advantage of specific features of the CED VideoDisc System, such as dual sound tracks," he said.

"As consumers become more aware of the technical features of the RCA system, they will realize that the CED system is the most cost-efficient way of building home video libraries tailored to their specific tastes and desires," Mr. Willenson added.

\* CED Title Releases for June 1982:

California Suite  
Deep, The  
Dirty Harry  
Eubie!\*  
Family Entertainment Playhouse, Vol. 2  
Horse Soldiers, The [RCA]  
Jazz Singer, The [1980]\*\*  
Joni Mitchell- Shadows and Light\*  
Kids Are Alright, The\*\*  
Modern Times  
Neil Young: Rust Never Sleeps\*\*  
Paul McCartney & Wings Rockshow\*  
Paul Simon In Concert\*  
Pink Floyd at Pompeii\*  
Pippin\*  
Popeye\*  
Producers, The  
Rod Stewart: Live at the Los Angeles Forum\*  
Superman -- The Movie (2)  
Tess (2)

June 7, 1982:

\* In a civil war in Chad, the rebel forces of former Prime Minister Hissene



Habre capture the capital of Ndjamena and overthrow the government of President Goukouni Oueddei.

\* The U.N. opens a special session on disarmament.

June 8, 1982:

\* Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the American baseball pitcher who was one of the heroes of the old Negro Leagues, dies at age 75. His career began in 1924 and lasted until 1965.

\* The Los Angeles Lakers win the National Basketball Association championship, defeating the Philadelphia '76ers by four games to two.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Tue, 28 May 2002 18:35:18 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Re: Short Circuit on Wards CED Player

>After nearly a minute, there was a small wisp of smoke coming from the large  
>white soldered "electronic" part located at the extreme left corner of the  
>control board. This is next to the top left hold-down screw. It was hot to  
>the touch. Anyone know what I have done? Obviously there has been a  
>short-out, but I was hoping some one could identify the large white part, its  
>function, and what might have happened to it.

That white part is a heavy-duty wirewound resistor with a 120 ohm, 5 watt rating that is associated with the 22 volt power supply on the system control board. The fact that it got hot enough to smoke indicates a short circuit forcing the component to pass in excess of five watts. These resistors don't fail often, so it's likely the short arose elsewhere during the installation process and merely manifested itself in that resistor. Unfortunately, it's probably going to require some component-level circuit analysis to determine the specific failure.

You should confirm that the system control board is screwed down properly, as even a modest rotation of that board could produce such a short. Only the P515 connector should have been removed/replaced during the installation. If two or more of these P connectors were removed, there's the possibility they were replaced in the wrong order, which likewise would produce a short circuit.

--Tom

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: Raise The Titanic on CED!  
Date: Fri, 31 May 2002 11:14:23 -0500

Hi All,  
After some 10 years of looking for the movie Raise the Titanic on CED, i just found it!!!!some time ago, Tom Howe reviewed the CED in his Featured CED disc of the month on the CED Magic sight. it's so cool what CBS FOX did with it for the CED Verhion! if any body has this great film on CED, hold onto it. it's Damn rare!!!! The late great RICHARD JORDEN play's Dirk Pit to a tee and the effecs are pritty good too. not high art mind you but still a cool film.

Allen Wolf.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 9, 1982:

- \* Brig. General Efraim Rios Montt dissolves Guatemala's three-man military junta. It is then announced that the Army has appointed Rios Montt president of the country and commander in chief of the armed forces.
- \* Israel's air force destroys Syrian surface-to-air missile sites in eastern Lebanon.

June 10, 1982:

- \* By a 219-206 vote, the US House of Representatives approves a budget for fiscal 1983. The measure, which is considered a victory for President Reagan, awaits approval by a Senate-House conference.
- \* In the Bahamas, the ruling Progressive Liberal Party of Prime Minister Lynden O. Pindling wins a new five-year mandate in parliamentary elections.

June 11, 1982:

- \* 32-year-old heavyweight boxing champion Larry Holmes knocks out 25-year-old Gerry Cooney in the 13th round of their title bout in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is Holmes' 12th straight successful defense of his heavyweight title. The gross gate receipts of \$50 million are the highest to date in history.
- \* President Reagan concludes a ten-day visit to Western Europe, his first overseas tour as President of the United States.
- \* Pope John Paul II meets with President Leopoldo Galtieri at the beginning of a two-day visit to Argentina.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Grease II.

June 12, 1982:

- \* A massive parade and peace rally, organized by religious and secular groups, is held in New York City to coincide with a special UN session on disarmament. The crowd is estimated to be about 750,000, making it the largest protest rally in US history. A "No Nukes" concert is held in conjunction with the rally, similar to the one on the CED title "No Nukes: the Muse Concert."
- \* In parliamentary elections in Mauritius, the opposition - the Militant Mauritian Movement and its ally, the Mauritian Social Democratic Party - is overwhelmingly victorious. Aneerood Jugnauth succeeds Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, who had been prime minister since the island became an independent nation in 1968.

June 13, 1982:

- \* King Khalid, who has ruled Saudi Arabia since 1975, dies of a heart attack. He is succeeded by 59-year-old half-brother Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz al Saud, the country's foreign minister.

June 14, 1982:

- \* Israeli troops and tank units encircle Beirut, Lebanon, trapping PLO leaders and thousands of guerrillas.

June 15, 1982:

- \* The Falklands war ends when Argentine troops, surrounded in Stanley, the

capital, surrender to the British. Great Britain later reports that 255 of its soldiers and civilians lost their lives in the fighting. Argentina's losses are believed to be three or four times heavier.

\* The U.S. Supreme Court strikes down a Texas law that permitted local school districts to either bar children of illegal aliens from public schools or charge them tuition. The ruling means that children of undocumented aliens must be granted free public education.

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From: "James & Ariana Curiel" <jacuriel>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: New Services  
Date: Mon, 3 Jun 2002 04:40:55 -0700

Dear CED Community,

I run CED Central, and I am now offering the tune-up service for all SJT and SKT models. The basic tune-up includes: a new stylus, new load belt, platter shaft lubed, function lever lubed, springs checked, shipping back the player to you, and I'll ship your old stylus back to you too. The players are arriving in different states of disassembly, and that's okay. Just make sure the parts are included. The most common repair problem is the transfer rod coupling on the function gear is broken. I have replacement parts for this off parts machines. The basic tune-up runs \$120.

Seems like a small percentage of the SJT and SKT's develop a problem where they start anywhere from 25 seconds to 2 minutes into a movie when a disc is loaded. Check the Stepper Driver Rack -- the holes for the screws are wide for adjustment. What has happened over time is that the Rack has been pushed back. To correct the problem, unscrew the Rack and push it forward, and then put the screws back in.

Also, on installing the fan on the 400's, I have found just putting the fan in by itself creates a hum in the audio. It is noticeable when the volume is on high. I recently had success in eliminating the hum with strategically placed foam tape to isolate fan vibrations. I am still working on this delicate procedure because of the small space involved.

I am trying to get my hands on a Turntable Height Gauge, stock number 156529, so I can start doing tune-ups on the SFT and SGT machines. If you have an extra one please let me know. Reach me at: james@cedcentral.com

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Date: Mon, 3 Jun 2002 13:30:45 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Mark Edwards <mark62334>  
Subject: Nipper Pictures  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Saw this in the Phono group. Anyone got these internal RCA nipper pictures?

>> There is an image of what the painting looked like before it was  
>> modified to feature a disk phonograph at...  
>>  
>> <http://www.nipperhead.com/nipperf2.htm>  
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>There were variations of this picture internally

circulated at RCA  
>to mark various corporate events like the dumping of  
the CED  
>videodisc (shows Nipper pissing on a videodisc  
player) and when  
>GE bought RCA (Nipper having a GE lightbulb screwed  
up his  
>ass). This was back in the days when company loyalty  
existed  
>and one actually cared..... :-(

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: Realistic 16-301,CED-1 VideoDisc Player & RCA SGT-100 Disc Player.  
Date: Mon, 03 Jun 2002 16:06:40 -0500

HI ALL,  
Just yesterday morning, i latched onto two more videodisc player's for my CED  
Collection! the first is the Realistic 16-301/CED-1 & the RCA SGT-100 Player's!  
the Realistic works fine. but the SGT-100 did not have a needle in it. so i  
took one out of my great working SFT-100 and popped it into the SGT-100. and  
the needle still would not set down on the disc. now, i looked up the problem on  
the CED Magic fix, it page and the problem listed it as a bad Needle. now, this  
needle works in all my other SFT & SGT Player's so why not this Player i just  
got? it does power up and the Platter does spin, but the needle will not set  
down!!! Can you help me Tom? or anybody as to why this isn't working?!!!!!!  
Allen Wolf.

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Date: Mon, 03 Jun 2002 18:59:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: My Luck with CED's!  
From: Mark Cohen <mbcohen>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

I'd like to echo comments made by Allen Wolf in the May 27 edition of CED  
Digest. Specifically, I agree with Allen's opinion that "RCA pulled the  
plug too damn soon." I recognize that many of the members of this group are  
former employees of the RCA divisions responsible for development,  
manufacture and distribution of the RCA video disc system. And I certainly  
mean them no disrespect. But I remember reading a Wall Street Journal  
article, after the RCA decision was announced, which carefully picked apart  
where RCA went wrong in marketing the video disc technology -- particularly  
in the early years in underestimating the demand for programming to play on  
their machines. I was so disgusted with what I read that I vowed to never  
purchase another RCA consumer product again -- and, over the years, I've  
expanded my personal boycott to include the consumer lines associated with  
the firm that now produces RCA consumer electronics. Just as VHS now is  
beginning its inexorable slide toward obsolescence as DVD and recordable DVD  
take off, the video disc was destined to fail eventually. But I do believe  
it's superiority to VHS video and audio could have kept it alive much longer  
had RCA not mortally wounded it with an ineffective marketing strategy.

to be sure, CED enthusiasts could throw a party and invite those who  
invested heavily in pre-recorded reel-to-reel audio recordings, pre-recorded  
movies in 3/4-inch U-matic format, the Betamax home video format as well as  
the laser disc. It's the price all of us pay for willing to be "early  
adapters." But although we recognize that's the price we pay, it's still

frustrating when we're hung out to dry.

Mark B. Cohen

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Tue, 4 June 2002 17:32:26 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Tyco Problems - Shades of RCA

Hello All:

This hasn't been a huge news story, but the financial woes of the industrial conglomerate Tyco are oddly reminiscent of RCA's problems 20 years ago.

Tyco had made too many acquisitions for its own good, about 700 over the past three years, and a couple months ago the conglomerate was expected to break up. Tyco purchased CIT Financial Services for \$10 billion in June 2001, the same company RCA Chairman Edgar Griffiths purchased in 1980 for \$1.4 billion. Tyco's plan is to divest itself of CIT to keep the rest of the conglomerate afloat, although it may be just a stopgap measure, as they're going to take an estimated loss of \$2 to \$5 billion on the sale.

RCA also used CIT profitably for this purpose, first selling off the CIT headquarters in New York for a profit of \$28 million in 1981, and divesting itself entirely of CIT in 1984 for a profit of about \$100 million.

Tyco's future may be up in the air right now, as the company's CEO Dennis Kozlowski, who just resigned yesterday, has been indicted for tax evasion of about \$1 million for not paying sales tax on the purchase of six paintings worth \$13 million. The paintings were allegedly shipped from New York to New Hampshire and the company books doctored to make it look like the purchase originated in that sales-tax free state. This has caused speculation about other questionable practices the conglomerate may have engaged in. A series of articles about Tyco can be viewed from this page:

<http://www.forbes.com/2002/06/04/0604kozlowski.html>

--Tom

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From: "Martin Kitrosser" <mkitrosser>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Porno on RCA CED  
Date: Sat, 08 Jun 2002 15:58:45 -0700

I want to let Tom know how much I enjoy his CED Website. I used to work in the Video business years ago and want to let everyone know of something which wasn't covered in the media trades. I worked for VCX Video which specialized in Adult Videos. In 1983, VCX as well as Excalibur and ARROW Entertainment tried to make a deal with RCA to release CED versions of many popular XXX Adult Porno Titles like "Deep Throat", "Devil In Miss Jones" and "Sex Wish", but none of the RCA executives were interested in Porno on CED, so we ended up working soely for Image Entertainment on Laserdiscs. Yes you have read right: Porno came close to being on CED. Anyone else interested in reading more about this

development which did not come to be? Let me know via this digest. Martin Kitrosser.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 16, 1982:

\* Cuban Vice President Carlos Rafael Rodriguez tells the U.N. General Assembly, gathered in special session to discuss disarmament, that his country has nearly doubled its military might during the preceding year by acquiring "huge quantities of modern and sophisticated weapons." He states Cuba has also increased its military manpower by 500,000 men. Rodriguez states that the buildup was necessary because the US had adopted a "philosophy of plunder."

\* A panel of the National Academy of Sciences issues a list of dietary recommendations to reduce the risk of cancer. They include eating less fat and very little salt-cured, pickled or smoked food, and more vegetables, fruit and whole grains, in particular those rich in vitamin C and beta-carotene, a chemical precursor of vitamin A.

June 17, 1982:

\* Following public protests by Argentines over their nation's defeat in the war with Great Britain over the Falkland Islands, Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri resigns as president, commander in chief of the army, and member of the ruling junta. Ten weeks of fighting had come to an end with a June 15 surrender by Argentina and a cease-fire.

\* Federal epidemiologists investigating the immune system disorder AIDS report evidence linking the illness to an unknown infectious agent.

June 18, 1982:

\* The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly approves renewal of the 1965 Voting Rights Act for an additional 25 years. Five days later the House of Representatives unanimously accepts the Senate version of the bill.

\* President Reagan widens a ban on sales of US oil and gas equipment to Russia, which is building a gas pipeline from Siberia to Central Europe.

Pultizer Prize winning author John Cheever dies at age 70. He is best known for "The Swimmer," made into a movie starring Burt Lancaster.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Firefox.

June 19, 1982:

\* Two white men beat to death Chinese-American Vincent Chin outside a club in Highland Park, Michigan. The men attacked Mr. Chin because they thought he was Japanese and blamed Japanese competition for the plight of the U.S. auto industry.

June 20, 1982:

\* Iraq's president Saddam Hussein announces that Iraqi troops have begun withdrawing from Iran.

June 21, 1982:

- \* A federal jury finds John W. Hinckley, Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity of shooting President Reagan and three others on March 30, 1981. Hinckley is committed to a Washington, D.C. hospital for an indefinite period.
- \* President Reagan and Israel's Prime Minister Menahem Begin meet at the White House to discuss the Lebanon crisis.
- \* Buckingham Palace announces that a son has been born to Prince Charles and Lady Diana, the prince and princess of Wales. The child, named William Arthur Phillip Louis, is second in line to the British throne.

June 22, 1982:

- \* The U.S. Department of Justice charges 18 Japanese with conspiring to steal industrial secrets from IBM. Most of those charged are employees of Hitachi Ltd., which allegedly paid \$622 million for classified information about IBM technology. The defendants are accused of paying the money to an undercover FBI agent who posed as a "Silicon Valley" businessman.
- \* New Zealand announces a 12-month freeze on prices and wages.
- \* Maj. General Reynaldo Antonio Bignone is named president of Argentina.

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From: "Glenn Bennett" <Katglen1>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Mark Cohen's remarks 6/9  
Date: Sun, 9 Jun 2002 14:46:12 -0700

I agree with some of Mark's remarks but not that CED was superior to VHS. I was an "early adapter" to CED and purchased several players and many discs. I was also an early adapter to Beta (very early) and LaserDisc. I pretty much wasted a lot of money on all of these formats. The only format that was around long enough to see the price of the machines and movies drop to amazingly low prices was VHS due to the huge sales volume. CED movies at \$25 and \$30 each back in the 80's seems outrageous (in 1982 dollars). The first time I noticed a big improvement with CED playback was with the SJT series machines. Until then there was lots of skipping and disc quality was often not very good. These problems didn't exist with VHS. But giving credit where do it amazes me that I can still play a CED disc all the way through and enjoy it but so many of my "high tech" laserdiscs have "rotted" and are unplayable. (Laser rot was caused by the two "sides" glued together with a glue that eventually ate it's way into the readable portion of the laserdisc.) As much as I wanted to be an early adapter to DVD I waited until the players were down to well under \$200 (instead of \$500). The days of VHS are coming to an end. Sales people just tell us to replace our favorite tapes with DVD. As if we have unlimited funds to just do that having accumulated dozens of pre-recorded VHS tapes.

Glenn Bennett

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From: "JAMES ELKINS" <gcd10lds>  
To: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 23  
Date: Sun, 9 Jun 2002 21:43:33 -0700

I remember driving in my car and listening to a lady on the radio who had something to do with CED discs. She was saying very sternly and with a touch of disgust in her voice that "there will never be porno on CED discs". Having seen how the porno industry boosted the sale of VHS, I remember

muttering to myself "lady you've just killed the CED". Less than three months later RCA pulled the plug on CED. JIM in California

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From: Peter.Foret  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: RE: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 23  
Date: Mon, 10 Jun 2002 09:36:57 -0500

Hi Tom,

I just wanted to throw in my two cents about the demise of CED and the changes in technology. I find it interesting to finally be of the age where I have seen technology created and become obsolete. I remember as a child, playing with reel to reel tape decks and 8-tracks. I remember when records were how music was sold and I was an early adopter of CD.

1984 was the year for me that my family decided to purchase a video machine and, because of my interest and knowledge in the area, it was left to me to pick one. I remember many that had CED complaining of the "skipping" problem, plus the disc formats did not record; which was the other "half" of the equation. RCA stopped production of the players before we made our purchase. I decided upon a high end NEC Beta HiFi deck based on the quality of the format. I too had to watch Beta die a slow death. I have never liked VHS and only purchased one to keep up with technology. I was a relatively late adopter of the high end, niche market LD format and have had to watch it become quietly obsolete at the hands of DVD. While I believe DVD is "capable" of having a better image than LD, especially thru S-Video, the quality of most discs just doesn't justify the switch in technology. I again find myself abandoning a perfectly good technology to keep up with technology.

It will be interesting to watch the switch in the very devices we use to watch these formats as TV makes the switch from analog to digital. While I would agree that it is time to upgrade from the 50+ year old TV technology for better image quality, the fact that most broadcasts will only be 480i with the same digital artifacts and drop outs that annoy me with DVD will once again leave me wondering if it is worth the switch.

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CED Collection For Sale!  
Date: Mon, 10 Jun 2002 12:33:32 -0500

Hi All,  
I'm selling some of my CED collection. the car died!!! so i'm selling two players that work great & 33 CED Discs with them!!! All for \$170.00. if anyone is Interested in this collection,e-mail me here at wolfallen@hotmail.com and I'll send you the list of movie's i have and the type of players. i will only take "MONEY ORDERS" no checks!!! this is a great deal. don't pass it buy!!! Allen Wolf.

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Date: Tue, 11 Jun 2002 05:42:09 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Terry Helopoulos <medmatch2>  
Subject: CED collection for sale  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>



FOR SALE:

CED Collection - \$200 plus shipping  
Includes 330 CED's and one machine  
Write Chris at medmatch2@yahoo.com for list.

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CED Collection for sale Pt II:Getting out of CED Forever!!!  
Date: Tue, 11 Jun 2002 15:50:17 -0500

Hi All,

I Hope this letter get's into the diegest. i have another one here too about selling my CED Collection!after years of trying to keep my CED collection going i'm packing it in. I'v bin out of work for some time do to health reasons and it takes cash to keep any hobby going. so i'm selling off the hole shabang!!!!I'm including my collection here so you can all see what i'm asking \$170.00 for. it's well worth it. with this list i would like to say goodbye to Mr.Howe for giving my childhood a second chance at CED. if anyone is interested contact me at my e-mail.....(wolfallen@hotmail.com) here's the list:

1-RCA SJT-100 Player. (One of two) other is going to CED Central next week.  
2-Realistic 16-301,CED-1 Player. & 33 Discs.

some of the titles are

- 1-The Dirty Dozen.
- 2-Jaws.
- 3-The Maltese Falcon.
- 4-The Amityville Horror.
- 5-The Four Seasons.
- 6-Metalstorm.
- 7-Zombie.

and lots more too! e-mail me for a list.

Farewell all. God Bless!!!

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 12 Jun 2002 15:00:56 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Nipper Pictures

Here's the picture of Nipper being unfriendly to a VideoDisc player. This is actually a Xerox copy of a T-Shirt I saw at Sarnoff Corp. a year ago. It seems that even after 20 years, nearly all the CED engineers who still work there retain some memorabilia from the VideoDisc days in their offices. My understanding is that this T-Shirt was sold by someone laid off from the Bloomington plant, and was a popular item among those disenfranchised employees.

WARNING: Do not view this image if you are easily offended.  
<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/out-the-door-in-eighty-four.jpg>

It seems the use of T-Shirts to poke fun at the perceived wrong doings of companies is as popular as ever. There are dozens of Enron designs available on the internet. Here's a site named after Enron CEO Ken Lay that has a selection:

<http://www.laydoff.com/>

This site also has some good articles about the Enron debacle that have some

parallels to RCA discontinuing the CED system. Of course, Enron's problems were caused by dishonesty at high levels in the company, while the situation with CED appears to simply be a "We Took Action!" decision by the RCA Board of Directors. But the rank-and-file employees of both companies appear to have held the respective corporations in high regard, right up to the moment the ax fell, and in retrospect still regard the work experience as valuable. Here's an interesting article on that perspective at Enron:

[http://www.laydoff.com/articles/atlanta\\_journal\\_1\\_19\\_02.html](http://www.laydoff.com/articles/atlanta_journal_1_19_02.html)

--Tom

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Date: Wed, 12 Jun 2002 15:36:59 -0700  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Magnetic <magnetic>  
Subject: Deleted scenes from "Private Resort"

I know people here have commented that some CEDs (Phantasm comes to mind) actually have more scenes than the videotape versions. I recently acquired the movie "Private Resort" on CED, and I noticed it is missing some scenes that are in the full version, right near the end of side 1 & beginning of side 2.

I'll describe this part of the movie, and the scenes in [brackets] are what's missing from the CED.

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Rob Morrow's character, Ben, is in Shirley's hotel room, who he has a blind date with. He brings a bottle of aspirin that really has quaaludes inside, as he plans to get her to take some and loosen her up. Shirley is too busy worshipping a new-age spirit guide to be interested in love, and she tells him that she doesn't need any aspirin. Ben endures Shirley's meditation and chanting for a while until she tells him to take off his clothes and worship with her. Thinking he's going to get lucky, Ben undresses. Shirley says "Do you feel the spirit rising within you?" Ben says, "I feel it," smirking and obviously referring to something else.

(Here the CED goes black -- end of side 1. The following scenes are in the regular version of the movie:)

[Ben makes a move on Shirley, and she is offended. She only undressed to worship and is truly not interested in sex with him. Ben dresses and leaves, forgetting the bottle of aspirin on the coffee table. Shirley's grandma, Mrs. Rawlings, comes in. She has a headache from dancing in the hotel bar. She says something like "Oh! Aspirin! I'll take a few." She takes several of the quaaludes.]

(CED resumes, side 2)

Mrs. Rawlings walks out into the parking lot. She's obviously high and in a romantic mood. She sets her sights on the hotel barber, who is getting into his car. She locks him into an embrace and tries to kiss him. As he resists, she asks him to have a little fun with her and says "I have aspirin!"

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With the scene gone, there's really no explanation how Mrs. Rawlings came to be

so intoxicated and why she's feeling amorous -- and it's implied that Ben scored with Shirley, when in reality she rebuffed him. I was actually disappointed that the CED is missing these scenes, because (sadly, yes, I know) this is one of me and my sister's favorite B movies from the 80s. We have watched and made fun of it numerous times together over the years, and I've been looking for it on CED for quite some time. I wonder if the scenes were deleted by mistake (because they happen exactly at the disc flip) or were cut to save time.

Just found it interesting... anyone else know of any other similar deletions?

Jill

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From: "Ken King" <kkingcqe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Clean Caddy  
Date: Thu, 13 Jun 2002 01:24:29 +0000

Has anyone come up with a way to remove some of the soil from the outside of a caddy without ruining the label? I'd like to spruce some of them up a bit and keep them from transferring dirt to other disks while in storage.

Well, at least we know that soap and water is not a good idea...

-Ken King

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 23, 1982:

\* A compromise budget of \$769.82 billion, with a deficit of \$103.9 billion for fiscal year 1983, is given final approval by Congress.

June 24, 1982:

\* The U.S. Supreme Court rules 5-4 that no president can be sued for damages connected with actions taken while serving as the nation's chief executive.  
\* Soyuz T-6 is launched from the Soviet Space Center. Jean-Loup Chretien, a French Air Force colonel, joins Soviet cosmonauts Col. Vladimir A. Dzhanibekov and Aleksandr S. Ivanchenkov aboard the spacecraft.

June 25, 1982:

\* President Reagan announces the resignation of Alexander M. Haig, Jr., as U.S. Secretary of State over a foreign policy dispute. George P. Shultz, who held a cabinet post in the Nixon administration, is nominated as Haig's successor.  
\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: The Thing, Blade Runner, Megaforce.

June 26, 1982:

\* The US vetoes a U.N. resolution for limited withdrawal from Beirut by the PLO and Israel.

June 27, 1982:

\* Space Shuttle Columbia mission STS-4 takes off for its fourth and final test mission with a two-person crew. The spacecraft, carrying its first military and commercial payloads is piloted by Capt. Thomas K. Mattingly of the Navy, while the commander, Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr., is a civilian.

June 28, 1982:

\* Special prosecutor Leon Silverman declares that "there was insufficient credible evidence to warrant prosecution" of Raymond J. Donovan for alleged crimes the Secretary of Labor may have committed while he was an executive of a New Jersey construction company.

\* Canadian Finance minister Allan MacEachen proposes a new federal budget providing for higher taxes, investment incentives, and wage restraints, aimed at pulling Canada out of a severe economic crisis.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Columbia Pictures And RCA Form New Joint Venture to Market Home Video Programs in U.S. and Canada

Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. and RCA Corporation today announced that they have entered into a new joint venture in home video entertainment for the marketing of programs in the United States and Canada.

Formation of the new joint venture follows the creation of RCA/Columbia Pictures International Video in June 1981 for the purpose of distributing video programs in other parts of the world.

The new venture was announced by Francis T. Vincent, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc., a subsidiary of The Coca-Cola Company; Frank Price, Chairman and President of Columbia Pictures, the motion picture division; and Herbert S. Schlosser, Executive Vice President of RCA.

In making the announcement, Mr. Vincent said, "We are delighted with this agreement, which is in keeping with The Coca-Cola Company's stated strategy to further strengthen its profits from U.S.-based businesses."

Under the agreement, the new joint venture will have access to Columbia Pictures' extensive libraries of motion pictures and television programs, as well as future theatrical and television productions from Columbia Pictures and video music productions of RCA Records. The venture also will acquire new programs for distribution on cassettes and discs.

The new venture will continue and expand the operations of Columbia Pictures' Home Entertainment Division, which currently markets and distributes home video products.

RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, the company's software division, will continue to supply video discs to the RCA Consumer Electronics Division's distributor network for sale through more than 5,000 dealers nationwide.

The three executives said in a joint statement that the two joint ventures will give RCA and Columbia Pictures a worldwide operating base in the fast-growing market for home video entertainment.

RCA/Columbia Pictures International Video currently distributes home video material on all cassette formats in the United Kingdom and France and plans to expand into West Germany later this year.

Commenting on the new U.S./Canada joint venture, Mr. Schlosser said, "It is part of RCA's long-range program to make the company's entertainment businesses a major contributor to growth and profits in the years ahead. We want to make certain that we are in a favorable position to benefit from the new developments in home video entertainment."

Victor A. Kaufman, Vice Chairman of Columbia Pictures, said, "Columbia is very satisfied with the results achieved by the international joint venture, and we look forward to furthering our relationship with RCA through this new agreement. We are especially pleased that our participation in the new venture will be through Jonathan L. Dolgen, President of Columbia Pictures Pay-Cable and Home Entertainment Group."

Mr. Dolgen said, "We are delighted with the transaction, our new partner and our prospects for the future. We believe this agreement will strengthen our position in the rapidly-expanding home entertainment market."

Robert D. Summer, President of RCA Records, said, "The new venture will enhance the opportunities for our recording artists to share in the expected boom in home video entertainment through the 1980's and beyond."

Details of the new venture's organizational structure will be announced at a later date.

June 29, 1982:

\* A federal judge in Miami, Florida rules that "it would not be just or equitable" to continue holding Haitian refugees in detention camps even though they entered the US illegally. In ordering the parole of most of the 1,900 refugees, the judge stipulates that each Haitian have a written agreement from both a voluntary resettlement agency and an individual sponsor stating that they will abide by the terms of the release.

\* Strategic arms reduction talks (START) between the United States and Russia begin in Geneva, Switzerland.

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From: "Guy Krause" <krauseg>  
To: tom@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 24  
Date: Sun, 16 Jun 2002 08:34:11 -0700

My biggest complaint about DVDs is that all of the newer movies seem to come in the widescreen format. It's tolerable up to about 1.65:1 aspect ratio, but 2.35:1 is like the vertical height died on your TV. The double-sided discs, with "formatted to fit your screen" pan & scan don't seem to be available anymore. Good thing they're not trying to convert (yet) the older movies to widescreen; Hollywood tried that with Gone with the Wind a long time ago, and that was awful. CEDs were definitely better in video and sound quality than VHS before HQ, but are inferior in resolution to a modern VHS, even without S-video.

Guy Krause

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To: digest@cedmagic.com

Date: Mon, 17 Jun 2002 01:23:42 -8600  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Deleted scenes from "Private Resort"

>I recently acquired the movie "Private Resort" on CED, and I noticed it is  
>missing some scenes that are in the full version, right near the end of side 1  
>& beginning of side 2.

I checked my copy of "Private Resort" and it is likewise missing the scene  
between Side 1 and Side 2. I suppose somebody could have intentionally edited  
this out because the guy failed to score in the missing scene, but more likely  
it was a mastering error similar to that on "The Secret of NIMH.":

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/ced-variations.html>

With this movie coming out so late in the CED market phase, the error was  
probably never noticed and corrected as it was on NIMH.

"Private Resort" is listed as being 82 minutes long, but with the missing scene  
the entire CED is only 73:27 in length, making it one of the shortest  
theatrical movies on CED. That got me thinking what the shortest CED movie  
might be, and I came up with "Reefer Madness" at a total length of 66:40. Side  
2 of that disc is only 9:14 in duration. Can anyone think of a CED movie title  
shorter in either total length or the length of Side 2 ?

--Tom

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Date: Mon, 17 Jun 2002 10:02:13 -0600  
From: Jimi jones <jijones>  
To: CED digest <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Star Wars CED puzzle

Greetings all. First off, I want to say how great this resource is. I  
enjoy it very much.

With regard to the Star Wars (A New Hope) CED: I swear my old copy of  
that CED has the fabled "extra scene of Luke initially missing with his  
grappling hook in the Death Star." I had a CED player and this disk when  
I was a kid and had forgotten all about that little scene until I  
noticed a mention of it on the cedmagic site. Unfortunately, I don't  
live near my hometown anymore and my mom can't find the old disk player,  
so I can't test my memory. Has anyone else come across this scene in  
their copies of Star Wars? I really don't think I'm crazy here, but  
everything I've heard about this tells me my memory is incorrect.

HELP!

Jimi Jones

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Date: Sat, 22 Jun 2002 23:50:15 -70800  
Subject: Herbert Kroemer Receives 2002 IEEE Medal of Honor

In the IEEE Honors Ceremony today, former RCA Laboratories scientist Herbert  
Kroemer was presented the IEEE Medal of Honor, the highest award of the IEEE.  
He also received the 2000 Nobel Prize in Physics. While at RCA, Dr. Kroemer

originated the concept of the heterostructure transistor, although the material technology to build the device did not yet exist. Later he applied the heterostructure technique, which involves the use of different semiconductors at varying band gaps, to semiconductor lasers, which allowed the devices to operate at room temperature. This paved the way for the compact semiconductor lasers in widespread use today in laser pointers and CD and DVD players. An article on Herbert Kroemer's 50-year career can be read on this page:

<http://www.spectrum.ieee.org/WEBONLY/publicfeature/jun02/med.html>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 30, 1982:

\* Efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution end in failure when legislators in three additional states cannot be persuaded in sufficient numbers to vote approval of the measure before the midnight deadline.

July 1, 1982:

\* A mass ceremony conducted by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church in New York City's Madison Square Garden weds more than 2,000 couples.  
\* Starch blocker diet pills are declared to be "unapproved new drugs" by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and are ordered off the market.

\* CED Title Releases for July 1982:

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Adventures of Robin Hood, The [RCA]  
Baseball Fun and Games/Greatest World Series Ever  
Blazing Saddles  
Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie, The  
Dr. No [RCA]  
Jane Fonda's Workout  
Last Tango in Paris (2)  
Love At First Bite  
Pirate, The  
Sailor Who Fell From Grace With the Sea, The  
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers  
Stripes  
Tarzan, The Ape Man  
Three Musketeers, The [1974]  
Tom & Jerry II  
Viva Las Vegas  
Westworld  
White Lightning [RCA]

July 2, 1982:

- \* The U.S. Supreme Court overturns a Mississippi Supreme court decision that held the NAACP liable for damages that resulted from a business boycott organized in Port Gibson. In another ruling, the Court declares child pornography is not automatically entitled to First Amendment protection.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Secret of NIMH.

July 3, 1982:

- \* In Tel Aviv, Israel, 100,000 Israelis march for peace.
- \* Martina Navratilova defeats Chris Evert Lloyd to win the women's singles title at the Wimbledon tennis championship. The following day Jimmy Connors defeats John McEnroe for the men's singles title.
- \* "Don't You Want Me" by The Human League becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

July 4, 1982:

- \* Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado of the Institutional Revolutionary Party is elected president of Mexico with about 75 percent of the popular vote.
- \* President Antonio Guzman Fernandez of the Dominican Republic dies of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was reportedly depressed after discovering that some of his most trusted aides had been stealing government funds. Vice President Jacobo Majluta Azar succeeds him.
- \* The U.S. space shuttle Columbia completes the last of four scheduled test flights.
- \* Independence Day celebrations take place in the United States. Deely Bobbers, the summer fun fashion of 1982, are worn on the heads of many participants.

July 5, 1982:

- \* Federal regulators declare the Penn Square Bank of Oklahoma City, OK insolvent because of huge losses it has sustained on loans to small oil and gas companies whose collateral only partially covered the amounts they borrowed.

July 6, 1982:

- \* President Reagan announces conditional agreement to the use of U.S. troops in an international peacekeeping force in Beirut, Lebanon.
- \* An estimated 90 people are killed in an Aeroflot jetliner that crashes shortly after takeoff near Moscow.

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Date: Mon, 24 Jun 2002 17:52:37 -0400  
From: "Forrest Proctor" <FORRESTP>  
To: <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Widescreen VS Pan N' Scan

A response to the posting from Guy Krause, CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 25

I'm Forrest Proctor, also a subscriber to CED Magic. I read your posting about your fear that older movies will be re-mastered in Wide-screen instead of Pan and scan. Most older films shot before 1952 were photographed in the same Aspect Ratio (Height to Width) as a television. The television industry got their design for an image from film screens of the era.

The Film industry was in such an uproar about Television because of it's growing popularity, and they assumed that "TV" was going to put Hollywood out of business. Not to mention that a television screen looked the same as a movie screen, just smaller. Hollywood began to explore new avenues of presentation and came up with Cinemascope, Flat, 70mm, Vistavision etc. all of which were large format and/or Wide-screen resulting in a size up to 40% wider than your typical television screen. When these films are presented on television, they can only show a portion of the frame on the screen; the rest



is lost because of the limitations of the television set, which is why they have to "Pan and Scan" across the frame to follow the action in hopes of leaving the Director's original view intact. When presented as the Director intended, it appears (especially in 2:35 to 1 aspect ratio) as a thin band of picture in the middle of the screen. 2.35 to 1 would make a 20 ft tall screen approximately 47 ft wide (some theatres cheat and make the screen measurement actually 2.0 to 1 to save room). The size and aspect ratio of today's films makes them incompatible with TV.

The upshot of the whole thing is that no, you don't have to worry about the older Cary Grant/Marx Brothers/Kate Hepburn films to be put in Wide-screen: It simply cannot be done.

Forrest.

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Date: Tue, 25 Jun 2002 18:22:03 -0700  
From: Neil Wagner <orac>  
To: \_CED Magic mail list <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Shortest "full-length" movie

> That got me thinking what the shortest CED movie might be, and I came  
> up with "Reefer Madness" at a total length of 66:40. Side 2 of that  
> disc is only 9:14 in duration. Can anyone think of a CED movie title  
> shorter in either total length or the length of Side 2 ?

It's a shame the old Sherlock Holmes films starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce were never released on CED, since several of them would easily top your mark. The shortest appears to be "Terror By Night" which clocks in at just 60 minutes.

Sorry, no other ideas for short movies.

Neil

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 7, 1982:

\* Private Western bankers try in vain to work out a settlement with Polish officials on that nation's multi-billion-dollar debts. Poland wants new credits to cover its 1982 interest payments of deferment of both interest and principal payments until the following year.

July 8, 1982:

\* During a meeting with Canadian Finance Minister Allan MacEachen, representatives of many of the country's major businesses indicate a willingness to support Prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's effort to limit wage increases to 6% in 1982.

\* Health officials in five states report 34 cases of GRID, 10 of them fatal, in Haitian immigrants who all said they were not homosexuals.

July 9, 1982:

- \* An intruder breaks into Great Britain's Buckingham Palace and enters the bedroom of Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen talks to him for 10 minutes before being able to summon a footman when the intruder requests a cigarette.
- \* A Pan American World Airways 747 jetliner, after taking off from New Orleans International Airport in a rainstorm, crashes in nearby Kenner, killing 153 people.
- \* President Reagan announces that the United States will not sign the treaty adopted by the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference, because of the treaty's restrictions on seabed mining.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: TRON.

July 10, 1982:

- \* Ministers of OPEC end an emergency two-day meeting in Vienna still divided over prices and production quotas. Iran, which along with Libya and Nigeria is accused of exceeding quotas agreed to in March, challenges Saudi Arabia's leadership.
- \* A 30-day box-office record of \$102.6 million is set by the motion picture "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial."

July 11, 1982:

- \* In Madrid, Spain, Italy wins the World Cup soccer championship, defeating West Germany 3-1. This is Italy's first victory in 44 years.

July 12, 1982:

- \* Zail Singh, a close friend of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, is elected president of India to replace N. Sanjiva Reddy, whose five-year term expires on July 25. Gandhi's nomination of a Sikh for the largely ceremonial post is seen by some as an attempt to pacify Sikhs in the state of Punjab who are clamoring for independence.
- \* Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry suspends constitutional rights in three of the country's southern provinces and orders 100 specially trained policemen into the area to quell violence instigated by a Maoist organization called Sendero Luminoso.
- \* Australia announces a record current account deficit of \$9.3 billion for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1982.
- \* Debate on a proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget begins in the U.S. Senate.
- \* In Tuscon, Arizona, Miguel Vazquez performs the first quadruple flip in a trapeze act.

July 13, 1982:

- \* Iranian troops cross the border into Iraq for the first time during their 22-month war despite earlier protestations that the purpose of Iran's spring offensive is limited to recapturing the territory it lost in the early stages of the war. Iranian troops move towards Basra, Iraq's second largest city and site of a major oil refinery. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini appears determined to keep Iranian forces fighting until Iraqi President Saddam Hussein at-Takriti is overthrown.

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From: "Martin Floyd" <mfloyd>  
To: <DIGEST@CEDMAGIC.COM>  
Subject: PLAYER SERVICE MANUAL  
Date: Mon, 1 Jul 2002 08:42:47 -0500

Hi, I have surfed the CED Magic site for the link to a company specializing in service manuals, but I either don't have the correct information or I don't know how to use the company's search site.

Anyway, does anyone know where I can get a player service manual for a RCA SGT250

player? I have to try to replace the turntable/whatever that was damaged in shipment.

I have mechanical knowledge, so that isn't going to deter me. The CED Magic site

states that it is a procedure done with the manual.

Thanks for your help.

Martin

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From: katglen1

To: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>

Subject: Re: CED Digest

Date: Mon, 01 Jul 2002 19:17:21 +0000

Talk about CED still having a following...A "CED Service Alignment Disc" just went for \$127.50 on Ebay (auction #1545209956). While I am sure this is a valuable tool for someone who knows what they are doing it's a lot of money for a CED disc (sure hope it is in good condition). This item had 43 bids! If the high bidder is in this mailing list we would love to hear from him and he can tell us about this service disc.

Glenn Bennett

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From: Thompson Bob <Bob.Thompson>

To: "'digest@cedmagic.com'" <digest@cedmagic.com>

Subject: My collection of UK/PAL CED's

Date: Fri, 5 Jul 2002 13:29:41 +0100

Hi all,

I have added a section about my collection of CED's and my duplicate CED's to my website.

<http://www.roberts-radios.co.uk>

All are UK/PAL CED's. If anyone is interested in swapping/buying so we can increase our respective collections then please get in touch with me at <mailto:ced@roberts-radios.co.uk>

I'm more interested in swapping 1 for 1 than selling, but have a look anyway. Prices are generally less than eBay(UK) selling prices.

I also have some players but need to sort out the working and spares examples before putting them on my website.

If anyone has any suggestions as to content them please suggest away but I must point out that it's not intended as a UK version of cedmagic, I just don't have the time to do that and it would be very difficult to top Tom's work anyway.

Regards Bob Thompson.

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From: "jim horn" <horn>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Cc: <horn>  
Subject: buy a working video disk player  
Date: Sat, 6 Jul 2002 09:20:34 -0700

gentlemen: I have 80 or 90 video disks that I would like to transfer onto vcr format. I would like to find a good rca video disk player to use to transfer them over with. thanks jwh

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 06 Jul 2002 21:18:32 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: The Kids Are Alright

Hello All:

The untimely death of bass guitarist John Entwistle of The Who has prompted some Internet discussion of the RCA VideoDisc of TKAA. The CED release of this documentary contains some footage before and during "A Quick One" that doesn't appear on any other video release. It seems that writer/director Jeff Stein wanted the footage included, but John Entwistle had it edited out. Somehow the unedited version got released on CED. The complete story of "The Kids Are Alright" can be found on this page:

<http://www.thewho.net/linernotes/TKAA.html>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 14, 1982:

\* Composer George Tremblay, notable for his innovations with the twelve tone row, dies at age 71.

July 15, 1982:

\* Geoffrey Arthur Prime, a former employee of Britain's highly sensitive Government Communications Headquarters in Cheltenham, is arraigned on an espionage charge.

\* Bolivia's President Celso Torrelío Villa and his Cabinet resign.

July 16, 1982:

\* George P. Schultz, who held a Cabinet post in the Nixon administration, is sworn in as U.S. Secretary of State.

\* A U.S. federal judge in New York City sentences the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean founder of the Unification Church, to 18 months in prison for tax fraud and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Young Doctors in Love, Six Pack.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Begins Early Shipments of New Stereo Video Disc Player

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 16 -- RCA has begun shipping a deluxe stereo video disc player more than a month ahead of the original August schedule due to distributor and dealer demand for the new model.

Introduced in May, the SGT250 player features electronic function controls and an infrared remote control, the first such model in RCA's line of four VideoDisc players. The SGT250 carries an optional retail price of \$449.95, while the company's basic monaural player is optionally retail priced at \$299.95.

Arnold T. Valencia, President of the RCA Sales Corporation, said trade demand for the deluxe stereo player "was an encouraging indication of strong dealer interest in the new stereo capability of RCA's VideoDisc system." RCA's other stereo player, without remote control, carries an optional retail price of \$399.95.

Mr. Valencia said RCA plans to sharply increase its production schedule on the new SGT250 model.

July 17, 1982:

\* A model of the Galileo Probe is successfully tested at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. The working probe will eventually be dropped into the atmosphere of Jupiter by the Galileo Orbiter.

July 18, 1982:

\* A strike by British railway workers comes to an end as rail engineers accept a management plan for a flexible workday.

July 19, 1982:

\* The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 14 percent of the population had an income below the official poverty level in 1981, the highest rate since 1967.  
\* Bolivia announces that the resignations of President Celso Torrelío Villa and his Cabinet have been accepted. A military junta composed of the chiefs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force takes over the government.  
\* Patrick Jenkins, Great Britain's Secretary of State for Industry, tells the House of Commons that the government plans to sell a majority share in British Telecom, the state-owned telephone company.

July 20, 1982:

\* IRA terrorist bombs explode in two London parks, killing 11 soldiers and wounding 59 soldiers and civilians.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sun, 7 Jul 2002 23:03:45 -0700  
Subject: Spending Money on CED Stuff  
From: hbo3

^From: katglen1

^To: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
^Subject: Re: CED Digest  
^Date: Mon, 01 Jul 2002 19:17:21 +0000  
^Talk about CED still having a following...A "CED  
^Service Alignment Disc" just went for \$127.50 on Ebay  
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^it's a lot of money for a CED disc (sure hope it is in  
^good condition). This item had 43 bids! If the high  
^bidder is in this mailing list we would love to hear  
^from him and he can tell us about this service disc.  
^Glenn Bennett

I noticed this auction too. Did you see where the seller posted "Never Before Seen On eBay"? Not true. I purchased one on there about 4 months ago. Bidding started at \$5.00 and I won it at \$97.51. Some time ago, I think in February, I found an SKT-400 \*New In Box\*. Auction ended with me as the winner at \$571.00 (That's Five-Hundred-Seventy-One dollars). I won by a mere three dollars. In the past year and a half, (these two recent purchases included), I've spent close to \$2,000 on CED stuff alone ever since coming to Tom's webpage. Wanna know what started it all for me? Well, I'm a fan of any technology 80's. I saw the 1981 fanfare that they put in front of all <1981 CED's and after that, I was hooked. Not to mention that I am OBSESSED with the "needlevision" thing. The fact that you can get a COLOR motion PICTURE from a needle and groove with 60 mins per side at CAV just blows me away. I have quite a few of the "Very Rare" and a few of the "Extremely Rare" discs posted on Tom's site. So yea, I'd say that there is definitely still a following.

Tom - Question: On your site you have a .MOV file of the SFT-100 Operation (The one with the guy narrating and they show 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea as the demonstration) I'm curious: What CED did this demonstration/operation instructions come from? Was it a Television commercial? Or a CED ? I'm curious, I'd really like to have that disc, or have the video in high-quality .MPG format.... Please lemme know man.

pEacE and Namaste to all the CED collectors out there that are still spending money, and collecting discs. \*MANY THANKX\* to Tom Howe! He Rocks.

-Chris (age 26, Los Angeles area)

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From: "TRAVIS HACKNEY" <travishackney>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: please help  
Date: Thu, 11 Jul 2002 23:39:44 -0400

I have a bunch of of capacitance electonic laser discs, but my player broke. I took it to a shop to have it fixed (before the proliferation of the internet), and they "lost" it. Anyways, i was wondering if it would be possible to get a system that will play all the vintage laser discs i have. Any help help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Travis

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 21, 1982:

\* In Poland, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski announces the release of more than 1,200 persons detained under martial law and the easing of travel and communications curbs.

\* The British government announces that "serious errors and omissions" by the police permitted an intruder to enter the Buckingham Palace bedroom of Queen Elizabeth II on July 9.

\* Gen. Guido Vildoso Calderon, the army chief of staff, is installed as the president of the ruling junta in Bolivia following the resignation of Pres. Celso Torrelio Villa two days earlier.

July 22, 1982:

\* The White House announces the resignation of Murray L. Weidenbaum as chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors.

\* France orders French licensees of U.S. firms to honor all contracts for the Siberian gas pipeline.

\* Michele Sindona, already serving a 25-year prison sentence in the U.S. for banking fraud, is indicted in Milan, Italy on charges of fraudulent bankruptcy, falsification of records, and violations of Italian finance laws. The charges are related to the 1974 bankruptcy of Banca Privata Italiana.

July 23, 1982:

\* Actor Vic Morrow and two children are killed in a helicopter accident during the filming of a Vietnam War scene in the CED title Twilight Zone - the Movie.

\* The International Whaling Commission votes to ban all commercial whaling, effective in 1986.

\* At least 307 people are killed by monsoon rains, floods, and mud slides on the island of Kyushu in Japan.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: The Challenge, Zapped.

July 24, 1982:

\* Researchers announce that a new drug called ivermectin can be used to treat onchocerciasis (river blindness), a tropical parasite disease.

\* Bernard Hinault wins his fourth Tour de France bicycle race.

\* "Eye of the Tiger" (CED) by Survivor becomes the No. 1 US single.

July 25, 1982:

\* Zail Singh, a loyal ally of Prime Minister Gandhi, is installed as the seventh president of India, a largely ceremonial post.

\* The U.S. Women's Open with a purse of \$27,315 is won by Janet Anderson at the Del Paso CC in Sacramento, California.

July 26, 1982:

\* Actress Betty Walker dies at age 54. She appeared in the CED title Exodus.

\* Karen Dianne Baldwin of Canada is crowned the 31st Miss Universe.

July 27, 1982:

\* Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi arrives in the U.S. for her first visit in 11 years. During the visit Gandhi and President Reagan agree to a compromise

solution over nuclear fuel for India's Tarapur power plant. The agreement prevents India from producing plutonium that could be used for nuclear weapons.  
\* The Reagan administration sends a 48-page document to Congress certifying that El Salvador is making tangible progress on human rights and the implementation of economic and political reforms. Certification every six months is a condition for continued U.S. military aid to El Salvador.  
\* GRID is officially named AIDS by the Center for Disease Control.

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From: Robert Roehm <pbskidvid>  
Subject: Re:CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 27  
To: tom@cedmagic.com  
Date: Mon, 15 Jul 2002 18:50:27 -0700

Did you know that it has been 1 year and a week since DIVX expired? Some DIVX DVD players are still able to view DIVX movies for free with a simple hack. The website <http://www.the-doa.com> would have more information.

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From: "Ebay" <jarhead225>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Player Problems  
Date: Tue, 16 Jul 2002 17:14:08 -0500

I have a few questions about CED players.  
I recently bought an SJT 090 and an SJT 200 from a flea market. The SJT was missing a belt but worked if you manually put in the disk. The SJT 090 had a belt in it but would not power up. Ive replaced the belt in the SJT 200 model from the 090 but the 090 is in better physical condition. Ive checked the fuse in the 090 and looked at as much of the compnents as possible. None of them seem to be blackened like if they had a power surge or lightning strike. So I wanted to know if you knew of any problems in this series of players that made power not work?

Like I said I got the 200 model to work but when I watch the movies I have in some spots the picture looks like multi colored bubbles. and skips in sections. I looked at the disks and they seem fine. Is there anything i can do to the player to make this not happen?

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From: "James & Ariana Curiel" <jacuriel>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CED?  
Date: Fri, 19 Jul 2002 00:12:59 -0700

Dear Tom and All,

I got back a couple of weeks after flying to Canada, and then driving back with about 190 players and over 5,000 discs. I went to Kirkland Lake, and Ernie Lang and Steve showed me around their town. Was a very cool visit. Very nice people. Good to see honest, decent people in the video business.

On the way back, I was detained at Customs in Detroit for five hours. One problem was each person said they had never seen the machines before. They did not know what to make of them or how to assess any value to them.



At one point they had the FDA inspect my truck. The officer would not tell me why the FDA had to inspect my truck. Since 9/11 you basically have no rights (You thought this was America, well forget it now. It looks like fascists have won.), so the officers have a lot of power and do what they want. And you the citizen have no rights. Zieg heil mein Kommandante.

The FDA finally inspected my truck, and I asked him, the FDA inspector, why he was inspecting my truck. He said they FDA is in charge of anything that has to do with radiation, and that since the machines had lasers, that he had to inspect it. I told them these were Capacitance Electronic Discs, not laserdiscs, and that machines did not have lasers. But the inspector did not take my word for it, he had to look at the machines. He was cool about it, but it was interesting. I think he was genuinely interested in the machines though, and that he wanted to look at them anyway.

Anyway, that was an interesting adventure. And now I have a lot more discs and machines at [www.CEDcentral.com](http://www.CEDcentral.com)

Just want to let people know that at customs, they don't know how to deal with these machines. And be sure to let them know the FDA does not need to inspect your players.

Peace.

signed James

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END CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 29

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 30 7/27/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 28, 1982:

\* San Francisco becomes the first U.S. city to ban handguns.

July 29, 1982:

\* It is announced that "The Gallery of the Louvre," an 1832 painting by Samuel F. B. Morse, has been sold for \$3.25 million, the highest price to date for an American work of art. Morse had been a well-known artist before he invented the Morse code and telegraph.

\* A South African judge sentences 42 white mercenaries found guilty of air piracy after an unsuccessful coup in the Seychelles in November 1981.

July 30, 1982:

\* Panama's President Aristides Royo Sanches resigns and Vice President Ricardo de la Espriella, Jr. succeeds him.

\* William Tavoulareas, president of Mobil Oil Corporation, wins a \$2 million libel suit against The Washington Post.

\* Vladimir Zworykin dies at age 92. He invented the Iconoscope and Kinescope in the 1920's, which later made broadcast TV possible, and maintained an office at RCA Laboratories until the time of his death:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/kinescope-zworykin-1929.html>

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: An Officer and A Gentleman.

July 31, 1982:

- \* Yugoslavia imposes a six-month freeze on prices.
- \* A bus collision on a rainswept road near Beaune in the Burgundy region of France kills 44 camp-bound children and nine adults.

August 1, 1982:

- \* Israeli planes bomb West Beirut for 14 hours in the most extensive attack against Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon since June 6, when Israel sent its troops across the border.
- \* Army troops loyal to Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi suppress an antigovernment revolt organized by members of the Air Force. About 3,000 persons are arrested, including all 2,100 members of the Air Force.

\* CED Title Releases for August 1982:

42nd Street  
And Justice For All  
Bananas  
Bob Welch and Friends: Live from the Roxy\*  
Brubaker (2)  
Buddy Buddy  
Cannery Row  
Charlie Brown Festival, Vol. 3  
Dot and the Kangaroo  
First Barry Manilow Special, The\*  
Hansel and Gretel [RCA]  
In Praise of Older Women  
Key Largo  
Murder on the Orient Express (2)  
Neighbors  
NFL'81 Official Season Yearbook Featuring Superbowl XVI  
Omen, The  
Pretty Baby  
Revenge of the Pink Panther [RCA]  
Rich and Famous  
Searchers, The  
Semi-Tough  
Star Wars\*\*  
Stranger Is Watching, A  
Straw Dogs  
Swept Away  
Tom Jones (2)  
Tommy\*\*  
True Confessions  
Wholly Moses!

August 2, 1982:

- \* Michael Somare succeeds Julius Chan as prime minister of Papua New Guinea following parliamentary elections.

August 3, 1982:

- \* New York Yankees manager Gene Michaels is replaced by Clyde King.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 27 Jul 2002 16:24:27 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>

Subject: RE: Player Problems

>So I wanted to know if you knew of any problems in this series of players  
>that made power not work?

I haven't seen any systemic power problems with J/K players. The next easiest thing to check on the SJT090 player is the power switch. With the cover off, make sure the switch is latching as it is toggled between ON and OFF. Sometimes the button on the outside of the player doesn't properly engage the switch.

>Like I said I got the 200 model to work but when I watch the movies I have  
>in some spots the picture looks like multi colored bubbles. and skips  
>in sections. I looked at the disks and they seem fine. Is there anything  
>i can do to the player to make this not happen?

If the skips are repeatable, and likewise the good sections of the discs repeatedly play OK, I'd say you're observing normal skipping due to damaged areas on the discs. If this player were an F/G unit, I'd guess the multicolored effect is due to a variable turntable RPM rate, but this is unlikely with a J/K unit. If you have a digital camera, you could take a photo of this multicolor bubble effect and attach it to a followup message to the digest. I'll transfer it to the web and provide the URL so digest readers can take a look at it.

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 31 8/3/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

August 4, 1982:

- \*Israeli planes, gunboats, and artillery stage a major attack across West Beirut, Lebanon. Casualties are said to be "in the hundreds."
- \* Panama's Supreme court invalidates an order that closed down eight daily newspapers on July 30. Brig. Gen. Ruben Dario Paredes, commander of the National Guard, reportedly ordered the closedown to stifle criticism of government officials.

August 5, 1982:

- \* The antiarthritic drug Oralflex is withdrawn from the market by its manufacturers, Eli Lilly & Company, after preliminary reports link the drug to 72 deaths in the United States and Britain.
- \* A nuclear freeze resolution is rejected by the U.S. House of Representatives.

August 6, 1982:

- \* Lebanon announces that the Palestine Liberation Organization has agreed to terms for the peaceful withdrawal of its forces from the country.
- \* Italian authorities order the liquidation of Milan's Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's largest privately owned bank. Roberto Calvi, head of operations at Banco Ambrosiano, was found dead in London in June, an apparent suicide. His bank had allegedly made unsecured loans amounting to \$1.4 billion.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Pirate Movie.

August 7, 1982:

\* Armenian gunmen attack the airport at Ankara, Turkey. At least 9 persons are killed and 72 are reported injured in the terrorist incident, which the Armenians called a protest against the "Turkish fascist occupation of our land."

\* The year-old government of Italy led by Premier Giovanni Spadolini resigned after the Socialist Party quits the coalition.

\* "Mirage" by Fleetwood Mac (CED) becomes the No. 1 US Album.

August 8, 1982:

\* New Jersey passes a bill permitting the death penalty by lethal injection.

\* The PGA Championship is won by Ray Floyd at the Southern Hills CC in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

August 9, 1982:

\* A federal judge finds that there is "clear and convincing evidence" that presidential assailant John W. Hinckley, Jr., is mentally ill and dangerous, and orders him to a mental hospital for an indefinite period.

\* A White House spokesman confirms that the Reagan administration will not submit its new federalism plan to Congress until 1983. After six months of debate and negotiations, the governors of the states and federal representatives have been unable to reach agreement on several major issues.

August 10, 1982:

\* Syria announces it is willing to accept all Palestinian guerrillas being forced to withdraw from West Beirut.

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From: "Daniel Cayea" <dpcaeyalmc>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Disk's for Sale  
Date: Fri, 02 Aug 2002 18:40:54 -0400

Hi Everyone:

I'm going back to college next year and I've got way to much stuff, regretably that also means I have to get rid of my rather large collection of CED's that I've tried to keep and preserve over the years. I'll be selling them off in chunks over the next few months, in the lists I'll post the title, its UPC code, and what I'm asking for the disc. My price is based on rarity according to Tom's guide @ the CED Magic website, their condition and the number of discs.

Thanks!

List for Week 1

Coal Miners Daughter (76476033088), \$13, 1-Disc  
Disney Cartoon Classics: Daisy (76476007478), \$15, 1-Disc  
Disney Cartoon Classics: Donald (76476007461), \$15, 1-Disc  
Disney Cartoon Classics: Mickey (76476007447), \$15, 1-Disc  
Disney Cartoon Classics: Silly Symphonies, \$15, 1-Disc  
Disney Cartoon Classics: The Fabulous '50s, \$15, 1-Disc  
Disney Christmas Gift, A (76476007546), \$15, 1-Disc  
Doll's House, A (76476020248), \$13, 1-Disc  
Fiddler on the Roof (76476014049), \$20, 2-Discs  
Gandhi (76476130510), \$20, 2-Discs

Pink Panther, The (76476014056), \$10 1-Disc  
View to a Kill, A (24543473091), \$25 2-Discs

If you'd like to buy the whole set, I'll give a discount and only ask for \$170, when if purchased individually would cost \$191.

Now I will and do ship USPS, Book Rate, insured double the list price of the product. I've have done my best to check the discs for physical defects as well as play quality, but I cannot guarantee that discs will play on your player, so please inspect the disc prior to playing it in your player. If the disc is not to your expectations (except for playability) I will exchange the disc for another in my collection. If you'd like to see a disc, I'll send you a picture of myself holding the disc you are inquiring about.

Thanks for your time, and I hope to hear from my fellow collectors out there, I hope I can place them in good homes, and I appreciate you looking.

If you would like to buy any of these, please send a USPS Money Order or a Check to:

Daniel Cayea  
Post Office Box 90  
2870 Standish Road  
Lyon Mountain, New York 12952

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 03 Aug 2002 21:18:11 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CED's at Portland Area Thrift Stores

Hello:

For those of you in the vicinity of Portland, Oregon, in the past week I've seen CED's in modest quantities at two Goodwill stores. This is the first time I've seen CED's beyond a quantity of one or two in a while, and the first time in several years I've simultaneously seen them at two different places.

These two Goodwill stores are on Pacific Ave. in Tigard, Oregon and Fourth Plain Blvd. in Vancouver, Washington. You may remember a post from three years ago when this Tigard store had some CED's in the glass display case for \$39.99 each. It looks like they know more about them now, as these current batches are in the audio LP bins at \$4.99 each. Each store has about 40 discs and they appear to be of private collection origin.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

August 11, 1982:

\* South Africa reports that its forces operating in Angola have in two days killed more than 300 guerrillas opposing South African control of Namibia.

August 12, 1982:

Actor Henry Fonda dies at age 77 in Los Angeles. He appeared in a number of CED titles including On Golden Pond, Clarence Darrow, Fail-Safe, The Longest Day, 12 Angry Men, Mister Roberts, The Grapes of Wrath, and Jezebel.

\* The European Community (EC) rejects President Reagan's embargo on the use of U.S. technology for construction of the Soviet-Western Europe natural gas pipeline. The EC protests that the ban violates international law and that failure to participate in the construction would severely injure EC industries.

\* Israeli jets bomb West Beirut for 11 hours. President Reagan says the attacks caused "needless destruction and bloodshed."

August 13, 1982:

\* Major U.S. banks begin lowering their prime interest rate from 15 to 13.5 percent.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Fast Times at Ridgmont High.

August 14, 1982:

\* Irish actor Patrick Magee dies at age 58 in London. He appeared in the CED titles Chariots of Fire and A Clockwork Orange.

\* Phillies baseball star Pete Rose sets an at bat record of 12,365 surpassing Hank Aaron's previous record.

August 15, 1982:

\* Beth Daniel wins the LPGA WUI Golf Classic.

August 16, 1982:

\* Salvador Jorge Blanco is inaugurated as president of the Dominican Republic.

August 17, 1982:

\* China and the U.S. announce an agreement whereby the U.S. will gradually decrease its arms sales to Taiwan. China pledges to seek reunification with Taiwan by peaceful means.

\* The U.S. Senate approves a new immigration bill that would grant permanent resident status to illegal aliens who arrived in the United States before 1977. Illegal aliens who arrived in the U.S. after December 31, 1979 would be subject to deportation.

\* Federal District Judge James C. Turk of Roanoke, Virginia sentences 20-year-old Enten Eller to at least 250 hours of public service and places him on three years' probation for refusing to register for a possible future military draft.

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Date: Sun, 4 Aug 2002 20:51:56 -0700 (PDT)

From: James Curiel <jamescuriel>

Subject: 400 cable covers

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Dear Tom and All,

Just some notes.

1) I'm seeing more players come in with problems originating with the cable

cover, for the cable that interfaces with the player's buttons, either being broken or coming loose. Usual sequence involves a broken step motor gear, a broken function lever coupler, and a damaged turntable from the carrier arm jamming into it. I service or "tune-up" two to four players a week for people here in Sacramento and from all over the country.

There is a trick to installing the clear cover plate. First hook up the face plate or front of the player. Next, insert the prongs from the button cable into the cable that will go under the cable cover. Now with the turntable removed and the carrier arm positioned as far back into the machine as it will go, put the top hook of the cover dip it under the latch on the front of the machine. Now, comes the crucial point. There are two latches on the sides of the underside of the cover that latch onto the cable head or plastic coupler part of it. Push down on the back of the cover so these two latches go into position and latch onto the bottom of the plastic part of the cable. Do not push down if the latches are out of position by either being bent inwardly or outwardly -- they break very easily. Reposition the latches and the cover if the latches are out of position. Once the latches are pushed down and grab the cable there is a third latch to the back of the cover on the underside. This latch holds the cover and cable down in to the cabinet. Push this latch into place in the hole or opening where the cable and cover are over. After this is done there are two little square wings on the cover that go out on each side toward the front. Use a large flat head screw driver to push these square wings down and under the latches on the front face plate. They will "pop" into place.

I think the installation of this cover is the most difficult task to perform in maintaining these machines. My fingers are pretty skinny, and I have a tough time getting them in there to do this. If you know of an easier method, please write in.

2) Also, many of the machines from 1983 have the cable running inside the cabinet being held in place by hooks molded into the cabinet. This cable should be run underneath and out the opening where the cable cover is. I am now re-running every cable that is on top on machines that come in. The 1984 players, almost all of them have the cable running underneath, even when they were manufactured with the hooks molded into the cabinet for running the cable above. RCA recognized that it made no sense to run the cable up top. Sooner or later the cable will come loose and cause the carrier arm to jam.

All for now. Peace. signed James

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 7 Aug 2002 22:36:40 +0000  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 31  
From: craig v roberts <analog.tv>

Tom....I have an error videodisc. Side two of FRIENDLY PERSUATION shifts colors and has shadows in black-and-white all through this side. The problem is not with the player(s) at all---I suspect the master's speed was off just a tad. I'll swap it for a good one in a heartbeat if anybody is interested. Also, I have two Hitachi belt-driven players that need that belt kit / drive wheel modification. How could I get a pair of these? Thanks, CRAIG Greenbelt, Maryland

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

August 18, 1982:

\* France bans the radical Direct Action group after it claims responsibility for several anti-Semitic attacks.

August 19, 1982:

\* Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate approve a \$98.3 billion increase in tax revenues. President Reagan urged passage of the bill, saying it was "80 percent tax reform" and not, as some suggested, the largest tax increase in history. The bill's bipartisan support is unprecedented in an election year.

\* Svetlana Savtiskaya, a Russian test pilot, becomes the second woman to go into space, following Valentina Tereshkova, who orbited Earth in June 1963.

August 20, 1982:

\* U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block announces that the Soviet Union has accepted President Reagan's offer of a one-year extension of the grain sales agreement.

\* The U.S. offers a multibillion-dollar plan to help Mexico pay debt and emerge from its financial crisis.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Beastmaster.

August 21, 1982:

\* King Sobhuza II of Swaziland dies at the age of 83. Sobhuza, who became king at the age of 1, was the world's longest reigning sovereign.

\* About 400 members of the PLO leave Lebanon by ship, the first step in what is planned to be the total evacuation of Guerrillas from West Beirut within the next two weeks.

August 22, 1982:

\* Israel's Defense Minister Ariel Sharon urges Palestinians to discuss a peaceful coexistence.

August 23, 1982:

\* The Exxon Corporation announces it will close 850 service stations in the Northeast and Midwest because it sees no prospect for an upswing in the declining demand for gasoline.

\* Giovanni Spadolini forms Italy's 42nd post-World War II government; it has the same makeup as the one that fell August 7.

\* Bashir Gemayel, a Maronite Christian, is elected president of Lebanon despite efforts by Muslims in the National Assembly to deprive the assembly of the quorum needed for such an election.

August 24, 1982:

\* British unemployment is reported to have reached 13.8 percent of the work force in August.



Subject: the quest for a working stylus  
From: Shawn <scdolley>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Dear digest,

I have a couple of players that work ok, but really need new styli to function well. I ordered two of these, at the cost of \$40 a piece, from fox international. Both were missing the gold thread connection. I returned the defective parts, and asked for one credit and one replacement. The credited me, and replaced the part with a stylus that has the gold thread, but the thread is loose on one end. This all happened about a year ago, and I gave up.

Is there a way to repair the part I have, or is there a better source for these now discontinued parts?

Sincerely,

Shawn

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END CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 33

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CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 34 8/24/2002

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

August 25, 1982:

- \* U.S. Marines land in Lebanon to join the peacekeeping force.
- \* U.S. Rep. Frederick W. Richmond pleads guilty to tax evasion and two other charges and agrees to resign.

August 26, 1982:

- \* At the conclusion of their annual meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada's ten provincial premiers call for a special conference with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to draft a comprehensive plan for the nation's economic recovery.

August 27, 1982:

- \* King Juan Carlos of Spain acceding to the wishes of Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, formally dissolves Parliament so that general elections can be held in late October.
- \* Leroy Williams, a former congressional page, admits that he lied when he asserted in March that he had had homosexual liaisons with members of Congress.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Class of 1984.

August 28, 1982:

- \* U.S. Army Pfc. Joseph T. White of St. Louis, MO, defects to North Korea while on duty at the Demilitarized Zone that separates North and South Korea. White is the first U.S. soldier to voluntarily flee to North Korea since 1965 and only the fifth to do so since the end of the Korean War in 1953.
- \* A sharp increase in political killings in El Salvador during the past month is reported by U.S. embassy and Roman Catholic Church officials.

August 29, 1982:

\* Ingrid Bergman, the Swedish-born actress, dies from cancer at the age of 67. She won Academy Awards for her performances in *Gaslight*, *Anastasia*, and *Murder on the Orient Express* (CED). She also appears in the CED titles *Cactus Flower*, *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*, *Joan of Arc*, *Notorious*, *Spellbound*, *Casablanca*, and *Intermezzo*.

\* Mary Matossian, a historian at the University of Maryland, proposes in the journal *American Scientist* that the 1692 witchcraft hysteria in Salem, Mass., may have been caused by ergotism, the consumption of a fungus that grows chiefly on rye and causes convulsions and many other forms of bizarre behavior.

\* American Ashby Harper, at age 65, becomes the oldest person to swim the English Channel.

August 30, 1982:

\* PLO leader Yasir Arafat departs Beirut, Lebanon as the U.N. peacekeeping force becomes established.

\* Bill Dunlop of Mechanic, Maine sets a new record for crossing the Atlantic Ocean from West to East in the smallest boat. His yacht, "Wind's Will," is only nine feet long. The voyage, which took 78 days, began in Portland, Maine, and ended in Falmouth, England.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Rapid Growth Of RCA VideoDiscs System Reflects Strong Support at Dealer Level

DALLAS, August 30 -- Aggressive and creative video dealers will be the victors in the bitter trench war now under way for the consumer's dollar, an RCA spokesman said today.

While industries ranging from automotive to zinc are struggling with declining volume, sales of video products such as video discs, video cassette recorders, color television sets and home video cameras are running ahead of last year despite the recession, according to Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA VideoDiscs.

"One reason that video products have been able to counter the economic trend is the strong selling job being done at the retail level by video dealers," Mr. Kuhn said.

Noting that the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) has estimated video disc player sales at between 250,000 and 350,000 units this year, and video disc sales at between 5 million and 7.5 million albums, Mr. Kuhn said, "We are in the forefront of a new \$200 million a year business that promises to grow substantially in the years ahead."

Although the video disc still has a few skeptics, "I can tell you that the video disc in its first year outsold black-and-white television, color television and video cassette recorders combined in their initial years in the American marketplace. And that outstanding sales performance is testimony to the strength and resiliency of our distributor/dealer organization," Mr. Kuhn added.

Mr. Kuhn said, "The real profits from the video disc are going to those dealers who stock a variety of titles and prominently display them at the retail level. Our surveys indicate that in the vast majority of cases, consumers go back to the same store for additional video disc albums because that store has a good selection of titles. It seems axiomatic that dealers who carry discs sell discs."

He said RCA has put strong emphasis on dealer-oriented promotions designed to bring customers into dealer stores. This fall, for example, RCA will be running three major promotions in addition to its national television and magazine advertising.

The first promotion, which starts September 14, features the five James Bond movies now available under the RCA VideoDiscs label. Mr. Kuhn said, "The James Bond films constitute the most successful series of motion pictures ever produced, and we believe that James Bond's legion of fans will welcome the opportunity to collect these spy thrillers for their home video libraries." Any customer that buys three James Bond discs will get a \$10 rebate from RCA as an incentive to make multiple purchases.

In October, RCA will run a Halloween horror film promotion highlighting nine discs. With the purchase of any three horror discs, the consumer will get a \$10 rebate plus a \$5 coupon that may be used toward the purchase of any other RCA video disc.

In November, the company will run a promotion featuring 13 comedy discs. Once again, the consumer who buys any three of these discs will get a \$10 rebate and a \$5 coupon that can be applied to future disc purchases.

In addition, Mr. Kuhn said RCA has prepared a very exciting stereo demonstration disc to help dealers promote the new stereo video disc players and has provided dealers with point-of-purchase material to support its promotions and disc sales.

"We have approached the marketplace with the dealer's interests and needs very much in mind, because we are fully aware that the success of the video disc depends on strong dealer commitment and support," Mr. Kuhn said.

August 31, 1982:

\* Polish police use tear gas, water cannons, and noise grenades to control moderate-sized crowds of demonstrators who defy government warnings against holding rallies on the second anniversary of the founding of Solidarity, the outlawed federation of trade unions.

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From: "Ken McLean" <mcleanka>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Stylus Loose Connector Problem  
Date: Sun, 18 Aug 2002 18:45:22 -0500

Hi Tom!

Periodically, I read in the newsletter letters of problems with fixing loose connectors on styli (styluses?)...more than one stylus! Repeatedly, warnings have been given about resultant meltdowns of the connectors if/when a solder is attempted.

I have a vague memory (and they're all getting more so every day) about an electrolytic glue being available on the market. I don't know where...perhaps, Radio Shack. Would this not be a simple and solution to fixing the problem without the threat of "burning your bridges before you?"

Ken

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From: "Guy Krause" <krauseg>  
To: scdolley

Cc: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Replacement stylii  
Date: Mon, 19 Aug 2002 08:18:44 -0700

Have you tried your local GE/RCA parts outlet?

>I have a couple of players that work ok, but really need new styli to  
>function well. I ordered two of these, at the cost of \$40 a piece,  
>from fox international. Both were missing the gold thread connection.

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From: "Ken King" <kkingcqe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: SJT-400 sound  
Date: Mon, 19 Aug 2002 15:52:20 +0000

I have one of those players that came from an eBay seller who said "works great but selling as-is". Been working on this SJT-400 for some time to replace loading mechanism that arrived with several broken pieces. Now I find that it has a great picture but no sound.

Haven't really gotten into troubleshooting it yet and I think that I saw something posted here a while ago on this subject. I saw nothing at the CED Magic site about this problem. If you remember seeing this and have a copy, how about sending it my way or posting to next week's Digest? Thanks.

While I'm writing, has anyone encountered J or K series players that had the loading belt turn to ooze? First one I saw (the above mentioned player) I thought was a misguided attempt at repair. Now I found another with the same condition. Maybe came to me via the same collector? The stuff is just impossible to remove with the solvents and cleaners I've tried.

-Ken

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 24 Aug 2002 18:14:22 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: the quest for a working stylus

>I have a couple of players that work ok, but really need new styli  
>to function well. I ordered two of these, at the cost of \$40 a piece,  
>from fox international. Both were missing the gold thread connection.

For stylus cartridges, I'd recommend purchasing these from some suppliers here on CED Digest, as they are familiar with CED technology and can at least inspect the cartridge for damage or a loose gold-colored flylead. Both James Curiel (via CED Central) and Harry Libby (via the RCA VideoDisc Classifieds) offer new-in-the-box stylus cartridges. Here are the links to their web pages:

<http://www.cedcentral.com/>

<http://www.ep.com/js/about/c1064/b1064/v2/50703.html>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 1, 1982:

\* In a televised address, President Reagan endorses "full autonomy" under Jordanian supervision for Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; demands a freeze on Israeli settlements; and calls for negotiations leading to an undivided Jerusalem. The speech comes on the same day that the last Palestinian and Syrian fighters leave west Beirut.

\* Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo closes all of the country's private banks so they can be "incorporated directly into the service of the nation." He also announces the imposition of a system of strict currency exchange controls.

\* Robert Frederick, a former vice president of General Electric, is appointed President of RCA Corporation:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/rca-laboratories/mem499.html>

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

'STAR WARS' to Highlight RCA Promotions for VideoDisc System this Fall

INDIANAPOLIS, September 1 -- Five separate promotions will be launched by RCA this fall in support of its "CED" VideoDisc system, including plans for a national "Star Wars" campaign that features the box office champion movie currently being introduced on video disc.

RCA's fall activities are designed "to build on new momentum now favoring VideoDisc," said Jack K. Sauter, RCA Group Vice President. "One year after the introduction of the RCA VideoDisc system, we have fashioned a strong marketing effort that combines the new \$299.95 optional retail price level for a player with the proven success of outstanding movies that a consumer will want to own for convenient viewing."

Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA VideoDiscs, noted that consumer reaction to the offering of more current movies such as "On Golden Pond" and "Superman" had been very positive this summer, particularly when retailers offered the discs free with the purchase of a player.

"It is quite clear that software has become a major sales opportunity for a variety of consumer electronic dealers, particularly those who make a strong display commitment to the expanding 'CED' catalog," Mr. Kuhn said. He noted that RCA has just concluded a pilot agreement with Sears that will result in RCA VideoDiscs being displayed in more than 750 of the company's stores.

Mr. Sauter said the signs of momentum in favor of the "CED" VideoDisc system included "a growing awareness by retailers of the favorable business opportunities represented by this new product that will certainly benefit from an improvement in the nation's economy. As the cumulative impact of national advertising and strong software-oriented promotions take effect with the consumer, we fully expect that VideoDisc will be a demand item at retail this holiday season."

The RCA executive also noted that the "CED" system has clearly "forged to the front in the video disc competition." RCA sales to dealers rose sharply this summer, he said, with more players sold in total over the past 12 weeks than the previous 37 weeks combined.

He attributed recent sales gains by the "CED" system to the introduction of stereo players. RCA now offers two stereo models in its full line of four VideoDisc players, and "the demand for stereo VideoDisc has been exceptionally strong," Mr. Sauter said.

"We now expect that nearly half our total player sales will be in stereo models." RCA's new deluxe model, SGT250, with wireless remote control and electronic function controls, has already been increased in production plans. Both RCA stereo VideoDisc players are equipped with output jacks for hookup to an external amplifier/speaker system or stereo-ready TV.

RCA's first major national promotion begins Friday, September 3 and features a free disc offer and a money-back guarantee. Participating dealers will arrange for the purchaser of any model RCA VideoDisc player to receive two free VideoDisc albums direct from RCA. Purchasers can also take advantage of a five-day free home trial of an RCA VideoDisc player as part of the promotion.

Factory RCA advertising in support of this event will be highlighted by a major newspaper ad in some 200 markets in mid September, followed by two 1500-line ads in late September and October. The free disc offer will also be highlighted on RCA's network TV commercials.

The company's planned "Star Wars" promotion will begin October 21 and will be built around an offer of the just-released stereo "CED" video disc title with an optional retail price of \$34.98. The "Star Wars" disc will be offered free with the purchase of an RCA VideoDisc player at participating dealers.

RCA will introduce the promotion next month with a major advertising and merchandising campaign that builds on the unprecedented appeal of the George Lucas-produced movie that surpassed all previous box office records and was seen by more than a billion movie goers. RCA will spend over \$2 million on national television and in newspapers to advertise the free "Star Wars" promotion.

Mr. Sauter noted that the proven mass appeal of "Star Wars" will "certainly help establish video disc as an entertainment medium in its own right and as a more attractive and economical means for consumers to build their own movie libraries at home." He noted that "Star Wars" as a 20th Century-Fox video disc is optionally priced less than half that of the tape version.

Three special RCA promotions this fall are designed to appeal to fans of specific categories of entertainment, such as the James Bond series, horror films and comedy. As noted, Mr. Kuhn said that during the period September 14 through October 16, consumers will be offered a \$10 incentive with the purchase of three Bond titles.

Following up that particular software promotion will be a similar Halloween event based on a selection of seven major horror titles now on RCA VideoDisc. New releases for this event include "Carrie", "Rosemary's Baby" and an "American Werewolf in London."

A third theme promotion is scheduled for November with 13 comedy discs offered

as part of a rebate and coupon retail merchandising activity.

Mr. Kuhn also noted the beginning of a special RCA magazine advertising campaign with "an upbeat, winning personality" that stresses the consumer's home life can be more entertaining with the RCA VideoDisc system. The second half campaign will include 34 insertions in 10 national magazines.

RCA has significantly expanded its catalog of VideoDisc programs to 295 titles, with more than 400 "CED" titles from RCA and other brands to be available by the end of the year. Mr. Kuhn noted that RCA's original catalog one year ago consisted of only 100 titles.

\* CED Title Releases for September 1982:

Big Fights, Vol. 3: Sugar Ray Robinson's Greatest Fights  
Carrie [RCA]  
Don't Look Now  
Doobie Brothers Live In Concert- Santa Barbara\*  
Every Which Way But Loose  
Four Musketeers, The  
Howling, The  
In-Laws, The  
Kenny Loggins Alive!\*  
La Cage Aux Folles  
Marathon Man  
Public Enemy, The  
Ragtime (2)  
Rebel Without A Cause  
Rosemary's Baby (2)  
Saturday Night Live, Vol. 2: Richard Pryor/Steve Martin  
Shaggy Dog, The  
Streetcar Named Desire, A  
Tony Bennett Songbook, A\*  
What's Up, Doc?

September 2, 1982:

\* Wladyslaw Gomulka, former Polish Communist leader, dies at the age of 78.

September 3, 1982:

\* President Reagan signs into law a bill providing \$98.3 billion in tax increases and \$17.5 billion in spending reductions for the fiscal years 1983-85.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Incubus.

September 4, 1982:

\* Twenty-four people are killed and 38 injured by a fire in a downtown Los Angeles apartment house.

\* "Abracadabra" by Steve Miller becomes the No. 1 U.S. Single. The music video of this song appears on the CED title "Picture Music."

September 5, 1982:

\* The shock wave of an extraordinarily powerful solar flare arrives at the outer magnetic field of the Earth causing spectacular auroras and briefly disrupting some electric power systems.

September 6, 1982:

\* During a news conference organized by the Salvadoran Human Rights Commission, three women accuse government troops of indiscriminately killing 300 unarmed

civilians during a seven-day antiguerrilla campaign in San Vicente Province.

September 7, 1982:

\* The discovery is reported, by scientists at the National Institute of Mental Health, of synthetic chemicals that fit brain cell receptors so well as to instantly turn on or off symptoms of extreme anxiety in monkeys.

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From: "Mat" <matthew.tuck>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: New CED discs  
Date: Tue, 27 Aug 2002 21:56:18 +0100

I have a number of new CED discs in PAL/UK format, still sealed in original cellophane, they are on ebay.

<http://cgi6.ebay.co.uk/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewSellersOtherItems&userid=bikeboyz>

take a look if your are interested.

Regards

Matthew

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From: JacksMustangs  
Date: Wed, 28 Aug 2002 20:31:49 EDT  
Subject: hi.....? please  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

hi i,m retired an don,t under stand some things..you have rca videodisc player stylus cart replacment guide and they [all 3] you show have no needle your showing just the case..my case is good i just need needle..can you help me buy just a needle ? thank you jon in minn

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 31 Aug 2002 20:34:16 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Stylus Loose Connector Problem

>I have a vague memory (and they're all getting more so every day) about an >electrolytic glue being available on the market. I don't know where...perhaps, >Radio Shack. Would this not be a simple and solution to fixing the problem >without the threat of "burning your bridges before you?"

I haven't tried using conductive glue on stylus cartridges, but there are a couple different kinds on the market. One is epoxy-style conductive silver:

<http://www.hollandshielding.com/eng-shieldokit.htm>

The other is based on conductive carbon, not unlike a CED itself:

<http://www.nmart.com>

These products claim strength comparable to conventional solder, and would be worthwhile testing on some of these stylus cartridges with the broken flyleads.



--Tom

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 31 Aug 2002 20:43:45 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: SJT400 Sound

>Been working on this SJT-400 for some time to replace loading  
>mechanism that arrived with several broken pieces. Now I find  
>that it has a great picture but no sound.

Stereo players have two Audio FM Demodulator IC's, one for each audio channel, while mono players have only one. If the single IC in monaural players fails there is no sound period, while stereo players usually fail on one audio channel or the other. Although failure of these chips is the most common reason for sound problems, it's unlikely they would both simultaneously fail in a stereo player, but perhaps the prior owner of the machine used it as a mono machine after one chip failed until the second one also failed. The audio demodulator IC is the RCA CA3215E FM-IF Amplifier/Detector Limiter chip. This part is no longer readily available, but can be scavenged from parts machines. The problem could also be in the audio processing circuitry past the demodulator chips. This includes the Audio Matrix/Buffer (a quad op-amp IC), the decoder/rectifier IC, and the decoder/amplifier IC.

>While I'm writing, has anyone encountered J or K series players  
>that had the loading belt turn to ooze?

It's rather common for this belt to decompose into difficult-to-remove black tar. I haven't found a solvent that effectively dissolves this without also dissolving the 1st reduction gear. But Goo Gone does a passable job of removing the ooze when applied liberally with a small piece of coarse kitchen sponge:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/function-motor.html>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 8, 1982:

\* President Reagan says he will not block a bill by Senator Jesse Helms to allow prayer in public schools.

September 9, 1982:

\* The U.S. House of Representatives votes 301-117 to override President Reagan's veto of a \$14.1 billion supplemental appropriations bill. The following day, 21 Republican senators join 39 Democrats in voting 60-30 against the president. The override is the first major legislative defeat for Reagan

since assuming office.

\* Following a four-day conference in Fez, Morocco, the Arab League announces its unanimous approval of a peace plan for the Middle East. It calls for an independent Palestinian state and hints that such a move would bring about the formal recognition of Israel.

\* William S. Paley, the founder and chairman of CBS, announces his retirement effective April 20, 1983.

September 10, 1982:

\* Paul Schluter becomes Denmark's prime minister, heading a center-right coalition. Schluter succeeds Anker Henrik Jorgensen, who resigned September 3.

\* Ariane, a rocket built by several European companies, plunges into the Atlantic ocean 14 minutes into its first operational mission.

\* Argentina's navy and air force chiefs decide to reconstitute the three-man junta that was in effect dissolved when the two men announced in June that they would cooperate with the head of the army only in matters of national defense.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Pink Floyd: The Wall.

September 11, 1982:

\* All 46 people aboard a U.S. Army helicopter, including a 38-member international parachuting team, are killed in a crash in Mannheim, Germany during an air show.

\* "American Fool" by Jon Cougar becomes the No. 1 U.S. album.

\* "Hard to Say I'm Sorry" by Chicago becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

September 12, 1982:

\* The Chinese Communist Party adjourns its 12th National Congress after adopting a new party constitution. The document restructures the party organization in several ways to preclude the type of "personality cult" that prevailed under former chairman Mao Ze-dong (Mao Tse-tung). The former premier and Communist Party chairman, Hua Kuo-feng (Hua Guofeng), is dropped by the ruling Politburo.

\* Jimmy Connors defeats Ivan Lendl for his fourth U.S. Open Men's Tennis title. Chris Evert Lloyd defeats Hana Mandlikova for the Women's title.

September 13, 1982:

\* A special U.S. prosecutor reports that he could find no evidence of illegal activity by Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan.

September 14, 1982:

\* Bashir Gemayel, president-elect of Lebanon since August 23, is assassinated when a bomb demolishes the headquarters of the Lebanese Christian Phalangist party in East Beirut. At least eight others are also killed.

\* Princess Grace of Monaco, the former actress Grace Kelly, dies at age 52 of injuries sustained in a car crash the day before. She received the Best Actress Academy Award in 1954 for The Country Girl (CED), and also appears in the CED titles Rear Window, Dial M for Murder, and High Noon.

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: Return of CED?

Date: Tue, 03 Sep 2002 10:17:23 -0500

Tom,

I have bin reading or talking to others who say that RCA is planning a new form of CED VideoDiscs to come out by 2005! is this true? i have not posted a letter here for a while,ever sence i gave up collecting CED. but i'v just got back

into it. came acrost some players that all work well and about 70 Discs. are the rumers true? or is some one just blowing smoke out thire backsides?

Allen Wolf.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Tue, 03 Sep 2002 19:27:23 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Stylus Cartridge Needle

> you show have no needle your showing just the case..my case is  
> good i just need needle..can you help me buy just a needle ?

Unlike phonograph cartridges, CED player stylus cartridges are not designed to replace just the diamond stylus. This is because the casing of the stylus cartridge is essentially just a piece of plastic designed to properly position the stylus tip on the disc and facilitate transferring the raw signal to the player signal processing electronics. Phonograph cartridges do some signal processing within the cartridge and can vary widely in price depending upon how well this task is done.

Although it might technically be possible to transfer the stylus arm from one cartridge to another, I don't think the chances of successfully performing that operation are very good. I've never seen a damaged cartridge casing, but this procedure might be useful to move a seemingly good stylus arm from a damaged casing to a good casing with a bad stylus tip.

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<http://www.ep.com/js/about/c1064/b1064/v2/50703.html>

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From: "Ken King" <kkingcqe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: SJT- Problems  
Date: Sat, 07 Sep 2002 14:12:06 +0000

I've got a couple more problems with SJT- series players.

I was watching a disk on an SJT-90 player this week that seemed to be working just fine. Suddenly the picture went black. Never did come back on. Had my best SJT-400 player wink out the same way last evening with the monitor indicating that there was no signal. Came back on in a few minutes and played just fine with no intervention from me.

An SJT-200 player makes a slight rubbing sound when first loaded. The rubbing reduces in frequency and picture doesn't come on until the rubbing noise stops, guessing a minute or two in duration.

Same player when disk is rejected doesn't seem to slow rotation enough before the disk is lifted, causing the disk to rotate out of position and miss the caddy. Very hard on disks.

Thanks to all who answered my black ooze question. I just found that same issue had been addressed on the CED Magic Web site. Thanks, Tom.

-Ken

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 07 Sep 2002 23:19:44 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: SelectaVision Introduction at the World Trade Center

Hello All:

With the sad stories we'll be hearing about 9/11 this week, I thought I'd relate a story about a happy event that took place at the Twin Towers 25 years ago. This was the introduction of the VBT200, the first retail SelectaVision product, and the first VHS Video Cassette Recorder marketed in the United States. RCA announced the VBT200 VCR on August 23, 1977, and from that date until it went on sale in October, the company had a road show demonstrating VHS to the technology press and RCA dealers.

One of the more prominent of these briefings took place at the World Trade Center and was presided over by Dave Daly, Roy Pollack, and Jack Sauter of RCA. The reason the conference was held in the World Trade Center became apparent when George Willig appeared on the podium with "Today Show" host Tom Brokaw. George Willig, also called "The Human Fly," had recently scaled the sheer face of the South Tower using an invention that took advantage of the grooves used for window washing equipment. Upon reaching the top after about 4 hours he was arrested and fined \$250,000. But he became an instant folk hero, and in a public relations move, the city subsequently lowered the fine to \$1.10, a penny for each floor of the building.

On the podium, Brokaw explained that the "Today Show" had been following Willig's climb live and went on taping it even after the show went off the air. Brokaw then handed Jack Sauter four bulky NBC studio tapes, each an hour long. Sauter produced from his jacket pocket a SelectaVision videotape cassette, slightly smaller in size than a paperback book, and gave it to Brokaw, who handed it to Willig.

Sauter then stated, "This one small cassette, which we recorded on a SelectaVision unit in Indianapolis, holds as much as the studio-made cassettes you just handed me - four hours."

Hence the memorable marketing slogan "Four hours, \$1,000, SelectaVision."

A picture of the cover of the bimonthly RCA magazine "Communicate" with Daly, Sauter, and Pollack along with the VBT200 VCR can be seen on this page:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/vbt200.html>

And the name Jack Sauter may sound familiar, as he later was the Group Vice President of Consumer Electronics above the VideoDisc project, and has been quoted in many of the press releases posted to CED Digest over the past couple years. Earlier this year Mr. Sauter was inducted into the Consumer Electronics Association Hall of Fame as a testament to his 35 years of leadership in the industry:

[http://www.ce.org/publications/hall\\_of\\_fame/sauter\\_j\\_02.asp](http://www.ce.org/publications/hall_of_fame/sauter_j_02.asp)

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 15, 1982:

- \* Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, who became foreign minister of Iran shortly after U.S. hostages were seized in Tehran in November 1979, is executed by firing squad. He had been convicted of plotting to assassinate Ayatollah Khomeini and attempting to overthrow the government. As official spokesperson for Iran, Ghotbzadeh appeared on U.S. television many times during the hostage crisis.
- \* Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos arrives in the U.S. for an official state visit, his first in 16 years. Two days earlier five Democratic senators had sent President Reagan a letter protesting the visit, saying it could be interpreted "as a sign that your administration condones the repression of the Marcos government." During an appearance before a group of congressmen, Marcos asserts that "there was no such thing as human rights" in the Philippines until he imposed martial law.
- \* PLO leader Yasir Arafat meets at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II and in Rome with Italian government leaders.

September 16, 1982:

- \* Christian militiamen begin a day-long slaughter of Palestinians in the Sabra and Chatila refugee camps in West Beirut. Worldwide condemnation of the atrocity is accompanied by anger directed against Israel for permitting the militiamen, whose hatred of the Palestinians is common knowledge, to enter the camps.

September 17, 1982:

- \* British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrives in Japan on the first leg of her first official visit to Asia. After her arrival in China, Thatcher and Chinese officials discuss a wide range of topics, but none so pressing as the future of the British crown colony of Hong Kong. China seems certain to claim sovereignty over Hong Kong but appears willing to make certain concessions to ensure its continued prosperity.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Tempest.

September 18, 1982:

- \* It is revealed that as many as 600 refugees may have died in the massacre that took place two days earlier in Lebanon.

September 19, 1982:

- \* Sweden's Social Democratic Party (SD) picks up 12 additional seats in elections for Parliament, enough to give it control of the government.
- \* The New York Cosmos defeat the Seattle Sounders 1-0 in Soccer Bowl '82.
- \* At the 34th annual Emmy awards, "Hill Street Blues" is chosen as the oustanding drama series and "Barney Miller" is voted the outstanding comedy

series. "A Woman Called Golda," based on the life of the late Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, is voted the year's outstanding drama special. Ingrid Bergman, who starred in it, is posthumously named outstanding lead actress in a limited series or special.

September 20, 1982:

\* Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi begins a week-long visit to the Soviet Union. Gandhi thanks the Soviet Union for "standing by" India but also, according to reports, makes it clear that her country counts itself among the nonaligned nations.

September 21, 1982:

\* Players in the National Football League (NFL) go on strike against all the league's 28 teams. It is the first in-season strike in the history of the NFL.  
\* Amin Gemayel is elected president of Lebanon by Parliament. He is the elder brother of Bashir Gemayel, who was president-elect until being assassinated on September 14.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Mon, 9 Sep 2002 02:59:09 -0700  
Subject: VBT-200  
From: hbo3

>With the sad stories we'll be hearing about 9/11 this week, I thought  
>I'd relate a story about a happy event that took place at the Twin  
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>with Daly, Sauter, and Pollack along with the VBT200 VCR can be seen  
>on this page:  
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><http://www.cedmagic.com/history/vbt200.html>

To the members: A \*NIB\* VBT-200 just went on eBay today (Sept 8th) for only \$100.00 bux. I wish I had the money, I'd have purchased it. The VCR was actually manufactured by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. (Panasonic, Technics, Quasar). I have the Panasonic Version here now, completely restored by me from my old TV/VCR repairman days. The darned thing records a better picture than \*ANY\* non S-VHS vcr I've seen in today's times.  
Awesome stuff....

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Date: Tue, 10 Sep 2002 18:47:50 -0700  
From: "Robert M. Johnson, Jr." <robtjohn>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Why is there no trading in our community???

Hello All,

In my twenty years of CED collecting, I have discovered that most of my fellow CED collectors share three things in common: (1) an appreciation for the format, (2) many duplicate titles in their collections, and (3) some holes to fill in their collections. Rather than turning to eBay,

pawn shops, thrift stores, or other similar sources to secure wanted titles for our collections and to dispose of our duplicate titles, I propose we begin to trade our duplicate titles within our CED Magic community to secure those duplicate titles others may own in order to round out our own CED collections. The cost of the trades would involve only the rather reasonable disc Media Mail shipping rates and allow us to circumvent the actual auction purchase costs of individual discs involved and avoid listing our own discs on auction sites such as eBay or running ads in our local newspapers. And they would be packaged properly for shipping!

Doing this would allow us to circumvent many of the problems we have all experienced in collecting CED's. No more eBay "sold as is because I do not have a player to test them with." No more incorrect titles in caddies. No more empty caddies. No more discs which look like they were used to fingerprint every resident of a medium sized town inside of pristine caddies. No more securing a CED title to replace a bad one we own only to have delivered a worse copy of the title we were trying to replace. No more paying inflated shipping costs (up to \$7.95) in order to get a single disc delivered. No more cracked caddies or broken discs. And on and on ad infinitum.

My pockets are not deep. I'm just as sure yours are not either! Seems like a viable solution, doesn't it?

Anyone actively collecting CED's and interested in trading some of your duplicate CED titles for some of mine (or someone else's, for that matter), please e-mail me or some other members of our CED Magic community so we may all start this process. I am an active American Flyer S Gauge collector and trading is done often in the model railroader community. Why not begin it in the CED community?

Thank you for your time and happy collecting!

Robert Johnson  
Hayward, California

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Date: Sat, 14 Sep 2002 18:13:57 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: VHD Discs and Players Galore!

Hello All:

Earlier this Summer I added three pages to the history section concerning the Victor VHD VideoDisc system, which uses grooveless capacitively-encoded discs housed in caddies and was marketed primarily in Japan. I soon started getting queries from people desperately looking for VHD stuff and wanting to know where they could locate it. I've had a VHD player and a small collection of discs for some time, more or less picked up by accident here in the USA, but I hadn't made any effort to locate additional items:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/vhd-1983.html>

I've had modest success locating PAL/UK CED's at the eBay UK auction site, so I thought the Yahoo Japan auction site might be a good place to look for VHD's, and sure enough, a simple search on "VHD" brought up close to 200 auctions for VHD discs and players. Here are a couple links to the VHD search results at Yahoo/Japan. The first link is directed through makeashorterlink.com to Yahoo and returns thumbnail image results, while the second goes directly to Yahoo and returns text results:

<http://makeashorterlink.com/?T268653C1>

<http://search.auctions.yahoo.co.jp/search/auc?p=vhd&alocale=0jp&acc=jp>

But two problems will immediately be apparent when you start looking at these auctions. Although a lot can be learned from the pictures, most of the text will be in Japanese, which will either look like gobbledygook or Kanji depending upon what fonts are installed on your computer. And nearly all the auctions will state (in English) "Seller will not ship internationally." Fortunately, AltaVista and Rinkyu offer solutions to both problems.

AltaVista has a free Babelfish translation service for various languages including Japanese-to-English where you simply paste the URL of the Japanese auction page into a box and are returned a page with it translated into English:

<http://babel.altavista.com/>

Although these translations are in English, they leave something to be desired in the way of comprehension owing to the difficulty in making grammatically coherent translations from Japanese to English. So examine both the picture and text carefully. For instance, there's a VHS/DVD combo player that also happens to have the letters "VHD" in its model number, so the auctions that have pictures of players could be this DVD unit if the seller happens to specify the model number in the auction.

The AltaVista site also allows a block of text to be copied and pasted for translation purposes. This is not required on the active auction pages, but may be needed on pages that require a cookie to be set, as the URL translation does not allow that process. For this block paste to work you will need Japanese fonts installed and may have to set your operating system to display in those fonts. On my Macintosh OS X machine this is done with the International System Preferences pane, but I haven't attempted the procedure under Windows or Linux. If you do change the OS language, make sure you know how to go back to English "by feel" as the pull down menus and icon names will be in Japanese.

The Rinkyu Auction Service allows you to bid on all auctions at the Yahoo Japan site regardless of what the seller's international shipping policies are:

<http://www.rinkyu.com/>

They accomplish this by actually purchasing the item themselves in Japan, and upon getting it from the original seller, shipping it to you in the United States. Of course, they charge rather hefty fees for this service to make such a business venture profitable. Here is a summary of their charges for a VHD demo disc that I got for the minimum bid of 500 Yen (seems no one in Japan is interested in demo discs):

Price on YJ:            500 yen (\$4.23)

Runnerup Rinkyu bidder: None/Not Rinkyu  
Runnerup Rinkyu bid:    0 yen

Commission:            \$20.00  
                          (fee based on YJ price and runner up bid)

Bank fee:                \$5



Shipping/handling: \$10 (YJ to Rinkya)

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Total due: \$39.23 (excludes S/H to USA)

Rinkya ships purchased items in batches at roughly monthly intervals and they use Global Priority or Global Express Mail, which run from about \$5 to \$10 per pound depending on the package weight. So if you want to get just one VHD disc through their service, plan on spending about \$70 on it, but the service does have a Back-to-School sale going on right now that eliminates the commission fee on purchases of 1000 Yen or less. Rinkya has an FAQ at this URL that explains the details of their service:

[http://www.rinkya.com/faq\\_url.php](http://www.rinkya.com/faq_url.php)

I think Rinkya is OK if you want relatively few VHD items, but bidding your time and dealing directly with sellers who can speak English and will ship internationally would be better to assemble a large collection. For example, if you find such a seller with 100 separate VHD disc auctions, you could bid directly on all those auctions yourself and save a lot by avoiding the fees Rinkya would charge on each and every auction. Another method is to wait for auctions that combine items you're looking for, as that will keep the Rinkya fees down. For instance, I found the Star Wars Trilogy (6 discs) in one auction and four Olivia Newton-John discs in another, which saved a lot over purchasing those items in single title auctions.

Besides the above items, in little over a month, I found practically all the VHD items I wanted including a Victor HD-9500 3D player, an IF-D3S 3D goggle, some 3D discs, and a spare VDS-1100 stylus cartridge. The most expensive item was the apparently new-in-box 3D goggle with carrying case and sample disc, which went for 20,000 Yen (about \$175). Many of the discs get no bids, even at a 500 Yen minimum, so it appears that VHD at Yahoo Japan is a buyer's market, much as it is with CED at eBay U.S.A.

Since this message is going out to a lot of people, I'd recommend using restraint in your initial bidding, as this VHD stuff will probably be appearing at Yahoo Japan for a long time to come. For some time, Rinkya has been using a Yahoo User ID derived from a Japan anime character, but today they changed it vhd\_link, possibly because I told them to expect an increase in the number of people buying VHD stuff through their service.

You may be wondering how eBay fits in with Japan, since it's vastly larger than Yahoo in the US. Well, the situation was flip-flopped in Japan due to eBay's late arrival there. Ebay announced a few months ago that they were withdrawing from the Japan market:

[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/01\\_23/b3735075.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/01_23/b3735075.htm)

In closing, I should mention that I have no plans to put a VHD player guide or title database on the CED Magic site. I have enough RCA CED content to keep me busy for many years to come. But there are a couple of other sites that have been started up to provide VHD information. Here are their URL's:

<http://disclord.tripod.com/>

<http://home.catv.ne.jp/nn/nsa/vhd.htm>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 22, 1982:

- \* President Reagan signs legislation ending a four-day strike by 26,000 locomotive engineers which had shut down much of the nation's railroad system.
- \* Bolivian Finance Minister Alfonso Revollo reveals that his country is not able to pay \$50 million in foreign debts that came due earlier in the month. The International Monetary Fund refused to comply with Bolivia's request for help.

September 23, 1982:

- \* Jimmy Wakely, singing star of numerous Westerns, dies at age 68. His hit songs include "Tennessee Waltz" and "Beautiful Brown Eyes."

September 24, 1982:

- Ending a lengthy takeover battle, Allied Corp. announces that it has acquired Bendix Corp. for some \$1.9 billion.
- \* British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher agrees with leaders in Peking to hold formal talks on the future of Hong Kong.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Amityville II.

September 25, 1982:

- \* Twelve leftist guerrillas end their nine-day takeover of the Chamber of Commerce building in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. They had take 107 hostages and demanded the release of captured Salvadoran guerrilla leader Alejandro Montenegro and others.
- State prison guard George Banks kills 13 persons in a rampage at two houses in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
- \* The Las Vegas Grand Prix, the final race of the 1982 season, is won by Michele Alboreto. The overall season winner is Keke Rosberg of Finland, who won only one race, but finished high enough in other events for the top overall spot.
- \* "Abracadabra" (CED) by the Steve Miller Band regains the No. 1 U.S Single spot for one week.

September 26, 1982:

- \* Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki arrives in Beijing for a six-day series of meetings with top Chinese officials. Development of China's oil and coal reserves and continued aid to revitalize China's factories are among the topics discussed at length.

September 27, 1982:

- \* John Palmer replaces Chris Wallace as host of the Today Show. Wallace (son of veteran newsman Mike Wallace) had replaced Tom Brokaw when he left the show in 1981. It was Brokaw who was host of the show for the introduction of both the SelectaVision VHS and SelectaVision CED systems.

September 28, 1982:

\* Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin reverses his earlier stand and agrees to have an independent three-man board of inquiry investigate the massacre of Palestinian civilians in Beirut on September 16.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

H. J. Mendelsohn Named Division Vice President, Marketing for RCA VideoDiscs

Appointment of Herbert J. Mendelsohn as Division Vice President, Marketing, RCA VideoDiscs, effective October 4, 1982, was announced today by Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA VideoDiscs.

In his new capacity, Mr. Mendelsohn will be responsible for formulating and executing marketing strategies for the video disc software business.

"We are fortunate to have a man with Herb Mendelsohn's experience and skill in home video to direct our marketing efforts now that the video disc business has turned the corner and entered a period of dynamic growth," Mr. Kuhn said. "Herb Mendelsohn has a close rapport with RCA's distributor organization, so his transition into our top marketing post should be a smooth one," Mr. Kuhn said.

Mr. Mendelsohn previously was Senior Vice President, Marketing at Warner Home Video, a division of Warner Communications, Inc. Prior to joining Warner, he was Vice President of Marketing at CBS Video Enterprises.

He was with American Broadcasting Company, Inc. from 1974 to 1980, most recently as Vice President, Marketing Services for ABC Video Enterprises.

Mr. Mendelsohn's experience in prerecorded entertainment and broadcasting includes three years as President of ABC Record and Tape Sales Corporation; General Sales Manager, WABC Radio, New York; Vice President and General Manager, Capital Cities' WKBW Radio, Buffalo; and Vice President and General Manager, WMCA Radio, New York. He is a former President of Bartell Broadcasters, Inc., owners of radio and television stations and cable systems. From 1969 to 1972, he was President of Herb Mendelsohn Associates, which produced commercials and audiovisual sales presentations.

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Date: Wed, 18 Sep 2002 19:22:34 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: SelectaVision Jukebox

Hello All:

About 4 years ago there was an auction for a brochure dating from 1955 describing a SelectaVision jukebox. I've regretted not buying that just to learn about this pre-RCA use of the term as the name for a product, but now one of the actual jukebox units manufactured by Sentinel Radio Corporation has appeared on eBay:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=714327188>

It appears from the pictures that this unit in its basic form was a pay TV. By depositing coins you were granted a certain length of time to watch TV. The record jukebox was an option and could be installed in the bottom of the cabinet. Needless to say, the concept of paying for TV by the minute did not catch on, as bars and diners back in the 50's commonly had TV's installed and

operating all the time.

One of the more interesting thing about the jukebox is the SelectaVision logo, with the capitalization of the "V" making it look a lot like the one later used by RCA.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 29, 1982:

- \* U.S. Marines begin arriving in Beirut, Lebanon to join the reconstituted international peacekeeping force.
- \* Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin, succumbing to mounting international and domestic pressure, requests an independent judicial inquiry into the mid-month Palestinian massacre.

September 30, 1982:

- \* Over a two-day period, cyanide-laced capsules of the pain reliever Extra-Strength Tylenol kill seven people in the Chicago, Illinois area.

October 1, 1982:

- \* Epcot Center, an \$800 Walt Disney theme park adjacent to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, opens for its first day of operation.
- \* Helmut Kohl, leader of the Christian Democratic Union, replaces Helmut Schmidt as chancellor of West Germany.
- \* A proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget is defeated in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- \* Sony introduces the CDP-101, the first Compact Disc audio CD player on the market:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/sony-cdp-101.html>

- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: My Favorite Year.

\* CED Title Releases for October 1982:

9 To 5  
Alien\*\*  
All The Marbles  
Amateur, The  
American Werewolf in London, An  
Born Free  
Breaking Away  
Cat Ballou  
Charly  
Cutter's Way  
Diana Ross in Concert\*

Elvis On Tour  
Eyewitness  
Fistful of Dollars, A  
Godfather, Part II, The (2)  
Heritage of the Bible, The  
High Anxiety  
Hooper  
Invasion of the Body Snatchers [1956]  
Junior Bonner  
King of Hearts [CBS]  
Kotch  
Legend of the Lone Ranger, The  
Lord of the Rings, The (2)  
Making Love  
Making of Star Wars/SP FX: The Empire Strikes Back  
Midnight Express  
Miss Peach of the Kelly School  
Mister Roberts  
Modern Problems  
Music of Melissa Manchester, The\*  
Phantom Tollbooth, The  
Poseidon Adventure, The  
Quest For Fire  
Raggedy Ann & Andy  
Raise the Titanic  
Red on Roundball  
Rose, The (2)\*\*  
Silver Streak  
South Pacific (2)  
Spy Who Loved Me, The  
Star Trek: Vol.5, Balance of Terror/Mirror,Mirror  
Stunt Man, The (2)  
Take the Money and Run  
Tales From Muppetland, Vol. 2  
Tattoo  
They Shoot Horses, Don't They?  
Time Machine, The  
Towering Inferno (2)  
Treasure of the Sierra Madre, The  
Turning Point, The  
Used Cars  
Visitor, The [Mick Fleetwood]  
West Side Story (2)\*\* [FOX]  
Whose Life Is It Anyway?  
Woodstock (2)\*  
Young Frankenstein  
Zorro, the Gay Blade

October 2, 1982:

\* A truck explodes in the central square of Teheran, Iran, killing 60 persons and injuring 700 others. A government spokesman blames "American mercenaries" for the explosion.

\* "Jack and Diane" by John Cougar becomes the No. 1 U.S. Single.

October 3, 1982:

\* An industry report states that home video games are approaching the profitability of the film industry.

October 4, 1982:

\* In a conciliatory move, President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon, a Christian Phalangist who was elected September 21 after the assassination of his brother, President-elect Bashir Gemayel, asks Chafiq al-Wazan, a Muslim, to stay on as prime minister.

\* Canadian pianist Glenn Gould dies from a stroke at age 50. He was best known for his performances of the music of J.S. Bach.

October 5, 1982:

\* The Lebanese Army commences a sweep through West Beirut to begin reestablishing the government's authority over the capital. The goals of the search are to disarm combatants, ferret out caches of arms, and round up illegal aliens and criminals.

\* Hernan Siles Zuazo is chosen president of Bolivia by the nation's congress. He succeeds General Guido Vildoso Calderon. Siles Zuazo had previously been president from 1956 to 1960, with his return to leadership ending 17 years of military rule.

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Date: Mon, 23 Sep 2002 11:51:47 -0400 (EDT)

From: Ken McCreath <noodlecoodle>

Subject: Videodiscs in Vancouver

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Hey everybody. My name's Ken and I live in Vancouver BC Canada. I have some videodiscs for sale or trade. Looking to hook up with other Vancouver resident collectors ( or from elsewhere) to sell some of my discs (or trade). Please email me for a list. Thanks.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

October 6, 1982:

\* The second round of strategic arms reduction talks (START) between the United States and the Soviet Union opens in Geneva.

October 7, 1982:

\* Trading on the New York Stock Exchange sets a one-day record when 147,070,000 shares exchange hands.

\* Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Cats" opens on Broadway in New York City.

\* Former Prime Minister Olof Palme of Sweden, leader of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) is sworn in as premier. Palme and the SDP won a solid victory in the September 19 general elections.

October 8, 1982:

\* The U.S. Department of Labor reports that the national unemployment rate reached 10.1 percent in September, the highest monthly rate since 1940, with over 11 million people out of work.

\* The Polish Parliament overwhelmingly votes to outlaw Solidarity and all other existing labor unions.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Split Image.

October 9, 1982:

\* President Reagan, responding to Poland's outlawing of Solidarity, announces he will suspend its Most Favored Nation trading status.

October 10, 1982:

\* Maksymilian Kolbe, a Polish priest, is declared a saint by Pope John Paul II. In 1941, Father Kolbe, held at the Nazi Auschwitz concentration camp, volunteered to die in place of another man and was subsequently executed.

\* Hernan Siles Zuazo is sworn in as president of Bolivia, ending 17 years of military rule. The national congress, reconvened after more than two years, elected him on October 5.

October 11, 1982:

\* Four persons are killed and scores injured when radical Sikhs storm India's House of Parliament in New Delhi.

\* The "Mary Rose," a British ship that sank in 1545 is brought to the surface off Portsmouth, England. The ship, which had been the pride of King Henry VIII's fleet, was first discovered by a diver in 1970.

\* The Dow Jones industrial average closes at 1012.79, the first time the average has surpassed the 1,000 mark since April 1981, the first full month the CED system was on the market.

October 12, 1982:

\* The prime rate, which major U.S. banks charge their best corporate customers, is cut to 12 percent. The prime rate had been as high as 16.5 percent in July 1982.

\* King Hussein of Jordan and Pasir Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization conclude four days of talks on the proposed establishment of a Palestinian state confederated with Jordan.

\* Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, facing economic problems and strains within his party, announces his intention to resign.

\* Thousands of workers at the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk, Poland are on strike to protest the Oct. 8 action by the Polish Parliament. Police use tear gas and percussion grenades to break up the demonstrations. The following day, all shipyard workers are drafted into military service, making them subject to court martial for disobedience.

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: VHD Player & Discs "WANTED"!!!!

Date: Tue, 01 Oct 2002 09:57:01 -0500

Hello All,

I'm Looking to Buy or trade CED Collection For a VHD VideoDisc Player/s & Discs!!!! The Two sites that tom howe gave are no longer around. if there is anyone out there...Contact me at wolfallen@hotmail.com and let me know what you want for them and i'll get back to you. how about you tom? Allen Wolf

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

October 13, 1982:

- \* President Reagan signs a job training bill that replaces the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) but does not provide for any public works jobs.
- \* Dutch Premier Andreas van Agt resigns suddenly during talks on forming a new coalition government.

October 14, 1982:

- \* President Reagan announces the "War on Drugs" - federal initiatives against drug trafficking and organized crime.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Planned 1983 European Introduction of 'CED' VideoDisc System

CANNES, October 14 -- RCA plans to introduce its "CED" VideoDisc system to the European market in 1983, it was announced today at a meeting here of the International Tape/Disc Association.

"The hardware and software facilities are ready for mass production while marketing and distribution matters are in current negotiations," said Dr. Jay J. Brandinger, Vice President and General Manager, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs Operations.

RCA is presently manufacturing and selling its "CED" VideoDisc system in the United States, having launched it there nationally in March 1981.

The expansion of the new home entertainment product to Europe will result in RCA supplying discs for the initial launch from its disc manufacturing plant in Indianapolis. European "CED" players are expected to be offered by a number of brands presently doing business in Europe, Dr. Brandinger said.

At a special "CED" display at the annual VIDCOM show here, demonstrations are being given showing the compatibility of "CED" discs with both the PAL and SECAM television systems. Software participation is being demonstrated at VIDCOM by potential "CED" participants showing a variety of disc titles.

Specific firms participating in the "CED" display are: Hitachi, RCA, Toshiba, ITT/standard Elektrik Lorenz, MGM/UA Home Video, CBS-FOX Video, and RCA/Columbia Pictures International Video.

In his presentation to the ITA, Dr. Brandinger stressed the capabilities of the "CED" VideoDisc system, including random access selection of programming material by time or field number. He noted that the random access feature "is now a high priority development item at RCA."

Dr. Brandinger noted that demonstrations of the "CED" European system were well received at the recent Dusseldorf Fair, "particularly the picture performance and stereo sound quality." He said that while the disc size is the same for both the NTSC and European systems, the latter employs a slower rotational speed of 375 rpm. and 50 hz. of frequency compared with 450 rpm. and 60 hz. in NTSC countries.



The "CED" European system "is optimized to give the consumer superior performance compared to most home video cassette recorders and comparable to that obtained from off-the-air pictures," Dr. Brandinger said. The "CED" European players demonstrated at Dusseldorf featured visual scanning, forward and reverse at four times, 16 times and 120 times normal speed, along with random search and pause, stereo sound and two-channel bilingual sound.

In reviewing the progress of the "CED" VideoDisc system in the United States market, Dr. Brandinger noted that total dollar sales of players and discs in the introductory year exceeded the combined total of black-and-white TV, color TV and VCR's in their first year of sales by more than \$90 million.

More info on the PAL/UK CED system can be found in this Featured CED:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/featured/riddle-sands/>

October 15, 1982:

- \* Halley's Comet is sighted for the first time since 1911. The comet will make its closest approach to the Sun in 1986.
- \* President Reagan announces a major U.S. offer to sell grain to the Soviet Union, with a conditional guarantee that deliveries will not be cut off by any possible trade embargo.
- \* President Suharto of Indonesia ends a five-day visit to the United States.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Sword and the Sorcerer.

October 16, 1982:

- \* U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz announces that the U.S. is withholding an \$8.5 million payment to the UN International Atomic Energy Agency because it canceled Israel's credentials. The action was instigated by Arab nations that wanted to exclude Israel from all UN bodies.
- \* A Chinese Air Force pilot lands safely in South Korea in a MIG-19 fighter plane after successfully outrunning other Chinese jet fighters that pursued him.
- \* China announces that it has successfully fired a ballistic missile from a submarine. The event adds China's name to those of only four other countries that have developed such technology: France, Great Britain, the U.S., and the U.S.S.R.

October 17, 1982:

- \* Robin Yount of the Milwaukee Brewers becomes the first player to have two four-hit games in a World Series. Yount's outburst includes a home run and helps the Brewers defeat the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-4, to take a three-games-to-two lead in the Series.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Video Disc Sales To Top \$200 Million in The United States Despite Economy

CANNES, France, October 17 -- Video disc activity is picking up momentum in the United States and sales of players and albums combined should exceed the \$200 million-mark in 1982, an RCA executive predicted today at VIDCOM '82.

"This is a significant achievement which becomes even more dramatic when viewed against the economic environment of the past year," according to Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA VideoDiscs.

He attributed the strong performance to a reduction in the basic video disc

player price to below \$300, the addition of two stereo players to the line, a broadly expanded catalog of programs available at retail, and the desire to build home video libraries.

Mr. Kuhn said consumers are buying discs at a faster pace than anticipated, with those owning their players a year or more owning an average of approximately 30 discs.

Noting that the Electronics Industry Association (U.S.) has estimated video disc player sales at between 250,000 and 350,000 units this year, and video disc sales at between 5 million and 7.5 million albums, Mr. Kuhn said, "We're looking at a business that could range from \$200 million to almost \$300 million at retail value, depending on total sales for the year."

RCA and CBS/Fox Video both make the video discs that can be played on any Capacitance Electronic Disc (CED) player. Their catalogs, together with titles from MGM/UA, should approximate 400 by year-end. Another 300 or more titles are expected to be released in 1983.

Mr. Kuhn said the "CED" system has become the preeminent video disc system in the United States consumer market because of its high reliability, excellent quality and low cost. "The CED video disc represents the best home entertainment buy on the market," he added.

So far in 1982, he said, RCA has taken several steps to strengthen the video disc business. These include:

- Introduction of stereo players and discs which has broadened the appeal of the "CED" system;
- Expansion of the CED player line to include four models, two monaural and two stereo, giving consumers a choice of players to fit most budgets;
- Use of major consumer promotions to heighten interest and awareness in the "CED" system, including a free "Star Wars" video disc with the purchase of any RCA video disc player.

Mr. Kuhn said consumer reaction to the offering of current movies such as "On Golden Pond" and "Superman" had a very positive impact on sales this summer, particularly when retailers offered the discs free with the purchase of a player.

"It is evident that software is a very profitable repeat business, especially for those dealers who stock and display a wide variety of 'CED' titles in their stores. As we have contended all along, the software sells the hardware," Mr. Kuhn said.

October 18, 1982:

\* Bess Truman, the widow of former U.S. President Harry S. Truman, dies at the age of 97.

October 19, 1982:

\* John De Lorean, whose company has been producing luxury sports cars in Northern Ireland, is arrested in Los Angeles and charged with possession of 59 pounds of cocaine and conspiracy to distribute it.

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From: unclayh (Clay Hendricks)

Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2002 09:55:22 -0500 (CDT)  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: SJT 100 ,and 100 movies

what should i ask.  
thaks clay

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From: "Ken King" <kkingcqe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: remote controls, etc.  
Date: Sat, 12 Oct 2002 14:02:24 +0000

I've got some updates in my efforts to restore RCA CED players and discs...

Has anyone found a universal remote control that will work with the SJT300 and SGT250? I've been seeking a remote for these machines and have had no luck. I even found a remote for my long-gone 1976 RCA TV at one of the specialty remote control Web sites but nothing for RCA disc players or the replacements that CED Magic illustrates.

I have found a better way to remove the black ooze from J-series loader mechanism belts. Goo Gone seems to just smear the ooze around. Lacquer thinner (from a paint store) works great on the white nylon gears when they are removed from the machine. Use an old toothbrush (or your wife's) because it will ruin the brush, but the gears come out sparkling clean. Use it sparingly on the black chassis of the player because it appears to mar the plastic. Lacquer thinner WILL damage the player's finish so be very careful if you try it.

There are two gears that have thin spokes in the mechanism that moves the player arm, presumably to absorb shock in the mechanism. I've found several players with the white gear broken. I used epoxy (poured between the outer and inner gears) to cement one back together. I'd recommend epoxy paste because the liquid I used wicked its way up the gear teeth and I spent quite a while scraping it back out with a razor blade. Player works great but I'm wondering if eliminating the flex may cause a problem that I'm not seeing. Seemed like a better solution than cannibalizing another player for one gear.

Goo Gone, applied to a cloth and wiped over the surface, seems to do a pretty good job of cleaning disc labels without damaging them. It will only remove certain types of contaminants but appears to leave little or no residue behind. Goo Gone is great stuff.

I'm still looking for the circuitry that controls the braking of the turntable on SJT-100 players. I've got 2 players now that do not slow the platter when the disc is done playing or "reject" is pushed. The disc then spins out of position when it is lifted for unloading. I saw no mention of that circuitry in the repair manual. If you've experienced or found a cure for this problem, how about dropping me a line?

-Ken

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Date: Sat, 12 Oct 2002 18:56:23 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: VHD Player & Discs "WANTED"!!!!!!

>I'm Looking to Buy or trade CED Collection For a VHD VideoDisc Player/s  
>& Discs!!!! The Two sites that tom howe gave are no longer around.

I checked the links in CED Digest Vol. 7 No. 37 and they all still work, so this must have been a temporary server problem. Another alternative is the VHD entry on the Related Sites page:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/related-sites-page.html>

Yahoo Auctions Japan usually has one or more VHD players listed at any moment in time, so that is the most direct route to a player, albeit a rather expensive one.

It's not likely you'll find anyone in the U.S. with extra VHD stuff for sale, but I did find my Karaoke unit at a Karaoke bar that had brought it over here from Japan. So it might be worthwhile making phone calls to every local establishment listed under "Karaoke" in the phone book.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

October 20, 1982:

\* The St. Louis Cardinals defeat the Milwaukee Brewers, 6-3, in game 7 of the baseball's World Series.

October 21, 1982:

\* Hissen Habre is sworn in as president of Chad. The new government replaces the Council of State that had ruled since Habre's overthrow of President Goukouni Oueddei in June.

\* the United States and the European Community reach an accord limiting European steel exports to the United States.

October 22, 1982:

\* A delegation of the Arab League headed by Morocco's King Hassan meets at the White House with President Reagan to discuss recent U.S. and Arab peace proposals for the Middle East.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Halloween III.

October 23, 1982:

\* Noted Brazilian pianist Jacques Klein dies at age 52.

October 24, 1982:

\* After 26 miles, just yards separated Alberto Salazar from Rodolfo Gomez in the New York Marathon. Salazar won his 3rd NY Marathon and Grete Waitz won her fourth women's title.

October 25, 1982:

\* The first full season of the television series "Cagney & Lacey" begins on CBS.

October 26, 1982:

\* About 50 unemployed Australian workers from Wollongong, New South Wales, fight their way into Parliament House in Canberra demanding to see Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser. The group represents some 800 laid-off miners and steelworkers who insist that the government take steps to put them back to work. When Fraser sends word that he will meet with union heads to see what can be done, the workers depart.

\* New Polish law calls for forced labor for "social parasites" who cannot prove they have gainful employment.

\* The U.S. government reports a record budget deficit of \$110.7 billion for fiscal 1982.

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Date: Fri, 18 Oct 2002 10:35:54 -0400

Subject: discs on ebay

From: "(Amanda & Ethan)" <ethamd>

To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

I have just put a dozen or so lots of VideoDiscs up on ebay. Heaven Can Wait, Fletch, Private Benjamin, Fame, Purple Rain, Fiddler on the Roof, the Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, Pale Rider, Magnificent 7, Pink Panther, Police Academy 1 & 2, Gorky Park, the Natural, Tarzan, Tron, 2010, the Man Who Fell to Earth, 48 hrs, Beverly Hills Cop, Richard Pryor in concert, Fleetwood Mac 2 concert films, Jefferson Starship in concert, Maltese Falcon, High Sierra, Public Enemy, Gone w/the Wind, Gandhi, Godfather, Grateful Dead concert film, Mick Fleetwood the Visitor, RCA Country Music concert, the Swiss Family Robinson, Pinocchio, the Black Hole, Superman 1 & 2, Star Trek III.

These are all from the collection of a former RCA executive (my father in law) who worked on the VideoDisc project. I have about more than two hundred VideoDiscs total that I plan to post to ebay. Contact me if you would like me to send you an Excel document that lists them all. My auction id is the same as my email address: ethamd@mindspring.com

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To: digest@cedmagic.com

Date: Fri, 18 Oct 2002 19:40:34 -0700

From: "John Fisher" <lusty\_infant>

Subject: CED Movie on Halloween

I'm having friends over to screen a horror movie on Halloween. how about some suggestions for a good CED horror film that night.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

October 27, 1982:

A Chinese census reports a population of 1,008,175,288, nearly one fourth that of the entire world.

\* Trade talks between Japan and the U.S. are cut short in Honolulu when the U.S. delegation refuses to discuss any other topic except unrestricted Japanese importation of U.S. beef and citrus products.

\* President Reagan suspends Poland's most-favoured-nation trading status because it has outlawed Solidarity and other free labor unions.

October 28, 1982:

\* Felipe Gonzalez Marquez leads the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party to resounding victories in elections for the lower house of Parliament and the Senate. Gonzalez will be Spain's first left-wing head of government in half a century.

October 29, 1982:

\* The sale of synthetic human insulin for human use is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This is the first substance made by gene-splicing techniques to be approved.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: It Came from Hollywood.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Red Auerbach and the Great Stars of the NBA Teach Basketball Basics on New RCA Video Disc

The man behind the legend of the Boston Celtics has now made his coaching expertise available to basketball players and coaches around the country on a new RCA video disc called "Red On Roundball."

Red Auerbach, one of the greatest coaches of all time, and the man who built the Boston Celtics dynasty, has created a video disc for RCA that is designed to bring the nuances and basics of basketball into every home and gymnasium in America.

The new video disc, which carries a suggested retail price of \$19.98, is aimed at everyone interested in basketball, from the fans who watch the game on television, to amateur players in schoolyards, YMCA's, high school and college who want to enhance their chances of playing professional basketball.

"Red On Roundball" features instruction in the finer points of the game by Coach Auerbach and leading NBA stars, including Alvan Adams, Lucius Allen, Nate Archibald, Jim Ard, Elgin Baylor, Ron Behagen, Leon Benbow, Henry Bibby, Phil Chenier, Doug Collins, Bob Cousy, Dave Cowens, Bob Dandridge, Ernie DiGregorio, Julius Erving, Clem Haskins, John Havlicek, Elvin Hayes, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bob Love, Pete Maravich, Bob McAdoo, Glenn McDonald, George McGinnis, Calvin Murphy, Mike Riordan, Bill Russell, Charlie Scott, Paul Silas, Randy Smith, David Thompson, Rudy Tomjanovich, Wes Unseld, Bill Walton, Jo Jo White, Nate Williams, and Brian Winters.

Bill Russell, who played for Red Auerbach, said his former coach "was the best coach in the history of professional sports." Red Auerbach has won 14 world championships as the Celtic coach and/or general manager and is a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

After introducing his new video disc to the press, Red Auerbach took the video disc to the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in New York City where he conducted a clinic for the school's top-ranked basketball team.

Red Auerbach and RCA have donated "Red On Roundball" and a video disc player to the school's athletic department.

"This is another in a series of instructional sports video discs planned for the RCA home video library," according to Seth M. Willenson, Division Vice President, Programs and Business Affairs, RCA VideoDiscs.

"Red Auerbach and leading stars of the National Basketball Association lead the viewer through the skills of the game, from shot-making and dribbling to playmaking and defense. It is a well-paced, interesting approach to the technicalities of this highly popular sport," Mr. Willenson said.

Marty Glickman, noted sports commentator, said the RCA video disc "is basketball as it should be played, demonstrated by a variety of all-stars who have made hoop history through the years in every phase of the game."

Mr. Willenson noted that the RCA disc of basketball fundamentals, with Red Auerbach and his stable of greats, costs less than two tickets to an NBA basketball game. "There's no way a basketball fan, coach or player could get to see so many great personalities of the sport and receive individual lessons in the basics of the game for \$19.98. For sports fans, it's the bargain of the year."

Mr. Willenson also noted that the 109-minute video disc is time-indexed so that a coach or player can instantly find any segment of the disc using the fast forward feature on the video disc player. For example, he added, the viewer can fast-forward to the 10-minute mark on side one of the disc for instruction in passing, the 30-minute mark for switching defense, or, on side two, the 24-minute mark for the dunk, or the 32-minute mark for in-bounds play.

"Coaches and players can zero in on those phases of the game they feel need the most improvement and get instruction from the game's greatest coach and greatest players. To the millions of fans and to those grammar school, high school and college players and coaches involved in one of America's most popular participation and spectator sports, 'Red On Roundball' should be the ultimate answer to the question of how-to," Mr. Willenson said.

October 30, 1982:

\* The constitution of Portugal is revised for the first time since it was ratified on April 25, 1976.

October 31, 1982:

\* Marguerite Bourgeoys, a French woman who moved to colonial Montreal in 1653 and set up the colony's first school, is declared a saint by Pope John Paul II. She becomes Canada's first female saint, joining more than 2,500 saints venerated by the Roman Catholic Church.

November 1, 1982:

\* Ending the first talks between the two countries in 10 years, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India and President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan agree to set up a permanent joint commission to resolve future disagreements.

\* CED Title Releases for November 1982 (some titles delayed until December as CBS ramped up production at their Carrollton, Georgia plant):

39 Steps, The [1935]  
Absence of Malice  
All That Jazz

Author! Author!  
Being There (2)  
Billion Dollar Hobo, The  
Black Orpheus  
Bus Stop  
Capricorn One  
Carny  
CATCH-22  
Change of Seasons, A  
Chu Chu and the Philly Flash  
Compleat Beatles, The\*  
Damien Omen II  
Death Hunt  
Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 4  
Dragonslayer\*\*  
Dumbo  
Endless Love  
Enter the Dragon  
Final Conflict, The  
For Your Eyes Only (2)\* [MGM]  
French Lieutenant's Woman, The  
Game of Death  
Getting of Wisdom, The  
Great Movie Stunts and the Making of Raiders Lost Ark  
Gus  
Harry Chapin: The Final Concert\*  
Holocaust (4)  
I Ought To Be In Pictures  
James Taylor in Concert  
John Curry's IceDancin'  
Julia  
Lenny  
MegaForce  
Moon Is Blue, The  
Norma Rae  
Notorious  
Oh, God!  
Paper Chase, The  
Papillon (2)  
Paternity  
Playboy Video, Vol. 1\*  
RCA's All-Star Country Music Fair\*  
Return of the Street Fighter  
Ring of Bright Water  
Rocky III\*\* [RCA]  
Rush/Exit...Stage Left\*  
S.O.B. (2)  
Sea Wolves, The (2)  
Six Pack  
Some Kind of Hero  
Spiral Staircase, The  
Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan\*\*  
Star Trek: Vol.4, Space Seed/Changeling  
Sybil (2)  
TAPS  
There's No Business Like Show Business  
Ticket To Heaven  
Totally Go-Go's\*



True Grit (2)  
Unmarried Woman, An  
Victor/Victoria (2)\*\*  
Visiting Hours

November 2, 1982:

\* U.S. voters go to the polls to elect 33 senators, 433 representatives, 36 governors, and thousands of local officials. Republicans retain their 54-46 majority in the U.S. Senate but suffer a net loss of 26 seats in the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives. Democrats win 27 of the gubernatorial races.

\* A tunnel blast in Afghanistan kills hundreds of Russian soldiers and Afghan civilians.

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From: "Ken King" <kkingcqe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Thanks for the Memories  
Date: Sun, 20 Oct 2002 13:41:28 +0000

I saw a CED auctioned on eBay a while back called "Thanks for the Memories". It went for quite a high price. As I recall, it was one of the last pressings of CED videodiscs, telling the story of CED design and manufacture.

If anyone has a copy of this disc, would you be willing to copy it onto VHS? I'd be willing to pay a reasonable price for this service. Thanks.

-Ken King

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Date: Tue, 22 Oct 2002 01:12:40 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: MZTV Museum

Hello All:

I just got back from the SHOT conference in Toronto and while there was able to visit the MZTV Television Museum, which has many vintage models dating back to the 1920's:

<http://www.mztv.com>

The museum has a working Baird Televisor from 1928, which I always thought was the size of a large piece of furniture, but it's only about three feet across:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/baird-televisor.html>

And their centerpiece is the one-and-only RCA Phantom TRK-12 transparent lucite television which was displayed in the RCA Pavilion at the 1939 World's Fair:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/worlds-fair-1939-trk-12.html>

This TV disappeared not long after RCA closed their small TV museum in the 1950's and its whereabouts were unknown for many years. In the 1980's, it turned up in a storage facility in Israel and was brought back to North America.

The museum is planning a tribute to John Logie Baird in the near future, and I'm going to donate a CED player and selection of discs for them to possibly display at the same time. In addition to the mechanical Televisor, Baird also invented the first VideoDisc format called Phonovision, and the museum has a few of those in their collection:

<http://www.tvdawn.com>

Like CED's, these early VideoDiscs are grooved, but being 78 RPM records, about 100 CED grooves will fit inside a single Phonovision groove.

--Tom

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Date: Tue, 22 Oct 2002 17:13:41 -0700 (PDT)  
From: laverne dorsey <led437>  
Subject: ced player  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

i am intrested in purcsHING a ced player. what is the best make to buy and the best place to buy one.

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Still no VHD!!!!  
Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2002 14:32:38 -0500

Tom,  
I'm still unable to get to those vhd sights! the system just will not let me in. they still say there is no such thing or they have bin Discontinued!!!! can you help?!!!!!!

Allen Wolf.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

November 3, 1982:

\* Encouraged by the mid-term election, the Dow Jones industrial average gains a record 43.41 points and reaches its highest yet closing in history - 1,065.49.

November 4, 1982:

\* A single-day record for volume of stock trading is set as 149.35 million shares change hands on the New York Stock Exchange.  
\* Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker approves regulations mandating tamper-resistant packaging for most non-prescription drugs, including Tylenol.  
\* Ruud Lubbers is sworn in by Queen Beatrix as prime minister of The Netherlands, replacing Andreas van Agt. The new Parliament is expected to

support NATO's decision to deploy medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

November 5, 1982:

- \* The U.S. Social Security retirement fund borrows money for the first time.
- \* Some 10,000 Canadian members of the United Auto Workers go on strike for higher wages at six Chrysler plants in Ontario.
- \* President Reagan nominates Under Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel as energy secretary, to replace James B. Edwards, who had resigned.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Man from Snowy River.

November 6, 1982:

- \* President Ahmadou Ahidjo of Cameroon resigns after 22 years in power, naming Prime Minister Paul Biya as his successor.
- \* "Up Where We Belong" by Joe Cocker (CED) and Jennifer Warnes becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

November 7, 1982:

- Iran reports its troops have driven six miles into Iraq during a week-long offensive that forced the Iraqis out of a broad stretch of Iranian territory.
- \* The Upper Volta government of Col. Saye Zerbo is overthrown by Jean-Baptiste Ouedraogo, an army commander and medical doctor.
- \* Voters in Turkey approve by more than 90 percent a new constitution proposed by the military junta of Gen. Kenan Evren, who automatically becomes president for a seven-year term.

November 8, 1982:

- \* Auto maker John DeLorean pleads not guilty to cocaine charges in a Los Angeles court.
- \* Twenty-nine inmates die, and 61 persons are injured in a fire at the county jail in Biloxi, Mississippi.
- \* A meteorite about the size of a grapefruit crashes through the roof of a home in Wethersfield, Connecticut. The chances of more than one meteorite landing in the same town are just about nonexistent. Yet it was the second time in eleven years that a meteorite had crashed through a Wethersfield house.

November 9, 1982:

- \* Rank and file of the United Mine Workers elect 33-year-old Richard L. Trumka as union president, replacing Samuel Church.
- \* The West first learns of a massive tunnel explosion in Afghanistan a week earlier. It appears that the lead truck of a Soviet convoy collided with a fuel truck igniting many vehicles and filling the 1.7 mile long tunnel with toxic fumes. Soviet soldiers outside the tunnel mistakenly seal both ends thinking the explosion signals an attack by Afghan guerrillas.
- \* Pope John Paul II concludes the first ever papal visit to Spain after making public appearances in 16 cities throughout the country.

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From: "Edith Finkral" <gmaedie>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: subscribe  
Date: Sun, 27 Oct 2002 12:42:10 -0700

am interested in the r.c.a. video disc player, thank you, gmaedie@bwtelcom.net

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Date: Fri, 01 Nov 2002 01:34:03 -0500  
From: K Depp <longlost>  
Fwd: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: Lum Fong RCA #234

Greetings,

We do not normally solicit but I thought that this item may have enough merit that you might excuse us for bringing it to your attention. We have come across a rare example of RCA CED #234, "Lum Fong". While researching this CED we found your fine and informative website.

We have just offered it for sale on ebay and hope that you don't mind that we have added a link to your site in our description, particularly your document pertaining to this videodisc. If you object to our inclusion of a link we will be glad to remove it. We also hope we are not out of line by informing you of this items offering as ebay item #1394686728

<<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1394686728>>

Though you already seem to have one of these, perhaps you know of someone eager to add one to their collection or display. Thanks again for maintaining such a fine, informative and dedicated website.

Appreciatively, Kurt D.....Long lost Co.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

November 10, 1982:

\* Leonid Brezhnev, general secretary of the Russian Communist Party and chairman of the the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, dies of a heart attack at age 75. Brezhnev had been party leader since 1964 and chairman, or head of state, since 1977.

\* Geoffrey A .Prime, a translator of Russian at Great Britain's Government Communications Headquarters in Cheltenham from 1976 to 1977, pleads guilty to having spied for the Soviet Union and is sentenced to 35 years in prison.

\* New Zealand announces an agreement with Australia to phase out almost all tariffs and duties between the two countries.

November 11, 1982:

\* Flight STS-5 of the space shuttle Columbia takes place from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. This first commercial flight of the space shuttle program places two communications satellites in orbit, but a planned space walk has to be canceled because the spacesuits malfunction.

November 12, 1982:

\* The Communist Party Central Committee meets in emergency session and elects 68-year-old Yuri Andropov general secretary of the party, the most powerful position in the Soviet Union.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Conan the Barbarian.

November 13, 1982:

\* About 15,000 Vietnam War veterans march down Constitution Avenue in

Washington D.C. to the Mall for the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as a crowd of 150,000 watch. The ceremony is the culmination of a five-day salute to Vietnam War veterans.

- \* President Reagan lifts his ban against the use of U.S. technology for the construction of a natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe.
- \* "Business As Usual" by Men At Work (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. Album.

November 14, 1982:

- \* Lech Walesa, former head of Poland's outlawed Solidarity labor union, returns home after 11 months in internment.
- \* Soviet cosmonauts Anatoly Berezovoy and Valentin Lebedev aboard the Salyut 7 space station break the prior record of 185 days in space. The previous record had been set by two of their countrymen in 1980.

November 15, 1982:

- \* A federal district judge in Los Angeles rules that the U.S. draft registration law is invalid.
- \* The state funeral for Soviet leader Leonid Ilich Brezhnev is held in Moscow.

November 16, 1982:

- \* Astronauts Vance Brand, Robert Overmyer, William Lenoir, and Joseph Allen aboard the space shuttle Columbia return to Earth after its first operational mission.
- \* The National Football League Players Association and the owners of 28 teams reach a tentative agreement to end the strike that began on September 21. If the agreement is ratified by the players, each team will play only seven more regular season games. An expanded play-off series will involve 16 teams vying for a Super Bowl berth.
- \* Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua and his Soviet counterpart, Andrey Gromyko, meet for an hour and a half in Moscow following the funeral of Leonid I. Brezhnev. It was the first such high-level meeting between the two largest Communist countries since 1969.

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Date: Mon, 4 Nov 2002 15:02:25 -0500  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>  
Subject: Selling movies!

I'm selling 42 movies in groups of 6. Please check them out:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1579048152>

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Date: Mon, 4 Nov 2002 16:49:01 -0500  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>  
Subject: Further Universal remote success

I've discovered more functionality with my RCA 805 universal and SJT400 player. Apart from my previously posted info re play/reject/pause/RF functions, it DOES do fast searching too (~10-16x)! The GUIDE button is Fwd, and the PIP button is Rev. INFO controls the on-screen time display. MENU brings up the text "TIME OR BAND ?", but sadly, I can't get it to do anything after that.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

November 17, 1982:

\* Edwin P. Wilson, a member of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency from 1954 to 1970, is convicted by a federal jury on seven of eight counts of illegally transporting firearms to the Libyan government. The CIA denied his claim that he was part of a covert operation.

November 18, 1982:

\* Twenty-two persons are killed and about 100 injured as a result of a stampede of fans in a soccer stadium in Cali, Columbia.

November 19, 1982:

\* Lost manuscripts by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Richard Rodgers are found in a Warner Bros. warehouse in New Jersey.

\* Wu Xueqian replaces China's Foreign Minister Huang Hua and Zhang Aiping replaces Defense Minister Geng Biao.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Last Unicorn.

November 20, 1982:

\* South Africa backs down on a plan to install black rule in Namibia.

November 21, 1982:

\* National Football League games resume following resolution of a 57-day player strike.

November 22, 1982:

\* In a nationally televised address, President Reagan calls for the deployment of 100 MX missiles in the controversial "dense pack" basing mode. The missiles would be based in a cluster of silos near Cheyenne, Wyoming at an initial cost of \$26.4 billion.

November 23, 1982:

\* Hurricane Iwa, with 110 mile per hour winds, hits the islands of Kauai, Niihau, and Oahu in Hawaii, killing a sailor and causing an estimated 130 million in property damage. It is the first hurricane to hit the islands since 1959.

\* The FCC drops limits on the frequency and duration of television advertisements.

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Date: Tue, 12 Nov 2002 20:19:25 -0800 (PST)  
From: Steve Clark <wishthink7>  
Subject: Mailing Lists  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

I have a 400 series RCA player which has many strikes and is blurry. What can I do? I also have over 100 titles.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

November 24, 1982:

\* Irish voters go to the polls to decide, in effect, whether Prime Minister Charles Haughey, representing the Fianna Fail Party, will remain in power or be replaced by former prime minister Garret FitzGerald, the leader of the Fine Gael Party. Neither major party gains an absolute majority.

November 25, 1982:

\* Police in Rome, Italy, arrest an employee of the Bulgarian national airline, charging him with complicity in the May 1981 assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II.  
\* African leaders meeting in Tripoli, Libya, cancel a conference of the Organization of African Unity when it becomes evident that a dispute Between Libya's Muammar al-Qaddafi and Chad's Hissen Habre cannot be amicably resolved.

November 26, 1982:

\* The 60-member Central Council of the Palestine Liberation Organization issues a statement in Damascus, Syria, rejecting President Reagan's proposal that the Palestinians be given territory in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan. The terms of the rejection leave open hope for negotiation.  
Larry Holmes of Easton, Pennsylvania successfully defends his WBC heavyweight boxing title for the 13th straight time with a unanimous 15-round decision over Randy Cobb of Philadelphia.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Alone in the Dark.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA and MCA in Video Disc Deal for 20 Films

RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs and MCA Video Disc, Inc. have entered into an agreement which will result in 20 Universal Pictures feature films being released on RCA video discs, it was announced today by James N. Fiedler, President of MCA Video Disc, and Seth M. Willenson, Staff Vice President, Program and Business Affairs, RCA Videodiscs.

The agreement also contemplates possible custom pressing by RCA and distribution of CED video discs by MCA directly at a future date.

The agreement with MCA will make possible future video disc releases of such films as "Jaws," "Animal House," "The Sting," "American Graffiti," "Smokey and

The Bandit," and "The Jerk."

Among the other titles included are: "Airport," "Coal Miner's Daughter," "The Four Seasons," "The Blues Brothers," "The Deer Hunter," "The Electric Horseman," "Frankenstein," "Dracula," "Psycho," "Duck Soup," "The Birds," "Animal Crackers," "Never Give A Sucker An Even Break," and "My Little Chickadee."

Mr. Willenson said the first of the MCA titles will become available at retail in the first quarter of 1983. "The opportunity to license from MCA this package of 20 significant motion pictures is a gratifying addition to the Capacitance Electronic Disc (CED) library."

Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA VideoDiscs, said "MCA has been a leader in the home entertainment industry, and we look forward to their continued support of our 'CED' system."

Mr Fiedler said, "We are pleased to have the Universal programming become available on the 'CED' system in the United States and Canada. MCA is committed to the exploitation of its software on all viable video disc systems. 'CED' has established a place for itself in the consumer market and we will become an important part of the 'CED' catalog."

November 27, 1982:

\* New Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, 64, and his 21-member cabinet are installed in office. Nakasone was elected in a special; session of the Diet the day before.

\* "Truly" by Lionel Richie (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

November 28, 1982:

\* The "Pirates of Penzance" closes at the Uris Theater in New York City after a run of 772 performances.

November 29, 1982:

\* The UN General Assembly, for the fourth time in three years, condemns the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan. The vote, which calls for the "immediate withdrawal of foreign forces" from the country, is 114 to 21 with 13 abstentions.

\* Representatives of 88 nations end a six-day meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), held in Geneva. Though the conference was extended by three days, fundamental trade issues remained unresolved.

November 30, 1982:

\* It is reported that the federal government is conducting more than 50 studies related to Agent Orange, the herbicide used in the Vietnam War and blamed by some for a host of health problems among veterans of the war.

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Date: Fri, 22 Nov 2002 21:17:52 -0800

To: digest@cedmagic.com

From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>

Subject: First Encounter with CED

Hello All:

Recently I purchased a Radio Shack sale catalog from 1981 on eBay because it contained an ad for the Realistic 16-301 CED player. When I got this catalog in the mail, just one look at the cover piqued my memory back to 1981 when I first



saw a CED player. I remembered this as being sometime during the holiday season of 1981, but couldn't recall exactly where. Well, the cover of this catalog has a coupon for a free Radio Shack flashlight, and I remember getting that flashlight and seeing the CED display at the same time. I used the free flashlight for a few years until the switch finally broke off. The catalog expired on Sunday, November 22, 1981, so this may have been 21 years ago today. In case anyone else remembers this, here's a picture of the cover of the catalog:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/museum/ad/radioshack-cat344-cover.jpg>

And here's the ad inside for the \$499.95 Realistic 16-301 CED player, which included the corded remote control as standard equipment:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/museum/ad/radioshack-cat344-16-301.jpg>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

December 1, 1982:

\* Amintore Fanfani becomes premier of Italy. He succeeds Giovanni Spadolini, who had resigned in November after 17 months in office. It is the fifth time in his political career that Fanfani has been premier.

\* On the first leg of a five-day, four-nation goodwill tour of Latin America, U.S. President Ronald Reagan extends \$1.23 billion in short-term credit to Brazil.

\* Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado is sworn in for a six-year term as president of Mexico.

\* U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Democrat, Massachusetts) announces that he will not run for president in 1984.

\* CED Title Releases for December 1982:

Arsenic and Old Lace [FOX]

Atlantic City

Black Sunday (2)

Blue Max, The (2)

Boston Strangler, The

Boys in the Band, The

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid [FOX]

Comes A Horseman

Detective, The

Diner

Dodge City

Dr. Seuss Video Festival: Horton/Grinch Stole Xmas

Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox, The

Elephant Man, The [1982]

Elvis: His 1968 Comeback Special  
 Exodus (2)  
 Exorcist, The  
 Eye of the Needle  
 Fantastic Voyage [CBS]  
 French Connection, The [FOX]  
 Gator  
 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes  
 Golden Era of College Football, A  
 Grapes of Wrath, The (2)  
 Hang 'Em High [FOX]  
 Hell in the Pacific  
 Hello, Dolly! (2)\* [FOX]  
 Herbie Rides Again  
 Hombre  
 How to Marry a Millionaire  
 Hustler, The (2)  
 Jezebel [RCA]  
 King and I, The (2)\*  
 Laura [CBS]  
 Little Caesar [RCA]  
 Longest Day, The (2) [FOX]  
 M\*A\*S\*H [FOX]  
 Magnum Force  
 Man With the Golden Arm, The  
 Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, The  
 Moses (2)  
 Mr. Rogers Vol. 1: Helping Children Understand  
 My Bodyguard  
 Nutcracker, The\* [1977]  
 One-Night Stand: A Keyboard Event\*\*  
 Patton (2)\*  
 Pennies From Heaven  
 Planet of the Apes [FOX]  
 Pumping Iron  
 Queen Greatest Flix\*  
 Robe, The (2)  
 Sacred Music of Duke Ellington, The\*  
 Saturn 3  
 Secret Policeman's Other Ball, The\*\*  
 Seems Like Old Times  
 Seven Year Itch, The [FOX]  
 Shoot the Moon  
 Taxi Driver  
 Teddy Pendergrass: Live in London\*  
 Thomas Crown Affair, The  
 Three Stooges VideoDisc, Vol. 1, The  
 Thunderball (2)  
 Tora! Tora! Tora! (2) [FOX]  
 Twelve O'Clock High (2)  
 World of Wildlife, Vol. 2: Penguin Summer/Kangaroo  
 World's Greatest Lover, The  
 Yankee Doodle Dandy

December 2, 1982:

\* Barney Clark, a 61-year-old retired dentist, becomes the first person to receive a permanent artificial heart. In an operation at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, doctors replace Clark's dying heart with an

artificial heart made of plastic named the Jarvik-7 after its creator, Dr. Robert Jarvik. The artificial heart is slightly larger than a human heart, but weighs about the same. It is connected by hoses to its power supply - a 375-pound external air compressor carried in a large cart.

December 3, 1982:

\* U.S. Department of Labor statistics for November report a national, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 10.8 percent, a post-World War II high.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Frances.

December 4, 1982:

\* The trial of 280 Egyptians, all accused of conspiring to overthrow the government, gets under way in Cairo. Most of the defendants are members of Al Jihad, an Islamic fundamentalist group bent on turning Egypt into an Islamic state.

\* Leaders of 10 European Community (EC) nations conclude two days of discussions in Copenhagen on trade policy, economic cooperation, and East-West relations.

\* President Reagan returns to the United States following a four-nation visit to Latin America that included the countries Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Honduras.

December 5, 1982:

\* Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq arrives in the U.S. for his first state visit. His request for economic and military aid is supported by President Reagan, but Congress is still debating the details of a proposed \$3.2 billion aid package. He tries to allay fears that Pakistan is seeking nuclear technology to develop nuclear weapons.

\* The 5th Annual Kennedy Center Honors are held featuring the honorees George Abbott, Lillian Gish, Benny Goodman, Gene Kelly, and Eugene Ormandy.

December 6, 1982:

\* A bomb explodes in a disco and bar in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland, killing 17 people, including 11 British soldiers.

\* During its 15-day annual session, the Chinese National People's Congress ratifies a new, 138-article constitution. Earlier in the congress, Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang unveiled the country's sixth economic five-year plan, covering 1981 through 1985.

December 7, 1982:

\* Murderer Charles Brooks, Jr., is executed in Huntsville, Texas by lethal injection of anesthetics, the first such execution in U.S. history.

\* The U.S. House of Representatives rejects President Reagan's request for \$988 million to build and deploy the first five of 100 MX missiles. The 245-176 vote is a major setback for the president, who has said the MX is vital to the nation's security and an essential bargaining chip in disarmament talks with the Soviet Union.

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From: "Fernandez, Sharon" <sfernandez>  
To: "'digest@cedmagic.com'" <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RCA SelectaVision SGT250 for free  
Date: Wed, 27 Nov 2002 15:49:54 -0800

Is there any one in the Seattle area that would be willing to give my player a good home? It's free! I'll also throw in any of my 13 movies if you want them. Must be willing to come and get it. Contact me at sfernandez

Sharon Fernandez

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Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2002 22:13:25 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CED Dealers

Hello All:

This past week I received two notifications for CED dealers who now have web sites. The first is PDQ Records, which had a site that went down over a year ago, but it's now back up. This is a giant used record store in Tucson, which also carries a selection of CED's. It looks like their site will soon have a page dedicated to CED, possibly with a photo of their inventory:

<http://www.pdqrecords.awebaddress.com/>

The second is MailBox Video (aka Video Liquidators), which has had a snail mail list for over 10 years. I purchased a number of discs from them in the early 1990's to fill holes in my collection. They also carry LaserDisc, DVD, Beta, VHS, and even the obscure 8mm movie format, which in my thrift store experience is even rarer than Cartrivision pre-recorded tape:

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/videoliquidators/welcome.htm>

And don't forget that two of our fellow collectors and Digest subscribers, James Curiel and Harry Libby, also have web pages where they may be contacted regarding CED purchases:

<http://www.cedcentral.com/>

<http://www.ep.com/js/about/c1064/b1064/v0/50703.html>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

December 8, 1982:

\* Norman Mayer, a 66-year-old advocate of nuclear disarmament, is shot to death by police at the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., after taking over the structure for 10 hours and threatening to blow it up.

\* Donald P. Hodel becomes U.S. Secretary of Energy, succeeding James B. Edwards. Hodel, a lawyer and energy specialist, was Undersecretary of the Interior prior to the appointment.

\* Country-western singer and composer Marty Robbins dies at age 57 of lung and kidney failure.

December 9, 1982:

- \* The federal Centers for Disease Control report a case of AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, in a child who had received a blood transfusion from an adult victim of the syndrome.
- \* Meeting near Frankfurt, West Germany, finance officials of the United States, Great Britain, West Germany, and France agree to increase the lending power of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by 50 percent.

December 10, 1982:

- \* Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry announces that he has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Manuel Ulloa Elias. The president then announces that Fernando Schwalb Lopez Aldana will replace Ulloa in January.
- \* Representatives of 117 sovereign nations sign the United Nations Law of the Sea Treaty during a conference held in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Of the 23 nations that sent representatives to the meeting but do not sign, the U.S. is the most outspoken in its opposition to that part of the act calling for a global authority that would determine who could mine metals under the high seas and how much they could remove.
- \* Soviet cosmonauts Anatoly Berezovoy and Valentin Lebedev land safely after a record 211 days in space.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Gandhi

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Retail Exposure Plays Key Role In Motivating Video Disc Buyer

Strong retail visibility is a critical factor influencing consumers' actual decision to buy a video disc player, an RCA survey showed today.

In the latest survey of video disc owners, 43 percent said their initial exposure to the product was in a retail outlet, according to Stuart Gray, Division Vice President, Program & Market Research, RCA VideoDiscs.

He said 24 percent of the respondents admitted that their purchase was made on impulse. "These people said their decision to buy was made after they had entered the store and seen the retail display," Mr. Gray said.

Asked why they wanted the product, Mr. Gray said the largest percentage (67%) said it was because a video disc player "lets you watch what you want when you want." Other reasons cited, in order of popularity, included: "alternative to television," "provides parental control over entertainment for children," and "an inexpensive way of owning and collecting movies and other favorite programs."

Overall product satisfaction, at high levels to begin with, continues to increase with each survey, particularly in the case of selection and availability of discs, he added. Of those surveyed, 59 percent cited the large catalog selection as the reason they bought a video disc player. Another 42 percent cited ease of player operation.

Mr. Gray said, "We continue to see that cable television is not a competitive problem in marketing video disc players, since VDP owners are more likely to subscribe to cable -- both basic and pay -- than the general population. The VDP owner also continues to be much more likely to own a video cassette player than the general population (19% vs. 5%)."

Corroborating earlier surveys, Mr. Gray said the latest wave showed that the video disc player is geared more to families with children than the video

cassette recorder, which continues to be more of a single, male-oriented product.

Although available at retail for less than six months, "On Golden Pond" was the most widely owned feature film among the respondents in this survey, followed by "Casablanca," "The Black Stallion," "Airplane!," and "The Muppet Movie."

The top non-features owned included: "Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 1," "Star Trek -- The Menagerie," "Jane Fonda's Workout," "Charlie Brown Festival, Vol. 11," and "Star Trek -- City On The Edge Of Forever."

December 11, 1982:

- \* A chemical tank explodes in Taft, Louisiana forcing the evacuation of more than 20,000 local residents.
- \* Robbers take at least \$9.9 million from a New York City armored car service, the largest robbery to date in U.S. history.
- \* "Mickey" (CED) by Toni Basil becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

December 12, 1982:

- \* Employees of Chrysler Canada Ltd. vote to ratify a new contract, ending their 38-day strike.

December 13, 1982:

- \* A strong earthquake strikes Yemen (Sana). More than 2,800 persons are killed and many villages are destroyed.

December 14, 1982:

- \* Garret FitzGerald is elected prime minister of Ireland, after the Labor Party agrees to accept a coalition with his Fine Gael party.
- \* Spain opens its border to the British colony of Gibraltar, ending a 13-year blockade.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

At The Ronald McDonald House, Tony Bennett And Walt Disney Cartoon Heroes Bring Christmas Early to Afflicted Children

Tony Bennett sang Christmas carols and Mickey and Minnie Mouse entertained today at a special Christmas party for children and their families at The Ronald McDonald House.

The party was sponsored by RCA VideoDiscs.

On behalf of RCA, Mr. Bennett presented The Ronald McDonald House with a stereo video disc system and a video disc, "A Tony Bennett Songbook," and Mickey Mouse proffered a complete selection of Walt Disney video disc albums.

In making the presentation, Mr. Bennett said he hoped the new home entertainment system "would bring many hours of joy and relaxation to the families who are here now and to those who will follow in the months and years to come. They say 'laughter is the best medicine,' and Walt Disney is the best doctor of laughs that I know."

Thomas G. Kuhn, Division Vice President, RCA VideoDiscs, said, "RCA is very happy to be able to help the brave children and their families at the McDonald House. A gift of Disney video discs will have an ongoing appeal to all of the special kids at The Ronald McDonald House."

The Ronald McDonald House in New York, one of 43 internationally, is a

temporary home-away-from-home where families of children being treated for cancer, leukemia, and other serious diseases can reside while the child receives treatment at a nearby children's hospital.

Vivian Harris, President of the New York residence, said: "Although some hospitals provide limited live-in accommodations, parents just can't be at a child's bedside 24 hours a day. At a Ronald McDonald House, the parents have a place to rest and let their other children lead as normal a life as possible. Children being treated as outpatients can often stay at the House, too."

Families pay a minimal \$10 a day to stay at the House. Families who can not afford to pay anything stay free of charge.

The Walt Disney video disc albums presented to The Ronald McDonald House by Mickey and Minnie Mouse included: "Disney Cartoon Parade' Vols. 1, 2, 3, and 4," "Dumbo," "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea," "The Love Bug," "Old Yeller," "The Absent-Minded Professor," "Mary Poppins," "Escape To Witch Mountain," "Candlehoe," "The Bears And I," "The Great Locomotive Chase," "The Apple Dumpling Gang," and "The Shaggy Dog."

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Date: Sat, 7 Dec 2002 18:24:34 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CED's in West Central Washington

Hello All:

Yesterday I visited a number of thrift stores to the North of Portland, Oregon in central Washington. This area has always been better for thrift store collecting than Portland due to its rural/suburban nature. There used to be an awesome Goodwill As-Is store in Tacoma that had CED players every time I visited it. I used to go to that store last and buy enough video game stuff to completely fill whatever space was left in the car, not knowing that in a few years with the explosion of the Internet, 1980's video game equipment would all but disappear from thrift stores. But CED's can still be found, as three stores on the circuit each had 20-50 discs stacked adjacent to the audio LP bins. It helps if people buy these thrift store CED's, as it encourages the stores to keep putting them out, and the disc labels have a tendency to get beat to death if they remain in the store for too long. Here are the addresses of the three Goodwill stores with CED's:

Olympia, WA: 4512 B Lacey Blvd. SE

Puyallup, WA: 12007 Meridian E.

Tacoma, WA: 3121 S. 38th St.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

December 15, 1982:

\* Teamsters Union President Roy L. Williams is found guilty by a federal jury of conspiring to bribe U.S. Senator Howard W. Cannon and of defrauding the union's pension fund.

December 16, 1982:

\* Anne Gorsuch, head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) becomes the first cabinet-level officer ever to be held in contempt of Congress for refusing to submit documents requested by a House committee.

\* An antigovernment rally in Buenos Aires, Argentina, organized by five of Argentina's largest political parties and sanctioned by the government, turns violent despite the precautions that had been taken to avoid confrontations with the police.

December 17, 1982:

\* The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) publishes a report on unexplained immunodeficiency and opportunistic infections in infants born to IV drug users.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Dark Crystal.

December 18, 1982:

\* The recently completed space shuttle Challenger is given a 20 second Flight Readiness Firing (FRF) of its main engines in preparation for a January 20, 1983 initial flight. The discovery of a hydrogen leak during the firing postpones the date of the first flight.

\* "Maneater" (CED) by Daryl Hall and John Oates becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

December 19, 1982:

\* Poland's Council of State announces that martial law will be suspended on December 31.

\* Two oil and gas storage tanks explode near Caracas, Venezuela, killing at least 129 persons and injuring 500.

December 20, 1982:

\* The EPA issues its "national priority list" of the 418 most hazardous toxic waste sites to be cleaned up under a federal law.

\* Italian Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio tells a special session of the Chamber of Deputies that the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in May 1981 by the Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca was "an act of war" perpetrated by Bulgaria. The Bulgarians, he indicated, acted as puppets of the Soviet Union, which wanted the Pope killed because he had supported solidarity, the Polish labor federation.

\* Artur Rubinstein, the American pianist, dies at age 95. Rubinstein, who was born in Poland, began playing the piano at the age of 3 and made his debut shortly thereafter. He became a widely acclaimed virtuoso, best known for his interpretations of Chopin.

December 21, 1982:

\* Soviet Communist Party leader Yuri Andropov offers a proposal for the reduction of medium-range missiles in Europe. The United States, Great Britain, and France reject the plan.

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Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2002 16:02:37 -0800

To: digest@cedmagic.com



From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: First "Making Of" Documentary Included With Video Itself

Hello All:

You may be aware that one of the titles in the current Featured CED is "Mickey's Christmas Carol" which has the unusual characteristic of including a documentary on the making of this 1983 featurette on the same disc as the program itself. Today, it's become almost expected that a "Making Of" video will be included on DVD releases of new movies, with some actors demanding extra pay to participate in such projects, and some DVD's even including audio commentary tracks on the documentary itself.

Although these "Making Of" features pre-date the CED era, in those days the material, if made available on video at all, was generally in a separately sold package. The CED titles including the "Making of Star Wars" and "Making of Raiders of the Lost Ark" documentaries come to mind. The "Mickey's Christmas Carol" disc from November 1984 is not the first CED title to include the documentary on the disc. The first would be "Making Michael Jackson's Thriller" from December 1983. But I'm wondering if anyone is aware of any other video titles on either tape or LaserDisc that predate this inclusion.

--Tom

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Date: Wed, 11 Dec 2002 23:50:17 -0500  
From: Peter Goldberg <prg>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CED SGT-250 Problem

Hello

Just wanted to ask if anyone could help with a problem i am having

The Player is a SGT-250

1The player powers up amd the disc door opens and loads a disc with not problems

2. The disc stats to spin

3, The player will not respond the search or rapid access comands on the remote or player

4. The arm(where the stylus) is will not move at all. Even if I try to push it with my hand, it stays all the way to the back of the player

5. If I take the disc out the arm will move back on forrth with no problem(using my hand)

Thank you for your help

Peter

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Date: Thu, 12 Dec 2002 19:24:51 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>

Subject: CED-related Holiday Gifts

Hello All:

Yesterday I participated in a seminar called "Techno Gadgets for Holiday Gift Giving" and realized that subconsciously or not, I had picked a couple items with a CED tie-in, albeit an obscure one. Here they are, in case anyone on the list has an interest in a somewhat CED-related gift.

Forever Flashlight, about \$30 on the web from various sites  
<http://foreverflashlight.com>

The CED tie-in with this flashlight is that it uses a capacitor to store electric energy, much like a CED uses a tiny varying capacitance to encode the video signal. Unlike chemical batteries, capacitors have the disadvantage of not being able to store electric charge for a prolonged period of time. The Forever Flashlight overcomes this by using Faraday's Principle of Electromagnetic Energy to charge up the capacitor just prior to use of the flashlight. This is accomplished by simply shaking the light, with each shake moving a powerful magnet through a copper coil, and generating a tiny bit of electricity. About 15-30 seconds of shaking provides 5 minutes of light. Since the "bulb" is a super-bright LED, it essentially never burns out, and this flashlight could sit unused for years and still be ready for use after a half minute of shaking.

RCA RCU1000B Universal Touchscreen Learning Remote Control  
about \$60 from eBay.com by searching for RCU1000B  
<http://www.rca.com/product/viewdetail/0,2588,PI700123,00.html?>

This remote, with its large touchscreen and auto-backlighting, looks more like an oversized PDA than a TV remote. The CED tie-in is its ability to learn the program codes from an SJT/SKT 400 CED player remote control. The remote has function buttons for nine different devices and on-screen prompts to guide you through programming. It also has macro capability to control multiple devices with a single button press. For instance, I have mine programmed so that a macro button press turns on the the satellite receiver, turns on the amplifier, switches the amplifier to the satellite input, turns on the TV, and switches the TV video to the satellite input.

Philips DVD580M DVD Player, \$149.99 from Target  
[http://www.target.com/gp/detail.html/sr=1-7/qid=1040029577/ref=sr\\_1\\_7/602-7938931-6162246?asin=B00006HI4H](http://www.target.com/gp/detail.html/sr=1-7/qid=1040029577/ref=sr_1_7/602-7938931-6162246?asin=B00006HI4H)

This DVD player is analogous to a CED player in that it uses slot-loading rather than the pop-out tray method. It's the most compact full-featured DVD player I've seen and handles just about any format including MP3 discs. The slot-loading design means the player can be installed vertically in about 2" of space (but don't try vertical positioning with your CED player, it does rely upon gravity). If you happen to have a Philips receiver with a MULTI-5.1 jack, this DVD player has a similar jack for enhanced functionality. There are scant sources for the DVD580M player on the web, but Target department stores do carry it.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

December 22, 1982:

\* Barney Clark, the first recipient of an artificial heart, takes his first steps following the surgical procedure that was performed on December 2.

December 23, 1982:

\* The U.S. Senate passes, 54-33, a bill providing for a 5 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax to finance highway repairs and mass transit. After the vote, the 97th Congress adjourns, ending its 25-day lame duck session.

\* The leading political opposition figure in South Korea, Kim Dae Jung, is freed from prison after serving two-and-a-half years of a 20-year sentence and leaves Seoul for the United States.

\* Because of pollution by the extremely toxic chemical dioxin, federal health officials advise residents of Times Beach, Missouri not to return to their community after being driven from it by a flood.

December 24, 1982:

\* Louis Aragon, French poet and World War II resistance leader dies at age 85.

\* Twenty-three persons, including 3 American citizens, are killed in a fire aboard a Chinese airliner in Canton.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Kiss Me Goodbye.

December 25, 1982:

\* President Ronald Reagan delivers his Saturday morning radio address, which this year falls on Christmas day. He comments on holiday greetings the White House has received from U.S. Marines performing peacekeeping duty in Beirut, Lebanon, and from a sailor aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise on station in the Indian Ocean.

December 26, 1982:

\* On the third anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the White House issues a statement condemning the continuing aggression and pledging support to Pakistan and the Afghan rebels, with the hope that new leadership in the Soviet Union will end the conflict.

December 27, 1982:

\* Continuing its record-breaking trend, the Dow Jones industrial average closes at a record 1,070.55.

December 28, 1982:

\* Andrew L. Lewis, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, announces his resignation, effective February 1, 1983.

\* Talks between Israel and Lebanon on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanese territory open in the coastal town of Khalde. The second session is to held in Kiryat Shemona, Israel.

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Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 09:04:25 -0800 (PST)  
From: byteme More <bytemesoftware>  
Subject: ced looks good  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

I have and the ced format for a long time , I have a bad player so I Started to video tape all my CEDs disk found that the video in most cases is beter then the video tapes you buy to day.

wish the format was still around, to bad i cant get my good player fixed, tryed to buy a player on EBAY but when it came, thay packed it in newspaper and the table spins bad the pic gets bad has it gets to the end of the disk.

So Im using the other bad player I have to video tape the CEDs I have, that player has load problem and when the disk starts you have to turn off the machine , or it run to the stop in the middle of the player.

its to bad it was a good format , it ran will for its life will try to get one more player on ebay , if that doesnt work I am done.

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From: "jerryproctor" <forrestpl>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: J-400 Repair  
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2002 21:14:03 -0500

I recently acquired a perfectly working SJT-400 player from CED Central. Of course, like all machines closing in on 20 years of age, it has started to display an odd quirk. No matter which side of a disc that is inserted into the player, it starts 20-25 seconds into the recorded material. It often takes an abnormally long time (Several seconds) for the player to actually start playing the disc too. Before I crack the player open and make things worse, does anyone have any suggestions?

Thanks,  
Forrest.

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Date: Sat, 21 Dec 2002 20:31:16 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Happy Holidays!

Season's Greeting All:

If you can't make out the ASCII holiday image below, try viewing it in the Courier font, and if you happen to have the "Mickey's Christmas Carol" CED, this ASCII rendition is derived from an image on the disc 25:44 into the program material.

In about a week, you'll also be able to view the image at CED Magic at the following URL when I get the Volume 7 Digest archives on-line:





\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Best Friends.

\* Video Magazine's Outstanding VideoDiscs of 1982 (both LaserVision and CED):

Best Disc of the Year:

LV: Olivia: Physical

CED: Viva Las Vegas

Best in Sight and Sound:

LV: Apocalypse Now

CED: Absence of Malice

Best Sound:

LV: Queen's Greatest Flix

CED: The Doobie Brothers Live in Concert - Santa Barbara

Best Educational Disc:

LV: The Master Cooking Course

CED: Jane Fonda's Workout

Best Transfer:

LV: The Bridge on the River Kwai

CED: The Pirate

Most Outrageous Disc (LV only):

LV: Oriental Dreams

\* Video Magazine's Best VideoDisc Players of 1982:

"We still think that the Pioneer LD-1100 is the better videodisc player though we said the RCA SGT250 CED player is competitive. The Pioneer outperforms the CED player in both audio and video, whereas the SGT250 is strong on price and easy availability of programming."

"LaserVision had a problem with defective discs, but that seems to have disappeared now that all discs are being made in Japan. CED has gotten better in both picture and sound, which is now stereo. Both products deserve mention under best of the year."

January 1, 1983:

\* Penn State defeats Georgia 27-23 in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans for the National Collegiate Football Championship. The University of Georgia had been the only Collegiate team with a perfect record prior to its defeat in this game. Its star junior halfback, Herschel Walker, won the Heisman Trophy, honoring the best college player.

\* CED Title Releases for January 1983:

Alamo, The (2)

Angels With Dirty Faces

Apartment, The [CBS]

Arsenic and Old Lace [RCA]

Baffled

Birdman of Alcatraz (2) [CBS]

Black Hole, The\*\*

Brannigan

Breakheart Pass

Breakout

Bridge Too Far, A (2)  
Captain Blood [CBS]  
Charge of the Light Brigade, The [CBS]  
Cheech & Chong "Nice Dreams"  
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (2)  
Dirty Dozen, The (2)\* [MGM]  
Doctor Dolittle (2)  
Dogs of War, The  
Domino Principle, The  
End, The  
Escape to Athena  
Evilspeak  
F.I.S.T. (2)  
Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, A [CBS]  
Gigi\* [UA]  
Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, The (2) [CBS]  
Great Train Robbery, The  
Grover Washington, Jr in Concert\*  
Gumby Adventure, A  
Hard Country  
High Sierra [CBS]  
Incredible Machine/Mysteries of the Mind  
It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (2) [CBS]  
Joan of Arc  
La Cage Aux Folles II  
Man With the Golden Gun, The [CBS]  
Missouri Breaks  
Petrified Forest, The [CBS]  
Pirate Movie, The\*\*  
Poltergeist\*  
Richard Pryor: Live on the Sunset Strip  
Rollerball  
Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming [CBS]  
Sergeant York (2) [CBS]  
Shot In the Dark, A [CBS]  
Star Is Born, A (2)\*\* [1976]  
Story of O, The (canceled)  
Thief  
Thousand Clowns, A  
Women In Love (2)

January 2, 1983:

\* Comedian Dick Emery dies at age 65. He provided several voices in the Beatles' Yellow Submarine.

January 3, 1983:

\* The first session of the 98th U.S. Congress convenes, with economic recovery and Social Security reform as top priorities.

\* Kilauea volcano in Hawaii begins a series of eruptions.

\* In the current issue, Time Magazine names "The Computer" as the 1982 Man of the Year. In their corresponding issue, Business Week also covers personal computers, proclaiming IBM the winner.

January 4, 1983:

\* The CDC holds a national conference to discuss blood screening for AIDS, but arrives at no consensus.

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Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 12:50:59 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
From: "Harry Libby" <fiddy>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: HO HO HO

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/021222.jpg>

Check out the attachment above

Tom Thanks for the Christmas card. Have a great Christmas Harry Libby

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Date: Sun, 22 Dec 2002 21:14:11 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: CED SGT-250 Problem

> 4. The arm(where the stylus) is will not move at all. Even if I try to  
> push it with my hand, it stays all the way to the back of the player

In this instance, the stylus set down adjustment may be so far out that the pickup arm is binding at the extreme rear of the player. SGT250 players seem to be more susceptible to binding than other F/G models with function levers. Try adjusting the landing screw a considerable ways inward following the instructions at this URL:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/repair-solutions.html#improper-stylus-set-down-adjustment>

--Tom

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2002 16:53:03 -0500  
Subject: 400 Player doesn't start at 0:00  
From: Stephen J Testa <sjt46>

"Of course, like all machines closing in on 20 years of age, it has started to display an odd quirk. No matter which side of a disc that is inserted into the player, it starts 20-25 seconds into the recorded material. It often takes an abnormally long time (Several seconds) for the player to actually start playing the disc too. "

This has nothing to do with Forrest's player, or the age of his player. The culprit here is the stylus cartridge.

The stylus is bonded to a long metal/graphite tube which is attached to the cartridge with an electrode on the stylus end and positioned in a rubber grommet on the other end. If the tube is not positioned PRECISELY in the rubber grommet, the 400 has trouble finding the 0:00 start point and ends up dropping the stylus down wherever it is positioned over the disc (about 0:20 in Forrest's case).

The 400 is much more sensitive to this mispositioning than the other players in the J/K series.

Conditions that can amplify the symptom include a cool ambient temperature; turntable height higher than normal; or a stylus cartridge

with some wear on it.

Forrest's best bet is to try a new/different cartridge. Although it is possible to reposition the tube in the rubber grommet I wouldn't recommend trying it. This is an EXTREMELY delicate procedure and you can very easily destroy your cartridge in the attempt (take it from me).

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From: "Douglas Curran" <Batwings78rpm>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: SKT090....  
Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 12:54:36 -0500

Greetings:

Have just acquired three RCA Selectavision VideoDisc Players, all model SKT090, none of which appear to be in working order. This being the case, wondering where I might get them repaired. I live in Maryland in the greater Washingtgon, DC, area and -- if at all possible -- would like to have them looked at without shipping.

Thanks & Best.

Doug --

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From: DawnH522  
Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2002 09:54:07 EST  
Subject: colortrak 2000 remote control  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

I NEED TO PURCHASE THIS REMOTE CONTROL FOR MY TV. I CANNOT GET THE UNIVERSAL REMOTES TO DISPLAY THE MENU SCREEN ON MY TV

PLEASE HELP

THANK YOU

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: VHD FIB'S!!!  
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 12:01:14 -0600

Hi All,  
with in the past few month's, the hunt has bin on for the VHD VideoDisc Player's and thire Discs! ever sence Tom Howe put those sights up in the Digest. and yes tom...I did get thru this time. THANK YOU!!!!But what bothers me more than anything is these people on EBAY who are trying to pass off VHS titles for VHD discs!!! that makes me mad!!! if you people look at these Bogas VHD pages on ebay you can see they are trying to push off vhs tapes on the people who are trying to get VHD stuff like myself! i wish people like that would ceare more about us people who would be more than happy to pay them for real VHD stuff insted of ripping them off like that. i know..i just got one of those vhs....errr VHD things in the mail. i hope things change soon.

Allen Wolf.

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Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 21:18:01 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Holiday Postcard

Hello All:

Thanks for the many responses to the CED postcard with the RCA ad. That is my favorite RCA ad as it delves into the simple/complex dichotomy of the CED system. Unfortunately, it only seems to have appeared in the internal RCA magazine "Communicate," a publication so obscure that only one library in the country currently has a run of it.

If you'd like to send this postcard out to your friends to promote our hobby, they are available on the purchase page at five card for \$1 including shipping.

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/purchase.html>

--Tom

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