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20 Years Ago In CED History:

January 7, 1981:

\* Figures published by the U.S. automobile industry showed that domestically manufactured passenger car sales fell 20% behind the level of the previous year, making 1980 the industry's worst year since 1961.

January 8, 1981:

\* Winter '81 Consumer Electronics Show opens in Las Vegas, Nevada.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Largest Display of VideoDisc Players Marks RCA's Return to CES Show

RCA's return to the Consumer Electronics Show was marked by an impressive display devoted totally to the forthcoming introduction of the "SelectaVision" VideoDisc system. A series of eight 14-foot towers held 84 RCA VideoDisc players in the largest demonstration ever of the new medium that provides picture and sound on a disc. Eight demonstration areas for public access to the RCA player were also part of the display.

The programming material to be available in RCA's opening catalog was displayed on television screens connected to the VideoDisc players. Two pylons billboarded the VideoDisc which included movies, family entertainment, classics and special interest programs.

The RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDisc system will be introduced by 5,000 television dealers in a National Demonstration Week beginning March 22. The optional retail price of RCA's initial player will be \$499.95. The national introduction of "the most important new consumer electronic product since color television will mark the beginning of a true personal video communications business," Jack K. Sauter, vice president and general manager of RCA's Consumer Electronics Division has said.

"The change from mass to personal communications will be more noticeable as new forms of electronic entertainment reach the market. With an important new video product such as the video disc player, the hours devoted to video in the home will expand because of 24-hour availability of diverse visual entertainment," he predicted.

RCA believes that video disc players will appeal to a broad market segment "that is interested in affordable, simple-to-operate entertainment in the home," Mr. Sauter said. "Our customer for video discs is clearly the average family, the same broad segment that built the television business to 1980's level of nearly 16 million annual unit sales." Production of the SFT100, RCA's initial video disc player, has begun at the company's Bloomington, Indiana plant. Video discs have been in production since last summer at

RCA's Rockville Road facility in Indianapolis. Initial players for training purposes have been shipped to RCA distributors.

Mr. Sauter said RCA's extensive market research indicates that the video disc has far more universal appeal than video cassette recorders, for example, "because it is family oriented, appeals to women as well as men, and spans the entire spectrum of income and occupations." The company has forecast that the video disc business could grow to \$7.5 billion by the end of the 10th year.

The largest advertising and promotional campaign ever scheduled for a new RCA product will begin on March 16 to build consumer interest in the national introduction of RCA's video disc system the following Sunday, March 22. "Ease of use, depth of software and affordability will be the key points communicated to the public," Mr. Sauter said.

"While the RCA system is based upon extremely esoteric elements of electronics and physics, the end result is a product that any consumer from 8 to 80 years old can use right out of the shipping carton," he said. Providing up to two hours of entertainment on a single disc, the RCA "CED" capacitance electronic disc system, which has been under development since 1963, is designed to combine sound and pictures on a disc that can be played through any brand of NTSC television receiver.

As easy to operate as an audio record player, the RCA video disc player is extremely compact, weighs but 20 pounds, and uses only 35 watts of energy. Each "CED" disc can provide up to one hour of visual entertainment on each side of the disc. The stylus used in the RCA video disc player is so unique that special computer-controlled processing equipment had to be devised for its manufacture. The stylus tip measures just 1/10,000 of an inch and tracking force is extremely light, only 65 thousandths of a gram. The high performance "DuraLife" diamond stylus is designed for years of service under normal use.

RCA's goal is to establish the "CED" video disc system as a worldwide standard for video disc products. To date, color TV brands representing over 50 percent of the United States color TV market have indicated their intention of introducing video disc players based on the RCA system, including Zenith, JC Penney, Sears, Sanyo, Toshiba, Hitachi, and Radio Shack. CBS, Inc. has also announced plans to manufacture and market "CED" discs.

Mr. Sauter said that RCA's most recent market research study indicated over four million American TV households, seven percent of all homes with color TV, would be interested in purchasing a video disc player during the initial marketing period. RCA expects to sell at least 200,000 players and two million discs bearing its own brand in 1981.

Noting that black-and-white TV, color TV, and VCR players fell well below that figure in their introductory year, Mr. Sauter said video disc players "will reach a higher sales level in the first year than any other major video product in the history of the industry."

January 9, 1981:

- \* Thirty people die in Keansburg, NJ when fire destroys a two-story home for the elderly.
- \* U.S. Representative Raymond F. Lederer is found guilty on charges of bribery and Conspiracy relating to the Abscam investigation.
- \* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Stir Crazy, Seems Like Old Times.

January 10, 1981:

- \* Actor Richard Boone dies at the age of 63. Best known for his starring role in the TV series "Have Gun Will Travel," he also appeared in a number of CED titles including The Robe, The Alamo, Hombre, The Hobbit (voice of Smaug), and Winter Kills.

January 12, 1981:

- \* Television series "Dynasty" with Joan Collins premieres on ABC.

January 13, 1981:

- \* Soviet Marshall Viktor Kulikov visits Poland, a move outside observers believe is intended to intimidate the Polish Solidarity labor movement.

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From: Wlsnma  
Date: Mon, 1 Jan 2001 16:08:33 EST  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 5 No. 52  
To: ceds@teleport.com

I can absolutely remember when CEDs came out in 1981. We were living in American Samoa. TV was practically non-existent because of the poor reception, etc. Video tape players were out but were horribly expensive. One store in Pago Pago had this heretofore unheard of new CED system and six movies. The price was much better so we bought it. We watched the movies over and over again - our favorite was MASH. When we returned to the U.S., we started collecting movies.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

January 14, 1981:

- \* U.S. President Jimmy Carter delivers farewell speech to the nation focusing on the issues of: "The threat of nuclear destruction, our stewardship of the physical resources of our planet, and the preeminence

of the basic rights of human beings."

January 15, 1981:

\* "Hill Street Blues" TV series premieres on NBC.

January 16, 1981:

\* British character actor Bernard Lee dies at the age of 73. He played spy chief "M" on the James Bond CED titles "Dr. No" through "Moonraker."

\* Jimmy Carter submits his final State of the Union message in writing to Congress assessing the nation as sound, but warning that the problems of unemployment, inflation, the energy shortage, and challenges from Russia were yet to be solved.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Altered States, Stardust Memories.

January 20, 1981:

\* Ronald Reagan takes oath as 40th President of the United States.

\* Iran frees 52 U.S. hostages after 444 days in captivity.

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Date: Mon Jan 08 05:08:13 2001  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: ced player an 84 discs for sale  
From: homer j simpson <w-corleone>

Hey tom I have come to a point in my life when I would think about selling my ced player and everything I have to go with it. On one hand discs are cheap for the player, but if I go with a newer format like laserdisc or DVD most of the titles wouldn't be available. anywho I am offering up for sale my RCA SJT 400 player, a new stylus installed + a spare stylus, and 84 discs, about 78 movies some are 2 disc sets. I am asking \$400.00 and I will pay for shipping to anywhere in the lower 48 states. it is up for auction on EBAY now and there is the option to buy it now.

<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1402793629>

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From: "colint" <cclark>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: over 600 videodiscs listed at Yahoo Auctions  
Date: Mon, 8 Jan 2001 21:53:41 -0600

I've listed a choice out auction consisting of over 600 CEDs, some still shrinkwrapped, at Yahoo Auctions. If you are interested, it is available at

<http://page.auctions.yahoo.com/auction/48382105>

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Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2001 04:50:57 -0500  
From: "Tom Howe"<ceds@omnisky.net>  
Subject: 2001 Consumer Electronics Show  
To: <ceds@teleport.com>

Hello All:

In contrast to the 1981 CES, where RCA was one of the most notable exhibitors, Thomson (RCA) was not present at this show. CES is actually looking more like a computer show, as more consumer electronics products become PC and web enabled. The most notable thing in video is the potential battle between Digital VHS and Recordable DVD. It will be interesting to see if the disc wins this time. For complete information on the 2001 CES visit the TechTV web site:

<http://www.techtv.com/ces2001>

They also have a history of the CES on their site, but unfortunately don't mention CED in 1981:

<http://tm0.com/sbct.cgi?s=87948852&i=288312&d=823033>

--Tom

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Date: Thu, 11 Jan 2001 22:40:09 -0800  
To: [digest@cedmagic.com](mailto:digest@cedmagic.com)  
From: Tom Howe <[ceds@teleport.com](mailto:ceds@teleport.com)>  
Subject: J/K Function Motors Now Available

Hello All:

Now available for purchase via the CED Magic web site are replacement function motors for J/K CED players, a part that has been unavailable from the major parts suppliers for several years. Complete installation instruction are available at this URL:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/new-function-motor/>

--Tom

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From: "Tony@Electronics Inc." <[farful](mailto:farful)>  
To: <[digest@cedmagic.com](mailto:digest@cedmagic.com)>  
Subject: SJT 100 wont load  
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2001 05:35:59 -0500

I have this model SJT100 unit that will not load,the load motor never spins or engages at all-if you push the switch that should activate the load motor nothing happens-the motor works if you supply external DC..has anyone had any experience with this? this unit is in nearly mint condition,I would really like to repair it. Any help greatly appreciated-Tony

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

January 23, 1981:

- \* U.S. Department of Labor reports a Consumer Price Index increase of 12.4% for the year 1980 (compared to 3.4% for the year 2000).
- \* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: The Formula, The Mirror Crack'd.

January 25, 1981:

- \* Oakland Raiders win Super Bowl XV, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles 27-10 (CED).
- \* The 52 freed American hostages land at New York's Stewart Airport near the West Point Military Academy for a few days of semi-privacy with their families.
- \* Jiang Qing, widow of Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung and leader of the "gang of four" receives a "suspended" death sentence for treason in China.

January 26, 1981:

- \* Thornton Bradshaw announces his resignation as ARCO's president in preparation for replacing Edgar Griffiths as chairman of RCA.

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From: KatGlen1  
Date: Sun, 14 Jan 2001 21:18:06 EST  
Subject: re-sending this  
To: ceds@teleport.com

I remember when CED was introduced. I went over to one of the Handy Andy TV/Radio/Appliance stores in Sacramento. They had an RCA display set up. I owned a laser disc player at the time and was very impressed that RCA had such a wide assortment of titles for sale. Often titles were listed as "coming out soon" for laser disc but it would be months before they would appear at retail. RCA was really good at advertising a title and it would reliably appear that month. I waited for a stereo machine with a remote before I got into CED and purchased a SGT250 when RCA had a factory rebate of \$50.00 because the players were not selling as well as expected. Still have it, like new in the original box. Haven't used it much at all since I rotate the five other SGT players I own. Several of my laser discs have gone bad (laser rot) but the CED's still play amazingly well and all of the players are running fine. Glenn

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Date: Tue, 16 Jan 2001 06:59:57 -0800 (PST)  
From: Patryk Ruchniak <pruchniak2001>  
Subject: helpful hints  
To: ceds@teleport.com

Tom, I have found that if you clean the actual stylus needle tip it drastically improves performance over all and if you think that if some stylus tips may be worn out think again this may be the treatment for "fakening" wore out stylus syndrome. These are the steps I found that help the stylus be rejuvenated after lots of hours of play.

- 1.remove the stylus from the player
- 2.get a cotton swab with one end wet or doused with common rubbing alcohol.
- 3.then firmly grab the stylus cartridge and with the wet end of the swab brush the stylus tip gently about four times then use the other dry end to dry it out.
- 4.then replace the stylus cartridge in the player to see the results.
- 5.this will help skipping disks if they skip a lot because it cleans the tip better than the built in player.

tom tell me if it helps.

from pruchniak2001@yahoo.com

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Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2001 21:28:31 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: RE: SJT 100 wont load

At 5:35 AM -0500 1/13/01, Tony@Electronics Inc. wrote:

>I have this model SJT100 unit that will not load, the load motor never spins  
>or engages at all-if you push the switch that should activate the load motor  
>nothing happens

This is probably a problem with the function motor drive circuitry. You could try loading a disc manually by rotating the Second Reduction Gear by hand until the caddy latches to see if the motor will power-up and reject the empty caddy. This will test whether the motor drive circuitry still functions in the reverse direction. But in any case, fixing a problem with the function motor drive circuitry will require putting the player in the service position and individually testing the relevant components on the player's master circuit board.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

January 28, 1981:

\* Secretary of State Alexander Haig announces Iran will get no military equipment from the U.S. "either under earlier obligations and contractual agreements or as yet unstated requests."

January 30, 1981:

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Scanners, A Change of Seasons.

January 31, 1981:

\* Polish government workers and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa agree on a 40-hour, five day work week.

\* "The Tide is High" by Blondie becomes No. 1 U.S. single replacing John Lennon's "Just Like Starting Over."

\* 38th Annual Golden Globe Awards:

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Comedy/Musical  
Ray Sharkey, The Idolmaker (CED)

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama  
Robert De Niro, Raging Bull (CED)

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role - Motion Picture  
Timothy Hutton, Ordinary People (CED)

Best Director - Motion Picture  
Robert Redford, Ordinary People (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  
Richard Chamberlain, Shogun (CED)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Comedy/Musical  
Sissy Spacek, Coal Miner's Daughter (CED)

Best Foreign Language Film  
Tess, Great Britain (CED)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Drama

Mary Tyler Moore, Ordinary People (CED)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role - Motion Picture

Mary Steenburgen, Melvin and Howard

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television-Series - Comedy/Musical

Katherine Helmond, Soap

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television-Series - Drama

Yoko Shimada, Shogun (CED)

Best Screenplay - Motion Picture

William Peter Blatty, Twinkle, Twinkle, "Killer" Kane

Best Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for Television

The Shadow Box, Shadow Box Film/ABC

Best Supporting Actor in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for TV

Pat Harrington (tie), One Day At A Time

Vic Tayback (tie), Alice

Best Supporting Actress in Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture made for TV

Valerie Bertinelli (tie), One Day At a Time

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Diane Ladd (tie), Alice

Best Television -Series - Drama

Shogun, Paramount TV/NBC (CED)

Best Television-Series - Comedy/Musical

Taxi, John Charles Walters/Paramount/ABC

Best Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical

Coal Miner's Daughter, Universal (CED)

Cecil B. DeMille Award

Gene Kelly

Best Motion Picture - Drama

Ordinary People, Paramount (CED)

Historic Award: New Star of the Year in a Motion Picture - Female

Nastassia Kinski, Tess (CED)

Historic Award: New Star of the Year in a Motion Picture - Male

Timothy Hutton, Ordinary People (CED)

Best Original Score - Motion Picture

Dominic Frontiere, The Stunt Man (CED)

Best Original Song - Motion Picture

Fame, Fame (CED)

February 1, 1981:

\* French government accord sends 60 Mirage fighter jets to Iraq.

February 2, 1981:

\* General Motors Corporation announces that it lost money in 1980 for its first full-year loss since 1921.

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From: "Paul Belfi" <paulbelfi>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: A New CED Owner...  
Date: Mon, 22 Jan 2001 17:53:42 -0500

Hi!

I'm new to the world of CED and I just purchased an RCA SJT-090 and 200 discs for a little over \$200.00 off of e-bay. I just received the player today and it is in mint condition and plays great. Most of these movies are out of print and not available on VHS yet alone DVD.

My questions are these:

- 1) What is the best way to care for the discs (storage, room temperature, etc.)?
- 2) What is the best way to care for the unit?
- 3) What is the best way to take care of the stylus?
- 4) Is there any documentation/owners manuals on-line for this particular model?
- 5) How can I get service on a unit that is nearly 20 years old should the day ever arrive?

Thanks in advance! I'm thrilled to have this bad boy!

Paul Belfi  
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Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2001 06:49:31 -0800  
From: Neil Wagner <orac>  
To: \_CED Magic mail list <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: PopSci 1977 article about video discs

A person who frequents the alt.video.laserdisc newsgroup has scanned and posted for viewing an article from 1977 discussing the upcoming video-disc players. Included are several paragraphs, pictures and drawings of CED players

and how they work. Happy reading.

<http://www.mindspring.com/~jzyber/popsci.htm>

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Neil

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From: StereoBoy  
Date: Sat, 27 Jan 2001 16:00:02 EST  
Subject: VHD Video Disc for auction on eBay  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

I just put a VHD Video Disc copy of "Return Of The Jedi" up for auction on eBay. It's a 2-disc set and high bidder will also receive a CD-ROM containing high-resolution scans of the VHD system brochure and program catalog from the aborted US launch.

The auction URL is:  
<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1406644012>

Ty Chamberlain

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

February 4, 1981:

\* The RCA Board of Directors announces that Thornton Bradshaw will replace Edgar Griffiths as head of RCA, effectively ending Griffiths tenure though he remains on-board until June 30, 1981.

February 5, 1981:

\* Ronald Reagan warns in first televised address that America faces "an economic calamity of tremendous proportions."

\* "Piaf" (CED) opens at the Plymouth Theater in New York City.

February 6, 1981:

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Fort Apache, The Bronx.

\* Former Beatles Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr record a tribute to John Lennon.

February 7, 1981:

\* "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

February 9, 1981:

\* Wojciech Jaruzelski replaces Jozef Pinkowski as chairman of Poland's Council of Ministers.

\* Band leader and Rock 'n' Roll pioneer Bill Haley dies at age 55. His recording of "Rock Around the Clock" sold more than 20 million copies and "Rip It Up" is featured on the CED title "Cool Cats."

February 10, 1981:

\* Massive fire kills eight and injures 200 at the Las Vegas Hilton.

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From: "Justin Slotman" <justinslot>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: Inexplicable problem with my SJT400  
Date: Tue, 30 Jan 2001 19:35:32

Okay, so after letting my SJT400 sit for about a month without use (it's not my fault --I was away) I go to play Flash Gordon and what happens is the disc gets sucked in but the caddy fails to come out, and so the movie fails to play. The only way I could get the disc out was by taking off the cover and manually lifting the little hands off the removable part of the cartridge, because they weren't letting go. I don't think it's the function motor belt because I just replaced it a few months ago. Any ideas?

Justin Slotman --sans Flash Gordon

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From: TerryTC1  
Date: Fri, 2 Feb 2001 14:13:27 EST  
Subject: CED Beginnings  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Being an avid videophile in 1981 I devoured every video magazine, of which there were quite a few more then than now, for the latest and newest. I first saw LaserVision in Boston for sale in 1979 or 1980 and was impressed as were the magazines. But 1981 was to be THE year with CED and VHD being introduced. I remember the day of the CED launch going to the mall to see the new player. Like most video freaks I was not impressed by its appearance since had a definite late seventies look to it as opposed to the 80's style of new VCR's. They had it in a large cabinet with RCA TV on top, player underneath and under that behind a glass door a selection of discs. On either side were panels with pictures outlining features and coming disc attractions. I picked up a brochure, which I still have. I purchased a LaserVision player by Pioneer a month later because it was stereo and they had JUST finally put out some new releases. Those that

impressed me were Flash Gordon, The Incredible Shrinking Woman, Melvin and Howard, and the Blues Brothers. I still went at least twice a week to the mall to study the RCA and to check the disc selection. Laservision at that time was terrible. Almost half the disc needed to be returned due to lock up or video snow or severe audio noise. It was a real pain to buy a disc and get a keeper.

My wife didn't like that nor did she like the selection of movies. She preferred the RCA which was split 50/50 with old and new titles. Also whenever I went to the mall the player seemed to be working, unlike my Pioneer.

I finally bought a Toshiba VP100 mainly due to its remote, even though it was wired, its capability to use a Stereo adaptor, which I actually saw one time, and the more modern appearance. The first disc my wife bought was "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" About ten minutes into the side the horizontal bars flashed across the screen with that "phift phfit " sound and then it skipped a few seconds. I was horrified since I had never seen that happen when I watched at the store. So I finally got into the limits of CED. I found few discs were perfect but I could at least get some titles for less money than on Laser.

Later in 1981 I was assigned to Japan with the Air Force. Early in 1982 I went into some large department stores and was pleased to find Laserdiscs. I bought some over the years including Blondies "Eat to the Beat" which never made it to laser here. Also I bought several bilingual discs.

In 1983 the local Japanese video store introduced VHD. It was low key and the only player they carried was JVC. The disc selection was far less than laser. I do remember seeing "The Sound of Music" and a few other titles. The cost was \$400. I ALMOST bought one, and I now wish I did since I new they were not going to be released in the states.

Late in 1983 I bought an SJT300 RCA Stereo machine at the BX. It came with a box of five stereo discs: Flashdance, The Doobie Brothers, Diana Ross, Paul McCartney and Wings, and Duran Duran. I still have that player and it works FLAWLESSLY. Since that time I have gone through 5 LaserDisc machines.

Simple is reliable!!!

I remember hearing the announcement of the CED cancellation over Armed Forces radio one day. The other CED fanatics were devastated. I had been in LA in late '83 and found Ken Cranes had moved Laser discs to the back to make room for all the CED's. A friend who had been to Boston in early 1984 came back to Japan and added a CED player to his collection. He had a LaserVision player but he found in Massachusetts CED was everywhere and Laser was VERY hard to find. We both thought CED was prevailing.

Now I have 2 SJT400's, the SJT300, 2 SGT250's, 2 SGT200's, and SGT100 and 2 SFT100's. I also have two old Hitachi players, one my mother in laws that we bought her, and a stereo machine, the Toshiba VP100 and the Zenith player. I also own almost 400 movies. It takes me back and is a lot of fun.

Terry Collins

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

February 13, 1981:

- \* Australian newspaper magnate Rupert Murdoch buys "The Times" of London.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Tess.

February 15, 1981:

- \* Richard Petty driving a Buick Regal wins the Nascar Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Florida.

February 16, 1981:

- \* Pope John Paul II begins his first visit to Asia with stops including Pakistan, the Philippines, Guam, and Japan.

February 17, 1981:

- \* Chrysler loan guarantees of \$150 million are reluctantly agreed to by Canada.
- \* The Reagan administration receives backing for its plan to send military and economic aid to El Salvador following the briefing of a bipartisan group of senators and representatives by Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

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Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 07:30:17 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: RE: Caddy Stuck in J/K Player

At 7:35 PM -0800 1/30/01, Justin Slotman wrote:

>I go to play Flash Gordon and what happens is the disc gets sucked in but the >caddy fails to come out, and so the movie fails to play. The only way I could >get the disc out was by taking off the cover and manually lifting the little >hands off the removable part of the cartridge, because they weren't letting >go.

This sounds like it could be a weak function motor, or a motor that happened to completely fail at that moment the motor reverses direction to eject the empty caddy. This is when the motor is under the greatest stress, as it has to overcome the friction of the disc and spine and push the empty caddy up the incline out of the player. It is possible to manually eject the caddy at this point by rotating the second reduction gear towards the front of the player, and just giving this gear a nudge may be enough to get the gear train working again in the case of a weak motor.

It is rarely necessary to forcibly extract a disc through the top of the player as the load/unload mechanism can be completely cycled by hand if you know how it works. Until recently, I had some players with dead function motors that I would load by hand with the turntable automatically spinning up once the disc dropped down to the play position. If you have a couple of J/K players, you can learn how to manually load and unload a disc by putting the players side-by-side with the "manual" player unplugged. You learn the steps in manual loading/unloading by observing what the working player does at each step and duplicating that by hand-rotating the gear on the manual player. When the disc has dropped to the play position on the manual player, it can be plugged in to initiate playback. But I wouldn't recommend trying this if you have only one J/K player, as without the guide of a working player it's possible to get the function gear mechanism into an invalid state relative to the sense switches in the player.

Instructions for installing a new function motor can be found on this web page:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/new-function-motor/>

--Tom

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From: "Ed Ellers" <ed\_ellers>  
To: "Tom Howe" <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: First day of CED  
Date: Sun, 4 Feb 2001 20:39:05 -0500

I did make it into a TV store on the first day of sales of the SFT100. The store was H.H. Gregg in Kokomo, Indiana; in those days that chain

operated

in and around Indianapolis, while today it's a major regional chain that goes head to head with Circuit City and Best Buy.

They had the display kiosk as specified by RCA, with the FER485W 19" TV in its rightful place\* and a good stock of discs in the compartment, a good sign considering how scarce laser discs were when that format was in its early stage. One thing I was interested in was whether or not the visual search mode would be clean, so I pushed the button to see...and got a somewhat dirty look from the salesman, who told me that he was making a VHS copy of the movie. I guess now we know the "real" reason for Macrovision copy protection in DVD players :-).

\* The kiosk was built to hold an FER488WR, which was the second-from-the-top RCA ColorTRak model at the time and had remote control; most dealers seemed to use the FER485 which was the same set without remote control. One store in Indianapolis later that year had a VEM575 monitor/receiver in their kiosk; this was the same set seen in the RCA CED demo disc, but was a strange choice since the SFT100 didn't have a composite video output. Coincidentally I had an FER488WR at the time, and in fact I still have that set though it's no longer in use.

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From: KatGlen1  
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2001 20:18:58 EST  
Subject: Re: CED Digest  
To: ceds@teleport.com

Last week Terry Collins made the remark that Laser Discs were terrible way back when because of lockup problems or snow. Well, I have some laser discs that are about 20 years old now and they once played perfectly. But now the glue has eaten into the disc material and they now have lockup problems and snow. Interesting isn't it? I pop a CED into the machine and except for minor skipping it plays fine.

I would like to know if any of our readers out there remember the publication named Disc Deals? It was somewhat popular in the early 80's and was about the size of TV Guide. I just found a bunch of them that I had saved. They had interesting classifieds, letters, disc closeouts, lots of pictures of early DiscoVision discs, and articles by Rad Bennett who has been writing for

Video magazines for years and years and a monthly column about CED called "CED and Me." This column was written by a guy named Henry Durkin. They said Mr. Durkin did not understand any of the technical things about CED he just enjoyed the system and writing about it. This was exactly what RCA wanted-- an average Joe who could just barely figure out how to insert the disc caddy into the player and couldn't care less about the technical side of the system.

Glenn

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

February 18, 1981:

- \* President Reagan calls for budget cuts of \$41.4 billion and a tax reduction in his State of the Union message.
- \* Pioneering aeronautical engineer John K. Northrop dies at age 85. He was the main force behind the design of the Lockheed Vega, the P-61 "Black Widow" night fighter from World War II, and the Flying Wing, which can be seen in operation 21 minutes into Side 2 of the CED title "The War of the Worlds."

February 19, 1981:

- \* Sinclair announces their first pocket-sized LCD TV, the Microvision 2700.
- \* Ford Motor Co. reports a loss of \$1.54 billion, their first yearly loss since 1946.

February 20, 1981:

- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Dogs of War.

February 21, 1981:

- \* "Hi Infidelity" by REO Speedwagon (CED) becomes the No. 1 album, entering the charts at the top spot.
- \* "9 to 5" (CED) by Dolly Parton becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

February 23, 1981:

- \* At the opening of the 26th congress of the Soviet Communist Party, Leonid Brezhnev suggests a summit conference with Ronald Reagan.

February 24, 1981:

- \* Headmistress Jean S. Harris is convicted of murdering cardiologist Herman Tarnower, author of "The Complete Scarsdale Diet."
  - \* Prince Charles's engagement to Lady Diane Spencer is announced in Great Britain.
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From: "Gary Morse" <gmorse>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: post  
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 09:53:49 -0500

I was given an RCA SKT 090 and 70 disks.  
I have attached a listing of these.

My wife would like me to sell them, give them away, or pitch them, so if anyone is interested in them just email and we'll discuss it.

There are two movies that I have only the first of two disks for.  
Terms of Endearment, and On a Clear Day....

you can send responses to  
<mailto:gmorse@chartermi.net>gmorse@chartermi.net.

Thanks.

42ND STREET 48 HOURS A PASSAGE TO INDIA (2) A SOLDIER'S STORY ABSENCE OF  
MALICE AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN (2) BOB & CAROL & TED & ALICE BROADWAY  
DANNY ROSE CRACKERS D.A.R.Y.L. DOLLARS ENDANGERED SPECIES FINAL  
ASSIGNMENT FIRST BORN FOREPLAY FRATERNITY VACATION FREE TO BE YOU AND ME  
GORKY PARK ICE CASTLES KILL POINT KING DAVID LASSITER LOOKIN' TO GET  
OUT! MURDER BY DECREE NEIL DIAMOND LOVE AT THE GREEK NIGHTWING OH, GOD!  
YOU DEVIL ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER PART ONE ONE FROM THE HEART  
PLAZA SUITE PRIVATE RESORT RACING WITH THE MOON RAPUNZEL RICH AND FAMOUS  
ROCKY III SATURN 3 SILKWOOD (2) SONGWRITER ST. ELMO'S FIRE STAR CHAMBER  
STARMAN STICK STREETS OF FIRE TEACHERS TERMS OF ENDEARMENT PT 1 THE  
AMATEUR THE ANDERSON TAPES THE BLACK HOLE THE BOSTONIANS (2) THE  
BREAKFAST CLUB THE COTTON CLUB (2) THE FINAL TERROR THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE  
CHASE THE HIT THE LONG GOODBYE THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER THE MEAN SEASON  
THE SHIVERS THE STREET FIGHTER THE SURE THING THE WASHINGTON AFFAIR  
THEIF OF HEARTS THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO TOOTSIE UNCOMMMON VALOR UNDER THE  
VOLCANO UTILITIES VISION QUEST WARGAMES WRONG IS RIGHT

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From: "Roger The Shrubber" <rshrubber>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Under Fire Disc: Damaged Or Badly Pressed?  
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2001 15:49:33 -0800

Hello,

I got a disc of Under Fire that should be in stereo. The first side will not play in stereo. The second side plays in some weird stereo. There is mono information, and there is out of phase. So as surround sound it does not work enjoyably at all. There is not much in the way of front left and right sound. Can anyone comment on this disc, or the original mix of the movie? Is my disc damaged? E mail me.

<mailto:rshrubber@netradioseattle.com>rshrubber@netradioseattle.com

Thank you,  
Joe

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Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2001 23:44:35 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: Sega to Discontinue the Dreamcast Game Console

Hello All:

Sega's recent announcement that they will discontinue manufacture of the Dreamcast is oddly reminiscent of RCA's similar announcement about CED players 17 years ago. Like RCA, Sega plans to continue software support for a while, although with the rapidly changing game market that probably won't be for long.

One thing that Sega is doing which RCA failed to do is to promote continued hardware production by other companies. A month before RCA canceled player production the company had announced it was moving player manufacture to Mexico, a move mostly viewed favorably because of the reduced costs possible. So they may have been caught off guard by the negative backlash the decision to simply cancel player production generated among RCA's customers.

I think RCA would have been better served if the company had made arrangements with Hitachi to continue manufacturing players under the RCA brand before they made any cancellation announcements. Hitachi was already involved in making RCA-branded audio components at that time, so this could have easily been pulled off. And Hitachi's VIP2000R player from this period is a study in manufacturing refinement, as it weights 6 pounds less than the VIP1000 of two years earlier, a reduction achieved by reducing the mechanical and electrical component count inside the identically-sized players. RCA could have simply stated they were turning player manufacture over to Hitachi for economics, but perhaps corporate pride did not make such a decision possible.

More info on the Sega announcement can be found here:

<http://dreamcast.ign.com/news/30854.html>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

February 25, 1981:

\* The SelectaVision VideoDisc system is introduced to 14,000 RCA dealers and distributors via a closed-circuit telecast from NBC Studios.

\* 23rd Annual Grammy Awards:

Record of the Year "Sailing" Christopher Cross

Album of the Year "Christopher Cross," Christopher Cross

Song of the Year "Sailing" Christopher Cross, songwriter

Best New Artist Christopher Cross

Best Pop Vocal Performance, Male "This Is It" (CED) Kenny Loggins

Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female "The Rose" (CED) Bette Midler

Best Pop Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocal "Guilty" Barbra Streisand and Barry Gibb

Best Pop Instrumental Performance "One on One" Bob James and Earl Klugh

Best Rock Vocal Performance, Male "Glass Houses" Billy Joel

Best Rock Vocal Performance, Female "Crimes of Passion" Pat Benatar

Best Rock Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocal "Against the Wind" Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band

Best Rock Instrumental Performance "Reggatta de Blanc" Police

Best Rhythm and Blues Song "Never Knew Love Like This Before" Reggie Lucas and James Mtume, songwriters

Best Rhythm and Blues Performance, Male "Give Me the Night" George Benson

Best Rhythm and Blues Vocal Performance, Female "Never Knew Love Like This Before" Stephanie Mills

Best Rhythm and Blues Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocal "Shining Star" Manhattans

Best Rhythm and Blues Instrumental Performance "Off Broadway" George Benson

Best Jazz Vocal Performance, Male "Moody's Mood" George Benson

Best Jazz Vocal Performance, Female "A Perfect Match/Ella and Basie" Ella Fitzgerald

Best Jazz Instrumental Performance, Soloist "I Will Say Goodbye" Bill Evans

Best Jazz Instrumental Performance, "Group We Will Meet Again" Bill Evans

Best Jazz Instrumental Performance, "Big Band On the Road" Count Basie and Orchestra

Best Jazz Fusion Performance, Vocal or Instrumental "Birdland" Manhattan Transfer

Best Country Song "On the Road Again" (CED) Willie Nelson, songwriter

Best Country Vocal Performance, Male "He Stopped Loving Her Today"  
George Jones

Best Country Vocal Performance, Female "Could I Have This Dance" Anne  
Murray

Best Country Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocal "That Lovin' You  
Feelin' Again" Roy Orbison and Emmylou Harris

Best Country Instrumental Performance "Orange Blossom Special/Hoedown"  
Gilley's Urban Cowboy Band

Best Gospel Performance, Contemporary or Inspirational "The Lord's  
Prayer" Reba Rambo, Dony McGuire, B.J. Thomas, Andrae Crouch, the  
Archers, Walter and Tramiane Hawkins and Cynthia Clawson

Best Gospel Performance, Traditional "We Come to Worship" Blackwood  
Brothers

Best Soul Gospel Performance, "Contemporary Rejoice" Shirley Caesar

Best Soul Gospel Performance, Traditional "Lord, Let Me Be an  
Instrument" James Cleveland and the Charles Fold Singers

Best Latin Recording "La Onda Va Bien" Cal Tjader

Best Inspirational Performance "With My Song I Will Praise Him" Debby  
Boone

Best Ethnic or Traditional Recording "Rare Blues" Dr. Isaiah Ross,  
Maxwell Street Jimmy, Big Joe Williams, Son House, Rev. Robin Wilkins,  
Little Brother Montgomery and Sunnyland Slim

Best Instrumental Arrangement "Dinorah, Dinorah" Quincy Jones and Jerry  
Hey, arrangers

Best Arrangement Accompanying Vocalist(s) "Sailing" Michael Omatian and  
Christopher Cross, arrangers

Best Arrangement for Voices "Birdland" Janis Siegel, arranger

Best Instrumental Composition "The Empire Strikes Back" (CED) John  
Williams, composer

Best Cast Show Album "Evita: Premier American Recording" Andrew Lloyd  
Webber, composer; Tim Rice, lyricist

Best Album of Original Score Written for a Motion Picture or a  
Television Special "The Empire Strikes Back" (CED) John Williams,  
composer

Best Classical Album Berg, "Lulu" (Complete Version), Pierre Boulez  
conducting Orchestre de l'Opera de Paris; solos: Stratas, Minton, Mazura

and Blankenheim

Best Classical Orchestral Recording Bruckner, "Symphony No. 6 in A Major" Sir Georg Solti conducting Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Best Chamber Music Performance "Music for Two Violins," (Moszkowski, "Suite for Two Violins"; Shostakovich, "Duets"; Prokofiev, "Sonata for Two Violins"), Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman

Best Classical Performance, Instrumental Soloist(s) (With Orchestra) (tie) Berg, "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra"; Stravinsky, "Concerto in D Major for Violin and Orchestra," Itzhak Perlman; Seiji Ozawa conducting Boston Symphony Orchestra Brahms, "Concerto in A Minor for Violin and Cello" (Double Concerto), Itzhak Perlman and Mstislav Rostropovich; Bernard Haitink conducting Concertgebouw Orchestra

Best Classical Performance Instrumental Soloist(s) (Without Orchestra) "The Spanish Album," Itzhak Perlman

Best Opera Recording Berg, "Lulu" (Complete Version), Pierre Boulez conducting Orchestre de l'Opera de Paris; solos: Stratas, Minton, Mazura and Blankenheim

Best Choral Performance, Classical (Other Than Opera) Mozart, "Requiem," Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor and Norbert Balatsch, chorus master, Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra

Best Classical Vocal Soloist Performance "Prima Donna, Volume 5 Great Soprano Arias From Handel to Britten," Leontyne Price; Henry Lewis conducting Philharmonia Orchestra

Best Comedy Recording "No Respect," Rodney Dangerfield

Best Spoken Word, Documentary or Drama Recording "Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein," Pat Carroll

Best Recording for Children "In Harmony/A Sesame Street Record," Doobie Brothers, James Taylor, Carly Simon, Bette Midler, Muppets, Al Jarreau, Linda Ronstadt, Wendy Waldman, Libby Titus and Dr. John, Livingston Taylor, George Benson and Pauline Wilson, Lucy Simon, Kate Taylor and the Simon/Taylor Family

Best Album Package "Against the Wind," Roy Kohara, art director

Best Album Notes "Trilogy: Past, Present and Future," David McClintick, annotator

Best Historical Reissue Album "Segovia: The EMI Recordings 1927-39"

Producer of the Year (Non-Classical) Phil Ramone

Classical Producer of the Year Robert Woods

February 27, 1981:

\* After posting a deficit of \$1.7 Billion for 1980, the largest annual loss ever for an American company, Chrysler Corp. is granted an

additional \$400 Million in federal loan guarantees.

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

February 28, 1981:

\* "I Love A Rainy Day" by Eddie Rabbit becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

March 1, 1981:

\* British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher leaves the U.S. after wide-ranging talks in her first meeting with Ronald Reagan.

March 2, 1981:

\* The U.S. grants El Salvador \$25 Million in military aid and sends 20 additional military advisors to help combat left wing guerillas.

\* The U.N. General Assembly votes 112-22 against allowing South Africa to reoccupy the seat it was denied in 1974 because its delegation was not thought to represent South African blacks.

\* Three hijackers seize a Pakistani airliner with 130 passengers aboard and divert it to Afghanistan.

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To: ceds@teleport.com

Date: Sat, 17 Jun 2000 11:19:00 -0700

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

From: homer j simpson <w-corleone>

hi there tom I was wondering what was the top of the line player that RCA had out? another thing I wondered about is the RCA sjt 265 player (the one with the computer interface card) does anyone still have the card and player, and does the computer interface really work? can anyone tell me anymore about it?

william

reply to W-CORLEONE@JUNO.COM

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Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2001 13:18:53 -0800

To: digest@cedmagic.com

From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>

Subject: Montgomery Ward Closing Its Doors

Hello All:

You may have heard that Montgomery Ward declared bankruptcy shortly after Christmas. The company also declared bankruptcy in 1997, but got bailed out by GE. This time it looks like it's permanent and all the stores will be closed within a few months. Wards started out 126 years ago, and was still doing OK in 1981 when a full-page ad for the GEN10301 CED player appeared on the back of their Christmas catalog. A picture of that back cover can be seen at this url:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/gen10301-xmas-1981.jpg>

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 9 3/3/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 5, 1981:

- \* Scott Hamilton (on 3/5) of the U.S. and Denise Biellmann (on 3/6) of Switzerland win at the World Figure Skating Championship in Hartford, Connecticut.
- \* The city of Atlanta, Georgia is promised nearly \$1 million in federal aid in the wake of the unsolved murders of 22 black children.

March 6, 1981:

- \* The U.S. announces plans to sell advanced military equipment to Saudi Arabia including AWACs surveillance planes.
- \* Walter Cronkite delivers his final CBS Evening News telecast. Some of his classic telecasts can be seen on the CED title "Man on the Moon."
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: La Cage Aux Folles II.

March 10, 1981:

- \* The U.S. Postal Service announces an increase in first class postage from 15 to 18 cents.
- \* President Reagan submits a budget for fiscal 1982 that is \$48.6 billion smaller than the Carter budget.

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Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2001 22:13:26 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: RE: CED Player Computer Interface

homer j simpson wrote:

>I was wondering what was the top of the line player that  
>RCA had out? another thing I wondered about is the RCA sjt 265 player  
>(the one with the computer interface card) does anyone still have the  
>card and player, and does the computer interface really work?

The computer interface on the SKT265 was designed to be somewhat similar to the one designed for LaserDisc players in the late 1970's. The 15-pin interface was used to allow the host computer to do most of the work, but by late 1983 when the top of the line RCA SJT400 (later SKT400) player came out, it was cost effective to put a dedicated microprocessor in the player and use a single piece of wire to transmit and arbitrate the relatively low-speed control data. The same thing happened in the last few years with higher speed data on personal computers with the implementation of the USB and Firewire standards, both capable of higher bandwidth transmission with fewer wires than their predecessors.

So LaserDisc players kept the 15-pin interface for backwards compatibility even though they could have switched to a simpler cable like the SJT400 control interface. The SKT265 may have been designed only for specialized use, as I've heard a rumor that these players were used in a flight simulator at the Top Gun School at Miramar Naval Air Station, and San Diego seems to be the only place where they ever turn up.

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 10 3/10/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 11, 1981:

\* Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau end a two day meeting in Ottawa-- Reagan's first trip abroad since taking office.

March 13, 1981:

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Back Roads.

March 14, 1981:

\* Three Pakistani aircraft hijackers surrender in Syria after they exchange 100 passengers and crewmen for 54 Pakistani prisoners.

\* "9 to 5" (CED) by Dolly Parton regains No. 1 U.S. single spot.

March 15, 1981:

\* Alan Jones of Australia wins Formula One Grand Prix in Long Beach, California, one of two Grand Prix races held in the U.S. in 1981 (on CED title "Start to Finish").

March 16, 1981:

\* RCA begins advertising blitz for the RCA SelectaVision VideoDisc system in preparation for the March 22nd introduction.

\* Los Angeles Board of Education votes to end mandatory school busing.

March 17, 1981:

\* U.S. housing starts dropped 24.6 percent in February, the sharpest decline since March 1960.

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Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2001 21:37:30 +0000

Subject: Where in the UK?"

From: Simon Angling <simon>

To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

Can anyone point me in the direction of a second hand player and/or

disks in  
the UK.  
Cheers, Simes

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Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2001 18:19:41 EST  
From: Bojay1997  
Subject: SKT-265  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

As a historical footnote, one of the other reasons you may find SKT-265 machines in San Diego of all places is that the RDI Halcyon videogame system and Space Ace the arcade game were originally going to be CED SKT-265 based systems. RDI was based in Carlsbad, California, in northern San Diego County. RDI which produced both games/systems approached RCA about ordering the players in bulk which they hoped would reduce the cost of manufacturing and hopefully increase the reliability of both the arcade and home units as compared to the far more costly Pioneer laserdisc players they eventually went with. RCA decided that there wasn't enough demand for the SKT-265 and never went beyond some small runs of the machine for industrial users. I have some internal memos from RCA to RDI telling the entire story, as well as prototype versions of Space Ace and Thayer's Quest on CED. If anyone wants more info, feel free to e-mail me.

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From: PUPADORE  
Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2001 11:25:47 EST  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 9  
To: ceds@teleport.com

Dear Tom, Thanks for your informative service with the "Digest". I have several CEDs for sale- the last of a collection I had. I am asking \$4.00 each (\$6.00 for the double) + Shipping-Insurance, or \$35.00 as a set. They are all in near Mint Condition- having been played 1-2 times each. The Titles: "TRIBUTE" (2 CED Set)- Jack Lemmon Robby Benson Lee Remick; "SWING TIME"- Fred Astaire Ginger Rogers; "ON GOLDEN POND"- Katherine Hepburn Henry Fonda Jane Fonda; "CITY LIGHTS"- Charlie Chaplin; "THE SUNSHINE BOYS"- Walter Matthau George Burns; "SUDDEN IMPACT"- Clint Eastwood; "BASEBALL: FUN & GAMES/ THE GREATEST WORLD SERIES EVER? 1975 Cincinnati Reds vs. Boston Red Sox" Joe Garagiola; "BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME-THE GAME AND ITS GLORY" Donald Sutherland; "GIRL GROUPS: THE STORY OF A SOUND" Supremes; "THE SHOWDOWN: THE WORLD WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP SUGAR RAY LEONARD vs. THOMAS HEARNS 1981; "MGM CARTOON MAGIC VOL.1: BARNEY BEAR & KING SIZE CANARY"; DISNEY CARTOON PARADE VOL.5". Please contact Jeff Kehlert pupadore@aol.com Thanks again.

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Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2001 10:47:28 -0800 (PST)  
From: Steve McKearney <tomasino>  
Subject: cheap CEDs!  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Just wanted to alert any Bay Area CED enthusiasts that there are about 100 CEDS, some of them still sealed, at the Community Thrift Store on Valencia street in San Francisco, going for \$1.25 each. They're below the "rock" record bins.

tomasino.

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Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2001 07:51:16 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: Alternate Version of CED Digest

Hello All:

I haven't received a whole lot of feedback on the CED Digest History column, but so far seven subscribers have responded favorably, and two unfavorably. One of the dissenting messages was from a subscriber for whom the early 1980's were a bad time from a personal perspective. This subscriber is disturbed about being reminded of the historical events of that time, but at the same time is unable to resist reading about them when the digest arrives each week. When I started this history addition I figured the people who didn't care about it would simply scroll through without reading, which is what everyone must be doing with the digest header that appears each week. But I didn't anticipate this scenario of being disturbed by the history and at the same time finding it irresistible to read.

To accommodate this, I'm offering an alternative digest with the history section cut out. To subscribe to this alternate version send a message to the following email address with the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line:

nohistory@cedmagic.com

This will automatically unsubscribe you from the regular digest and subscribe you to the version with no history. There is no point in being subscribed to both versions of CED Digest. The history section hasn't yet reached the point where CED actually hit the market on March 22, 1981 at which time it will start to include CED title releases as they occurred.

--Tom

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END CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 10

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 19, 1981:

\* Australia's largest corporate loss ever is reported by its leading automotive firm. General Motors Holden's Ltd. lost \$152 million in 1980.

March 20, 1981:

\* The first boat load of DeLorean automobiles departs the harbor in Belfast, Northern Ireland bound for the United States. This is the \$25,000 stainless steel body sports car made famous in the CED title "Back to the Future" where the vehicle had a "flux capacitor" installed for time travel. Interesting that two of the biggest technological white elephants of the 1980's were introduced at nearly the same time.  
\* Jean Harris is sentenced to 15 years to life for slaying of Scarsdale Diet Dr. Herman Tarnower.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The Postman Always Rings Twice.

March 21, 1981:

\* "Keep on Loving You" (CED) by REO Speedwagon becomes No. 1 U.S. single.  
\* Some RCA dealers such as Macy's in New York City set up their VideoDisc kiosks a day early in violation of RCA's policy.  
<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/milestones/mem285.html>

March 22, 1981:

\* The RCA SelectaVision VideoDisc system is officially launched at 5,000 dealers across the United States. The first player is the SFT100 and the initial catalog contains 100 titles as listed below (although only about half the titles were in distribution on launch day, and the Demo Disc and Service Test Disc were not listed in the catalog).

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea  
Absent Minded Professor, The  
Adam's Rib  
As We Grow  
Bad News Bears, The  
Bears and I, The  
Big Fights, Vol. 1: Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fights  
Black Stallion, The [monophonic]  
Boys From Brazil, The  
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid [RCA]  
Candleshoe  
Caring for your Newborn  
Casablanca  
Charlie Brown Festival, A  
Charlotte's Web  
Citizen Kane  
Clarence Darrow  
College Football Classics, Vol. 1  
Count of Monte-Cristo, The

Demo Disc: RCA VideoDiscs  
Dirty Dozen, The (2) [RCA]  
Disney Cartoon Parade, Vol. 1  
Easter Parade  
Eat to the Beat-- Blondie  
Escape From Alcatraz  
Evening with the Royal Ballet  
Family Entertainment Playhouse, Vol. 1  
Fiddler on the Roof (2)  
Foul Play  
French Connection, The [RCA]  
G. I. Blues  
Gigi [RCA]  
Gimme Shelter [monophonic]  
Giselle  
Godfather, The (2)  
Graduate, The  
Grateful Dead, The  
Grease [monophonic]  
Great Locomotive Chase, The  
Hamlet (2)  
Harder They Come, The  
Heaven Can Wait  
Heidi [RCA]  
Hello, Dolly! (2) [RCA]  
Henry V (2)  
High Noon  
HUD  
Hunchback of Notre Dame, The  
Jacques Cousteau, Vol. 1: Sharks/Singing Whales  
Jesus of Nazareth (4)  
Julia Child: The French Chef, Vol. 1  
Kidnapped  
King Kong [1933]  
Lady Sings the Blues (2)  
Laura [RCA]  
Longest Day, The (2) [RCA]  
Longest Yard, The  
Looking for Mr. Goodbar (2)  
Love Bug, The  
Love Story  
M\*A\*S\*H [RCA]  
Meet Me in St. Louis [RCA]  
Movie Movie  
Muppet Movie, The [Dolby Stereo Label]  
New York Yankees Miracle Year: 1978  
Night at the Opera, A  
Ninotchka  
North By Northwest (2) [RCA]  
Old Yeller  
On the Town [RCA]  
Our Town  
Paper Moon  
Patton (2) [monophonic]  
Philadelphia Story, The  
Planet of the Apes [RCA]

Play It Again, Sam  
Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown  
Red Shoe's, The (2)  
Rocky [RCA]  
Romeo and Juliet (2)  
Sands of Iwo Jima  
Saturday Night Fever [monophonic]  
Service Test Disc  
Seven Year Itch, The [RCA]  
Shane  
Show Boat  
Singin' in the Rain [RCA]  
Stalag 17  
Star Trek - The Motion Picture (2)  
Star Trek: Vol.1, The Menagerie  
Star Trek: Vol.2, City/Battlefield  
Starting Over  
Sunset Boulevard  
Super Bowl XIV: Steelers vs. Rams  
Ten Commandments, The (2)  
Terrytoons Volume 1 Featuring Mighty Mouse  
Thing, The [1951]  
To Russia...With Elton  
Tora! Tora! Tora! (2) [RCA]  
Tut: the Boy King/The Louvre  
Victory at Sea  
World of Wildlife, Vol. 1: Snow Geese/Leopard

\* A group of 12 Green Berets arrives in El Salvador, thereby raising to 54 the number of U.S. military advisors in that country.  
\* The previously announced increase in the first class U.S. letter rate from 15 to 18 cents takes effect.

March 23, 1981:

\* In a televised speech, Ronald Reagan announces the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) better known as "Star Wars."

March 24, 1981:

The White House reports that Vice President George Bush has been selected by President Reagan to head a special crisis management team. Secretary of State Alexander Haig publicly expresses his "lack of enthusiasm."

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From: "Topy44" <topy44>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: looking for starwars ep 6 - return of the jedi (who isnt...)  
Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2001 04:02:50 +0100

hi

im looking for starwars ep 6 - return of the jedi  
well, who isnt looking for it actually? :)

anyway, if you have one for sale or if you see one somewhere, please  
send me a mail

another thing is that i have startet a little project to build a remote  
control for my non-remote controlled unit,

ill post my results to the digest

cya

Topy44 (<mailto:topy44@emuextrem.de>topy44@emuextrem.de)

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From: Zax (tommy W.)  
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 09:17:26 -0500 (EST)  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CED Player & CED's for sale

Hi:

I have a collection of CED's and an RCA Selectavision SGT-200 that is in working order but there seems to be a problem after the loading--sometimes the disk plays and sometimes it doesn't. A list of disks follows: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, 2001: A Space Odyssey (2 disks), Absent-Minded Professor, Airplane, Altered States, American Graffiti, Amityville Horror, An Officer and a Gentleman (2 disks), Apple Dumpling Gang, Back Roads, Bad News Bears, Black Sunday, Blue Lagoon, Blue Thunder, Breathless, Brigadoon, Casablanca, The Champ, Chariots of Fire, Charlie Brown Festival, China Syndrome, Disney Cartoon Parade Vol 1, Dr Zhivago (2 disks), Dressed to Kill, DTV, Dumbo, Falcon and the Snowman (2 disks), Fame (2 disks), Fiddler on the Roof (2 disks), Final Conflict, Flashdance, Godfather (2 disks), Good, the Bad and the Ugly (2 disks), Goodbye Girl, Grease (2 disks), The Great Caruso, Guys and Dolls (2 disks), He-Man and the Masters of the Universe, Jane Fonda's Workout, Jaws, Kotch, Kramer vs Kramer, MASH, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Moscow on the Hudson, Muppet Movie, Network, North Dallas Forty, On Golden pond, Ordinary People (2 disks), Play it Again Sam, Postman Always Rings Twice, Protocol, Raiders of the lost Ark, Richard Pryor Live in Concert, Risky Business, Rocky, Rocky 2, Rocky 3, Romancing the Stone, Sands of Iwo Jima, Shane, Singin in the Rain, Six Pack, Shazam, A Star is Born (2 disks), Starting Over, Staying Alive, Stir Crazy, Stripes, Sudden Impact, Table For Five, Terry Toons Vol 1, Tom and Jerry, Tootsie, True Confessions, Turk 182, the Verdict (2 disks), WarGames, Without a Trace, Wizard of Oz, young Doctors in Love..Are there any offers? zax@webtv.net...Thanks for reading

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From: stephen\_orme  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Re: Where in the UK?  
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 15:07:50 +0000

On Sun, 11 Mar 2001 06:26:25 -0800, you wrote:

>Subject: Where in the UK?"  
>From: Simon Angling <simon>  
>To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
>  
>Can anyone point me in the direction of a second hand player and/or  
>disks in the UK.

>Cheers, Simes

I'm in the same position as you. Have you found a player yet? I see

CED hardware and software for sale on ebay.com, but never anything on the UK co.uk site. I wouldn't mind shipping disks from the US, but I imagine that the player is quite delicate and that a journey across the Atlantic might not be good for it; in addition it would be heavy and therefore expensive too.

I guess CED never took off over here, just as LD didn't. So perhaps NTSC discs will be easier to get hold of, in which case a US player would be the best way to go? Our tvs should cope with an NTSC signal, so we will only need a transformer to drop the UK 240v to the US 110v.

Does anyone know of a UK source for CED disks and players?

Thanks.

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Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2001 19:32:44 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: etown.com goes bust

Hello All:

I was sorry to see etown.com to be among the many dot coms that have gone bankrupt since the start of the year. This was a consumer electronics review site notable for being "retro friendly" by also publishing articles about past technology like CED. I've noticed their site has been sporadically available over the past few weeks and thought it might be useful to post their articles of interest to CED collectors while there is still a possibility of getting into the site. I couldn't get into their site when I posted this, so if it doesn't come back, you should still be able to find these articles for a while at Google by pasting the article titles into the search box. When the search results come up, click on the CACHED link rather than the link to etown.com. There's a Google search on the CED Magic search page that returns 100 results:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/ced-magic-search.html>

Here's a news story on Etowns demise:

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1007-200-4822930.html>

And here are the titles and URL's of Etowns articles:

DISPOSABLE TECH, PART 1: MP3 FOREVER?

<http://www.etown.com/columns/features.jhtml?articleID=1057>

DISPOSABLE TECH, PART 2: TALE OF THE TAPE

<http://www.etown.com/columns/features.jhtml?articleID=1163>

DISPOSABLE TECH, PART 3: EVEN DIGITAL ISN'T FUTURE-PROOF

<http://www.etown.com/columns/features.jhtml?articleID=1164>

DISPOSABLE TECH, PART 4: VIDEO VANISHING ACTS

<http://www.etown.com/columns/features.jhtml?articleID=1250>

DISPOSABLE TECH, PART 5: MORE VIDEO VICTIMS  
<http://www.etown.com/columns/features.jhtml?articleID=1262>

DVD: PART 1  
URL not found

DVD: THE LESSONS OF VHS, PART 2  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=371>

DVD: RECORDING DOES MATTER, PART 3  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=372>

DVD: SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE, PART 4  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=373>

CIRCUIT CITY TO DVD OWNERS: DROP DEAD  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=326>

SAM'S SLAMS: HAS DIVX WON?  
<http://www.etown.com/columns/columns.jhtml?articleID=141>

FARWELL DIVX  
<http://www.etown.com/columns/features.jhtml?articleID=724>

WHO INVENTED TV?  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=801>

RCA UNBOUND? PART 1  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=950>

RCA UNBOUND? PART 2: THE WEB IN EVERY TV  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=951>

RCA UNBOUND? PART 3: DVD, PHONES, ACCESSORIES  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=953>

RCA GOES DIGITAL -BIG TIME- SAY BYE-BYE, ANALOG  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=1560>

THIS DVD WILL NOW SELF-DESTRUCT: SPECTRADISC  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=1970>

RCA, RADIOSHACK RENEW VOWS  
<http://www.etown.com/news/article.jhtml?articleID=2844>

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## 20 Years Ago In CED History:

March 26, 1981:

\* The Social Democratic Party (SDP) gains official recognition in Great Britain and becomes the third most important political party in Parliament.

March 27, 1981:

\* Actress Carol Burnett is awarded \$1.6 million in damages in libel suit against National Enquirer magazine.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Final Conflict, Thief.

March 28, 1981:

\* "Rapture" by Blondie becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

March 30, 1981:

\* President Reagan is shot in the chest outside the Washington Hilton Hotel. The president's press secretary, James Brady, is also severely wounded, and Timothy McCarthy, a Secret Service agent, and Thomas Delahanty, a local police officer, are also shot. The assailant, John W. Hinckley, Jr., is seized at the scene. Confusion arise when Secretary of State Alexander Haig announced on television the he is "in control" while Vice President George Bush is flying back to Washington.

\* The Indiana University Hoosiers (from Bloomington) led by irrepressible head coach Bobby Knight win the NCAA Basketball Championship for the fourth time. Star player Isiah Thomas leads the team to a 63-50 win over North Carolina. The start of the game is delayed until it is confirmed that Ronald Reagan's surgery for a gunshot wound is successful.

March 31, 1981:

\* Four of five Indonesian terrorists are killed in Bangkok, Thailand after hijacking an airplane on March 28. None of the 55 hostages are injured when Indonesian commandos storm the plane.

\* 53rd Annual Academy Awards (Winners in all caps):

### ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

John Hurt, The Elephant Man (CED)  
Robert Duvall, The Great Santini (CED)  
ROBERT DE NIRO, RAGING BULL (CED)  
Peter O'Toole, The Stunt Man (CED)  
Jack Lemmon, Tribute (CED)

### ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Michael O'Keefe, The Great Santini (CED)  
Jason Robards, Melvin and Howard  
Judd Hirsch, Ordinary People (CED)  
TIMOTHY HUTTON, ORDINARY PEOPLE (CED)  
Joe Pesci, Raging Bull (CED)

### ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

SISSY SPACEK, COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER (CED)  
Gena Rowlands, Gloria (CED)  
Mary Tyler Moore, Ordinary People (CED)

Goldie Hawn, Private Benjamin (CED)  
Ellen Burstyn, Resurrection

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Diana Scarwid, Inside Moves  
MARY STEENBURGEN, MELVIN AND HOWARD  
Eileen Brennan, Private Benjamin (CED)  
Cathy Moriarty, Raging Bull (CED)  
Eva Le Gallienne, Resurrection

ART DIRECTION

Coal Miner's Daughter, John W. Corso (CED)  
The Elephant Man, Stuart Craig, Bob Cartwright (CED)  
The Empire Strikes Back, Norman Reynolds, Leslie Dilley, Harry Lange,  
Alan Tomkins (CED)  
Kagemusha (The Shadow Warrior), Yoshiro Muraki  
TESS, PIERRE GUFFROY, JACK STEPHENS (CED)

BEST PICTURE

Coal Miner's Daughter, Bernard Schwartz (CED)  
The Elephant Man, Jonathan Sanger (CED)  
ORDINARY PEOPLE, RONALD L. SCHWARY (CED)  
Raging Bull, Irwin Winkler, Robert Chartoff (CED)  
Tess, Claude Berri, Timothy Burrill (CED)

CINEMATOGRAPHY

The Blue Lagoon, Nestor Almendros (CED)  
Coal Miner's Daughter, Ralf D. Bode (CED)  
The Formula, James Crabe (CED)  
Raging Bull, Michael Chapman (CED)  
TESS, GEOFFREY UNSWORTH, GHISLAIN CLOQUET (CED)

COSTUME DESIGN

The Elephant Man, Patricia Norris (CED)  
My Brilliant Career, Anna Senior  
Somewhere in Time, Jean-Pierre Dorleac  
TESS, ANTHONY POWELL (CED)  
When Time Ran Out, Paul Zastupnevich

DIRECTING

The Elephant Man, David Lynch (CED)  
ORDINARY PEOPLE, ROBERT REDFORD (CED)  
Raging Bull, Martin Scorsese (CED)  
The Stunt Man, Richard Rush (CED)  
Tess, Roman Polanski (CED)

DOCUMENTARY (Feature)

Agee, Ross Spears  
The Day After Trinity, Jon Else  
FROM MAO TO MOZART: ISAAC STERN IN CHINA, MURRAY LERNER  
Front Line, David Bradbury  
The Yellow Star - The Persecution of the Jews in Europe 1933-45, Bengt  
von zur Muehlen, Arthur Cohn

DOCUMENTARY (Short Subject)

Don't Mess with Bill, John Watson, Pen Densham

The Eruption of Mount St. Helens, George Casey  
It's the Same World, Dick Young  
KARL HESS: TOWARD LIBERTY, ROLAND HALLÉ, PETER W. LADUE  
Luther Metke at 94, Richard Hawkins, Jorge Preloran

FILM EDITING

Coal Miner's Daughter, Arthur Schmidt (son) (CED)  
The Competition, David Blewitt  
The Elephant Man, Anne V. Coates (CED)  
Fame, Gerry Hambling (CED)  
RAGING BULL, THELMA SCHOONMAKER (CED)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM

Confidence, Hungary  
Kagemusha (The Shadow Warrior), Japan  
The Last Metro, France  
MOSCOW DOES NOT BELIEVE IN TEARS, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
The Nest, Spain

HONORARY AWARD (Acting)

HENRY FONDA

HONORARY AWARD (Scientific and Technical)

FRED HYNES

MUSIC (Original Score)

Altered States, John Corigliano (CED)  
The Elephant Man, John Morris (CED)  
The Empire Strikes Back, John Williams (CED)  
FAME, MICHAEL GORE (CED)  
Tess, Philippe Sarde (CED)

MUSIC (Original Song)

The Competition, Lalo Schifrin, Wilbur Jennings [Song: People Alone]  
FAME, MICHAEL GORE, DEAN PITCHFORD [SONG: FAME] (CED)  
Fame, Michael Gore, Lesley Gore [Song: Out Here On My Own] (CED)  
Honeysuckle Rose, Willie Nelson [Song: On the Road Again]  
9 to 5, Dolly Parton [Song: 9 to 5] (CED)

SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL AWARD (Academy Award of Merit)

Laboratory, LINWOOD G. DUNN, CECIL D. LOVE, ACME TOOL AND MANUFACTURING  
COMPANY

SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL AWARD (Scientific and Engineering Award)

Camera Cranes, Samuelson Alga Cinema S.A., Samuelson Film Service,  
Limited, JEAN-MARIE LAVALOU, ALAIN MASSERON, DAVID SAMUELSON  
Laboratory, Filmline Corporation, EDWARD B. KRAUSE  
Lenses and Filters, DAVID A. GRAFTON  
Lighting, OSRAM GmbH, DR. WERNER BLOCK, DR. BERNARD KUHL  
Stage Operations, ROSS TAYLOR

SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL AWARD (Technical Achievement Award)

Laboratory, Bell and Howell Company, CARTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, ANDRE  
DEBRIE S.A., HOLLYWOOD FILM COMPANY, WALTER HRASTNIK, JOHN W. LANG,  
CHARLES J. WATSON  
Photography, Elicon, PETER A. REGLA, DAN SLATER

Projection, LaVezzi Machine Works, Incorporated , WORTH BAIRD  
Systems, Cinetron Computer Systems, Incorporated , EUGENE NOTTINGHAM,  
CHARLES VAUGHN

SHORT FILM (Animated)

All Nothing, Frédéric Back

THE FLY (1980), FERENC ROFUSZ

History of the World in Three Minutes Flat, Michael Mills (short)

SHORT FILM (Dramatic Live Action)

THE DOLLAR BOTTOM, LLOYD PHILLIPS

Fall Line, Bob Carmichael, Greg Lowe

A Jury of Her Peers, Sally Heckel

SOUND

Altered States, Arthur Piantadosi, Les Fresholtz, Michael Minkler,  
Willie D. Burton (CED)

Coal Miner's Daughter, Richard Portman, Roger Heman (sound), Jim  
Alexander (CED)

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK, BILL VARNEY, STEVE MASLOW, GREGG LANDAKER,  
PETER SUTTON (CED)

Fame, Michael J. Kohut, Aaron Rochin, Jay M. Harding, Chris Newman (CED)

Raging Bull, Donald O. Mitchell, Bill Nicholson, David J. Kimball, Les  
Lazarowitz (CED)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Visual Effects)

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK, BRIAN JOHNSON, RICHARD EDLUND, DENNIS MUREN,  
BRUCE NICHOLSON (CED)

WRITING (Screenplay Based on Material from Another Medium)

Breaker Morant, Jonathan Hardy, David Stevens, Bruce Beresford (CED)

Coal Miner's Daughter, Tom Rickman (CED)

The Elephant Man, Christopher DeVore, Eric Bergren, David Lynch (CED)

ORDINARY PEOPLE, ALVIN SARGENT (CED)

The Stunt Man, Lawrence B. Marcus, Richard Rush (CED)

WRITING (Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen)

Brubaker, W. D. Richter, Arthur Ross (CED)

Fame, Christopher Gore (CED)

MELVIN AND HOWARD, BO GOLDMAN

Mon Oncle D'Amerique, Jean Gruault

Private Benjamin, Nancy Meyers, Charles Shyer, Harvey Miller (CED)

\* 1st Annual Golden Raspberry Awards ("Winners" in all caps):

WORST PICTURE

CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC!

Cruising (CED)

The Formula (CED)

Friday the 13th (CED)

The Jazz Singer (CED)

The Nude Bomb

Raise the Titanic (CED)

Saturn 3 (CED)

Windows

Xanadu

WORST ACTOR

Michael Beck - Xanadu  
Robert Blake - Coast to Coast  
Michael Caine - Dressed to Kill (CED) / The Island  
NEIL DIAMOND - THE JAZZ SINGER (CED)  
Kirk Douglas - Saturn 3 (CED)  
Richard Dreyfuss - The Competition  
Anthony Hopkins - A Change of Seasons (CED)  
Bruce Jenner - Can't Stop the Music!  
Sam Jones - Flash Gordon (CED)

WORST ACTRESS

Nancy Allen - Dressed to Kill (CED)  
Faye Dunaway - First Deadly Sin  
Shelley Duvall - The Shining (CED)  
Farrah Fawcett - Saturn 3 (CED)  
Sondra Locke - Bronco Billy (CED)  
Olivia Newton John - Xanadu  
Valerine Perrine - Can't Stop the Music  
Deborah Raffin - Touched by Love  
BROOKE SHIELDS - THE BLUE LAGOON (CED)  
Talia Shire - Windows

WORST SUPPORTING ACTOR

JOHN ADAMES - GLORIA (CED)  
Marlon Brando - The Formula (CED)  
Charles Grodin - Seems Like Old Times (CED)  
Laurence Olivier - The Jazz Singer (CED)  
David Selby - Raise the Titanic (CED)

WORST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Elizabeth Ashley - Windows  
George Sanford Brown - Stir Crazy (CED)  
AMY IRVING - HONEYSUCKLE ROSE  
Betsy Palmer - Friday the 13th (CED)  
Marilyn Sokol - Can't Stop the Music

WORST DIRECTOR

John Avildsen - The Formula (CED)  
Brian De Palma - Dressed to Kill (CED)  
William Friedkin - Cruising (CED)  
Sidney Furie and Richard Fleisher - The Jazz Singer (CED)  
ROBERT GREENWALD - XANADU  
Stanley Kubrick - The Shining (CED)  
Michael Ritchie - The Island  
John Trent - Middle Age Crazy  
Nancy Walker - Can't Stop the Music  
Gordon Willis - Windows

WORST SCREENPLAY

CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC - BRONTE WOODWARD, ALLAN CARR  
Change of Seasons - Erich Segal, Ronni Kern, Fred Segal (CED)  
Cruising - William Friedkin (CED)  
The Formula - Steve Shagan (CED)  
It's My Turn - Eleanor Bergstein

Middle Age Crazy - Carl Kleinschmidt  
Raise the Titanic - Adam Kennedy, Eric Hughes (CED)  
Touched By Love - Hesper Anderson  
Windows - Barry Siegel  
Xanadu - Richard Danus, Marc Rubel

WORST SONG

"THE MAN WITH BOGART'S FACE" - THE MAN WITH BOGART'S FACE  
"You Can't Stop the Music" - Can't Stop the Music  
"Suspended in Time" - Xanadu  
"Where Do You Catch the Buss for Tomorrow" - Change of Seasons (CED)  
"You, Baby, Baby!" - The Jazz Singer (CED)

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Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2001 18:19:42 -0800  
From: Neil Wagner <orac>  
To: \_CED Magic mail list <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Huge collection for sale

I am not, nor do I know the seller. But, if you want to corner  
the market, here's one way to do it.  
<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1417380877>

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Neil

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 2, 1981:

\* In the worst violence to occur in Lebanon since the 1976 cease fire,  
37 people are reported killed during intense fighting in the cities of  
Beirut and Zahle.

April 3, 1981:

\* The Osborne portable computer is introduced at the 6th West Coast  
Computer Faire. This 26 pound, \$1745 AC-powered unit has a built-in 5"  
screen and a 4 MHz Z80 microprocessor.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Atlantic City.

April 4, 1981:

\* Italian police in Milan arrest Mario Moretti, generally considered to  
have been the most important member of the Red Brigades terrorist group  
still at large.

April 6, 1981:

\* A Yugoslav Communist Party official confirms reports of intense ethnic

riots in Kosovo, an autonomous region inside Yugoslavia. About three-quarters of Kosovo's 1.5 million inhabitants are ethnic Albanians whose leaders are seeking the status of a republic for the region.

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Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2001 20:09:36 -0600  
From: potochdj <potochdj>  
Subject: Worst Picture - Xanadu???  
To: ceds <ceds@teleport.com>

\*sob\* I like the movie Xanadu.... It's one of my favorites... It has a great Soundtrack by ELO... \*sob\*

Dave.

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Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2001 21:51:14 -0500  
From: Darrick Burch <darrick>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Looking to collect discs/player(s)

Hi,

I live in west central Indiana and am looking to add to my current CED collection. I am looking for discs and players and would like to find someone within driving distance. It has been my personal experience that this stuff is HEAVY and the cost of shipping really adds to the cost of acquiring discs and players. My hope is that I can find someone within a two hour drive from my house.

If anyone out there would happen to live in this area and would happen to be wanting to sell some CED discs and/or players, why not make me an offer? E-mail me at darrick@dacc.cc.il.us and let me know!

Thanks!  
-Darrick

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Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2001 04:00:57 -0500  
From: "Kenneth A. deGruchy, Jr." <kdegru>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Looking for a copy of "Hansel & Gretal" 1954

For some time I have been hoping to find The 1954 puppet animated film "Hansel and Gretal" to share with my children. Tonight I just found out by way of the AMG (All Movie Guide at <http://allmovie.com/cg/avg.dll?p=avg&sql=KD||899RCA|Selectavision>) that this title was offered on RCA CED format. If anyone has this disc or a VHS copy of this film and would be willing to sell it to me I would be very grateful.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 8, 1981:

\* Omar Bradley, the last of America's five-star generals, dies at age 88. Called the GI's General for the care he took with the lives of ordinary soldiers, he was a graduate of the 1915 "class the stars fell upon" at West Point that contributed more than 30 generals to World War II. He served in Tunisia, the Sicilian campaign, and the D-Day landings in Normandy. After the war he served two terms as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Omar Bradley is portrayed by Karl Malden on the CED title "Patton" and by Nicholas Stuart on "The Longest Day." He appears in archive footage at the beginning of the CED title "A Bridge Too Far."

April 9, 1981:

\* The U.S. Submarine "George Washington" strikes and sinks a small Japanese freighter in the East China Sea resulting in the deaths of the freighter's captain and first mate. The submarine leaves the scene without assisting the survivors.

April 10, 1981:

\* Bobby Sands, an imprisoned Irish Republican Army member engaged in a hunger strike, is elected to the British Parliament from a district in Northern Ireland.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Excalibur.

April 11, 1981:

\* Twelve days after he was wounded in an assassination attempt, President Reagan leaves the hospital and returns to the White House.  
\* "Kiss on My List" (CED) by Hall & Oates becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

April 12, 1981:

\* The U.S launches the first orbital space shuttle mission STS-1 from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The "Columbia" completes 36 orbits of the Earth during its 54.5 hour flight, then glides to a smooth landing at Edwards Air Force Base in southern California.  
\* Joe Louis, the American heavyweight boxer, dies at the age of 66. He was the heavyweight boxing champion of the world for almost 12 years, from 1937 until 1949. Joe Louis appears on the cover of the CED title "The Big Fights, Vol. 2" which features six of his classic fights, including the memorable 1938 bout with German Max Schmeling which served as an allegory of democracy vs. fascism.  
\* Golfer Tom Watson wins the \$60,000 purse in the Masters at Augusta, Georgia in a narrow victory over Jack Nicklaus.  
\* Nelson Piquet wins the Argentina Grand Prix (CED).

April 13, 1981:

\* Janet Cooke of the Washington Post is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing on a story concerning an eight year old drug addict.

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Date: Mon, 02 Apr 2001 08:05:22 -0500 (CDT)  
From: Dave Killeffer <DMK9561>  
Subject: SJT300  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

I just got an SJT-300 free at the surplus auction at my university campus.  
After replacing the function belt, it seems to work fine save for one thing:  
the RCA jack audio outs have a very low level. I opened the player and turned  
up the R4127 pot listed on the service page to no avail. The output through  
the coax antenna jack is still ok. It does still give a good strong power on  
pop when turned on, and if the volume is maxxed on the stereo it gives a very  
low level bass-heavy output. Give me possibilities please, I'm not squeamish  
about opening the player to service position or doing some light soldering (I  
put the cooling fan in my SKT-400).

Dave Killeffer  
Tech Village Apt. M-7-West  
Phone #ERmine 2-5864

"The distance between genius and insanity is measured only by success."  
-Eliot  
Carver

Move Over, Plymouth Approaching Rapidly

got boost?

"If you're gettin' turbo lag, you ain't drivin' it right." -Carroll  
Shelby

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 7 Apr 2001 17:52:17 -0400  
Subject: Broken SJT400  
From: Stephen J Testa <sjt46>

Hi Tom

Just wanted to thank you for helping (via one of your function motors and  
the CED Magic website) me fix my SJT400.

I am the one who ordered a J/K function motor because the function motor  
in this unit would spin normally in the forward (caddy insert) direction  
but not at all or very weakly in the reverse (caddy eject) direction.  
But the new function motor behaved in the exact same manner.

But I fixed it in a very low tech way since I don't have any meters.

Using your handy equiv. component cross reference guide I bought almost every component in the function motor circuit (the stuff was cheap).

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plan was to use jumper wires with micro alligator clips at each end; and in this manner "attach" each replacement component one by one to its position on the circuit board until the player functioned normally. (Of course the player would be unplugged during any switchover.) However it turned out the first component I tested (diode CR5902) was the culprit.

So the player is fixed and I'm quite satisfied with myself but I doubt I could have fixed it without your new function motor or the cross reference guide. Thanks so much for helping us Tom.

Stephen

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 15 4/14/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 15, 1981:

\* The Washington Post announces that it is relinquishing the Pulitzer Prize that had been awarded two days earlier to one of its reporters, Janet Cooke, for a feature story about an eight year old heroin addict. Cooke revealed that the story had been fabricated.

\* President Reagan announces unconditional pardons for two former FBI officials convicted of authorizing illegal break-ins of homes in the early 1970's.

April 16, 1981:

\* Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau rejects a compromise proposal, endorsed by eight provincial premiers, on the makeup of a new federal constitution. Trudeau insists that a strong central government is essential.

April 17, 1981:

\* The Polish government and members of Rural Solidarity sign an agreement granting the farmers' union official recognition within a few weeks.

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

April 18, 1981:

\* The Minor League Baseball Pawtucket Red Sox and Rochester Red Wings begin a 33-inning baseball game. The game is suspended at 4:07 AM the following day (Pawtucket later wins in the 33rd inning).

April 19, 1981:

\* Thirteen persons are killed and scores seriously injured in Davao City, Phil. when members of the New People's Army, the military branch

of the illegal Philippine Communist Party, hurl hand grenades into the Roman Catholic cathedral during Easter services.

April 20, 1981:

\* A spokesman for the U.S. Navy announces that the U.S. is accepting full responsibility for the sinking of the "Nissho Maru" on April 9. The Japanese merchant vessel went down 110 miles off southern Japan after being struck by the U.S. submarine "George Washington." Anger in Japan was intense because there was no indication the officers aboard the submarine had made any serious attempt to rescue the merchant crew, who were picked up (except the captain and first mate) by a Japanese destroyer after 18 hours in the water.

\* The 85th Boston Marathon is won by Toshihiko Seko of Japan in 2:09:26.

April 21, 1981:

\* Post-mortem studies by scientists indicate that the stately mute swan, the bird that has gracefully adorned Britain's lakes, ponds, and streams for hundreds of years is dying in large number due to lead poisoning from the splitshot used by fishermen to weight their lines.

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From: Cleggsan

Date: Sun, 8 Apr 2001 15:52:29 EDT

Subject: CED Discs

To: ceds@teleport.com, tom@cedmagic.com

I have 5 movie discs for free..... if you live in the Atlanta area, if not, you will have to pay the freight. These are pretty hot titles, but I have no use for them anymore. All in good to excellent condition.

Kotch, with Walter Matthau

What's Up Tiger Lilly, with Woody Allen

Chinatown, with Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway (2 disc set)

Poltergeist, a Steven Spielberg production

Star Wars, with Harrison Ford, etc.

Just let me know. You can reach me at  
Cleggsan@mail.com

Thank you.

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Date: Mon, 09 Apr 2001 11:02:44 -0500 (CDT)

From: Dave Killeffer <DMK9561>

Subject: another problem

To: digest@cedmagic.com

I have another problem with my SJT-300 player. I put a new stylus in on Saturday and watched part of Purple Rain and everything was fine. I switched to a Rush disc and the picture became black & white. Still that new-stylus clear, but black and white. I reseated the needle, still B&W. I put the old

one back in, still B&W. Both needles and discs worked fine in other players.

Any possibilites?

Also, how can I find out when my SKT-400 was made? It doesn't have the date printed on the back label, and doesn't have a serial number on the outside of the case. It does have a serial number on the chassis (I think), and the inside of the upper case says SJT-400.

Finally, what is different about the prototype SKT-425 on the page?

Dave Killeffer

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Date: Sat, 14 Apr 2001 23:24:37 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: RE: SJT300

At 8:05 AM -0500 4/2/01, Dave Killeffer wrote:

>I just got an SJT-300 free at the surplus auction at my university campus.  
>After replacing the function belt, it seems to work fine save for one thing:  
>the RCA jack audio outs have a very low level. I opened the player and turned  
>up the R4127 pot listed on the service page to no avail.

If rotating the screw on R4127 makes absolutely no difference in the sound output, the problem may be with that POT itself or one of its solder joints. If a little change in output level takes place, I'd suspect a problem with the U4101 Audio Demodulator IC or one of its other peripheral components.

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 16 4/21/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 22, 1981:

\* The Soviet Union conducts an underground nuclear test at their Semipalitinsk (Kazakhstan) test site.

April 23, 1981:

\* Doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital report that artificial skin has been successfully grafted on burn patients.

April 24, 1981:

- \* President Reagan ends a 15-month old partial embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union. The ban had been invoked by President Carter on January 4, 1980 in response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.
- \* Bill "Willie" Shoemaker wins his 8000th race, 2000 more than any other jockey to date. Willie Shoemaker is the host of the interactive CED title "A Week at the Races."
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Nighthawks.

April 25, 1981:

- \* Seattle Mariners manager Maury Wills is suspended for 2 games after ordering the grounds crew to enlarge the batter's boxes by one foot.

April 26, 1981:

- \* Character actor Jim Davis, best known as the patriarch of the oil-rich Ewing family in the television series Dallas, dies at age 65. He appears in the CED westerns El Dorado, Rio Lobo, Big Jake, and Comes A Horseman.

April 27, 1981:

- \* A Maryland judge rules that Spiro Agnew had taken bribes from contractors when he was governor of Maryland and Vice President of the U.S. He is ordered to pay the state \$147,500 plus \$101,235 in interest.
- \* Ex-Beatle Ringo Starr, 41, marries actress Barbara Bach, 30, in London. They had recently performed together in the CED title Caveman.

April 28, 1981:

- \* In his first major appearance since being wounded March 30, President Reagan makes a televised address before Congress in which he appeals for passage of his budget program.
- \* In an escalating conflict, Israeli jets shoot down two Syrian helicopters said to have been attacking Lebanese Christian militia in Lebanon.

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 17 4/28/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

April 29, 1981:

- \* Peter Sutcliffe, a 35-year-old British truck driver, confesses to killing 13 women in the "Yorkshire Ripper" case.

April 30, 1981:

- \* RCA PRESS RELEASE:  
RCA VIDEODISC INTRODUCTION 'MOST SUCCESSFUL' PRODUCT LAUNCH IN INDUSTRY HISTORY

INDIANAPOLIS, April 30 -- RCA said today that in five weeks its VideoDisc system has achieved the most successful introduction of any major electronic product in history.

Executive Vice President Roy H. Pollack said RCA already has sold 52,000 players to distributors, and an estimated 26,000 have been sold to consumers. This compares with the estimated 30,000 players sold by the competitive optical system over a two-year period.

Mr. Pollack, addressing reporters touring RCA's VideoDisc manufacturing plant, said production of the RCA "CED" VideoDisc player at the nearby Bloomington plant has been increased by 20 percent. And, said Mr. Pollack, RCA has raised its 1981 production target of video discs from two million to three million.

Emphasizing the success of the VideoDisc introduction, he said the color TV and black-and-white TV industries had sold only 5,000 and 6,000 sets respectively in their initial year of introduction. Microwave ovens, now considered a major business in appliances, accounted for 30,000 unit sales in this product's introductory year.

"RCA is extremely pleased with the launch of VideoDisc. We believe the outlook for the new product is promising enough to assure our reaching a goal of 200,000 RCA-brand player sales in 1981," Mr. Pollack said.

Speaking of the increase in disc production, he said, "The VideoDisc has met our expectations in terms of both consumer interest and manufacturing capability. From this point forward, the thrust will be an expansion of production that allows us to balance players and disc inventories at all levels of distribution."

Mr. Pollack said that RCA intends to double the number of video disc presses at the Indianapolis facility from 10 to 20 by year's end. "This accelerated installation schedule should help assure a satisfactory supply of the more popular video discs as determined by RCA's initial sales experience," he said.

Jack K. Sauter, RCA group vice president directing the marketing introduction of the VideoDisc system, said the public already has bought an estimated 200,000 video discs, "more than we expected."

Mr. Sauter said that consumer purchasers of the VideoDisc system were satisfied with their purchase, "a most encouraging sign for future sales." Of 1,132 purchasers responding to a survey, he said 96.4 percent said the product had either satisfied or exceeded their expectations.

Dr. Jay J. Brandinger, division vice president of "SelectaVision" VideoDisc Operations, reaffirmed RCA's intention of introducing a "CED" player with stereo capability in 1982. He said a number of special features such as stop action, slow motion and random program access are technically possible in the "CED" system.

May 1, 1981:

\* Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-NJ) is convicted of crimes stemming from the Abscam investigation.

\* The Japanese government announces that it will limit its passenger car exports to the U.S. during the next three years; the U.S. Congress had indicated it would impose import quotas if Japan did not act on its own.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Heaven's Gate. This release was the version shortened to 149 minutes. The original release at 220 minutes from November 19, 1980 was pulled from theaters after 3 days in the wake of disastrous reviews. THE CED from 1983 is the long version.

May 2, 1981:

\* The largest antiwar demonstration since the early 1970's is held in Washington to protest U.S. military aid to El Salvador and the Reagan administration's proposals for increased military spending and cuts in social programs.  
\* The 107th Kentucky Derby is won by Pleasant Colony ridden by jockey Jorge Velasquez in a time of 2:02.  
\* "Morning Train" (CED) by Sheena Easton becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

May 3, 1981:

\* Nelson Piquet wins the San Marino Grand Prix (CED).

May 4, 1981:

\* Continuing a "tight money" policy to curb inflation, the Federal Reserve Board headed by chairman Paul Volcker raises its discount rate, the interest rate on loans to commercial banks, to a record 14 percent.

May 5, 1981:

\* Riots break out in Northern Ireland when Robert "Bobby" Sands, a 27-year-old member of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), dies of starvation in the hospital wing of Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland. Death came on the 66th day of a hunger strike that Sands and other IRA inmates had undertaken to pressure British authorities into reclassifying them as political prisoners.

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Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2001 18:07:25 -0700

From: "Ernest Salinas" <primevl>

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: Sales

I have the following VideoDiscs for sale. I honestly have no idea about their condition, I have had them in my possession for approx. 4 years, but they seem to have been treated with some care.

COMMON:

The Ten Commandments (2 sets)

Romeo & Juliet

The French Connection

Casablanca

The Shootist

The Black Stallion

9 to 5

Ordinary People

The Wizard of Oz (39)

First Blood

The Muppet Movie

Annie  
Star Wars  
Alien  
Airplane

UNCOMMON:

Terrytoons Vol. 1 Featuring Mighty Mouse  
Victory  
The China Syndrome  
Paul Simon in Concert  
Death Wish  
Hud  
Visiting Hours  
Apocalypse Now  
The Red Shoes  
Airplane II  
Space Hunter Adventures in the Forbidden Zone

RARE:

Scrooge  
Nate and Hayes  
Children's Treasures Presents The Christmas Collection

If interested, please give drop a line (mail) and we can discuss the discs.

I am a videophile myself, but limited to LD (500) and DVD (250). I have no room or player for these... can you help?

Thank you.

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From: stephen\_orme  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: the digest / ced in the uk  
Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2001 19:33:42 +0100

I've just read the digest v6 n16 and there were no posts other than the history section! What's going on? Where were the posts?

Does anyone know where to get anything ced in the uk?

Thanks.

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Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2001 18:10:48 -0700 (PDT)  
From: webbie <molina\_go2mall>  
Subject: Sybil  
To: ceds@teleport.com

Hi,

I'm looking for the movie Sybil in VHS format.  
Would you happen to have it for sale or do you know where I can buy it.

thanks in advance.

Max

<http://www.teleport.com/~ceds/home/ced-digest/ced-digest-vol-03/ced-digest0301.html>

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Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2001 21:19:33 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: RE: another problem and other questions

At 11:02 AM -0500 4/9/01, Dave Killeffer wrote:  
>I have another problem with my SJT-300 player. I put a new stylus in  
on  
>saturday and watched part of Purple Rain and everything was fine. I  
switched  
>to a Rush disc and the picture became black & white. Still that  
new-stylus  
>clear, but black and white. I reseated the needle, still B&W. I put  
the old  
>one back in, still B&W. Both needles and discs worked fine in other  
players.  
>Any possibilites?

The CED system "buries" the chrominance signal inside the 3 MHz  
luminance bandwidth, so if the circuitry that extracts color from black  
& white fails, the player will produce a black & white picture. The  
sub-circuits to test for failure in order of decreasing likelihood are  
the comb filter, video converter, and time base corrector.

>Also, how can I find out when my SKT-400 was made? It doesn't have the  
date  
>printed on the back label, and doesn't have a serial number on the  
outside of  
>the case.

RCA didn't date "K" players that were made after the April 1984  
announcement of the end of the CED system.

>what is different about the prototype SKT-425 on the page?

Electrically, the SKT425 is nearly identical to the SKT400. The main  
differences are in styling- the flat black front panel, flush buttons,  
and longitudinal silver stripe that conform to other components in the  
Dimensia system. The placement of the on-screen display at the top of  
the screen is accomplished by the Dimensia TV, which places it there to  
lessen the likelihood of conflict with OSD's for other Dimensia  
components.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

May 6, 1981:

- \* The U.S. orders Libya to close its diplomatic mission in Washington D.C., and to move its staff outside the country within 5 days. The country is cited for its support of international terrorism and assassinations of dissident Libyans living abroad.
- \* All 21 crew members are killed when a U.S. missile tracking jet explodes in the air near Frederick, Maryland.

May 7, 1981:

- \* In a key vote, the Democratic-controlled House approves 270-154 the \$689 billion fiscal 1982 budget endorsed by Ronald Reagan.
- \* Some 1,200 government workers in Bermuda end a 25-day strike that had brought the country's vital tourist industry to a virtual standstill.

May 8, 1981:

- \* Syria formally rejects Israeli demands that it remove antiaircraft missiles from Lebanon.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Caveman.

May 9, 1981:

- \* The defense minister of El Salvador announces that six members of the country's armed forces have been arrested as suspects in the December 2, 1980 murders of three U.S. nuns and a co-worker.

May 10, 1981:

- \* Francois Mitterrand, the 64-year-old leader of the Socialist Party, defeats incumbent Valery Giscard d'Estaing in the runoff election for the presidency of France.

May 11, 1981:

- \* Bob Marley, king of reggae music, dies of lung cancer in Miami at age 36. The Rastafarian dreadlocks he wore were reminders of the anger and impatience of young Jamaicans, but through his music he advocated an end to the violence of Jamaica. Reggae music is prominent on the CED title "The Harder They Come" and Bob Marley is honored on the "Best of Reggae Sunsplash" CED titles.

May 12, 1981:

- \* President Reagan proposes fundamental changes in Social Security legislation to restore the system to a sound financial basis.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA ADDS 26 NEW TITLES TO ITS STRONG-SELLING VIDEODISC CATALOG

LAS VEGAS, May 12 -- James Bond, Inspector Clouseau, John Wayne and Mary Tyler Moore have one thing in common -- they're featured on some of the 26 new video discs being added to RCA's catalog this summer.

The 26 new titles bring the total number of programs available from RCA to 126.

Howard M. Ballon, director of market planning for "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, announced the new titles today to RCA distributors at a national sales meeting here. He said, "Sales of RCA video discs have exceeded expectations, and the addition of these new titles will help build and maintain consumer interest in RCA's expanding video disc catalog."

RCA has increased production of its more popular video discs such as "Rocky," "Grease," "Saturday Night Fever," "Star Trek -- The Motion Picture" and others in response to consumer demand, Mr. Ballon said. A number of new discs, including "Airplane!," "Urban Cowboy," and the James Bond classic, "Goldfinger," have been moved up to a June release date.

Mr. Ballon noted that "Airplane!," Paramount's most successful picture in 1980, has not yet appeared on cable or commercial TV. "Goldfinger," which has not been released on video cassette, represents the first in a series of James Bond movies to be offered on RCA VideoDiscs.

Other exciting new titles to be released by RCA this summer are "Ordinary People," winner of four Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and "The Pink Panther," starring Peter Sellers.

In its first six weeks on the market, RCA's VideoDisc system has achieved the most successful introduction of any major electronic product in history.

Basing his remarks on early sales information, Mr. Ballon said the average video disc buyer now owns close to eight discs. "Titles like 'Rocky,' 'The Godfather,' 'Heaven Can Wait' and 'The Muppet Movie' have been our strongest sellers. In six weeks, these titles have sold close to 15,000 copies each."

RCA's initial video disc catalog offered the consumer 100 titles -- up to 60 available at retail and the remaining 40 available through a Quick Delivery Service (QDS). All 40 QDS titles have registered good sales with "Star Trek -- The Motion Picture," "The Dirty Dozen" and "The Longest Day" leading the way. Because of its popularity, "Star Trek -- The Motion Picture" will be transferred from the QDS list to retail availability in July.

"QDS has given us instant information on the appeal of specific titles," Mr. Ballon said. "This span of interest in titles from narrow to broader interest is strong encouragement that the consumer is receptive to much more than movies. Our 26 new titles, together with the titles already available, give RCA's catalog a broader and more exciting mix of programs for video disc."

Other well-known movie titles included in the new summer releases are: "North Dallas Forty," "Chinatown," "American Gigolo," "The Great Escape," "War of the Worlds," "The Shootist," "Farewell, My Lovely," "Fantastic Voyage," "The Apple Dumpling Gang," and "Harold and Maude."

RCA's new offerings from the Television category are: "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show, Vol. 1." "A Doll's House," starring Jane Fonda, is RCA's new offering in the

Performing Arts category.

In the Music/Variety category RCA is introducing: "The Last Waltz," a rock film capturing The Band in its farewell concert with many guest stars appearing, including Bob Dylan; "Don Kirshner Presents -- Rock Concert, Vol. 1," with 17 performances by Motown superstars, Billy Preston, The Commodores, Smokey Robinson, and Bonnie Pointer; "King Creole," the Elvis Presley musical; "Paul Simon in Concert," and "Richard Pryor -- Live in Concert."

Two new releases from the Sports area are: "Wimbledon 1979 and 1980," and "The Miracle of Lake Placid."

Finally, a Program of Special Interest will be added to the catalog, two highly acclaimed NBC documentaries on one disc: "The American Alcoholic," and "Reading, Writing and Reefer."

RCA's Second Wave of 26 CED titles:

Airplane !  
American Alcoholic/Reading, Writing, and Reefer  
American Gigolo  
Apple Dumpling Game, The  
Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman  
Chinatown (2)  
Doll's House, A  
Don Kirshner Presents Rock Concert, Vol. 1  
Fantastic Voyage [RCA]  
Farewell My Lovely  
Goldfinger  
Great Escape, The (2)  
Harold and Maude  
King Creole  
Last Waltz, The [monophonic]  
Mary Tyler Moore Show, Vol. 1  
Miracle of Lake Placid, The  
North Dallas Forty  
Ordinary People (2)  
Paul Simon In Concert [monophonic]  
Pink Panther, The  
Richard Pryor: Live In Concert  
Shootist, The  
Urban Cowboy (2)  
War of the Worlds, The  
Wimbledon: 1979 and 1980

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From: KatGlen1  
Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2001 19:23:39 EDT  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 17  
To: ceds@teleport.com

Does anyone out there actually own a VHD disc player and discs? Can you tell us how it performs and what discs you own?

Glenn

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From: "Dan White" <ufoengines>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: The Loved Ones!  
Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2001 18:03:52

Hi Ya'll! Anybody have a CED copy of "The Loved Ones"? Dan  
ufoengines@hotmail.com

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Date: Sat, 5 May 2001 04:05:11 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: SEGA Wireless Controllers

Hello All:

There's a seller on Ebay who has a number of new-in-the-box DOCS-brand infrared controllers at \$17.99 that can be used with the F/G remote interface. I don't have a picture of this brand at CED Magic yet, but the package consists of two hand units and a corded receiver box. The seller VGE007 has hundreds of auction up (and a huge rating of 21474) so use the following url to search on the subject line:

<<http://search.ebay.com/search/search.dll?MfcISAPICommand=GetResult&SortProperty=MetaEndSort&pb=&ebaytag1=ebayreg&ht=1&query=genesis+wireless>>

If your email program zaps the url try searching Ebay for "genesis wireless."

The seller also has them listed on his direct web site for \$18.50

<http://www.auctionworks.com/store/default.asp?sfo=vge007>

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 19 5/12/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

May 13, 1981:

\* Pope John Paul II is shot and seriously wounded as he rides in an open car through St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Two women tourists from the U.S. are also injured by bullets during the attack. The gunman is captured and identified as a 23-year-old Turkish terrorist.

May 14, 1981:

\* The Boston Celtics win the 35th National Basketball Association championship, defeating Houston four games to two. The Celtics are led by Larry Bird "The Hick from French Lick," so called because he was born in French Lick, Indiana (about 50 miles south of Bloomington, where CED players were manufactured).

May 15, 1981:

\* Sergej Kraigher begins his one-year term as president of Yugoslavia, following a predetermined order of succession. The nine member collective leadership was elected in 1979, before President Tito's death, by parliaments of the nation's six republics and two autonomous provinces.

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

May 16, 1981:

\* Nancy Reagan christens the USS Ticonderoga guided missile cruiser, the first vessel equipped with RCA's sophisticated AEGIS electronic combat system.

\* The 107th Preakness is won by Jorge Velasquez riding Pleasant Colony in a time of 1:56.6.

\* "Bette Davis Eyes" (CED) by Kim Carnes becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

May 17, 1981:

\* Charles Reutemann wins the Belgium Grand Prix. The race is marred by accidents involving two mechanics depicted rather dramatically at the beginning of Side 2 of the CED title "Start to Finish."

May 18, 1981:

\* Actor Arthur O'Connell dies at age 73. He appears on the CED titles Citizen Kane, Gidget, Fantastic Voyage, The Last Valley, and The Poseidon Adventure.

May 19, 1981:

\* The Department of Commerce reports that the U.S. gross national product (GNP) grew at an 8.4 percent annual rate during the first three months of 1981, the strongest quarterly growth rate in three years (figure later revised to 8.6 percent).

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Date: Mon, 07 May 2001 09:26:28 -0500  
From: Dave Potochick <potochdj>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 18  
To: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>

I'm looking for the movie "Surf 2" starring Eddie Deezen on any format... Any help would be greatly appreciated....

Dave.

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From: "Ed Ellers" <ed\_ellers>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Dimensia SKT425  
Date: Mon, 7 May 2001 11:46:36 -0400

Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com> wrote:

"Electrically, the SKT425 is nearly identical to the SKT400. The main differences are in styling- the flat black front panel, flush buttons, and longitudinal silver stripe that conform to other components in the Dimensia system."

They might have used the same styling for other "K" line models if CED hadn't been dropped; the SelectaVision VKT650 VCR had the same front panel styling as the Dimensia VKT700, but with a woodgrain finish (on top and sides) rather than silver. Since Dimensia was only sold through a few selected dealers -- as was the case a few years later with ProScan -- the SKT400 probably would have been retained so that other dealers would have an interactive player.

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Date: Mon, 07 May 2001 12:45:45 -0400  
Subject: CED Titles and Player For Sale  
From: Jon Aaron <jonaaron>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

Titles/Type(Concert, Movie, Game):

1. An Evening with Robin Williams Concert
2. Bette Midler Show - HBO 1976 Concert
3. Brimstone and Treacle Concert
4. Eubie Concert
5. Eurythmics - Sweet Dreams Concert
6. Fleetwood Mac in Concert - mirage Tour '82 Concert
7. Neil Diamond Love at the Creek Concert
8. One Night Stand - A Keyboard Event Concert
9. Piaf Concert
10. Disney Mystery and magic Game
11. Mystery Disc - Many Roads to Murder Game
12. A Shot in the Dark Movie
13. Adams Rib Movie
14. Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Movie
15. African Scream Movie
16. Airplane II Movie
17. Being There (2 discs) Movie
18. Broadway Danny Rose Movie
19. Chariots of Fire Movie
20. Fanny and Alexander (2 discs) Movie
21. It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (2 discs) Movie
22. Julia Movie
23. La Cage Aux Folles Movie
24. La Cage Aux Folles II Movie
25. Loving Couples Movie
26. Making Love Movie
27. Manhattan Movie
28. Meet Me in St. Louis Movie

- 29.Muppet Movie      Movie
- 30.Seems Like Old Times      Movie
- 31.Suddenly Last Summer      Movie
- 32.The Elephant man      Movie
- 33.The Great Muppet Caper      Movie

CED Player, Model SJT400, with remote control. Player needs work - not sure

why it stopped working, but was fine, then next time I tried using it nothing would load.

Is there any interest, either in part or in full?

Thanks.

Jon

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Jon Aaron

Coldwell Banker Buckhead Brokers

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From: "Chuck Bramlett" <superbean6>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Help with CED please  
Date: Wed, 09 May 2001 21:42:51 -0400

hey i need some help.

me and my friend find an ond CED player but instead of playing it makes a buzzing sound and will not load the disk.

we would appreciate any advice or help in fixing this problem.

thanks

Chuck Bramlett

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Date: Sat, 12 May 2001 12:53:19 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: CED Timeline on the Web

Hello All:

I've put the first three months of the timeline up at CED Magic:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/museum/press/ced-timeline.html>

This is media-enhanced with a picture of a major news event for each month and the number one songs playable in MIDI format. There are also a

few more press releases from RCA that were not included in the CED Digest version.

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 20 5/19/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

May 20, 1981:

\* The U.S. reverses a decision that had cut the influx of Indochinese refugees.

May 21, 1981:

\* The World Health Organization (WHO) votes 118-1 to discourage use of baby formulas in third world countries due to contamination, lack of sterilization, and poor preparation. The United States casts the only dissenting vote.

\* The New York Islanders win professional hockey's Stanley Cup, defeating Minnesota four games to one in the best-of-seven series.

May 22, 1981:

\* The U.S. Congress ratifies a compromise \$695.5 billion budget resolution for fiscal 1982 that slows the growth of federal spending by curtailing social programs.

\* Peter W. Sutcliffe, the convicted "Yorkshire Ripper" who had been charged with 13 murders, is sentenced in London to life imprisonment.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: The Four Seasons, The Legend of the Lone Ranger.

May 23, 1981:

\* A dozen or more gunmen seize control of the Central Bank in Barcelona, Spain seizing 200 hostages. They demand the release of some military officers being held for an unsuccessful coup earlier in the year.

May 24, 1981:

\* Ecuadorean President Jaime Roldos Aguilera is killed in a plane crash along with his wife, the minister of defense, and two military aides.

\* Police storm the Central Bank in Barcelona, Spain capturing nine gunmen, but others escape, passing in the confusion as freed hostages.

\* Bobby Unser wins the Indianapolis 500 automobile race 5.3 seconds ahead of Mario Andretti, but is demoted to second place the next day after receiving a one lap penalty. On October 9, 1981 Unser wins an appeal and has first place finish is reinstated.

May 25, 1981:

\* Four Turkish hijackers, all members of a Marxist guerilla organization, are overpowered by their hostages at an airport in Burgas,

Bulgaria.

May 26, 1981:

\* An oil price freeze and production cut is announced by 12 of the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Saudi Arabia is the lone holdout.

\* A U.S Marine Corps EA-6B Prowler Jets crash lands on the deck of the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier, killing 14 and injuring 48 service personnel.

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Date: Mon, 14 May 2001 14:34:17 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: RE: Help with CED please

At 9:42 PM -0400 5/9/01, Chuck Bramlett wrote:  
>me and my friend find an ond CED player but instead of playing it makes  
a >buzzing sound and will not load the disk.

Chuck:

You indicated in your guestbook entry that this is a SJT400 player, so the "buzzing" is probably due to a worn-out function motor drive belt. Take a look at this page for instructions on replacing this belt:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/function-motor.html>

-Tom

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From: "Charles L. Wonsey" <charli>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Several Videodisk titles for sale, make an offer on 1 or several  
Date: Thu, 17 May 2001 20:17:32 -0400

See subject line.

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----- ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CED MAGIC WEB SITE -----

Those of you who have been visiting CED Magic for a long time may remember it was originally on a University web server before being moved to Teleport Internet Services in early 1996, where the home page became:

<http://www.teleport.com/~ceds/selectavision.html>

In 1997 the site got its own domain with the home page becoming:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/selectavision.html>

To date, the site has been accessible via either of these urls, but mergers in the ISP industry mean the Teleport domain is scheduled to be shut down on May 28. First Teleport was sold to OneMain.com and more recently OneMain merged with EarthLink. I've already copied the site over to EarthLink, but they will only provide access via the cedmagic.com address. In theory, the transition should be transparent, but there could be a short period of time when cedmagic.com is unavailable. The email addresses ceds@teleport.com, tom@cedmagic.com, and digest@cedmagic.com will continue to work.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

May 27, 1981:

\* Philip Habib, U.S. special envoy to the Middle East returns to Washington, D.C. after a three week diplomatic mission to Jerusalem, Damascus, and Beirut intended to defuse conflict in the region.

May 28, 1981:

\* Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, the Roman Catholic primate of Poland, dies at age 79.

May 29, 1981:

\* Negotiators for some 160,000 members of the United Mine Workers in the East and Midwest approve a new 40-month contract ending a strike that began on March 27.

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

May 30, 1981:

\* Ziaur Rahman, president of Bangladesh, is assassinated in the port city of Chittagong; a number of his aides and bodyguards are also slain during the military coup.

May 31, 1981:

\* Gilles Villeneuve wins the Monaco Grand Prix (CED), a race in which only seven of twenty starters finish due to crashes.

June 1, 1981:

\* An army rebellion in Bangladesh collapses after 48 hours, and its leader, Major General Muhammed Abdul Manzur, is killed soon after being arrested.

June 2, 1981:

\* Lindsay Thompson is named premier of Australia's state of Victoria, replacing Rupert Harner, who resigned.

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From: "Perry, Luke" <Luke.Perry>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: Wanted: Rush Exit Stage Left CED  
Date: Thu, 24 May 2001 10:19:46 -0600

If anyone has this CED please let me know. Also wanted other rock music videos by Devo, The Tubes, The Beatles, and ELO.

thanks,

Luke Perry  
doidy34@yahoo.com

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Date: Sat, 26 May 2001 00:37:27 -0400  
From: "Kenneth A. deGruchy, Jr." <kdegru>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Need tech advice on the SJT-200 poor low freq video response.

I recently started using my RCA SJT-200 player after perhaps 3 years of inactivity. It plays discs correctly but now I am clearly noticing a video problem. For the fellow technicians in our group I hope that one of you may be able to suggest what component to check to solve a rather prominent low frequency roll-off occurring in the video output. This can be most prominently observed when white titles on on the screen with a black background. Normally this would indicate that some electrolytic coupling and maybe some decoupling capacitors are starting to loose thier capacity and are not passing A.C. satisfactorilly.

I do not have any service literature on this machine so I really do not know where to begin looking. Any advice from any of you who have cleaned up this kind of problem?

Also would love to obtain a copy of the schematics/block diagrams for this deck if some kind soul would be willing to copy them for me.

Thanks for taking the time to respond if you can offer some advice.

Ken.

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Date: Sat, 26 May 2001 21:41:09 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: Hitachi/Realistic/Sears Stylus Cartridges

Hello All:

I'm getting more email from collectors trying to find stylus cartridges for the Hitachi OEM players and thought some discussion of this would be in order. I haven't purchased a Hitachi cartridge for some time, but with some persistence, they are still available from Radio Shack at 800-843-7422. Success in dealing with them depends on whether the representative you get is really interested in helping, and how well you describe the part you are looking for. It seems describing the part as "the cartridge for the Realistic CED-1 VideoDisc player" is the best way to proceed, although it's useful to have the 16-301 player model number handy. And as a further backup the CT-0313 or CT0313 Radio Shack part numbers for the stylus cartridge can be used.

If anyone has had success in finding the Hitachi cartridges elsewhere, I'm sure many on the list would be interested in the information.

--Tom

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----- ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CED MAGIC WEB SITE -----  
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The cedmagic.com domain has been transferred to Earthlink and is now available, although there were a couple days when it was not functioning as the new DNS propagated across the internet:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/selectavision.html>

The teleport.com address for CED Magic also still works despite Earthlink's continuing claim that this domain was shut down on May 28. I'll leave that site on-line for as long as Earthlink keeps it active, but will only update the site at cedmagic.com.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 3, 1981:

\* French President Francois Mitterrand begins to fulfill his campaign pledges by raising the minimum wage by 10 percent and by increasing some social benefits.

June 4, 1981:

\* Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin meet in the Sinai, mainly to exchange views on the situation in Lebanon.

June 5, 1981:

\* The CDC publication Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) includes an article entitled "Pneumocystis Pneumonia -- Los Angeles" reporting on five gay men with severely suppressed immune systems of unknown cause.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Improper Channels and Friday the 13th, Part II.

June 6, 1981:

\* Coal miners vote to end a ten-week strike by members of the United Mine Workers that had closed hundreds of mines in the East and Midwest United States.

June 7, 1981:

\* Israel uses eight F-16 bombers and six F-15 fighter planes to destroy Iraq's nuclear reactor at Daura. Israel defends its surprise attack by stating the soon-to-be-completed facility was designed to produce atomic bombs.

\* 35TH ANNUAL TONY AWARDS (WINNERS IN ALL CAPS):

PLAY OF THE YEAR

AMADEUS (CED, movie version)  
Fifth Of July  
A Lesson From Aloes  
A Life

MUSICAL OF THE YEAR

42ND STREET (CED, movie version)  
Sophisticated Ladies  
Tintypes  
Woman Of the Year

REVIVAL

Brigadoon (CED, movie version)  
Camelot  
The Little Foxes  
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE (CED, movie version)

LEADING ACTOR - PLAY

Tim Curry in Amadeus  
Roy Dotrice in A Life  
IAN MCKELLEN IN AMADEUS  
Jack Weston in The Floating Light Bulb

LEADING ACTOR - MUSICAL

Gregory Hines in Sophisticated Ladies  
KEVIN KLINE IN THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE (CED, movie version)  
George Rose in The Pirates Of Penzance (CED, movie version)  
Martin Vidnovic in Brigadoon

LEADING ACTRESS - PLAY

Glenda Jackson in Rose  
JANE LAPOTAIRE IN PIAF (CED)  
Eva Le Gallienne in To Grandmother's House We Go  
Elizabeth Taylor in The Little Foxes

LEADING ACTRESS - MUSICAL

LAUREN BACALL IN WOMAN OF THE YEAR  
Meg Bussert in Brigadoon  
Chita Rivera in Bring Back Birdie  
Linda Ronstadt in The Pirates Of Penzance (CED, movie version)

FEATURED ACTOR - PLAY

Tom Aldredge in The Little Foxes  
BRIAN BACKER IN THE FLOATING LIGHT BULB  
Adam Redfield in A Life  
Shepperd Strudwick in To Grandmother's House We Go

FEATURED ACTOR - MUSICAL

Tony Azito in The Pirates Of Penzance  
HINTON BATTLE IN SOPHISTICATED LADIES  
Lee Roy Reams in 42nd Street  
Paxton Whitehead in Camelot

FEATURED ACTRESS - PLAY

SWOOSIE KURTZ IN FIFTH OF JULY

Maureen Stapleton in The Little Foxes

Jessica Tandy in Rose

Zoe Wanamaker in Piaf (CED)

FEATURED ACTRESS - MUSICAL

MARILYN COOPER IN WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Phyllis Hyman in Sophisticated Ladies

Wanda Richert in 42nd Street

Lynne Thigpen in Tintypes

DIRECTOR - PLAY

Peter Coe for A Life

PETER HALL FOR AMADEUS

Marshall W. Mason for Fifth Of July

Austin Pendleton for The Little Foxes

DIRECTOR - MUSICAL

Gower Champion for 42nd Street

WILFORD LEACH FOR THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Robert Moore for Woman Of the Year

Michael Smuin for Sophisticated Ladies

BOOK OF A MUSICAL

42nd Street

The Moony Shapiro Songbook

Tintypes

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

SCORE

Charlie and Algernon

Copperfield

Shakespeare's Cabaret

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

SCENIC DESIGN

AMADEUS

Can-Can

Fifth Of July

The Suicide

COSTUME DESIGN

Amadeus

Can-Can

42nd Street

SOPHISTICATED LADIES

LIGHTING DESIGN

AMADEUS

Fifth Of July

42nd Street

Sophisticated Ladies

CHOREOGRAPHY

Can-Can  
42ND STREET  
The Pirates Of Penzance  
Sophisticated Ladies

REGIONAL THEATRE  
TRINITY SQUARE REPERTORY COMPANY, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT  
LENA HORNE FOR LENA HORNE: THE LADY AND HER MUSIC

June 8, 1981:

\* President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico begins two days of talks with President Reagan in Washington D.C.

June 9, 1981:

\* Acknowledging that he had received a warning letter from the Soviet Communist Party, Polish party chief Stanislaw Kania states his government will crack down on resistance within the party and press on anti-Soviet activities.

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To: ceds@teleport.com  
Date: Mon, 28 May 2001 06:50:10 -0700  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 21  
From: Robert P Roehm <macrat>

Reminder: DIVX will fully close on July 1, 2001. You will not be able to watch DIVX DVDs anymore after this date... Has anyone looked at the website <http://www.OpenDIVXDVDs.com> ? It certainly looks interesting.

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 23 6/9/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 10, 1981:

\* The Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico reports the invention of a "hard metal" that does not contain cobalt, instead using a combination of metallic elements that can be readily mined in U.S.

June 11, 1981:

\* Japanese student Issei Sagawa murders and eats Dutch student Renee Hartvelt at the Sorbonne in France.

June 12, 1981:

\* For only the second time in history during the regular season, Major League baseball players begin to strike because of a dispute with owners over free-agent compensation. No early settlement of the strike is

expected.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Raiders of the Lost Ark.

June 13, 1981:

\* Several blank pistol cartridges are fired at Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain as she rides through London on horseback in a ceremony marking her official birthday.

June 14, 1981:

\* In a national referendum, Swiss voters approve an amendment to the constitution that will grant women equal rights with men.

June 15, 1981:

\* Meeting in Paris, the International Energy Agency representing 21 oil importing countries agrees to hold oil imports at 19 to 21 million barrels a day. The participants emphasized the need to expand the use of other fuels because the energy situation was still precarious.  
\* The United States agrees to provide Pakistan with \$3 billion in military and economic aid from October 1982 to October 1987.

June 16, 1981:

\* The U.S. Congress approves federal financing of medical care for servicemen who were exposed to the toxic defoliant Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam.  
\* Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos is reelected to a six year term; an overwhelming victory was assured because he was opposed by only minor candidates.

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From: "Paul Belfi" <paulbelfi>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: SelectaVision SJT-090 + Parts + 16 CED's For Sale  
Date: Sun, 3 Jun 2001 13:02:11 -0400

This is my auction on e-bay with full details.

<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1242823032>

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 06 Jun 2001 15:42:11 -0700  
From: "John Fisher" <lusty\_infant>  
Subject: Star Wars Phantom Menace on CED!!!

SKYWALKER RANCH, CA.(AP): In a move guaranteed to provoke much discussion in the world of Star Wars fandom, Lucasfilm Ltd. announced today that the first four Star Wars films will soon be re-released in a brand-new videodisc edition.

In making the announcement, Lucas producer and collaborator Rick McCalumn noted, "This is a big day for owners of RCA SelectaVision Video Disc players."

The format, which was until recently believed to be defunct, uses a turntable-like stylus, rather than a laser, to play images engraved on a CED, or Capacitance Electronic Disc. It delivers performance slightly better than that provided by VHS tape.

"The original trilogy was released on CED years ago," noted McCalumn, "but these new ones are completely updated. They're in widescreen. They come in sleeves. They're pretty cool."

McCalumn refused to comment on whether production of the upcoming DVD editions was impeded or delayed in any way by the production of the new videodiscs.

"You know, everybody keeps talking about DVD," McCalumn said. "I'm getting so f\*\*\*ing fed up with it, I could just scream."

McCalumn added, "But look, we've already told you the DVD's are coming, and what's going to be on them. Can't you people wait another five or six years, like adults?"

When pressed on the issue, McCalumn turned to the demonstration videodisc player and inserted the disc of Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace. "See? You slide the whole sleeve into the player and pull it out, and the disc stays in. Neato, huh?"

"And hey," he continued, "at least they'll look better than VHS."

The new videodiscs will carry an individual sell-through MSRP of \$49.99, with an Ultra Deluxe Super Duper Nice Boxed Set retailing for \$249.99.

Steve Tilson

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THIS WAS A PRANK POSTED ON THE STAR WARS NEWS GROUP

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From: "Gord Hogue" <gord\_hogue>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: ced's and players  
Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2001 10:40:18 -0400

hi people i've recently aquired some ced's and some players .... the list is long and many but once i've gotten one together i'll decide on how to release them for now if u would like any info or to purchase please contact me i will respond in a few hours

thx gord

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 24 6/16/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 17, 1981:

\* Riots begin between Muslims and Coptic Christians in Cairo, Egypt that result in the deaths of 17 persons.

June 18, 1981:

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

Original Art for RCA Video Discs Exhibited at Society of Illustrators

The first exhibit of original art commissioned for the album covers of RCA's video disc system was held today at the Society of Illustrators' gallery.

Acy Lehman, director of creative services for RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, said, "As the video disc industry grows in the decade ahead, it will provide a field for the artist, designer and photographer that will be as prolific and exciting as that created by the record industry."

Mr. Lehman said the original art for 50 of RCA's video disc album covers was included in the first exhibit. Of the 126 titles in RCA's catalog, 50 involved original art. The remainder used art work supplied by the major Hollywood studios or other program suppliers.

This showing, the first to be given in the video disc industry, represents the creative efforts of thirty three illustrators.

\* Potter Stewart announces he will retire from the U.S. Supreme Court on July 3, 1981.

June 19, 1981:

\* The Ariane rocket of the European Space Agency puts two satellites into orbit.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: History of the World, Part 1; Superman II.

June 20, 1981:

\* In the final round of voting, Socialists win a majority of seats in the French National Assembly.

\* "Stars on 45" (CED) by Stars on 45 becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

June 21, 1981:

\* Wayne B. Williams, a free-lance photographer, is charged with killing one of 28 young blacks slain in the Atlanta, Georgia area over a two-year period.

\* In separate accidents on Pacific Northwest mountains, 11 climbers are

buried in a glacial avalanche on Washington's Mt. Ranier, while 5  
climbers fall to their deaths on Oregon's Mt. Hood.

\* David Graham wins the U.S. Open Golf Tournament held at the Merion GC  
in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

\* Gilles Villeneuve wins the Spanish Grand Prix at Jarama, Spain in a  
turbocharged V-6 Ferrari (CED).

June 22, 1981:

\* Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, who was dismissed as chief of Iran's armed  
forces on June 10, is ousted from his post as president by the Majlis  
and Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. He is believed to have fled the  
country.

June 23, 1981:

\* The British government announces that the nation's unemployment rate  
has climbed to 11.1 percent, the highest it has been in 50 years. Prime  
Minister Margaret Thatcher warns that unemployment will continue to rise  
because her more immediate goal is to continue the fight against  
inflation.

\* John Bowen and Timothy Farley receive the first Technical Excellence  
Awards of SelectaVision VideoDisc Operations at a luncheon hosted by RCA  
Division Vice President Dr. Jay J. Brandinger. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Farley  
were each recognized "by virtue of his outstanding creativity,  
resourcefulness, and proficiency in developing analytical techniques  
relating to disc performance and defect analysis." Although prior  
efforts had been made to establish a defect analysis function, John and  
Tim were the first to develop the skills and methods to dissect defects,  
analyze them optically and chemically, and categorize them by sources.  
The methods John and Tim developed became the key in the quantification  
of new carbons and other compound ingredients and process parameters in  
terms of micro-defect sizes and quantities. Such information has been  
extremely important in the CED Engineering and Manufacturing groups'  
achievement over the past two years of a significant reduction (by a  
factor of 20) in the quantity of disc surface defects.  
The analytical techniques John and Tim have developed will become even  
more important in the near future . Stereo disc development and  
introduction impose stringent new requirements for low disc defect  
levels, and the characterizations of disc defects will be an integral  
part of these development and introduction efforts.

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To: digest@cedmagic.com

Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2001 06:46:49 -0400

Subject: An SJT-400 repaired

From: craig v roberts <analog.tv>

In a batch of discs and players I bought years ago was a top-of-the-line  
400 with the remote. When I took a look at it back then, I found the  
load/unload mechanism spun endlessly---it was missing parts. I shelved  
this until I found a basic version which used the same mechanics....put  
them in and a good needle cartridge....it now worked. Trouble was there  
was no sound.....I wondered if the remote had a mute on it or if the  
player had a bad chip. Back to the shelf for a while. This last  
weekend

I found another 400, rusted and with a nasty platter wobble when powered

up. I took the mother board from this one and installed it in the shelved unit. Finally I now have one of the top-of-line players fully functional. As Winston Churchill once said.....Never, never, never quit. (Just don't take on too many of these "projects") Thanks, CRAIG Greenbelt, Maryland

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Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2001 17:54:38 -0700  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Ken McCreath <noodlecoodle>  
Subject: subscribe

Hi there. I'd be happy to learn about acquiring more titles and how I would go about doing so. Thanks, Ken

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From: "Miriam & T.O. Staggs" <mstaggs>  
To: <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: CED  
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2001 23:27:31 -0500

We have some CED disc's that we would like to find a buyer for. They are

An Officer and a Gentleman Part 1 and 2  
War Games  
The Seven Year Itch  
Making Michael Jackson's Thriller  
Annie  
Heaven Can Wait  
Viva Las Vegas  
Staying Alive  
Carrie  
Urban Cowboy Part 1 and 2  
Caddyshack  
Airplane  
The Blue Lagoon  
Flashdance  
Grease  
On Golden Pond  
Coal Miners daughter

If you can help us please let us know.  
Thank you  
Miriam Staggs  
<mailto:mstaggs@bayou.com>mstaggs@bayou.com

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From: "matthew.tuck" <matthew.tuck>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: GEC McMicheal V5000H  
Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2001 16:12:03 +0100

I have a GEC McMicheal CED player, when I bought it, it didn't work. Not knowing much about these machines, off came the lid for an inspection. It was basically sound and with a drop of 3in1 oil the machine came back to life.

The problem I cannot fix, is that upon playing a disc it sometimes requires a small push of the stylus cradle to start it moving over to the disc. Whilst this isn't a major problem it means I cannot operate the machine with the cover on.

Does anybody know how to fix this??

Thanks Mat

PS this is a UK, PAL machine.

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 25 6/23/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

June 24, 1981:

\* A type of dengue fever frequently found in Southeast Asia and Africa, but never before in the Western Hemisphere, is detected in two Americans who recently visited the Caribbean.

June 25, 1981:

\* Superman II earns \$24 million in its first week of theatrical release, smashing the movie industry's single week record.  
\* The U.S. Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of having only males register for a potential military draft.

June 26, 1981:

\* Don Megowan dies at age 59. He appeared as Gum Chewer in the CED title Blazing Saddles and once starred in the intriguing sci-fi movie Creation of the Humanoids.  
\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Nice Dreams, For your Eyes Only.

June 27, 1981:

\* Heng Samrin is elected Council of State President in Kampuchea (Cambodia).  
\* "Mistaken Identity" by Kim Carnes (CED) becomes the No. 1 album.  
\* Bette Davis Eyes" (CED) by Kim Carnes regains No. 1 U.S. single spot.

June 28, 1981:

\* Terry Fox, a college student from British Columbia, dies of cancer at the age of 22. Fox had become a Canadian hero by running halfway across the country on an artificial leg to raise money for cancer (he had lost a leg to bone cancer in 1977). This is depicted on the CED title "The Terry Fox Story" with Fox being played by Eric Fryer, who himself lost a leg to cancer.  
\* A powerful explosion, set off by antigovernment elements in Teheran,

Iran, kills 72 people, including Chief Justice Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti.

\* Piaf (CED) closes at the Plymouth Theater in New York City after 165 performances.

June 29, 1981:

\* China's communist party condemns Mao Tse-tung's policies during the Cultural Revolution of 1966-1976.

June 30, 1981:

\* Israel's Likud Party, led by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, narrowly wins parliamentary elections.

\* Edgar Griffiths works his last official day as CEO of RCA.

\* Fred Silverman steps down as president of RCA subsidiary NBC.

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Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2001 04:19:32 -0800

To: digest@cedmagic.com

From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>

Subject: VinylVideo

Hello All:

VinylVideo was discussed on CED Digest a year or two ago, and for those unfamiliar, this is the low-resolution video format that plays B&W video from vinyl LP's on a phonograph attached to a TV through an interface box. They recently put up a well-designed PDF brochure for the format at the VinylVideo web site that can be downloaded and printed:

<http://vinylvideo.com/presskit/pressquick.html>

--Tom

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Date: Thu, 21 Jun 2001 14:05:28 -0400

From: Paul Campbell <76743.2151>

Subject: Turntable drive belts

To: "digest@cedmagic.com" <digest@cedmagic.com>

A note to people changing the turntable drive belts.

I replaced my drive belt with the recommended 21.5 belt but had problems with the turntable not spinning fast enough. The new belt was too tight. After stretching it, the turntable would only work for a day until the belt would return. After trying a few other belts, the one that works perfectly is the PRB brand FRX22.4 . No long term tests yet but it should last since there's enough tension.

Paul

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From: "Gordon Lupien Jr." <glupien>

To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

Subject: Last CED produced in the Carrollton, GA plant  
Date: Sat, 23 Jun 2001 20:09:57 -0400

I mentioned this in a previous note a while back...

I purchased about 80 CED's plus a player and four needles from one of the engineers that used to work at the Carrollton, GA plant in quality assurance. She was involved with the testing of new runs. In the collection were several sealed evaluation Star Wars discs (without labels, they were blank cartridges) and most of the other discs were mislabeled, or labeled more than once with different titles. They also had information, such as skipping information, video quality indications, etc. etc. The needles that I got were PET test needles (Package Evaluation Test) and were labeled as such with a stamp. I've sold a bunch of these items to a few people (including Tom, who got what must be one of the only copies of "The Story of "O)"). If I had known then what I know now...

One of the discs in the collection was a still shrinkwrapped copy of Meatballs with a little note INSIDE the shrinkwrap. The note reads: "The Last Video Disc", Carrollton, GA. The Last Pressed, Post Treated, Welded, Labeled, Caddied, Skinwrapped, "We Made It Better".

I've been trying to trace this woman down to no avail. She moved out of Rochester NY after having this moving sale where a friend of mine purchased this set of discs and the player for pennies. I believe this is authentic because of what came with it. I think I got the player and discs around the 1995 timeframe.

If anyone has any kind of information that would help me with this, I'd REALLY appreciate it!!! Anyone work in that plant? Anyone know what the last disc run was? Anyone, maybe, knew this engineer? I know I'm pulling strings here, but anything at all would help a lot!!! Anyone know when the plant closed, what the address was, how long it was in business, the titles that were actually made there?

Thanks!

<mailto:glupien@netsville.net>glupien@netsville.net

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 26 6/30/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 1, 1981:

\* The United Automobile Workers (UAW) rejoin the AFL-CIO after 13 years as an independent labor union.

July 2, 1981:

\* The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upholds the earlier agreement struck with Iran to return \$2 billion in frozen assets in exchange for the 52 U.S. hostages.

July 3, 1981:

\* Asian youths in the predominantly Indian neighborhood of Southall in West London fight with "skinheads" who had been stoning and burning shops in the area.

\* Polish-born actor Ross Martin dies at age 61. Martin is best known for his role as secret service agent Artemus Gordon in the TV series The Wild, Wild West.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Clash of the Titans, The Great Muppet Caper, SOB, Dragonslayer.

July 4, 1981:

\* Chris Everet Lloyd and John McEnroe win the female and male singles titles at the 1981 Wimbledon Championship (CED) respectively defeating Hana Mandlikova and Bjorn Borg. McEnroe is fined \$5000 for his enfant terrible antics.

\* Racial rioting in Great Britain spreads from London to the city of Liverpool.

July 5, 1981:

\* Alain Prost wins the French Grand Prix (CED).

July 6, 1981:

\* Isabel Peron, former president of Argentina, is freed from five years of house arrest by a federal court.

July 7, 1981:

\* Ronald Reagan nominates Sandra Day O'Connor as the first woman justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

\* The Solar Challenger becomes the first solar-powered airplane to cross the English Channel. Energy for the 165 mile, 5.5 hour flight was provided by 16,000 solar cells mounted on the wings and tail.

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From: "Its me" <izcoul>  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
Subject: rca ced player  
Date: Wed, 27 Jun 2001 14:41:30 +0200

Hi !

I'm looking for an RCA SJT-200, 300 or 400 CED player. Is that possible to help me saying where to found one please !

Thanks...

izcoul@hotmail.com

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Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2001 18:40:15 -0400  
From: Paul Campbell <76743.2151>  
Subject: Servo Drive Belts  
To: "digest@cedmagic.com" <digest@cedmagic.com>

To the CED digest members and owners.

Since I've received a few E-mails concerning my solution to the turntable drive belt in CED Digest vol 6 No. 25 I figured I would share my solution to a problem with the servo drive belt. The belt on several of my machines had a flat spot on them from sitting for years unused. When playing, the flat spot would eventually make it's way back to the motor shaft and stick, causing the player to skip until either I helped it along or the motor would spin furiously until the arm would advance then have to back up to the correct position. I purchased a few PRB brand FRX2.0 belts for replacement. Problem is their thickness is .032 inch. When installed in the machine the geartrain would only work when using fast forward or search. I measured the thickness of the original belt and it was .016 inch. I tried cutting the width down, it reduced the tension, but the belt would then run off the gear pulley. My solution was to grind down the thickness of the replacement belt.

OK. Now here comes the part where you need to have the equipment or have a friend who does. Being a machinist I just happen to have a 10" South Bend lathe in my garage. Any decent small metalworking lathe should work, probably even the Sherline hobby lathe. I chucked up a 3/4 inch diameter endmill backwards so the shank is sticking out of the chuck. Indicated it true to .0005 " Any precision 3/4" shank should do. I put the belt on the end of the shank and turning the chuck by hand I got the edge of the belt to turn true by eye. Then using a small V block I mounted a Dremel flex-shaft to the crossfeed and trued it to the chuck centerline. I installed a small, flat grinding wheel and with a dressing stick temporarily mounted to the lathe bed on blocks I dressed the wheel true. Now for you machinists out there I know that if not taking precautions, grinding swarf on a lathe will wear it out quickly. Anyway, after that was done I turned on the lathe using a slow chuck speed and apron feed rate and the Dremel grinder about half speed. I touched off the wheel to the belt, moved the grinding wheel to the left and engaged the apron feed. Let the grinding wheel pass over the belt to the right, disengage the feed, move it back over the belt, advance the crossfeed .001 and go at it again. I did this about 8 times until I measured the overall diameter of the belt on the shank was reduced about .016 in. For those who might try this, I would think using a lathe grinding wheel attachment or universal grinder would

be

too aggressive a grind. I've operated that equipment in the past.

Now the belt is the proper thickness and works great. I don't know the longevity yet but so far it's been 3 weeks and 14 hours of service.

Paul

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END CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 26

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 27 7/7/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 8, 1981:

\* French Premier Pierre Mauroy outlines a program to nationalize several large corporations and most private banks, create 200,000 new public-sector jobs, and reduce the workweek to 35 hours.

July 9, 1981:

\* Prime Minister Menahem Begin closes Israel's border with Jordan to two-way tourist travel.

July 10, 1981:

\* California Governor Jerry Brown orders large-scale aerial spraying of the pesticide malathion in an effort to wipe out the Mediterranean fruit fly, or Medfly.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: The Cannonball Run, Stripes.

July 11, 1981:

\* Members of the Writers Guild of America announce an end to their 13-week strike against film and television producers after being guaranteed, for the first time, a share in revenues from videocassettes, VideoDiscs, and pay television.

July 12, 1981:

\* Massive, destructive floods begin in China's Szechwan and Hupeh provinces.

July 13, 1981:

\* French President Francois Mitterrand and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt end a two-day meeting in Bonn, West Germany, during which they discussed national and international issues, especially economic and military concerns.

July 14, 1981:

\* Poland's Communist Party begins an emergency congress in which delegates are to elect leaders by secret ballot, the first such vote in any communist country.

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Date: Sat, 7 Jul 2001 22:17:38 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: DIVX Discs in Thrift Stores

Hello All:

I saw a couple DIVX's today at the Goodwill in the glass display case for \$7.99 each, an inflated price, considering that Circuit City was clearing them out two years ago for 99 cents, and there technically isn't a way to play them as of July 1 (although some people with active DIVX accounts may be able to get another month of DIVX play out of their players until the system is fully inactive).

An Ebay search on DIVX brings up a number of auctions for these discs, some for several dollars a disc, making me wonder if people know they can't be played any longer, or if they have them confused with the "new" DivX. When Circuit City canned DIVX they replaced the extensive divx.com web site with a single press release, and a while later the site disappeared entirely. Eventually divx.com came back, with what first sounded like a way to decrypt DIVX but was soon clarified to represent a video compressor/decompressor named DivX with the tagline "DivX will be to video what MP3 is to audio." So the DivX's of the movie Shrek being sold on Ebay are CD-R's using this codec, and have nothing to do with the original DIVX format.

--Tom

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END CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 27

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 28 7/14/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 15, 1981:

\* The socialist government of French President Mitterand approves a plan to decentralize the government, granting greater power to regional and departmental councils.

July 16, 1981:

\* Singer-composer Harry Chapin dies at age 38 in an automobile accident. Best known for poignant folk-rock ballads like "Taxi" and "Cat's in the Cradle," his frequent benefit concerts raised funds for numerous causes and charities, including the campaign against world hunger. He appears on the CED title Harry Chapin: The Final Concert.

\* Saudi Arabia announces that it is willing to pay the entire cost of replacing the nuclear reactor that was destroyed in Iraq on June 7 by Israeli planes.

July 17, 1981:

\* During a weekly "Tea Dance" two elevated walkways fall to the lobby floor of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., killing 113 persons.

\* Israeli jets bomb a densely populated area of Beirut, Lebanon, containing Palestinian guerrilla headquarters.

\* Wayne B. Williams, a 23-year-old music promoter, is indicted on charges of murdering two black youths in Atlanta.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Endless Love, Escape from New York.

July 18, 1981:

\* John Watson wins the British Grand Prix (CED).

July 19, 1981:

\* A 20-year-old man suffers massive head injuries and dies after falling from a roller coaster in Denver, Colorado; while in Bristol, Connecticut, a 16-year-old girl also dies in a fall from a roller coaster.

July 20, 1981:

\* An emergency meeting of the Communist Party of Poland adjourns. Stanislaw Kania is reelected party first secretary while Edward Gierek and other former leaders are expelled over the current political situation in Poland.

July 21, 1981:

\* Seven leaders of the countries Canada, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the United States, and West Germany conclude a two-day meeting near Ottawa, Canada. Economic questions were given top priority because high U.S. interest rates are believed to be causing serious problems for other countries.

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From: "Keith M. Love" <brentkai>

To: <ceds@teleport.com>

Subject: I see this ad was quite a few years ago, but

Date: Sun, 8 Jul 2001 14:42:19 -0500

Date: Fri, 27 Dec 1996 10:14:41 -0500 (EST)

From: James Farley

To: ceds@teleport.com

Subject: RCA selectavision player

Looking for rca model sjt-200 or any stereo player.

Thank you. Jim Farley.

RCA Stereo CED Videodisc Player SJT 200

<<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1253704333>><http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1253704333>

other CED stuff

<<http://cgi6.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?MfcISAPICommand=ViewListedItems&userid=lovek&include=0&since=-1&sort=2&rows=25>><http://>

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userid=lovek&include=0&since=-1&sort=2&rows=25

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Delivered-To: ceds@teleport.com  
Date: Mon, 9 Jul 2001 13:13:10 -0500  
To: ceds@teleport.com  
From: George Gimarc <george>

What a CED site you have. Dare I say the most informative one on the web?

So now what do I do with the three boxes of titles that I want to find a home for?

Ebay seems to be a slow way to piece them out. Is there anyone out there who wants the whole lot of 'em

Input wanted.

George

list follows:

1. Agnes of God\*\*\* {76476140632} R
2. Airplane ! {76476006389} C
3. All That Jazz {24543109594} U
4. And God Created Woman {28485030022} U
5. Any Which Way You Can {76476031442} U
6. Apartment, The [RCA] {76476014612} U
7. Arthur {76476031381} C
8. Back to the Future\*\*\* {47897401961} R
9. Best Defense {37757015872} R
10. Bette Midler Show, The\* {42995125160} U
11. Big Chill, The {76476030971} U
12. Billy Joel Live from Long Island\* {24543629795} U
13. Blazing Saddles {76476031039} C
14. Blues Brothers, The (2)\* {76476133108} U
15. Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice {76476030582} U
16. Carlin on Campus\* {28485030619} R
17. Casablanca {76476014209} C
18. Chorus Line, A\*\*\* {42995021837} R
19. Divine Madness: Bette Midler\*\* {76476131487} U
20. Doobie Brothers Live In Concert- Santa Barbara\* {76476121211} U
21. Every Which Way But Loose {76476031077} C
22. Evil Under the Sun {26351108080} R
23. Fiddler on the Roof (2) {76476014049} C
24. Firefox (2)\*\* {25757112196} U
25. Flashdance\*\* {76476136239} C
26. Fletch\*\*\* {47897401909} U
27. Gandhi (2)\*\* {76476130510} C
28. Gone With the Wind (2)\*\* {27616102843} U
29. Gorky Park {76476019211} U
30. Graduate, The {76476008017} C
31. Guys and Dolls (2) {74643761024} U

32. Hair\*\* [RCA] {76476114404} U  
33. Hanky Panky {76476030681} U  
34. History of the World, Part 1 {76476020637} C  
35. Hotel New Hampshire, The\*\*\* {28485050426} R  
36. Jane Fonda's Workout {76476220952} C  
37. Jazz Singer, The [1980]\*\* {76476106683} C  
38. Jerk, The {76476033064} U  
39. Linda Ronstadt In Concert\* {28485010123} R  
40. Long Goodbye, The {76476034283} R  
41. Man With One Red Shoe, The {24543147794} R  
42. Max Dugan Returns {24543123699} U  
43. Micki & Maude {76476040444} R  
44. Mirror Crack'd, The {26359010545} R  
45. Mister Roberts {76476031138} U  
46. Monty Python- Live at the Hollywood Bowl {76476021443} U  
47. Mountain Men, The {76476040000} U  
48. Music of Melissa Manchester, The\* {76476121006} U  
49. My Little Chickadee {76476033200} U  
50. Neil Diamond: Love at the Greek\* {28485010055} U  
51. Never Cry Wolf\*\* {76476107529} U  
52. New York, New York (2) {76476014896} U  
53. On Golden Pond {76476005276} C  
54. Only When I Laugh {76476030803} U  
55. Passage to India, A (2)\*\* {76476140526} U  
56. Paul Simon In Concert\* {76476120757} U  
57. Pink Panther Strikes Again, The {76476014278} U  
58. Pippin\* {76476120641} U  
59. Police Academy {25757200169} U  
60. Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment {25757200206} R  
61. Protocol\*\* {25757114343} U  
62. Return of the Pink Panther, The {76476005214} C  
63. Revenge of the Pink Panther [RCA] {76476014193} U  
64. Right Stuff, The (2)\*\* {25757200145} U  
65. Rod Stewart: Live at the Los Angeles Forum\* {76476120740} C  
66. Rod Stewart: Tonight He's Yours\* {42995121162} U  
67. Saturday Night Live, Vol. 1: George Carlin/Steve Martin  
{76476012045} U  
68. Saturday Night Live, Vol. 2: Richard Pryor/Steve Martin  
{76476012106} U  
69. Sheena Easton Live at the Palace,  
Hollywood\* {76476121778} U  
70. Shining, The (2) {76476031435} U  
71. Simon & Garfunkel: Concert in Central Park\* {74643804622} C  
72. Some Kind of Hero {76476036010} C  
73. Songwriter\*\* {76476140410} R  
74. Spies Like Us {25757115333} R  
75. St. Elmo's Fire\*\* {76476140649} U  
76. Stereo Demo Disc\* {76476170028} VR  
77. Tender Mercies {26359016400} R  
78. Terms of Endearment (2) {37757014073} U  
79. They All Laughed {28485050051} U  
80. Thief of Hearts\*\* {37757016602} R  
81. To Sir, With Love {76476030810} R  
82. Trading Places {37757015513} U  
83. Tron\*\* {76476107321} C  
84. Under the Volcano {47897401251} R

85. Unfaithfully Yours\* {24543134091} U  
86. Visitor, The [Mick Fleetwood] {76476021252} VR  
87. White Christmas\*\*\* {37757061046} R  
88. Without A Trace {24543123590} U  
89. World of Henry Orient, The {24543466697} U

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Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2001 15:19:39 -0800

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

From: Tom Howe <[ceds@teleport.com](mailto:ceds@teleport.com)>

Subject: Movie Trailers on CED's

Hello All:

The current featured CED is of a movie that has the trailer at the beginning of the disc, and I'm interested in putting together a list of CED's that include trailers at the end of disc play. Here's a list of the ones that I can recall:

The Endless Summer:

- \* Koyaanisqatsi
- \* The Rutles
- \* Nick Danger: The Case of the Missing Yolks
- \* Michael Nesmith in Elephant Parts

My Dinner with Andre:

- \* Koyaanisqatsi
- \* Timerider
- \* Michael Nesmith in Elephant Parts
- \* Rutles

Network:

- \* Fame
- \* 2001
- \* The Wizard of Oz

Does anyone know of other CED titles that contain movie trailers?

--Tom

<http://www.cedmagic.com/selectavision.html>

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 29 7/21/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 22, 1981:

- \* An Italian court finds Mehmet Ali Agca guilty of attempting to assassinate Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and sentences him to life imprisonment.
- \* Chrysler Corporation reports that it earned \$11.6 Million in the second quarter, its first profit since 1978.

July 23, 1981:

- \* Time Inc. announces that its newspaper "The Washington Star" will cease publication on August 7, 1981.

July 24, 1981:

- \* Israel and the PLO endorse cease-fire agreements, virtually ending combat along the Israel-Lebanon border.
- \* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Arthur, Blow Out.

July 25, 1981:

- \* "Long Distance Voyager" by The Moody Blues becomes No. 1 U.S. album.
- \* "The One That You Love" by Air Supply becomes No. 1 U.S. single.
- \* The International Whaling Commission, meeting in Brighton, England, approves a ban on the hunting of sperm whales except in an area of the Pacific Ocean near Japan.

July 26, 1981:

- \* A 15-foot-high wall of water rushes over Tanque Verde Falls northeast of Tucson, sweeping eight people to their deaths. The victims were enjoying sunny skies, unaware of the storm in the mountains that caused the flash flood.
- \* The U.S. Women's Open at the La Grange CC in La Grange, Illinois is won by Pat Bradley.

July 27, 1981:

- \* President Reagan delivers a televised address urging support "for the first real tax cut for everyone in 20 years."
- \* A \$1 Billion emergency plan to curb youth unemployment is proposed by Great Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

July 28, 1981:

- \* Canada's dollar plunges to a value of 81.5 U.S. cents, a 48-year low.
  - \* The U.S. Department of Agriculture responds favorably to Poland's request for emergency shipments of feed grain to avoid the wholesale slaughter of poultry and hogs.
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Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2001 16:04:31 -0500  
From: Dave Potochick <potochdj>  
Subject: Movie Trailers  
To: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>

Indiana Jones - Raiders Of The Lost Ark has the movie trailer at the beginning... At least mine does...

The other day I saw a CED player at an Antique mall for sale with a price tag of \$50.... It didn't have any movies with it and just described it as a RCA Videodisc player... It looked like it was beat to hell too.... \$50!! Can you believe it....

Later,

Dave.

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Delivered-To: ceds@teleport.com  
From: "Shane Bunce" <shanebunce>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2001 20:04:34

Hi,

Has anyone got a full list of CED disc's that were released in the UK, i know that there is about 300, but i am interested in the titles and how far i am from the whole uk collection, also anybody who any ced's to sell, please contact me! (shanebunce@hotmail.com)

Thanks

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END CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 29

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 30 7/28/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

July 29, 1981:

\* Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer are married at St. Paul's Cathedral in London before a worldwide television audience of 700 million persons. Lady Diana can be seen earlier in the month on the CED title Wimbledon 1981.

July 30, 1981:

\* U.S. Attorney General William French Smith announces proposed changes in U.S. immigration laws that will levy fines against any employer of four or more workers who knowingly hires an illegal alien.

July 31, 1981:

\* The U.S. baseball strike ends after 49 days as players and owners reach a compromise agreement on the issue of free-agent compensation.  
\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Eye of the Needle, Stevie.

August 1, 1981:

\* MTV launches at 12:01 AM with "Video Killed the Radio Star" (CED) by the Buggles:

"Video killed the radio star.  
Video killed the radio star.  
In my mind and in my car,  
we can't rewind we've gone too far.  
Pictures came and broke your heart,  
Put the blame on VCR."

Although the original lyrics from the 1970's used the acronym VTR.

ed. note:

MTV will be doing quite a bit of retro stuff this week for the anniversary:

<http://www.mtv.com/mtv/tubescan/20anniversary/>

\* An airplane crash kills Panama's strongman leader - National Guard Commander Omar Torrijos Herrera.  
\* Paddy Chayefsky, the American playwright, dies at age 58. He won Academy Awards for three movie screenplays: Marty (CED), Hospital (CED), and Network (CED).  
\* "Jessie's Girl" by Rick Springfield (CED) becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

August 2, 1981:

\* The German Grand Prix is won by Nelson Piquet (CED).

August 3, 1981:

\* More than 85% of the members of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO) go on strike across the U.S. despite warnings from the federal government that any controller who refuses to work will be fired.

August 4, 1981:

\* Congress completes passage of a tax-relief bill urged by President Reagan, cutting federal tax rates by 25 percent over nearly three years.  
\* Melvyn Douglas, the American actor, dies at age 80. He won academy awards for his performances in Hud (CED) and Being There (CED). He also appears on the CED titles Ninotchka, The Candidate, and The Changeling.

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From: "Topy44" <topy44>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: not working.....bleach  
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2001 04:04:25 +0200

after a LOOOOONG time i finally got hand onto a 12V-to-110V power inverter  
well and at least, the CED player now does SOMETHING..... :)

the counter stays at --, but playback begins (pause key works btw)  
i get a flickery black/white picture and no sound  
also, i can hear a ticking regular sound from the player, and the  
picture fluctuates to it  
im using a 250W PC power supply connected to a 150W 12V-to-110V power  
inverter to convert the 220V 50hz to 110V 60hz

cya  
Topy44

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Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2001 08:28:21 -0700  
Subject: R C A CED VIDEO DISKS FOR SALE  
From: LINDA CHOW <snakelady12>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

I HAVE SEVERAL HUNDRED CED VIDEO DISKS FOR SALE I HAVE NO LONGER ROOM  
FOR  
THEM I AM WILLING TO SELL THEM IN ONE LOT FOR A VERY REASONABLE PRICE.  
MY  
NAME IS SAM F. CHOW AND MY PHONE NO IS 1-604-525-7855 LEAVE A MESSAGE IF  
NOT  
AVAILABLE.

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Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2001 17:43:47 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: Sarnoff Corp. (formerly RCA Laboratories)

Hello All:

While at MacWorld NYC this past week I had the opportunity to make a  
visit to Sarnoff Corp. in NJ and meet several of the original CED design  
engineers who still work there. I got new information, including high  
res scans of publicity photos of engineering models from the David  
Sarnoff Library. They no longer have any engineering players at Sarnoff,  
but Richard Sonnenfeldt has the prototype predecessor to the SFT100 in  
his personal collection. From these scans, I've been able to see in  
detail the front panel controls of the prototype players for the first  
time, so look for these to appear at CED Magic in the months to come.

One interesting thing I learned may partially account for those 10 long  
years from the time RCA produced the first discs in 1971 until market  
introduction in 1981. James Hillier, the principle inventor of the  
electron microscope, had RCA Laboratories under his supervision for much  
of this period, so for political reasons, the labs may have been too  
fixated on electron beam mastering.

[http://www.ieee.org/organizations/history\\_center/oral\\_histories/  
oh\\_rca\\_menu.html](http://www.ieee.org/organizations/history_center/oral_histories/oh_rca_menu.html)

The problem with electron beam mastering was that it was extremely  
difficult to get an acceptable master and could never have been used in  
the production process. It wasn't until Jerry Halter was isolated in  
Indianapolis that he was able to perfect the electromechanical mastering

used in final production:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/way-we-were/mem226.html>

Halter's electromechanical mastering, as well as the conductive disc perfected by Len Fox are two major reasons why we have these discs around to collect today:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/rca-laboratories/mem448.html>

--Tom

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From: gordoninsechelt (Gordon Keays)  
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2001 21:11:26 -0700 (PDT)  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Movie trailers

My raiders of the lost ark ced has the trailer too,as for a \$50 player looking like it was beat to hell i bought one in 97 for 50 and as advertised as a laserdisc but i knew what is was and if it did not work I could get a full refund,and as i took it to the counter to my horror the woman behind the counter picked it up and smashed in down on the counter,too heavy she said,in my mind if there was a needle in it it was trashed,but got in home put in making of Star Wars and the button went to zero and a very good image appeared on my tv,with fairly good sound so dont let looks be your guide,it still works fine even after 4 years and 17 years of age,it is the rca sgt-90.

gordon

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From: ThomAVO  
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2001 01:46:55 EDT  
Subject: Availability....  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

I have about 25 RCA Videodiscs and nothing to play them on.

I need a machine with which to show the movies or to sell the discs I have.  
Could anyone please suggest how and where (and for how much) I might locate a machine? And/or, where I might find information about the marketability and value of the discs I own?

Thank you,  
Thom

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From: "keyman" <keyman>  
To: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 29  
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2001 13:27:36 -0400

I have 31 ceds I will give away FREE to the first person that will come  
and  
get them in Lenoir, North Carolina.  
Keyman@twave.net  
thanks  
Everette

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From: Feslmogh  
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2001 12:10:25 EDT  
Subject: JACKPOT on July 21, 2001  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

On that day I went "junkin" and the first place was a local Pawn shop  
and he had about fifty CED's. Most of them were Disney titles, old  
movies, and such. He wantd to know the selling price of them. I gave  
them the CED Magic address

The other place was at a flea market with about the same number but I  
didn't check what all he had but we would be there for a long time...

J A C K P O T ! ! !

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 31 8/4/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

August 5, 1981:

\* The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration begins sending dismissal  
notices to striking air traffic controllers. Some 13,000 air traffic  
controllers began the strike two days earlier.

August 6, 1981:

\* Egyptian President Anwar Sadat ends a two-day visit to the U.S. during  
which he held discussions with President Reagan and other government  
officials. Sadat urged that Saudi Arabia be given a role in negotiating  
self-rule for the 1.3 million Palestinians living in territory occupied  
by Israel.

August 7, 1981:

\* The Reagan administration announces a decision to produce and  
stockpile neutron warheads.  
\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Tarzan- the Ape  
Man, Victory.

August 8, 1981:

\* Cuban President Fidel Castro ends a visit to Mexico during which he  
and President Jose Lopez Portillo discussed the North-South economic

summit scheduled for October. Mexico supports Cuban participation, but President Reagan has made it clear he will boycott the meeting if Castro attends.

August 9, 1981:

\* The PGA Championship is won by Larry Nelson at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Duluth, Georgia.

\* Major league baseball resumes with the All-Star Game in Cleveland, Ohio, following the settlement of a seven week players' strike.

August 10, 1981:

\* The Canadian Union of Postal Workers ends its 42 day strike after more than 80% of its 23,000 members approve a new two-year contract.

August 11, 1981:

\* India's foreign minister announces that his country has applied for a \$5.65 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund, the largest request to date.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Expands Video Disc Catalog with 25 New Titles Catering to a Wide Range of Home Video Collectors

INDIANAPOLIS, August 11 -- RCA today announced that the 25 new and diverse titles being added to its growing video disc catalog are designed to appeal to consumer tastes ranging from Bogart to the Beatles, from tennis to "The Not Ready For Prime Time Players" on "Saturday Night Live."

"These titles bring to 151 the number now available from RCA and they expand every major category in our catalog," according to Howard M. Ballon, director of market planning for RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs. The new titles will be available at retail beginning this fall.

Mr. Ballon said the titles in RCA's catalog have been carefully chosen to provide programs that appeal to the widest possible audience -- young and old, male or female.

In outlining RCA's ambitious fall marketing and promotion plans for video discs at a distributor meeting here, Mr. Ballon said the real challenge is to help dealers effectively merchandise the catalog.

"There is a positive correlation between the number of titles stocked and players sold," he added. "All of our merchandising and advertising programs will be especially effective because of special attention to software. Key dealers' stock of discs, the use of disc and displays, point-of-sale materials, and the ability to reorder discs from distributors will have a positive influence on RCA video disc system sales. A key dealer can now carry well over 100 titles at retail.

"Our catalog additions were selected with this stress on quality software in mind. We have Julie Andrews singing supercalifragilisticexpialidocious in Walt Disney's unforgettable 'Mary Poppins'; Mike Schmidt, Pete Rose and Tug McGraw starring in the Philadelphia Phillies first World Series victory in 98 years; Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers doing their thing in 'Swing Time'; Elvis

Presley having 'Fun In Acapulco'; and David Janssen in one of television's highest rated programs -- 'The Fugitive: The Final Episode.'

Add -to these such current hits as "Raging Bull" with Robert DeNiro in his Academy Award winning role as boxer, Jake LaMotta; "Elephant Man," a poignant story of human courage and dignity with John Hurt; and Mel Brooks' zany "History Of The World, Part 1," which will appear on disc only four months after being one of the summer's most popular movies.

For those who like classic films, RCA is offering "The African Queen" with Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn; "Stagecoach," John Ford's 1937 western which launched the career of John Wayne; and "City Lights," which film critics have called Charlie Chaplin's greatest movie.

Seth M. Willenson, staff vice president, programs and business affairs for RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs, said many of the titles in RCA's catalog are or will become the basis for home video disc collections. Many of RCA's video disc titles represent the first in a series of disc releases of movies by popular stars.

"Just as people collect books, records, stamps, coins and autographs, they will collect video discs of their favorite stars or favorite genre of programs. Our Star Trek discs have borne this out."

Mr. Willenson said "From Russia With Love" is the second James Bond movie to be added to the category and "our research indicates his fans are eagerly waiting for more." Video disc collections will grow in popularity, spurred by Bogart titles like "The African Queen" and "Casablanca." and the great Chaplin classics. Charles Bronson fans, for example, now can own some of his great hits, such as "Death Wish," "The Magnificent Seven," "The Great Escape" and "The Dirty Dozen."

Mr. Willenson said one new disc -- "Complete Tennis From The Pros, Vol. 1 -- was made for the video disc and emphasizes RCA's commitment to new ideas and non-feature film programming. He said RCA will make "Friday The 13th," the year's most popular horror film, available in time for Halloween. "And Beatles fans of all ages will want to collect their last film together -- 'Let It Be.'"

"As we diversify and broaden the catalog in the months and years ahead, we will appeal to that large group of collectors who want to build in-home video libraries of movies, the best of television, children's programs, sports highlights or instruction, Shakespeare, the ballet, music, how-to programs, or a combination of these categories," he added.

RCA's Third Release of CED titles for Fall '81 purchase:

African Queen, The  
Barbarella  
City Lights  
Complete Tennis from the Pros, Vol. 1  
Death Wish  
Elephant Man, The (2) [1980]  
Escape to Witch Mountain  
Fleetwood Mac: Documentary and Live Concert

Friday the 13th  
From Russia With Love [RCA]  
Fugitive: The Final Episode  
Fun in Acapulco  
Greatest Show On Earth, The (2)  
History of the World, Part 1  
Let It Be  
Little House on the Prairie  
Magnificent Seven, The (2) [RCA]  
Mary Poppins (2)  
Odd Couple, The  
Raging Bull (2)  
Saturday Night Live, Vol. 1: George Carlin/Steve Martin  
Stagecoach  
Swing Time  
Tales From Muppetland  
World Series 1980, Phillies vs. Royals

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From: pceebee  
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2001 19:04:27 -0400  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Raiders of the Lost ..

I have both a CED and Laser disk versions of this film.

They are clearly the same print and obviously mastered at the same time for simultaneous release ..what is interesting is the laserdisk is a PAL (UK) release. (Both contain the trailer for Last Crusade)

Equally, my copy of The Lion in Winter on US CED is identical ..right down to the scratches in the print to the version I taped in 1980 from local Australian TV.

They all come from the era before serious restoration was seen a essential for tape/disk release.

I will be interested to look at the print used for the DVD release which is winging its way across the Pacific at this very moment from the US to OZ!

CB

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From: Thompson Bob <Bob.Thompson>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Any UK CED collectors?  
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2001 13:11:02 +0100

I know there must be some CED collectors in the UK who subscribe to CED Digest. I have a collection of 101 titles and amongst them I have 40 duplicates. Any of you out there want to do some swapping? I have a spreadsheet available, if you want a copy drop me an email and I'll send it by return.  
Cheerio from the UK. Keep up the good work Tom

Bob Thompson

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Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2001 11:16:11 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: MTV 20 Year Retrospective

Hello All:

MTV did a retrospective on their past twenty years, spending about a half hour on each year. They showed a number of their old commercials, which in 1984 were highly touting stereo sound via a cable hook-up to an FM receiver. Someone once contacted me confused about the big deal RCA was making about stereo sound on VideoDiscs in 1982, as stereo sound was nothing new, but it was a big deal to have it on video at that time.

i thought the best CED-era retro video MTV showed was "Take On Me" by A-Ha which featured live animation after the heroine enters the world of a comic book she's reading. This came out too late to make it on any of the CED music video compilations, but I noticed the tile character from the upcoming comedy "Corky Romano" is singing the song while driving a convertible in the movie trailer.

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 32 8/11/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

August 12, 1981:

\* The IBM PC is announced at a press conference in New York. This is the computer that as manufactured by IBM and in clone form becomes the de facto standard for business use for the remainder of the decade and beyond. The base model retails for \$2880 and includes 64 kilobytes of RAM and a single-sided 160K 5.25" floppy drive.

August 13, 1981:

\* President Reagan signs a bill to cut taxes by \$37.7 billion in 1982 and \$280.3 billion the following three years. An accompanying budget reduction bill calls for a reduction of \$35.2 billion in 1982, and four times that amount over the following three years.

August 14, 1981:

\* Five members of Liberia's People's Redemption Council are executed for participating in the attempted assassination of Master Sgt. Samuel K. Doe, the head of state.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Deadly Blessing, Zorro, the Gay Blade.

August 15, 1981:

- \* At the U.S. Nationals, Robin Leamy sets a new record in the 50-meter freestyle swim.
- \* "Precious Time" by Pat Benatar (CED) becomes the No. 1 album.
- \* "Endless Love" (CED) by Diana Ross and Lionel Richie becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

August 16, 1981:

- \* Jan Stephenson from Australia wins the LPGA Mary Kay Golf Classic.

August 17, 1981:

- \* U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig announces the U.S. will no longer hold up the delivery of promised F-16s and F-15s to Israel. Delivery was suspended on June 10 after Israel bombed a nuclear reactor in Iraq and was further put off in July after Israel bombed Beirut.

August 18, 1981:

- \* A two day printers' strike called by Solidarity shuts down most Polish newspapers.

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From: "James S. Barr" <stanleybarr>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Raiders of the Lost Ark  
Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2001 13:03:51 -0500

Someone recently mentioned seeing the trailer for "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" on the CED release of "Raiders of the Lost Ark".

That is actually the film's teaser trailer, released on Paramount Home Video's 1983 CED and VHS releases of "Raiders of the Lost Ark"

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From: "Maria R. Love" <love>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CED HELP and some for sale.  
Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2001 09:44:58 -0700

One of my players had DIED.

When I put in the disk it makes a whirring noise and nothing else. Nothing "moves" other than the spinning noise but the disk itself is not spinning.

Anyone have any ideas where to start??

This is a sears player model number: 934.54800250

I have also listed some of my disks on eBay  
I think a few of them might be something someone here might be looking for..

you can see all of them at:  
<http://members.ebay.com/aboutme/love@softcom.net/>

I have (just a few of the ones listed)  
The Thing From Another World  
Clockwork Orange  
The Legend of the Lone Ranger  
7 John Wayne Disks  
MASH + goodbye farewell amen

Thanks

Maria

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END CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 32

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 33 8/18/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

August 19, 1981:

\* Two U.S. Navy F-14 Tomcat fighters shoot down two Libyan SU-22s that attacked a U.S. aircraft carrier about 60 miles from the coast of Libya. The U.S. insists the dogfight occurred in international airspace over the Gulf of Sidra, an area that Libya claimed as part of its territory in 1973.

August 20, 1981:

\* USDA researchers find that a species of wild bee secretes a polyester plastic that may be useful for formulating a petrochemical-free synthetic resin.

August 21, 1981:

\* OPEC members adjourn a meeting without reaching agreement on a new oil pricing policy.  
\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: An American Werewolf in London, Prince of the City.

August 22, 1981:

\* "Foreigner" by Foreigner becomes No. 1 U.S. album entering the charts at the No. 1 position.

August 23, 1981:

\* Beth Daniel wins the Chevrolet World Championship of Women's Golf.

August 24, 1981:

\* In New York City, Mark David Chapman, who pleaded guilty to the murder of former Beatle John Lennon, is sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.  
\* South Africa sends two armored columns and air units to attack Angola

to destroy guerrillas fighting for Namibia independence, which South Africa controls and still calls South West Africa.

August 25, 1981:

\* The Voyager 2 Spacecraft passes within 63,000 miles of Saturn, revealing that the planet has thousands of rings. Voyager 2 then heads for Uranus, which it is expected to reach in 1986.

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To: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2001 19:05:52 -0700  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 32  
From: homer j simpson <w-corleone>

Tom Funeral arrangements have been made for Marias' Sears player model number: 934.54800250 If we could all have a moment of silence to remember the good times that it brought Maria.

God Bless that Sears player!

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From: stephen\_orme  
To: Tom Howe <ceds@teleport.com>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 24  
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2001 15:46:48 +0100

On Sun, 17 Jun 2001 05:43:49 -0800, you wrote:

>I have a GEC McMicheal CED player, when I bought it, it didn't work.  
>Not knowing much about these machines, off came the lid for an  
>inspection. It was basically sound and with a drop of 3in1 oil the  
>machine came back to life.  
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>The problem I cannot fix, is that upon playing a disc it sometimes  
>requires a small push of the stylus cradle to start it moving over to  
>the disc. Whilst this isn't a major problem it means I cannot  
>operate the machine with the cover on.  
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>Does anybody know how to fix this??  
>  
>Thanks Mat  
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>PS this is a UK, PAL machine.

I'm in the UK too. How did you get hold of your machine? Is there any way to get one other than ebay and airmail? I don't imagine they enjoy being shipped across the Atlantic, but I imagine that discs are rare for PAL players.

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From: stephen\_orme  
To: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 29  
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2001 15:46:50 +0100

On Mon, 23 Jul 2001 04:02:57 -0800, you wrote:

>Hi,  
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>Has anyone got a full list of CED disc's that were released in the  
>UK, i know that there is about 300, but i am interested in the titles  
>and how far i am from the whole uk collection, also anybody who any  
>ced's to sell, please contact me! (shanebunce@hotmail.com)  
>  
>Thanks

I'm in the UK and I'd love to get a ced player. Can you tell me where  
you got yours? Thanks.

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From: stephen\_orme  
To: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 31  
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2001 15:46:52 +0100

On Sun, 5 Aug 2001 07:09:07 -0800, you wrote:

>I know there must be some CED collectors in the UK who subscribe to CED  
>Digest. I have a collection of 101 titles and amongst them I have 40  
>duplicates. Any of you out there want to do some swapping? I have a  
>spreadsheet available, if you want a copy drop me an email and I'll  
send it  
>by return.  
>Cheerio from the UK. Keep up the good work Tom  
>  
>Bob Thompson

What have you got? I'd like to start a collection (it's a little late,  
I know!) but I also need a player! Any tips where I could get one,  
bearing in mind I am in the UK.

Thanks,  
Stephen.

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From: "Topy44" <topy44>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: it.....WOOORKS! :)  
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2001 03:49:01 +0200

hi ppl  
as i said allready in my last message, i have a pretty weird setup for  
my ced player  
i live in switzerland and i use a RCA SGT200 that derrivates its sync  
from the currents line frequency  
the local crrents lines supply 220v 50hz, but the player requires 110v  
60hz  
so i use a old PC power supply to get 12v, and a 12v-to-110v power  
inverter to change it back to 110v 60hz  
now the problem was that the 60 hz from the inverter were anything but  
accurate  
so i opened up the inverter, and found 2 little potentiometers

turning these while playing a disc makes the picture change, and you can hear the motor speed of the player change very obviously after trying around a little i managed to get the picture work absolutely perfect, and... big surprise, i never thaught those things would be so great quality!

i expected something "somewhere bellow VHS" as most ppl say - well, its far above most VHS ive ever seen.....

now ive got some trouble with the sound (theres basicly no sound at all, its ultralow volume), but thats another problem, ill get that solved somehow to.....

so, cya, and thanx to all the people that gave me tips

Topy44

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: I'm Selling (3) RCA CED PLayerers!!!  
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2001 20:22:19 -0500

HI ALL..

I'm Selling these Following CED Players....

1-RCA SJT 090:Works Great(new belts)

2-RCA SGT 100:Works Great(Needs New Needle)

3-RCASJT 100:Works Great:But Front Loading door is Missing(Good Looking Unit) I'm Selling all (3) CED Players for \$150.00. If Anyone Is Interested...Contact me at my e-mail Address...wolfallen@hotmail.com. I Will Pay The Shipping On All 3 Players. I will Only Take A Money Order "NO CHECKS" Sorry. Allen Wolf

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Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2001 14:34:55 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Re: CED HELP and some for sale.

>One of my players had DIED.

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>When I put in the disk it makes a whirring noise and nothing else.

Nothing

>"moves" other than the spinning noise but the disk itself is not spinning.

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>Anyone have any ideas where to start??

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>This is a sears player model number: 934.54800250

This sounds like it could be a worn out arm drive belt. I've added the following item to the CED Player Repair Solutions Page concerning this:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/repair-solutions.html>

--Tom

Player Category: Hitachi Chassis (includes most Sears players)

Fault: Worn Out Arm Drive Belt, No Playback

Symptom(s):

Upon loading a disc the player makes a squealing sound and the minutes counter remains at the standby position. Upon hearing this squealing sound, immediately pressing the RETURN (or RESET) button and then the PAUSE/PLAY button without unloading the disc will sometimes correct the condition and result in normal playback.

Solution(s):

The squealing sound is produced by the arm drive belt spinning on its pulley but being unable to move the pickup arm to the play position. This could be caused by a worn-out belt or excessive friction when the pickup arm is in the standby position. Sometimes pressing the buttons as described above jostles the pickup arm enough to overcome the binding. Another way to accomplish this is to remove the stylus cartridge access lid and gently push the pickup arm towards the play position while the player is making the squealing noise. To correct this condition, the first solution is to obtain a replacement belt and install it on the arm drive motor at the left rear of the player. If the squealing sound and no playback persist, it will be necessary to locate the source of the pickup arm binding and correct it.

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 34 8/25/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

August 26, 1981:

- \* Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menahem Begin conclude their 12th meeting in four years after agreeing to resume the Palestinian autonomy talks.
- \* The U.S. claims that North Korea fired an anti-aircraft missile at a U.S. surveillance plane while it was over South Korea or in international airspace.

August 27, 1981:

- \* Records show that in the Alaskan wilderness the number of snowshoe hares increases dramatically every 10 years resulting in intense browsing that severely damages the hare's preferred food supply of twigs and small branches of birch, poplar, aspen, and alder.

August 28, 1981:

- \* In a joint declaration presented to the UN Security Council, France and Mexico state that El Salvador's guerrillas should be a recognized political force and accorded a role in negotiating a cessation of hostilities within the ruling junta.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Body Heat.

August 29, 1981:

\* Lowell Thomas, the American author and news commentator, dies at age 89. He wrote more than 50 books, the best known of which is Lawrence of Arabia (CED).

August 30, 1981:

\* Actress and former RCA Rockette dancer Vera-Ellen dies at age 60. She appears in the CED titles On the Town and White Christmas.

\* Iranian President Mohammad Ali Raja'i, Prime Minister Mohammad Javad Bahonar, and three members of the Supreme Defense Council are killed when a bomb explodes in Bahonar's office.

\* Alain Post wins the Dutch Grand Prix (CED).

August 31, 1981:

\* Brigadier General Joseph D. Moore and 19 others are injured when a terrorist bomb explodes at U.S. Air Force European headquarters in Ramstein, West Germany.

September 1, 1981:

\* Canada's federal government and the oil-rich province of Alberta reach agreement on the pricing of petroleum products.

\* Albert Speer, the German architect who was Hitler's Minister of Armaments and War Production during World War II, dies at the age of 76.

\* ARTICLE FROM THE SEPTEMBER 1981 ISSUE OF VIDEO MAGAZINE:  
MGM/CBS'S First CED Offerings:

True to its promise when it adopted the RCA SelectaVision CED videodisc format last year, CBS has now released its first group of videodisc programs under the MGM/CBS Video label. All have already been made available on Beta and VHS videocassette and rank among the most popular titles in circulation today. You'll find a wide variety here from items recently released to theaters to established classics.

2001: A Space Odyssey (2) [monophonic]  
American in Paris, An  
Benji  
Cabaret  
Champ, The  
Cruising  
Doctor Zhivago (2)  
Electric Light Orchestra Live at Wembley  
Fame (2)  
Formula, The  
Jailhouse Rock  
My Fair Lady (2)  
Nutcracker, The [1978]  
Oklahoma! (2)  
That's Entertainment  
Wizard of Oz, The [1939]

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From: "Clarence Donath" <donath>  
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2001 12:41:11 -0400  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: Skipping at the end of a disc

Hello. I am new to the list.

I am experiencing skips towards the end of each disc. Having done some research, thanks to cedmagic, it appears that there is no hope of finding a replacement stylus, so I'm wondering if there's any way to repair or clean it myself, and if anyone has any suggestions on how to do so.

I have the RCA SelectaVision player stereo model. Not sure of the exact model number as the label on the back was dirty, and as I attempted to clean it, it crumbled!

I assume the stylus is encased in the module labeled the 'resonator'? I haven't been so daring as to remove the module yet to see what it looks like or to see if it's possible to clean the thing. I don't know if removing it will cause it to become unaligned or something.

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,  
Clarence Donath  
<http://mrdo.com>  
mrdo@mrdo.com

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: I Sold my 3 CED Players!!!  
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2001 16:17:52 -0500

Hi Tom,

Just sold those Extra players!!!!!! Thank you For posting it for me.  
I'm Sorry if any one els was Interested...But they Did sell!!  
Thanks,Allen Wolf

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From: "Roger The Shrubber" <rshrubber>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: The Dirty Dozen Reviewed Plus Technical Stuff  
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2001 04:16:16 -0700

Hello CED Aficionados,

I am endlessly fascinated by CED technology. They are essentially video records. DVD and laserdisc make sense to me. But a vinyl disc with a groove played with a needle that makes a quality video? That is pretty special.

When I was a lad I saw the video equipment at the department store.

Annoyed the heck out of sales clerks who were only interested in adults with cash. Then I figured that laserdisc had technical advantages over CED. I wanted a little of everything though. Still do I suppose. In the mid eighties I got my first laserdisc player. It was only just recently I was given an old RCA stereo CED player. I am having so much fun with it. I currently have about fifty titles on CED, and it will not be too much longer before I have more CED titles than I do laserdiscs. I have about seventy five laser and about the same number of DVD.

Today I will review the MGM/UA double disc of The Dirty Dozen. The Dirty Dozen stars Lee Marvin as an Army major who is charged with training and leading twelve hardened criminals for a top secret mission. They are to infiltrate and destroy a posh resort run for top German military brass. The location itself is not of high strategic value, but the theory is it will hurt the Germans if many of their most important men are killed. Robert Aldrich's direction obtains excellent performances from the star studded cast including Ernest Borgnine, Charles Bronson, Jim Brown, John Cassevettes, Richard Jaeckel, George Kennedy, Trini Lopez, Ralph Meeker, Robert Ryan, Telly Savalas, Clint Walker, Robert Webber, and Donald Sutherland. The script is excellent with well laid out plot, good dialog, and, surprising for a war movie, nice character development. At two hours twenty nine minutes it never seems over long. I do wonder about the premise. Death row inmates? Are they expendable? Would not men trained in espionage be better suited to this job? Oh well it is a darned fine movie.

I have a lot to say about these discs technically. My first impression was bad. In the opening scenes the color saturation is inconsistent. Also there are a lot of little shots in each scene. This kind of rapid camera movement is disorienting and can lead to bad continuity. Fortunately these problems are only in evidence in about the first ten minutes of the movie. Overall the color is good. Some of the darkest scenes appear very grainy, though not all of them. Also the darkest scenes are well lit, unlike some CED which have detail overcome by darkness making it hard to see what is going on. The flat 1.85:1 picture is fairly well served by this pan and scan video. The scenes with credits or subtitles are squeezed to fit the image into the television screen. I do not recall ever seeing this done with a flat movie before. It is common with scope, probably because that is the way the image is on the thirty five millimeter prints. Too bad they could not have found an element without subtitles and made new ones for this video, but we can not have everything. The stereo soundtrack is very good with sparse sound effects and a lot of music which spread out nicely amongst the front speakers when played in surround sound. Overall it is very spacious. Unfortunately my set has a few large flaws, but is nearly mint. Oh well, sucks being me, does it not? I do highly recommend that if you have the opportunity, you add these discs to your collection.

I had a couple of questions I will perhaps save for another time. There is a pipe dream I have though. Would it be possible to add a Dolby digital or DTS soundtrack to a CED video in the same way Dolby digital was added to laserdiscs? Take an RF output from the machine, put it into what I think is called a demodulator, (sounds like a modem... changes the analog signal to digital) then put the digital signal into a six track decoder. Seems like it would work. Though people with mono

equipment would be left in the cold. Also who knows what the skips would do to the audio. Can anyone comment on these theories? If it was done with a stereo discs one channel could be used for digital and one for mono analog. If it was done with a mono soundtrack maybe more bandwidth could be used for a good DTS soundtrack. Of course very few could actually use that disc.

Please write to me with any thoughts or send them to this CED Digest. I would like to know of any discs for sale in Seattle, Washington. My e mail is  
<mailto:rshrubber@netzero.net>rshrubber@netzero.net

One more quick thing. Can anyone tell me which cartridge is appropriate for an RCA SJT200 player? Mine works good but I would like to have one on hand for the day that it quits. The chart at CED Magic is a little confusing to me.  
Thanks for reading. Joseph Topolinski

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Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2001 01:58:11 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Joe Phillips <littlejoeflub>  
Subject: childrens videos  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Hi,

I just recently picked up The Great Space Coaster on ebay, for a bit of childhood nostalgia. I was surprised to discover that even though the program is an hour in length instead of the entire program on one side of the disc the manufacturers put 30 minutes on one side and 30 minutes on the other. What's even more interesting is the break is right in the middle of a musical sequence instead of at the end. I wonder if any other childrens videos were done like this.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 2, 1981:

\* General Andre Kolingba, the armed forces chief of staff, proclaims himself head of state of the Central African Republic after David Dacko is forced to resign the presidency.

\* Portugal's Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao forms a new government after resigning on August 11.

September 3, 1981:

\* Egypt arrests more than 1,500 opponents of the government, including religious activists, artists, journalists, and politicians.

RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Begins National VideoDiscs Display Contest Offering \$50,000 in Prize Money

To spark demand for its video disc system, RCA is offering \$50,000 in prize money for the best in-store or window displays as part of its national Fall advertising and promotion program, it was announced today by Bill Reilly, national sales director, RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDiscs.

RCA VideoDiscs distributor salesmen and their retail accounts are eligible to win a total of 48 prizes - 12 in each of RCA's four national sales regions. The contest runs from September 1 through October 31, 1981. To be eligible, any in-store or window display must include RCA VideoDisc album covers, the company's latest catalog and an RCA "SelectaVision" VideoDisc player.

Mr. Reilly said, "When a customer enters a store and sees a dynamic video disc display it helps promote the sale of discs and players. Our marketing objective is to heighten retail visibility of RCA disc software during our national fall advertising and promotion.

It has been our experience that those retailers who do the best are the ones who aggressively merchandise the video disc system. Many different types of retail outlets across the country have had excellent sales successes from their imaginative and aggressive merchandising," Mr. Reilly said.

September 4, 1981:

\* The Soviet Union begins war games with about 100,000 troops on the Polish border.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Chu Chu and the Philly Flash.

September 5, 1981:

\* In an address before Egypt's Parliament, President Anwar Sadat announces that he is deposing Shenuda III, the spiritual leader of some 6 million Coptic Christians, and is giving his authority to a committee of five bishops.

\* Solidarity, Poland's independent trade union, begins its first national congress.

\* "Bella Donna" by Stevie Nicks (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. album.

September 6, 1981:

\* Actress Maria Palmer dies at age 64.

September 7, 1981:

\* The Soviet embassy in Madrid sends a note to the Spanish government warning that world tensions will increase if Spain carries out its plan to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

September 8, 1981:

\* After returning to Washington from a month's vacation at his ranch in California, President Ronald Reagan begins three days of meetings with

economic advisors to discuss further cuts in the budget, the problem of high interest rates, and the business community's lack of confidence in his economic recovery program.

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From: "Michael Pollock" <mpollock>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: What was the best CED Players Picture/Quality?  
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2001 15:20:47 -0500

Hello CED Digest,

I was wondering what were the best players made for picture quality. I have a RCA SJT090. I was curious about how much picture quality would improve with a fancier player. I know some have remotes and stereo which would be nice. But how about picture.

Thanks in advance for the info,  
Mike :)

<mailto:Mikeandjackie73@hotmail.com>Mikeandjackie73@hotmail.com

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CED VideoDisc "WANT" List.  
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2001 17:04:51 -0500

Hi All,

There Are Some CED VideoDiscs That I'm Looking For..I'll Pay What you want If The Discs Are In Good Condition. They Are As Follows:

- 1-Jaws 3
- 2-Halloween 3
- 3-Amityville 3-D
- 4-Raise The Titanic
- 5-Metalstorm:The Destruction Of Jerid Syn

I Will Take Doubles of these Discs. Contact me. Thanks,Allen Wolf.

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From: "Clarence Donath" <donath>  
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2001 08:45:59 -0400  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 34

I absolutely love the movie The Dirty Dozen! I have it on video disc, but the third side was absolutely annoying because because of all the skipping. In final desperation, I decided to do what you shouldn't. I washed the disc with dishwashing detergent. I found that the disc was very scratched by the previous owner, certainly the cause of the skipping. When all was said and done, making sure the disc was absolutely free of material, the disc was totally unplayable. It is no longer good for anything.

I've found that this title is available on DVD for \$12, so I'll be getting that.

Thank you for the replies offering a stylus, but I believe mine is fine after I blew some dust off of it.

What I'm doing now is copying all the titles I want to have, without purchasing them on DVD. I am very pleased by the quality of the recordings. Having them on VHS will preserve what I have into the future as the discs will eventually get worse.

Regards,  
Clarence Donath

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Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2001 22:24:02 -0500  
From: Darrick Burch <darrick>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Servo Adjust

Hi,

Just had a curiosity that maybe someone could answer for me. I have an SGT200, and on the stylus tracking arm, there is this adjustment labeled "Servo Adjust." What is its purpose? Can it be useful in enhancing image quality? Should anyone EVER play with this?

-Darrick

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Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2001 23:19:18 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Skipping at the end of a disc

>I am experiencing skips towards the end of each disc. Having done some  
>research, thanks to cedmagic, it appears that there is no hope of  
finding a  
>replacement stylus, so I'm wondering if there's any way to repair or  
clean it  
>myself, and if anyone has any suggestions on how to do so.  
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>I have the RCA SelectaVision player stereo model. Not sure of the  
exact model  
>number as the label on the back was dirty, and as I attempted to clean  
it, it  
>crumbled!

This problem does sound like a worn out stylus tip, since stylus/groove dynamics change as the groove radius decreases, meaning a worn out tip is more likely to jump the groove closer to the end of play. Stylus

cartridges are still available for all RCA-manufactured players; all three RCA part numbers are in Ebay auctions right now. Try using the links at the bottom of the "Stylus Cartridge Replacement Guide" in the tech info section of CED Magic.

--Tom

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Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2001 20:11:16 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Joe Phillips <littlejoeflub>  
Subject: disc won't come out of caddy  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

Hi,

I recently picked up the 2-disc Superman The Movie from ebay. When I went to play Part 1 in my rca sjt090 the caddy ejected with the spine and disc still inside. After examining the spine I found that the hook on one side was damaged so I swapped the spine with a good one from another lesser watched disc.

After inserting the caddy, with the new spine, it came back again with the spine and disc still inside. So the problem wasn't the spine because Part 2, and all my other discs load ok. I did notice that when I was swapping out the spines the Superman Part 1 disc and spine came out of the caddy a lot harder than on the other ced so I think the problem might be the caddy is too tight to allow the player to remove the spine/disc from the caddy on loading.

Any help would be greatly appreciated as the only other alternative I can think of would be to put the Superman Part 1 disc in the caddy for another movie.

Thank you,  
Joe

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Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2001 23:18:14 -0400  
From: bill holtzapple <holtz>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Sjt200 Nylon drive gear

Hello,Fellow CED collectors.Iam looking for a part for my sjt200.It is the nylon drive gear that is directly in contact with the teeth on the stylus mechanism that drives it across the disk.Any chance of a replacement part?Or is cannibalism my only hope?  
Any help in this mater would be greatly appriciated.  
Thanks  
Bill

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From: "Roger The Shrubber" <rshrubber>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>

Subject: Panavision On CED From MCA  
Date: Sat, 1 Sep 2001 02:10:50 -0700

Greetings CED Lovers,

It was way before my time, in 1953, that 20th Century - Fox revolutionized the film experience with the CinemaScope process. Originally with a picture 2.55 times as wide as tall, the process included 4 track magnetic stereo. The first lenses for scope were manufactured by Bausch And Laumb. Cinema owners resisted spending any more money than they had to. Because of this many cinemas ran scope movies in mono. It was not too long before most scope movies were made in mono. Then a new company was created with the goal to make quality lenses cheaper than Bausch And Laumb. This company bypassed 20th Century - Fox, and referred to themselves and the process as Panavision.

Today I would like to talk about two motion pictures made in Panavision. The first is called "The Electric Horseman" It was directed by Sydney Pollack in 1979. Robert Redford stars as 5 time world champion rodeo rider Sonny Steele. Steele has quit the rodeo circuit and now makes a living endorsing Ranch Breakfast cereal, a product of AmpCo industries. "What the heck was he thinking?" is the question I ask. But I suppose without that there would be no movie. Steele is depressed about galloping around on a horse all lit up carrying an over large box of cereal. He drinks too much and shows up for his appearances late. It is one of these late arrivals which causes him to be aware just how bad things have gotten. At a football game he discovers a stand in has been used and no one notices. His next, and perhaps biggest assignment yet, is to ride a very valuable horse on stage at Cesars Palace. This horse is also an ex-champion. It was purchased by AmpCo to be the company trademark. But Steele feels that the horse has been mistreated. It is drugged up and a sore leg has not been properly tended to. So ahead of his stage cue he gets on the horse and rides into the night. Jane Fonda plays the part of television reporter Hallie Martin. Martin manages to catch up to Steele and brings his story to the nation's attention. Willie Nelson is along for the ride as a buddy of Steele's. He also sings several of his popular songs for the soundtrack. Valerie Perine plays the part of Steele's ex-wife. And everyone's favorite oatmeal fan, Wilford Brimley, has a bit part.

This is fine entertainment that does not hit us over the head with moral questions about advertising, consumerism, or cruelty to animals. The CED video is manufactured in 1983 by RCA Videodiscs with help from MCA Videodiscs. What does that mean? Who handled the 35mm print which became a video master? Well both companies have good reputations, and this disc does not disappoint. Color is not bad. I have seen better, and worse. Detail is very good. There is lots of bright lights in the darkest scenes. Mono sound, as heard in cinemas, is good. The Panavision cinematography does not look too bad pan and scan. Letterbox fans take note, Image Entertainment manufactured this one on DVD. You may be interested in a copy if you can find one. My favorite internet store was out of stock. However if you are not a fan of letterboxing, or simply want to pay less for a used CED, this is a great disc to own.

The Chicken Ranch is the subject of the second movie I will speak of today. According to this movies title, it is "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas". Made in 1982, it stars Dolly Parton as Miss Mona, operator of

the ranch. Everyone in town knows her as a fine woman who gives to many charities. Her brothel is known throughout the state. People do not speak much publicly about the brothel, and they also do not talk about the long running affair she is having with the local sheriff, played by Burt Reynolds. Sheriff Ed Earl, and many other civic leaders turn a blind eye to the goings on at The Chicken Ranch, which has become an institution after more than 100 years. Along comes a television man, played by Dom DeLuise, who aims to cause controversy and further his career by exposing The Chicken Ranch. This is really a delightful musical comedy. We all know that Dolly Parton can sing and dance, but it is surprising to find Burt Reynolds, Dom DeLuise, and as the governor, Charles Durning all singing and dancing. Jim Nabors plays the deputy, and does not sing. Also look for Barry Corbin in a smaller role, long before he was Maurice Minifield on television's "Northern Exposure".

This MCA Videodiscs CED is of the highest quality. According to the fine print on the back, it was manufactured by MCA in 1983. Comes as a surprise to me. How many companies manufactured CED? I might be a little biased about the quality of this disc because I managed to pick up a skip free mint condition copy. There is a natural variety of gorgeous colors, and plenty of detail. Even the darkest scenes have just enough detail appropriate to the scene. The cinematography fooled me. I did not know I was watching a Panavision movie until I read it in the credits at the end. Very little appears cramped in this pan and scan video, although I suspect the dance choreography might be a little more impressive with a letterboxed video. Mono sound is very enjoyable, again just as it was heard in cinemas. If you have a CED player which reads chapter stops, you can take advantage of it with this disc, going right to whatever your favorite song happens to be. My machine does not do this random access trick. But on laserdisc and DVD chapter stops are a feature I almost never use. I highly recommend this disc, partly because I enjoy a good CED. Also I recommend it because I do not think this motion picture has ever been available letterboxed on video. You might pick up a pan and scan laserdisc, but it has not been made available on DVD. VHS is still available new, but that does not have near the collectors value that a good CED does.

What should I write about next week? I was thinking of focusing on a couple of Fox CED. Or maybe a talk of good stereo on CED. Octopussy is one of my favorite stereo titles, though I have had a hard time getting as many stereo CED as I would like. Mono was still common, even by 1983 when stereo came to CED. And of course some good stereo films prior to 1983 were pressed mono. I am resisting picking up the Star Wars trilogy on CED, as I already own the ultimate Star Wars laserdisc box set. Write me, or CED Digest, or both, with comments on your favorite stereo CED, or any other thoughts you have at all. I would love to hear from you.

Thank you for reading this.

Joseph Topolinski AKA Roger The Shrubber

<mailto:rshrubber@netzero.net>rshrubber@netzero.net

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From: Congettac

Date: Sat, 1 Sep 2001 19:30:59 EDT

Subject: Last CEDs I Have

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Tom, Thanks again for the service you provide. I have the last of an extensive CED Collection I would like to sell. The alternative will be to discard them as I do not have a Player. Yet, I know they would be enjoyed if

"adopted". They have all been played 1 - 2 times, only. I am asking for

\$10.00 for the Group + the Shipping-Insurance of \$15.00. Here they are:

1. THE SUNSHINE BOYS- George Burns & Walter Matthau;
2. TRIBUTE-Jack Lemmon & Robby Benson & Lee Remick;
3. CITY LIGHTS-Charlie Chaplin;
4. ON GOLDEN POND-Henry Fonda & Katherine Hepburn & Jane Fonda;
5. SUDDEN IMPACT-Clint Eastwood;
6. SWING TIME- Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers;
7. Leonard vs. Hearns 9/16/81 The Showdown (1st Fight);
8. GIRL GROUPS-THE STORY OF A SOUND - THE SUPREMES & Others;
9. A CHARLIE BROWN FESTIVAL Vol IV. They are all in Super Conditon. Thanks for your interest. Jeff Kehlert congettac@aol.com

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 9, 1981:

\* Nicaragua declares a state of economic emergency and bans strikes.

September 10, 1981:

\* President Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin end two days of talks in Washington with an agreement for closer military ties.

September 11, 1981:

\* Chilean President Augusto Pinochet Ugarte, in a nationwide address marking the eighth anniversary of the coup that toppled Marxist president Salvador Allende, states that the ban on political activities will continue for eight more years.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Chariots of Fire, Mommie Dearest.

September 12, 1981:

\* A spokesman for Scotland Yard in London announces that nine Italian terrorists have been arrested. They are prime suspects in the 1980 bombing of a Bologna train station that killed more than 80 people.

\* "Escape" by Journey becomes the No. 1 U.S. album.

September 13, 1981:

- \* U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig says the United States has physical evidence that Russia and its allies used poisonous biological weapons in Laos, Cambodia, and Afghanistan.
- \* John McEnroe defeats Bjorn Borg to capture his third consecutive U.S. Open tennis championship. Tracy Austin wins the women's title.
- \* Alain Prost wins the Italian Grand Prix (CED).
- \* "Hill Street Blues," a television series about police, wins a record eight Emmy awards.

September 14, 1981:

- \* Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Great Britain makes several changes in her cabinet, generally favoring the members who more strongly support her conservative economic and monetary policies.

September 15, 1981:

- \* Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq formally accepts a six year \$3.2 billion military and economic aid package from the United States that includes 40 F-16 fighter planes.
- \* Egypt expels the Soviet ambassador and 1,500 Russian technicians after leveling accusations the Soviets were fostering religious unrest in Egypt.

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From: "JAMES ELKINS" <gcd10lds>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: SUBSCRIBE  
Date: Mon, 3 Sep 2001 12:10:41 -0700

I am interested in the CED firmat and the repair of players. JIM ELKINS

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From: "Aaron" <aaron\_9>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Technical difficulty  
Date: Mon, 3 Sep 2001 23:18:15 -0400

I have an RCA Selectavision SGT100. I recently acquired this system and have since not been able to get it to function properly. The L appears as it is loading, but it will not take the disk out of it's sleeve and play it. Please tell me if you have any suggestions.

Sincerely  
Aaron

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Date: Wed, 05 Sep 2001 07:31:13 -0700  
From: "Robert M. Johnson, Jr." <robtjohn>  
Subject: Re: Problem with RCA SFT 100  
To: "digest@cedmagic.com" <digest@cedmagic.com>

Hello All,

My old trusty RCA SFT 100 just developed a problem. As I was watching a disc, the video suddenly turned somewhat grainy and the sound channels suddenly began generating pink noise largely obscuring the soundtrack.

The stylus was relatively new and another new one did not solve the problem. Is this a belt problem or an electronics problem? I looked through the site's troubleshooting section and could find no guidance with this particular problem. Any suggestions anyone might have on how to remedy this problem would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Robert Johnson  
Hayward, CA

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From: "Roger The Shrubber" <rshrubber>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Three Fox Titles Glorious On CED  
Date: Sat, 8 Sep 2001 06:58:54 -0700

Greetings CED Enthusiasts,

My CED player quit and until I can line up someone to help me I will not be able to get it fixed. Cut out half way through "Rocky III". Does not upset me to have ruined the presentation of this finely made stereo disc. But I wish I could watch a better movie. Oh well, I will put the finishing touches on the latest blather for this digest.

Twentieth Century - Fox pictures and a mall owner helped make possible "The Stunt Man", in 1980. It was a personal effort, produced and directed by Richard Rush.

Steve Railsback portrays an wanted man on the run. He plays pinball in a roadside diner as two policeman cuff him. Narrowly he escapes and finds himself hitchhiking out of town on a bridge when unexpectedly his driver kicks him out and proceeds to try and mow him down. The car and driver are catapulted off the bridge. Is it live or is it Memorex?

Actually it is film director Eli Cross, (Peter O Toole) making his latest effort, a world war one action movie. Drifter, Cameron, in order to obtain asylum must fill in for the stunt man. Cross is a maniacal madman who has high expectations. Barbara Hershey is the starlet who leads the film within the film, and steals Cameron's heart. Nothing is what it seems in this movie and the ending is a nail biter. Performances are top notch and the development and layout of the movie could not be much better.

This film reminds me of cinema guy, Randy Finley. He owned the Seattle chain, Seven Gables, that I now work for. Crest is the best. He sold "The Stunt Man" to Seattle because he could not get his hands on movies which were in highest demand. So he bought indie stuff.

I am delighted to own two double disc CED sets of this one, produced in 1982. Color and detail are gorgeous on these as is the composition of the picture. The flat 1.85:1 ratio is enjoyable panned and scanned. You might pick this up on another format, but the CED set is five star all the way. I highly recommend it.

Fox has begun to support DTS six track stereo sound on DVD now. Back in 1983 Dolby matrixed stereo with A type noise reduction was the latest and greatest in high fidelity realism. I would like to talk about two examples of two track surround from CBS/Fox video on CED.

"Octopussy" finds Roger Moore as Bond, James Bond, agent 007, hot on the trail of a priceless antique which leads him to a billionaire businesswoman and ultimately a plot to cause nuclear war. Maud Adams is here as the tycoon. She is the only Bond woman to have appeared in more

than one movie. All the expected action, car chases, and stunts are here. Fun, fun, fun.

This Panavision production would be more grandiose as seen wide screen. Pick up a DVD, laser, or VHS from MGM/UA if you are into letterboxing. Or listen to the delightful CX encoded audio of the CED, made in 1983. This one is a fine CED, with a great image, and resonant, involving, state of the art surround sound. A four star movie and a four star CED.

Also delightful on CED is a favorite of mine from 1984, "Romancing The Stone", brought to disc the same year. Michael Douglas produced and stars in this adventure comedy from director Robert Zemeckis.

Kathleen Turner is Joan Wilder, the novelist who writes adventurous romance with beautiful heroines and dashing, bold muscle men. Actually Wilder is a homebody who drinks liquor out of tiny bottles and dotes on her cat. She is summoned to Columbia to rescue her sister with a map which leads to buried treasure.

Douglas is Jack Colton, stranger, and for the purpose of our film a dashing hero who will save the day as well as sweep Wilder off her feet. Excitement, adventure, comedy, Danny DeVito, alligators, all this and more await you in a stylish and fast paced movie.

Realistic and natural variety in colors await you in the CED, as does great detail and plenty of resonance in the CX encoded surround sound. This is a five star movie and a four star disc. Pick up the Panavision feature letterboxed because you love it, on laser or DVD. But get this disc to prove to yourself what a great CED can look and sound like. Bummer letterboxing had not hit the mainstream when they made these two I have spoken of.

What are the finest examples of stereo sound on CED? Did CX noise reduction help reduce distortions on CED? What was the first use for CX noise reduction? What are the best black and white movies on CED? Comment on my questions, or reviews, and tell me all about your experiences with the most high tech record ever created. Write me, CED Digest, or both.

Thank you for reading.

Joseph Topolinski AKA Roger The Shrubber  
<mailto:rshrubber@netzero.net>rshrubber@netzero.net

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From: uh-clem (Robert Armentrout)  
Date: Sat, 8 Sep 2001 21:46:11 -0700 (PDT)  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: CED's for sale

Approximately 150. Take all for \$200. Or will sell for \$2.00 each if you live in Sacramento Ca. If out of Sac. area additional shipping charges will be added with insurance available.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 16, 1981:

\* Boxer Sugar Ray Leonard defeats Thomas Hearns in the richest sports event in history. It grossed about \$35 million and can be viewed on the CED title "Showdown: Leonard vs. Hearns."

September 17, 1981:

\* A car bomb explodes outside the PLO command center in Sidon, Lebanon shortly before PLO leaders are scheduled to meet. At least 20 are killed and 100 injured.

September 18, 1981:

\* University of Pennsylvania researchers announce that cow's milk that contains bovine leukemia virus can transmit the virus to other animal species, as well as to the cow's offspring.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: The French Lieutenant's Woman.

September 19, 1981:

\* An estimated one-quarter million people attend an AFL-CIO rally in Washington, D.C. to protest policies of the Reagan administration, especially government cutbacks in social programs.

September 20, 1981:

\* Joe Danelo kicks a record 55 yard field goal for the New York Giants.

September 21, 1981:

\* After more than 300 years under British rule, Belize - long known as British Honduras - gains full independence.

September 22, 1981:

\* In Turkey, forty soldiers die when a Turkish air force jet crashes near the Greek border during a NATO exercise.

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From: "Allen wolf" <wolfallen>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Needle for SFT100 Working in SGT250!!!!  
Date: Mon, 10 Sep 2001 09:22:12 -0500  
FILETIME=[FB8736A0:01C13A03]

Hi All & Tom,

Some time ago, i sent Tom Howe a letter asking why my needle for my RCA SFT 100 #149000, worked in my RCA SGT 250. the size and shape of both needles are the same but they have different stock numbers! this puzzles me. why would they make two different stock numbers if both needles work in both players? I'd Like to know...Tom? Someone? Anybody?  
Allen Wolf

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Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2001 17:36:56 -0700 (PDT)  
From: bruce g <bwg1970>

Subject: CED player not working properly  
To: digest@cedmagic.com

hi

I have a SGT 250 and the picture has ghosts and is in black and white, there's no sound and there's a black bar going down the middle of the screen. Also the rapid access and visual search buttons do nothing when pushed. Hope you can help me, cause I just got this player and I really wanted it to work.

thank you

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Date: Sat, 15 Sep 2001 19:29:11 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: SJT200 Nylon drive gear

>Hello, Fellow CED collectors.I am looking for a part for my sjt200. It is  
>the nylon drive gear that is directly in contact with the teeth on the  
>stylus mechanism that drives it across the disk. Any chance of a  
>replacement part? Or is cannibalism my only hope?

I don't know of any source for this arm drive third reduction gear other than the original RCA part. The part number is 157598 and you might be able to find it at some distributor that has some new old RCA stock. If that doesn't work the gear can be gotten out of any J/K parts machine. Note that this is a breakaway spoked gear designed to sacrifice itself to spare the stepper motor in the event of a player jam. So after replacing it, make sure the pickup arm can be advanced freely by hand before plugging the AC power cord in.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 23, 1981:

\* Actor Chief Dan George dies at the age of 82. He appears in the CED titles Little Big Man, Nothing Personal, and The Bears and I.

September 24, 1981:

\* The US and USSR jointly announce that negotiations to limit nuclear weapons in Europe will begin in Geneva on November 20.

September 25, 1981:

- \* Sandra Day O'Connor is formally sworn in as an associate justice of the US Supreme Court, the first woman to hold that position.
- \* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: True Confessions, Only When I Laugh.

September 26, 1981:

- \* Houston Astro pitcher Nolan Ryan hurls the fifth no-hitter of his career, breaking a tie with Sandy Koufax for the most career no-hitters.

September 27, 1981:

- \* Iran claims it has broken the siege of the city of Abadan, surrounded by Iraqi troops for nearly a year. In Tehran, leftist guerrillas clashed with government forces in the heaviest fighting in the Iranian capitol since the overthrow of the shah.
- \* Robert Montgomery, stage and screen actor and father of actress Elizabeth Montgomery, dies at the age of 77. He appears in the CED titles That's Entertainment and Here Comes Mr. Jordan.
- \* Jacques Laffite wins the Canadian Grand Prix (CED).

September 28, 1981:

- \* Stock markets around the world plunge dramatically following a prediction by US analyst Joseph Granville that September 28 will "go down in financial history as a 'Blue Monday'." However, when the US stock markets rebound after an initial drop, other markets quickly recover also.

September 29, 1981:

- \* For the first time in history, the US Congress approves the raising of the ceiling on the US federal debt to more than one trillion dollars.

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To: Tom@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sun, 16 Sep 2001 22:49:18 -0700  
Subject: Allen Wolf's Question  
From: macrat

They restructured the stocking system, or perhaps it's a part made by a different manufacturer under contract, they changed the stock number to easily differentiate it from their own if there was any possible problems with a certain manufacturer's product.

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Subject: Re: SJt 400 HELP PLEASE!  
Date: Sat, 22 Sep 2001 10:43:49 -0400  
From: prg <prg>  
To: "Tom Howe" <ceds@teleport.com>

>Peter:

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>This could be a problem with the function gear mechanism at the right  
>rear of the player (the opposite side of the function motor). If you  
>have another working J/K player I'd recommend setting these up  
>side-by-side and making a close visual comparison of the mechanism in

>each. This is often the easiest way to locate a mechanical problem.

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>--Tom

Tom

I hope all is well with you, I still don't feel the same as before the horrible attack.

Anyway I wonder if you could post the problem I am having with my 400 series player in the next digest. Perhaps a fellow CED'er has had the same problem.

I have a problem with a CED SKT-400 player that I got off Ebay. It arrived very well packed, the seller had put Styrofoam to hold the turntable in place.

I did have to make a height adjustment to the player. I watched 3 discs and everything worked well. About a week later I started to load a disc.

As the disc was about half way in I herd a clunking sound and the loading process stopped.

I opened the player and checked the function gear mechanism at the right rear of the player. Everything seemed fine(I compared it to a skt-090 I have)

I looked on the left side of the player as the disc was loading. When the disc passed over the white switch(left side) of the player, the brown tipped rod popped up. This blocked the turntable(I know it is supposed to go all the way down when I disc is loaded)

I cant figure out why this is happening! I thought I FINALLY had a working 400 series player!! Please HELP!

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 22 Sep 2001 21:59:50 -0700  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Computer Museum Display

Hello All:

Id like to invite anyone in the Portland vicinity to a free exhibit of historical computers this coming Wednesday September 26. This will be held from 10 am to 4 pm in the first floor lobby of the Biomedical Information Communication Center at OHSU. The BICC Bldg. is located at the intersection of SW Sam Jackson Park Rd. and SW Veterans Rd. on the OHSU campus.

This is the first time I've had the computer collection on display in a while, and it consists of items from the 1950's to the 1990's including

an original IBM-PC nearly 20 years to the day after that machine started shipping. Some of the orphan computers from the early 80's like the Adam and TI99/4A will be on display, which I fell have an affinity to CED as they still have their support groups on the Internet long after the original manufacturer went bankrupt or stopped offering support. There will be a CED player near the computer display, ostensibly to show how old video equipment is compatible with modern computers via a Firewire adapter. The university is having its annual computer fair (for modern stuff) in the BICC Gallery adjacent to the museum display and there will be food and refreshments available there.

--Tom

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CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 39 9/29/2001

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

September 30, 1981:

\* China asks Taiwan to join in talks on the reunification of China.

October 1, 1981:

\* President Reagan states that the United States will not allow Saudi Arabia to fall under the control of forces threatening to cut off oil supplies to the West.

\* ARTICLE FROM THE OCTOBER 1981 ISSUE OF VIDEO MAGAZINE:

MGM/CBS Adds More CED Titles:

To the list of the first CED videodisc programs from MGM/CBS Home Video that we brought you last month we have the following additions to bring the total to 20. As you will note, all of the CED releases are already available in Beta and VHS tape from MGM/CBS, Fotomat, and other sources. Recommended list price for the titles below as well as the other one-disc albums is \$24.95. The five two-disc albums go for \$39.95. MGM/CBS promises 20 more CED releases by the end of next year when its Georgia manufacturing plant will be turning them out.

Forbidden Planet

Great Figures in History: John F. Kennedy

Network

Tom & Jerry

October 2, 1981:

\* President Reagan announces his proposal for modernizing and reinforcing the U.S. strategic defense. He proposes the deployment of 100 MX missiles and the building of 100 B-1 long-range stealth bombers.  
\* Solidarity, Poland's federation of trade unions, re-elects Lech Walesa as its chairman with about 55% of the total vote.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Southern Comfort.

October 3, 1981:

\* The hunger strike by six Irish nationalists being held in Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland is called off when five of the men learn that their families intend to order medical treatment once they lose consciousness. Ten prisoners had already died during the seven month hunger strike.

October 4, 1981:

\* The eight nations of the European Monetary System change the relative values of their currencies.

\* The body of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, is exhumed and positively identified in Fort Worth, Texas, disproving the theory of a British author that the coffin contains the body of a Soviet spy.

October 5, 1981:

\* France freezes the price of certain goods and services to curb inflation after the Franc is devalued.

\* President Gaafar Nimeiry of the Sudan dissolves the nation's two parliaments giving greater authority to individual provinces.

\* Hojatoleslam Sayyed Ali Khamenei is officially declared the winner of Iran's presidential election.

\* Actress Gloria Grahame dies at age 57. She appears in the CED titles Oklahoma and The Greatest Show on Earth.

October 6, 1981:

\* Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is assassinated during a military parade in Cairo by extremists who jump from a military truck as it reaches the reviewing stand, hurling hand grenades and firing automatic weapons as they race toward the dignitaries. Vice President Hosni Mubarek, standing next to Sadat, is slightly injured.

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From: "popper" <popper>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: GEC PLAYER  
Date: Mon, 24 Sep 2001 22:42:52 +0100

HI

I HAVE GEC PLAYER IM BASED IN THE UK  
I NEED TO FIND A STYLUS FOR THE UNIT AS IT IS MISSING  
HELP I HAVE 40 DISCS TO WATCH

CHEERS

MIKE

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Date: Sat, 29 Sep 2001 18:26:55 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: SGT100 will not load disc

>I have an RCA Selectavision SGT100. I recently acquired this system

and have >since not been able to get it to function properly. The L appears as it is >loading, but it will not take the disk out of it's sleeve and play it. Please >tell me if you have any suggestions.

>

>Sincerely

>Aaron

If you can only insert the caddy about 1/3 of the way into the player, this could be a broken pivot on the left receiver pad assembly. Go to this url to learn how to fix this problem:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/repair-solutions.html#broken-pivot-on-left-receiver-pad-assembly>

If the caddy goes all the way in, so less than an inch of the caddy remains visible outside the slot, the problem could be the caddy latch mechanism failing to engage. This can be fixed by re-lubrication. Go to this url for instructions:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/repair-solutions.html#caddy-latch-fails-to-engage>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

October 7, 1981:

\* The eight-day Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, in which 44 sovereign states took part, concludes in Melbourne, Australia with a communique calling for "globalnegotiations" on economic development.

October 8, 1981:

\* A Canadian parliamentary subcommittee, after a one-year study, urges government action to curb acid rain.

October 9, 1981:

\* The Egyptian Ministry of Defense identifies the leader of the assassination plot against President Sadat as the brother of a man who had been arrested during the September crackdown on dissident elements; the other attacking commandos were said to be Muslim fundamentalists.  
\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Rich and Famous, Paternity.

October 10, 1981:

\* An estimated 250,000 people march in Bonn, the capital of West Germany, to protest NATO's announced plans to deploy nuclear weapons in

Western Europe.

October 11, 1981:

\* An unknown rock performer named Prince opens for the Rolling Stones at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

October 12, 1981:

\* Amnesty International, a human rights organization based in London, announced that the 1,800 executions carried out in Iran during the previous four months exceeded the total number of executions by all the governments of the world in 1980.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Demonstrates Advanced VideoDisc Player at Vidcom

CANNES, France -- RCA demonstrated today the advanced capabilities of its "CED" VideoDisc system with such features as programmable random access, high-speed visual search, repeat picture and the ability to automatically repeat program segments on the disc.

Roy H. Pollack, RCA Executive Vice President, said the expanded capabilities of the "CED" system were demonstrated at this time to provide the worldwide electronics industry with a progress report of RCA's capacitance electronic disc system. "RCA has established the 'CED' system in the United States, and we are now actively encouraging its adoption by other international consumer electronic firms, particularly in Europe," he said.

The prototype model demonstrated here at a Vidcom '81 press conference was developed at the company's David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton, N.J. Mr. Pollack said no timetable has been established for the introduction of these advanced VideoDisc player features.

"We continue to believe that our introductory products, particularly with the addition of stereo sound next year, do in fact incorporate the product features necessary to build a mass market. At the same time we recognize that some consumers will express an interest in a deluxe player that offers more features and advanced technical capabilities," Mr. Pollack said.

Dr. Jon K. Clemens, Director of VideoDisc Systems at RCA's Research Laboratories, demonstrated the special features of the advanced RCA Videodisc player including the programmable random access capability. Using a remote control unit, he selected program material by either time, band or field, "thus clearly showing the potential of the 'CED' system for educational and industrial applications," he noted.

In his demonstration of the visual search feature with on-screen picture, Dr. Clemens used the prototype system's two search speeds, 16x and 120x. Dr. Clemens also programmed the player to repeat segments of the disc, and demonstrated the repeat picture capability of the player.

He said that in the short term specially prepared discs can be used to provide the repeat picture feature. "In the long term, a low-cost solid state memory device could be developed to provide repeat picture capability for all standard 'CED' video discs," Dr. Clemens indicated.

Dr. Clemens told the press audience that for some 20 minutes they had been watching a still video disc picture from a single groove that had been played 9,000 during that period "with no visible degradation. In fact, plays of over 1,000,000 times have been demonstrated with no noticeable degradation to the picture."

The RCA scientist, who is a co-recipient of the International Rhein Prize 1979 for his contributions to the RCA VideoDisc system, said every "CED" video disc contains a code that includes a field number and band identification. In the demonstration, the field number was converted into a time which was displayed on the TV screen. The code was also used in conjunction with a microprocessor to randomly access any segment of the disc.

Dr. Clemens stressed that the prototype player clearly demonstrated the ability of a "CED" stylus system to randomly access a specific field on the disc as well as to play a single groove repeatedly without damage to the disc.

"Having incorporated these capabilities into the basic 'CED' system it is obvious that there are many new features possible, and today we have demonstrated only a few of them," Dr. Clemens said.

A picture of the prototype "SGT400" player in operation can be viewed at this url:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/sgt400.html>

October 13, 1981:

\* Hosni Mubarak is overwhelming confirmed as president of Egypt in a national referendum.

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From: "popper" <popper>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: USA stylus  
Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2001 23:10:48 +0100

hi i have the opertunity to buy a stylus for my gec uk Pal machine, will this work ok

cheers

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

October 14, 1981:

\* Kare Willoch becomes prime minister of Norway as head of a minority Conservative Party government.

October 15, 1981:

\* President Reagan, in an address before the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, outlines his policy on world economic development. After saying that "development and economic freedom go hand in hand," he notes that a mere handful of industrialized countries that couple "personal freedom with economic reward now produce more than one-half the wealth of the world."

October 16, 1981:

\* Moshe Dayan, military hero and political leader who directed Israel's campaign in the 1967 six-day war, dies at age 66.

\* Turkey's National Security Council, headed by General Kenan Evren, dissolves all the country's political parties and confiscates their assets.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Private Lessons, Carbon Copy.

October 17, 1981:

\* "Arthur's Theme" (CED) by Christopher Cross becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

\* Las Vegas Grand Prix is won by Alan Jones of Australia. This is the final race of the 1981 Formula One season featured on the CED title "Start to Finish."

October 18, 1981:

\* French President Francois Mitterrand and President Reagan meet in Williamsburg, Virginia to discuss Western Europe military capabilities.

\* Wojciech Jaruzelski, Poland's Council of Ministers chairman, replaces Stanislaw Kania as Communist Party first secretary.

\* For the first time, President Reagan acknowledges that the U.S. economy is in recession, responding to a reporter's question that the country is in "a light, and I hope short, recession."

October 19, 1981:

\* French President Francois Mitterrand and President Reagan attend a re-enactment of the historic British surrender at Yorktown, Virginia on October 19, 1781.

\* "Black Monday" at Sony Corporation, when the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals reverses an earlier court ruling, stating that off-air videotape recording is illegal and sending the case back to district court to determine relief. More details are available in CED Digest Vol. 5 No. 5:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/ced-digest/ced-digest-vol-05/ced-digest0505.html>

October 20, 1981:

\* A guard and two policemen are killed in the robbery of a Brink's armored truck and the ensuing chase in Rockland County, New York. Several members of the radical Weather Underground are later arrested in connection with the crime.

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From: "Merle Richards" <mfrichards1>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Finally some real HELP!  
Date: Sun, 7 Oct 2001 20:45:52 -0700

What a wonderful sight to stumble on! I've been trying to have my mother's player repaired over the last two years without success. I finally checked it out myself being a car technician and found the belt replacement for the turn table is the wrong one! The warranty from the repair shop is out dated and I would really appreciate a location of where to get a new one.

I have a Wards Toshiba GEN 10301 VP100 and the dimensions listed on your site were 29.0/0.319/0.031 Neoprene. She has many favorite disks which she would love to see again especially since she's now 72 and not getting any younger. Any hints or tips would be appreciated very much.

Merle Richards

Independent Vehicle Inspector

760-789-6818

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Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2001 19:34:44 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: USA Stylus

>hi i have the oportunity to buy a stylus for my gec uk Pal machine,  
>will this >work ok  
>  
>cheers

Stylus cartridges are interchangeable among NTSC and PAL Hitachi-manufactured CED players including your GEC unit, as the groove geometry of NTSC and PAL discs is the same. So if the cartridge you are considering purchasing is the correct shape (according to the Stylus Cartridge Replacement Guide at CED Magic) to fit your GEC player cartridge compartment, it will provide disc playback.

--Tom

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From: "popper" <popper>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: help HELP HELP!!!  
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2001 22:05:17 +0100

I HAVE A UK GEC PLAYER WITH NO STYLUS.... CAN I USE A STYLUS FROM THE STATES ... IS THE CODE TO PLAY PAL IN THE STYLUS OR THE MACHINE ????????

THANKS MIKE

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Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2001 16:45:21 -0800

To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Anthrax Incident in RCA Building

Someone asked me if the Anthrax incident on the 3rd floor of 30 Rockefeller Center in New York City is the same place where RCA had their corporate office, and yes, that building was called the RCA Building until 1986. It is now called the GE Building and the large orange neon RCA logo that graced the top of the building during the CED days has become a GE logo:

<http://www.wirednewyork.com/ge.htm>

David Sarnoff and Robert Sarnoff had their offices on the 53rd floor, and there was a demonstration suite for the RCA VideoDisc system on the 49th floor. It was here that Richard Sonnenfeldt gave the first public demonstration of CED on March 19, 1975:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/ced-eng-model2-1975.html>

The building also contained the art department where CED caddy labels were designed. It was a block from the RCA building where the famous subway grate scene of Marilyn Monroe in "The Seven Year Itch" was filmed.

If you're planning a visit to New York, I'd recommend dining at the Rainbow Grill on the 65th floor of the RCA Building, which has a nice panoramic view:

<http://www.cipriani.com/cipriani/RainbowGrill/grill.htm>

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

October 21, 1981:

\* PLO leader Yasir Arafat concludes a two-week trip to Asia and the Soviet Union during which he held talks with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and won full diplomatic recognition of the PLO from Moscow.

October 22, 1981:

\* The U.S. Federal Labor Relations Authority votes 2-1 to decertify the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO) as bargaining representatives of air traffic controllers employed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

October 23, 1981:

\* Representatives of 14 developing and 8 industrialized nations end a two-day North-South conference at the Mexican resort of Cancun. President Reagan supports talks between rich and poor countries but insists they be held within the framework of existing international agencies.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: My Dinner with Andre, All the Marbles.

October 24, 1981:

\* Motion picture costume designer Edith Head dies at age 80. She won eight Oscars and worked on some 1000 films including many CED titles.

October 25, 1981:

\* Alberto Salazar wins the New York City Marathon in a world-record time of 2 hours 8 minutes 13 seconds. Allison Roe breaks the women's record, finishing in 2:25:28.

October 26, 1981:

\* Thirty-three Haitians drown after their boat capsizes less than a mile from shore near Hillsboro Beach, Florida.

October 27, 1981:

\* A Russian submarine runs aground near the restricted Karlskrona naval base in southern Sweden.

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From: "popper" <popper>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: HITACHI STYLUS  
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2001 17:39:51 +0100

HI CAN ANYONE HELP .....

IVE CHECKED THE WEB SITE I NEED THE FOLLOWING STYLUS  
GEC (V5000H owner's manual) N/A N/A CTG200

CHEERS MIKE

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Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2001 18:27:12 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RE: Toshiba/Wards Turntable Drive Belt

>I have a Wards Toshiba GEN 10301 VP100 and the dimensions listed on your site >were 29.0/0.319/0.031 Neoprene. She has many favorite disks which she would >love to see again especially since she's now 72 and not getting any younger. >Any hints or tips would be appreciated very much.

Merle:

The OEM Toshiba drive belt has been unavailable for a long time, so to get this player running, I recommend installing a new motor pulley and a round drive belt with parts available from SDP/SI. The pulley, drive belt, and bore reducer will cost about \$30 from that company. Detailed

installation instructions can be found at this URL:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/toshiba-pulley/toshiba-pulley.html>

As an alternative, there is a \$2 belt available from CED Magic, but I only recommend this to test the player to confirm the belt is the only problem before making the \$30 investment in the above parts. This is because the \$2 belt does operate the player, but its narrow width causes it to periodically fall off the OEM pulley.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

October 28, 1981:

- \* The U.S. Senate gives President Reagan a stunning foreign policy victory when it approves 52-48 the sale of \$8,5 billion worth of sophisticated aircraft and other military equipment to Saudi Arabia.
- \* The Los Angeles Dodgers win the World Series, defeating the New York Yankees four games to two.

October 29, 1981:

- \* OPEC sets a single price of \$34 per barrel of crude oil through 1982.

October 30, 1981:

- \* The Federal Reserve board lowers its discount rate to 13 percent.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Tattoo.

October 31, 1981:

- \* Antigua and Barbuda, an island nation in the Caribbean Sea, becomes independent of Great Britain at midnight, ending three and a half centuries of colonial rule.

November 1, 1981:

- \* Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin attacks Saudi Arabia's peace plan for the Middle East, saying it was a formula for "how to liquidate Israel in stages."
- \* The U.S. Postal Service raises the first-class letter rate to 20 cents.

November 2, 1981:

- \* After a meeting with King Hussein of Jordan at the White House, President Reagan reaffirms the U.S. commitment to the Camp David peace process for the Middle East. Hussein endorses an alternate plan proposed by Saudi Arabia.

November 3, 1981:

\* The commander of Libya's forces in Chad says his troops were leaving the country, as requested by Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei.

\* Leslie A. Torrington, a member of the engineering staff at RCA, receives an RCA "SelectaVision" Technical Excellence Award at a luncheon presided over by Division Vice President Dr. Jay J. Brandinger. Mr. Torrington received the award for improvements to the VideoDisc caddy system allowing the combination of caddy, lip, seal, spine, and label to be effectively mass produced. His caddy patents can be viewed via the CED Patents Table in the Tech Info section at CED Magic.

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Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2001 19:31:26 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CED Player Spotted on TV Show

Hello All:

I finally spotted a CED player on a TV show-- The Tales from the Crypt episode "Death of Some Salesmen." I put up a couple screen shots on this new page at CED Magic that documents such appearances:

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

In this episode the SGT250 player is shown in an entertainment console as evidence of the owners' having money to burn. Which is kind of funny being that the episode was first broadcast in 1993 when an SGT250 could be picked up in a thrift store for about \$10. I wonder if putting the CED player in the console was an inside joke among the show's producers.

The Sci-Fi channel broadcasts "Tales from the Crypt" re-runs at 10 PM Monday through Thursday.

--Tom

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Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2001 23:42:39 -0500  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Magnetic <magnetic>  
Subject: Storage option for CEDs

I came across a good option recently for storing small-medium CED collections.

Ikea makes a walnut end table that is a storage cube - the top lifts up and off to access the space inside. It will hold approximately 60 CEDs stored vertically (like record albums) & retails for \$79. You can see a photo of it online here:

[http://www.ikea-usa.com/product\\_images/PE044109.JPG](http://www.ikea-usa.com/product_images/PE044109.JPG)

I have mine set up as an end table next to my couch and it offers convenient access to all my videodiscs. However, my collection's growing and I might need another one for the other end of the couch soon! Thought I'd pass this along since I've been looking for "hidden" storage like this for quite a while now and this fits the bill perfectly.

Full info on the cube storage table (dimensions, weight, etc.) are online at:  
[http://www.ikea-usa.com/product\\_presentation/show.asp?ProductNumber=97322800&type=ART](http://www.ikea-usa.com/product_presentation/show.asp?ProductNumber=97322800&type=ART)

Jill

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

November 4, 1981:

\* The second planned flight of the space shuttle Columbia is canceled with 31 seconds remaining in the countdown.

November 5, 1981:

\* Buckingham Palace announces that the Princess of Wales is expecting a baby in June.

\* RCA PRESS RELEASE:

RCA Reaches Major VideoDisc Milestone with Shipment of its Two Millionth Disc

Indianapolis, November 5 -- RCA has reached a major milestone in its VideoDisc introduction with the production and shipment of the company's two millionth "CED" video disc. Dr. Jay J. Brandinger, division vice president and general manager, "SelectaVision" VideoDisc Operations, announced today.

RCA is presently expanding the manufacturing capacity for video discs due to strong demand for discs from both RCA and others supporting the company's "CED" system, Dr. Brandinger said.

A production goal of 10 million discs has been established for 1982 at RCA's video disc manufacturing facility here, he said. "The progress of the major expansion of disc production capacity announced in June has encouraged RCA to aim for production of three million discs this year, compared with an earlier goal of two million discs," Dr. Brandinger said.

Jack K. Sauter, group vice president and general manager of the RCA Consumer Electronics Division, said RCA will expand its VideoDisc player line in 1982 to include a new stereo model that will be introduced to distributors and dealers next May. A new version of the current monaural model, SFT100, will also be introduced next year. Formal production of the new models will begin in the first quarter at RCA's Bloomington, Ind., plant.

As of October 20, RCA reported total sales to RCA distributors had amounted to 107,300 players in advance of the Holiday sales season. Mr. Sauter noted that the coming 11 weeks are normally very strong retail sales weeks which should result in significant increases in sales to dealers.

"With more than 5,000 dealers selling the RCA VideoDisc players, the sale of only a small number of units each week by those retailers should produce some exceptional weekly totals," Mr. Sauter said.

"To date, RCA has produced 174 video disc titles under the RCA and MGM/CBS labels at its Rockville Road pressing plant in Indianapolis," Dr. Brandinger said. "It is clear that video disc player owners are buying discs at a much faster rate than RCA had originally anticipated," he added.

The two millionth disc pressed by RCA, "Ordinary People," received four Academy Awards, including Best Picture, in April of this year. The movie starred Mary Tyler Moore, Donald Sutherland and Timothy Hutton as a family coping with tragedy.

The expansion of the videodisc plant includes an increase in the number of video disc presses that will allow a further rise in disc production in 1982, Dr. Brandinger said. He reported that the building of a separate compounding facility to the present plant is proceeding on schedule. This facility will have the capability of supplying the critical compound material to disc manufacturers worldwide.

A new power plant at the Rockville Road facility is also under construction with a planned capability of handling energy requirements for 60 presses.

November 6, 1981:

- \* The Labor Department announces that the U.S. unemployment rate reached 8 percent in October, the highest level since 1975.
- \* The Swedish government releases a Soviet submarine that ran aground inside Swedish territorial water the prior month. Sweden revealed that radiation had been detected near the front of the submarine, an indication that it was probably armed with nuclear weapons.
- \* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Time Bandits.

November 7, 1981:

- \* "Private Eyes" (CED) by Darly Hall and John Oates becomes No. 1 U.S. single.

November 8, 1981:

- \* In a televised address before the Egyptian Parliament, President Hosni Mubarek asserted that Egypt was "an African State" that was "neither East nor West" and would consequently, never be within the orbit of this or that country, or this or that bloc."

November 9, 1981:

- \* U.S. troops begin arriving in Egypt for a three-week Rapid Deployment Force exercise that also includes Somalia, Sudan, and Oman.
- \* The International Monetary Fund approves a record \$5.8 billion loan to

India.

November 10, 1981:

\* Richard Burt, director of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Politico-military Affairs, informs a Senate foreign relations subcommittee that the government now has clear evidence that the U.S.S.R. has engaged in chemical warfare in Asia.

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

November 11, 1981:

\* USS OHIO, the first Trident class submarine, is commissioned at the Electric Boat Division in Groton, Connecticut. The principal speaker, George Bush, Vice President of the United States, remarks to the 8,000 assembled guests that the ship introduces a "new dimension in our nation's strategic deterrence." During the ceremony, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover notes that OHIO should "strike fear in the hearts of our enemies."

November 12, 1981:

\* David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, offers to resign after a magazine article quotes him as saying that he doubts the Administration's economic program will work. President Reagan keeps him on the job.  
\* Four balloonists complete the first balloon voyage across the Pacific Ocean. The balloon, Double Eagle V, left Japan and traveled nearly 6,000 miles to California in three and one half days.

November 13, 1981:

\* The White House announces that national security advisor Richard Allen is under investigation for accepting \$1,000 from a Japanese magazine.  
\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Strange Behavior.

November 14, 1981:

\* Astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly end Space Shuttle Mission STS-2 aboard the Columbia. This was the second mission of the re-usable vehicle and had to be ended early at 54 hours due to a fuel cell failure.  
\* U.S. paratroopers bail out over Egypt, beginning the largest U.S. military exercises in the Middle East since World War II.

November 15, 1981:

\* Forty-eight persons die and 70 are injured in Merida, Mexico when a bullring wall collapses during a political rally.

November 16, 1981:

\* William Holden, one of the most popular male stars in motion picture history, dies at age 63. Called by director Billy Wilder "the best movie actor of his generation," he began in boy-next-door roles but went on to play more complex, often cynical characters in such films as Sunset Boulevard (CED), Stalag 17 (CED), for which he won an Oscar, The Bridge on the River Kwai (CED), Network (CED), and The Earthling (CED).

November 17, 1981:

\* Kathryn Whitmire is elected as the first female mayor of Houston, Texas.

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Date: Mon, 05 Nov 2001 03:59:10 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: State of the U.S. Economy in 1981

Hello All:

You may have heard last week's announcement that inflation rose from 4.9 to 5.4% in October 2001, and that the increasing rate is significantly curtailing the purchase of fluff items like DVD's. Although this represents a huge one-month increase, the overall rate is still a lot less than the increase to 8.0% announced for October 1981. Another factor in 1981 was the high inflation rate of over 10%. Indeed, the so-called "misery index" combining unemployment and inflation reached its highest historical value to date at about the same time RCA introduced the CED system. In those terms RCA couldn't have picked a worse time since the Great Depression to be introducing a new consumer product, although the March 1981 intro had been set in early 1979 when the economy was much better.

Until starting the History Column, I hadn't really been aware of the 1981-82 recession and how much it might have contributed to the demise of CED. Imagine if CED had been introduced during a boom economy like DVD enjoyed for several years after its 1997 introduction. The press release posted last week continued to paint the system in glowing terms, but RCA wasn't selling nearly as many players as hoped for. Although inflation went down in 1983, unemployment was still up at 9.6% and was only starting to go down when the CED system was canceled.

--Tom

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From: "resg" <resg>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Help with a copy needed  
Date: Mon, 05 Nov 2001 08:48:49 -0600

Does anyone know anyone who can transfer the CED laserdiscs to video?

I recently bought a CED sight unseen thinking that it was a normal laserdisc. I'd really like to watch this CED but can't.

Is there anyone who would be willing to make a VHS copy?

Thank you,  
Rick Kelsey

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From: "nir ben moshe" <nir\_ben\_moshe>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: RCA VIDEO DISK-SALE  
Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2001 01:06:57 +0200

my name is nir from israel.  
iv'e send this letter becuase i have a holl stack of RCA VIDEO  
DISKS and 3 players (two work-and one for replasment parts) i want  
to sale (about 1000 disks-600 different moveis)  
if you want to bye them or know someone that can give me some advice  
on what to do,  
then please e-mail me at  
nir\_ben\_moshe@hotmail.com

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From: "popper" <popper>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Cleaning Discs  
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2001 21:00:54 -0000

Has anyone got a tip to clean discs, some of the discs i have jump  
really badly and i took a disc out to discove the glue from the  
portective strip at the mouth had come loose and rubbed on the disc

cheers mike

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

November 18, 1981:

\* President Reagan, in an address before the National Press Club in  
Washington ,D.C., says he has sent Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev "a  
simple, straightforward, yet historic message" calling for removal of  
Soviet SS-20 missiles targeted at Europe in exchange for NATO's  
scrapping the planned deployment in Europe of Pershing II and cruise  
missiles.

November 19, 1981:

\* The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission suspends the license of the  
Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in California, citing design error at  
the facility.

\* THE AFL-CIO ends its annual meeting in New York City after snubbing President Reagan, who was not invited to address the assembly, and repeatedly ridiculing budget director David Stockman.

November 20, 1981:

\* World chess champion Anatoly Karpov of Russia keeps his title, defeating Viktor Korchnoi in the 18th game of their title match in Merano, Italy.

\* Bulent Ecevit, who served as prime minister of Turkey three different times, faces four months in prison after having been convicted by a martial law court of violating a ban on political statements.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Absence of Malice, Ragtime.

November 21, 1981:

\* At least 300,000 people demonstrate in Amsterdam against the nuclear arms race.

\* "Physical" by Olivia Newton-John (CED) becomes the No. 1 U.S. single.

November 22, 1981:

\* Soviet President Brezhnev arrives in Bonn, West Germany, for three days of talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Arms control outweighs all other issues to be discussed.

November 23, 1981:

\* President Reagan vetoes as too costly a financing bill for government operation, causing many federal offices to close down temporarily. The president later signed a bill extending financing at the existing level for three weeks.

November 24, 1981:

\* The NIH Record publishes an article titled "Rare Cancer Strain Found in Homosexual Men," concerning the unexplained occurrence of Kaposi's Sarcoma.

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Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2001 19:56:47 -0800  
From: Neil Wagner <orac>  
To: \_CED Magic mail list <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: A laughable auction

Think anyone will bid? :<>  
<http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1297037468>

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Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2001 00:57:04 -0500  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>  
Subject: General tech questions

First let me say a big thanks to Tom for his amazing site.

I have an SJT-100 that seems to be mostly ok, and am waiting on a shipment of discs, so I will finally be able to try it out!

I am doing some work on the player, and was wondering if there are

any net resources that get into the technical aspects of player operation and repair. Of course, the operation will become much clearer once I actually see it work with a disc!

I just have one question for now. The SJT-100 has a rod that can poke up through the disc platter. I assume this is for unloading the disc, though I fail to see what will keep the disc horizontal as it does so! Anyway, there is a plastic cap on this rod, though on mine, the top is broken off. I assume this is important?

thx very much

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Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2001 17:44:19 -0800  
To: [digest@cedmagic.com](mailto:digest@cedmagic.com)  
From: Tom Howe <[tom@cedmagic.com](mailto:tom@cedmagic.com)>  
Subject: Fifth Anniversary of CED Digest

Hello All:

Today is the 5th anniversary of CED Digest with Volume 1 No. 1 having been sent out on November 16, 1996. The 10th anniversary of the World Wide Web took place last week on November 8th, so I thought this would be a good time to reminisce on the history of collecting CED's over the internet.

My experience with collecting CED's via computer actually began with the Prodigy Service shortly after it was launched in 1988. This service could be considered the precursor of the present-day web, as in contrast to the pay-by-the-minute CompuServe service, Prodigy offered unlimited email and connect time for a low monthly fee supplemented by continuous 16-color banner ads at the bottom of the 40-character wide screen.

<http://www.prodigy.com>

Prodigy experienced phenomenal growth for a few years and I got a number of CED's by posting wanted messages in their Home Electronics forum, but I never encountered another CED collector there. Prodigy gradually eliminated what they included "free" in their base fee, first killing off mailing lists by severely limiting the number of people an email message could be sent to. In 1992, just as the WWW was about to explode, Prodigy to a large degree killed itself by going to pay-by-the-minute for their most of their forums. People left the service in droves (much to the delight of AOL) and today Prodigy is a mere shadow of what it was 10 years ago. It was then that I too switched to AOL and encountered a few other CED collectors by way of their searchable personal profile system.

At that time Prodigy and AOL were completely separate from the Internet, which actually started in the 1960's as a network of military computers. I got on the Internet in 1990, thanks to being at a university, and started using the Usenet newsgroups to look for CED's. Usenet consisted of about 500 newsgroups at the time, which seemed like a lot, but is tiny compared to the 60,000 available today. There was only one consumer video group, rec.video, and I was able to search archives of it dating back to 1987. There was quite a bit of discussion about LaserDiscs in these archives and a little bit about CED's, and a few current subscribers to CED Digest were found by searching the archives. Usenet started in 1979, but I've never seen archives dating prior to 1987, although they apparently still exist, as the now defunct deja.com once talked about making them available. Deja.com is now owned by Google, Inc.

<http://groups.google.com>

The World Wide Web became generally available in 1993 with the beta release of the Mosaic browser:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/history/mosaic-1993.html>

It might seem strange today, but during the early days of the web Infoseek was the only comprehensive search engine available and you actually had to pay a \$10 monthly fee to perform 100 searches/month with a 10 cent charge for each beyond that. I used this to search for the word "selectavision" once a week but didn't get any matches until some time in 1994, the first one being the on-line resume of Robert J. Ryan, who happened to mention his prior work with VideoDisc:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/rca-laboratories/mem449.html>

In 1995 the availability of a web server at my university resulted in the start of CED Magic, with CED Digest being launched about a year later as an expansion of what previously had been a one-way announcement list. At first, I thought CED Digest would be mainly used by collectors to find additional titles, and that was true for a while, as Pierre Omidyar, founder of Auction Web (= Ebay) was managing it from a laptop in his apartment when CED Digest started. Ebay has become the way to find specific CED titles, indeed it's a lot easier to collect CED's on-line today than it was 10 years ago. At launch, I thought CED Digest would be going out about once a month, so it's been a pleasant surprise to see it going out almost every week, even before the weekly History Column was started.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

November 25, 1981:

\* Actor and comedian Jack Albertson dies at age 74. Best known for his role on the TV series "Chico and the Man," he appears on the CED titles "The Shaggy Dog" and "The Poseidon Adventure."

November 26, 1981:

\* In a parliamentary by-election in Crosby, near Liverpool, Social Democrat Shirley Williams upsets the Conservative candidate to become the new party's first member of the British House of Commons.

November 27, 1981:

\* German-born actress and singer Lotte Lenya dies at age 83. Acclaimed for her performance as Jenny in "The Threepenny Opera," her most memorable film role is as the KGB agent with a pop-out knife in her shoe in the 007 movie "From Russia With Love" (CED).

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: On Golden Pond, They All Laughed.

November 28, 1981:

\* Results of the New Zealand national election indicate that voters have denied Prime Minister Robert Muldoon's National Party a majority in Parliament.

November 29, 1981:

\* Actress Natalie drowns after falling off a boat. She appeared in a number of CED titles including "Brainstorm," which was released posthumously in 1983.

\* A car loaded with explosives blows up outside a school in Damascus, Syria, killing 90 persons and wounding scores of others. The attack is blamed on Muslim Brotherhood terrorists.

November 30, 1981:

\* Representatives of the United States and the Soviet Union open talks in Geneva on the reduction of medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

\* Democrat James Florio concedes defeat to Thomas H. Kean in the contested November 3 race for governor of New Jersey.

December 1, 1981:

\* All 178 persons aboard a chartered Yugoslav DC-9 jetliner are killed when it crashes while approaching Ajaccio airport in Corsica.

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Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2001 14:10:37 -0800 (PST)

From: Luke Perry <doidy34>

Subject: CED player

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Hi, if you could post this in your next newsletter I would appreciate it. I have a non-working CED player, I believe it is the RCA SJT090 model. I would part with it for a small sum plus shipping charge. Could be fixed or used for parts and the stylus.

thanks,

Luke P  
doidyl@juno.com

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Luke Perry

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Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2001 17:23:42 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Lord of the Rings

Hello All:

There's been a lot of hype this past weekend over the release of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," but if you've taken a look at the current Featured CED, you can probably guess I'm more excited about the release of the first "Lord of the Rings" movie one month from today:

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

If you haven't heard much about this movie yet, it is the first installment of the Tolkien trilogy, with the next two installments already filmed and scheduled for holiday release in 2002 and 2003. There is some interesting marketing being done for Lord of the Rings, including an exclusive LOTR branded DVD player from JVC. It would have been cool if RCA had done something similar, say an "ET" branded player in the 1982 time frame:

<http://makeashorterlink.com/?K3461561>

If the Internet is any indication, there are a lot of fans of J.R.R. Tolkien out there, so it will be interesting to see how Harry Potter and LOTR stack up against one another when all is done.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

December 2, 1981:

\* Polish police break up a sit-in by about 300 cadets at a fire fighters' academy in Warsaw, Poland.

December 3, 1981:

\* Terrorists trained in Libya have entered the United States in a plot to assassinate President Reagan or other members of the Administration, federal officials say.

December 4, 1981:

\* The U.S. Department of Labor announces that the U.S. unemployment rate reached 8.4% of the work force in November.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Reds, Ticket to Heaven.

December 5, 1981:

\* The 1981 RCA SelectaVision Christmas party is held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. A series of pictures from this event can be seen starting at this URL:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/mem/weve-had-fun/mem343.html>

December 6, 1981:

\* The 4th Annual Kennedy Center Honors are held featuring the honorees Count Basie, Cary Grant, Helen Hayes, Jerome Robbins, and Rudolf Serkin.

December 7, 1981:

\* Reagan administration officials confirm a budget deficit projection of a record \$109 billion for fiscal 1982, with slow economic growth, rising interest rates, and high unemployment.

December 8, 1981:

\* A methane gas explosion in a coal mine near Whitwell, Tennessee kills 13 miners. It is the third fatal mine accident in six days.

\* Dissident Russian physicist Andrei Sakharov ends a 17-day hunger strike after Soviet officials say that his daughter-in-law may leave Russia.

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Date: Tue, 27 Nov 2001 13:57:18 +0000

From: synthi

To: digest@cedmagic.com

Subject: RCA SJT 400 Problem

I recently bought an RCA SJT 400 Player and it seems to be working fine except when playing anywhere after the 30-40 minute mark on any disc. That's when the needle can no longer track at which point all the front panel buttons with the exception of Reject and power stop working. The video also gets a bit grainy when more than 10-15 minutes has played. I'm not sure if this is an over heating issue because if I start the disc again from the start then the picture is clear again. It seems to do this with every disc. Any help with what the problem might be would be great. Thanks.

Eric

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Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2001 18:02:46 -0500

To: digest@cedmagic.com

From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>

Subject: Success!

I just wanted to share my success today at getting a couple of players working! An RCA SJT100, after a new belt and ejection bumper (5 gratis from a well-timed dishwasher repair person!), is working great, as is an old Zenith VP2000 (aka SFT100) - no work required. Also just got my first 6 discs. Unfortunately, the VP and discs were from a very smoky apartment, and they stink. Does anyone know how this might affect the discs. Most seem ok at first checkout, though one was pretty rough.

As mentioned somewhere on Tom's site, playing several times often helps!

I know the later, more feature-laden players are more valuable and desirable, but would the Zenith be of special value, being basically the first unit, and the only Zenith?

Are there any Canadian listers out there interested in selling or trading discs? Shipping from the US (or beyond) is so expensive.

The web site notes that the SFT/VP has an undocumented page mode. On mine, this does work, although the location gradually creeps forward. Is this common?

Thanks for reading. What a fascinating bit of technology.

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Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2001 01:25:11 -0500  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>  
Subject: SFT100/VP2000 problem

To those with a VP2000 (not sure if the SFT100 would have the same problem): If you ever notice your player getting stuck around the 45min mark, pop open the cartridge access cover. You'll probably notice that the cover latch is hitting the case! A poor design - susceptible to the slightest downward bowing of the case top...

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Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2001 19:11:31 -0800  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Tom Howe <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: RCA-brand X10 Modules

Hello All:

If you're looking for an RCA-brand holiday gift, [www.x10.com](http://www.x10.com) has a great price on RCA X10 home automation items as a result of Thomson getting

out of the X10 business. They have a 12-pack kit of modules and remote controls for \$49.99 at this URL:

[http://www.x10.com/products/rca\\_modules\\_ba2.htm](http://www.x10.com/products/rca_modules_ba2.htm)

I got into X10 in the mid-1990's and paid a lot more for these same modules at that time. If you are not familiar with X10, it's a remote system that uses the AC wiring to control all the electrical outlets in your home. This is especially useful with a home theater setup, as an X10 compatible universal remote not only allows control of the entertainment console but also can selectively turn on/off or dim lamps in the vicinity. X10 can also be used for a lot more than this, including complete home security and custom programming via a computer interface.

The above kit does not include the required wireless transceiver or a universal remote control, which can be purchased separately from x10.com.

--Tom

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

December 9, 1981:

\* President Reagan cancels a ban on federal jobs for flight controllers who were fired during an illegal strike in August.

December 10, 1981:

\* The U.S. requests that all its citizens leave Libya immediately and invalidates U.S. passports for travel to that country.

December 11, 1981:

\* Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali comes out of retirement at age 39 for one last fight against Trevor Berbick in Nassau, the Bahamas. Ali earns \$3 million for the fight, but loses in a unanimous 10-round decision.

\* Argentina's President Roberto Eduardo Viola is removed from office by the military junta.

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Whose Life Is It Anyway?

December 12, 1981:

\* The Solidarity National Commission in Poland calls for a day of protest on December 17 and a referendum on replacing the government.

December 13, 1981:

\* Polish Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski declares a state of emergency and imposes martial law on the entire country. The government's measures include a raid on Solidarity's headquarters in Gdansk, a near total shutdown of communications facilities, and a nationwide roundup of former government officials including Lech Walesa, Solidarity's leader.

December 14, 1981:

\* The Israeli government announces, after an emergency Cabinet meeting, that it is formally extending its "law, jurisdiction, and administration" over the Golan Heights, which it captured from Syria during the 1967 war.

December 15, 1981:

\* The Iraqi embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, is totally destroyed by explosives planted near the buildings; about 30 persons are killed and some 100 injured.

\* Congress passes a \$200 spending bill, the largest in U.S. history to date.

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Date: Sun, 02 Dec 2001 10:11:54 -0800  
From: James Curiel <jacuriel>  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Subject: Re: CED Digest Vol. 6 No. 46

Dear CED Fans,

Just a reminder on cleaning CED's. The best method I have found is to use a Nitty Gritty record cleaning machine with the 78 adaptor. The machine runs some cash, but they really clean your records like new and they get rid of the skipping on videodiscs that are due to dust and clutter.

Also, the clean records and videodiscs make a huge difference in extending the life on your stylus. I have noticed that on my turntable and my videodisc machine the stylus last much longer with good sound and picture. My family uses our videodisc machine 3-4 times a week to watch movies. Before the Nitty Gritty machine, we were changing the stylus about every 4-6 months and they were gunked, and I would clean them to extend the use. With the clean discs, I haven't had to clean the stylus in six months and going, and the picture is still superb.

I am not connected with Nitty Gritty. I am just a very satisfied customer that would like other CED fans to know that these machines are worth the purchase, and can get rid of most of your skipping. Nitty Gritty is on the web, you can order from them too.

Peace. signed James

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20 Years Ago In CED History:

December 16, 1981:

\* The U.S. Congress restores the \$122 minimum monthly social security benefit for current recipients which had previously been eliminated.

December 17, 1981:

\* Brigadier General James Dozier, a U.S. Army officer serving with NATO, is kidnapped in Verona, Italy by the Red Brigades terrorist organization.

December 18, 1981:

\* The U.S. suspends the memorandum of understanding it signed with Israel on November 30 to protest Israel's sudden annexation of the Golan Heights.

\* Mehmet Shehu, premier of Albania since 1954 takes his own life "at a moment of nervous distress," according to a government announcement.

\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Pennies from Heaven, Neighbors.

December 19, 1981:

\* The MARECS-A satellite is launched to provide data and teleprinter services in nautical applications.

December 20, 1981:

\* The Polish ambassador to the U.S., Romuald Spasowski, defects to the U.S. to protest the imposition of martial law in Poland. Four days later Zdzislaw Rurarz, the Polish ambassador to Japan, also defects.

December 21, 1981:

\* Cincinnati beats Bradley 75-73 in seven overtime periods, an NCAA record.

December 22, 1981:

\* General Leopoldo Galtieri is sworn in as president of Argentina.

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Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 11:22:44 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Re: Playback Stops Halfway through Disc

>I recently bought an RCA SJT 400 Player and it seems to be working fine  
>except when playing anywhere after the 30-40 minute mark on any disc.  
>That's when the needle can no longer track at which point all the front

>panel buttons with the exception of Reject and power stop working.  
>The video also gets a bit grainy when more then 10-15 minutes has played.

The very first thing to suspect here is the stylus cartridge, which can be confirmed by testing the player with a known-good cartridge. It is possible for a worn-out stylus tip to manifest itself this way due to the changing stylus/groove dynamics as the stylus tip moving at a constant angular velocity plays a groove of ever-decreasing radius.

The grainy video is a further sign of a worn-out stylus. Replacement stylus cartridges can often be found in the RCA VideoDisc Classified Ads:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/home/cedmagic-classified.html>

And they can also be found on eBay using the sample searches at the bottom of the Stylus Cartridge Replacement Guide:

<http://www.cedmagic.com/tech-info/stylus-cart-guide/stylus-cart-guide.html>

--Tom

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From: "Harry Libby" <fiddy>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: 60 Minutes  
Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 20:48:53 -0500

Has anyone seen the item about Selectavision on the TV 60 minutes program around the first of Dec. I was told it was about how popular these items are becoming and how collectable they are. I was told it was quite a program. I am sorry I missed it.

Harry Libby (<mailto:fiddy@adelphia.net>fiddy@adelphia.net.  
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20 Years Ago In CED History:

December 23, 1981:

\* NASA approves a plan to continue the Voyager II spacecraft on a trajectory that will take it within 66,000 miles of the planet on July 24, 1986.

\* A federal judge rules that Congress acted unconstitutionally in 1978 when it extended the deadline for ratifying the proposed Equal Rights

Amendment until June 30, 1982.

December 24, 1981:

\* The Soviet Union performs a nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk.

December 25, 1981:

\* "For Those About to Rock" by AC/DC becomes the No. 1 U.S. album.  
\* Future CED titles in widespread theatrical release: Sharky's Machine, Taps.

December 26, 1981:

\* Saudi Arabia and Iraq sign an agreement in Baghdad ending their 60-year-old border dispute.

December 27, 1981:

\* Researchers at the NIH announce that Vasopressin, a human hormone that normally helps regulate blood pressure, can be used as a drug to improve memory.

December 28, 1981:

\* Elizabeth Carr, the first U.S. test-tube baby, is born to Judith and Roger Carr.

December 29, 1981:

\* President Reagan announces a series of sanctions against the Soviet Union, saying that it "bears a heavy and direct responsibility for the repression in Poland."

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2001 02:24:09 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Usenet Archives Back to 1981

Hello All:

Last week Google expanded their Usenet news archive so that it goes back all the way to May 11, 1981 (previously you could only search back to 1995).

I've been hoping they would do this for a long time to see if there was much discussion of CED when it was on the market, but alas, CED is hardly mentioned in the net.video group until RCA announced the end of player production in 1984. This isn't too much of a surprise, as there were so few people on the Internet in the early 1980's, and they were mostly government or university personnel.

The group net.video was the only video related newsgroup from 1982 to 1986 and during that period had a total of 2270 threads. By comparison, the current rec.video.dvd.\* hierarchy has had 139,000 threads over a similar length of time. You can view the complete net.video archive from 1986 to 1982 (in reverse) by going to this URL:

<http://makeashorterlink.com/?B63C21F3>

There's quite a bit of discussion of Beta vs. VHS in this archive, and LaserDisc is mentioned more often than CED. One interesting anomaly is audio CD's sometimes begin mistakenly called CED's in the 1982 time frame just prior to their market introduction. Net.video was replaced by rec.video in 1987 which remained the primary video newsgroup until the Internet explosion of the early 1990's expanded it into a lot more groups.

Google also put up an interesting list of Usenet "firsts" such as the first mention of the IBM-PC, Macintosh, MTV, Biff, Osama bin Laden, etc. at this URL:

[http://www.google.com/googlegroups/archive\\_announce\\_20.html](http://www.google.com/googlegroups/archive_announce_20.html)

--Tom

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Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 00:58:11 -0500  
To: digest@cedmagic.com  
From: Michael Dunn <mdunn>  
Subject: SJT400 restoration & remote

I just finished fixing up an SJT400. It's only problem was one identical to one of my SJT100's problems: The lifter rod that raises the disc for ejection had a broken plastic cap. Obviously this is a common failure. I hope it didn't damage any discs. I recommend that anyone with a motorized-eject player check this!

Is anyone in possession of a compatible remote for this player they are willing to sell at a reasonable price?

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74 George St.	Ambisonic Surround Sound CDs and Recording
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Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 01:28:43 -0500  
From: Gerrit Ryon <g.gerrit>  
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Subject: ced's

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

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To: digest@cedmagic.com  
Date: Sat, 22 Dec 2001 22:18:37 -0800  
From: "Tom Howe" <tom@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: Happy Holiday

Season's greetings to everyone! If you're looking for a video-related

holiday item, the Grinch Interactive Playset DVD is one possibility. This is the 2000 Grinch movie the folds out to a 360-degree holiday scene with the DVD stashed inside. It's the most impressive DVD packaging I've seen to date:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00005LOUR/>

Another item to look for is the Sega Dreamcast video game console which is on blow-out clearance sale at various stores for \$49.99. Even if you're not interested in video games, this console can be used as a CD player or web browsing appliance with the included Browser 2.0 CD-ROM and built-in 56K modem.

The console can use your existing Internet account, and although not as good as a regular computer, cruising the web on a large-screen TV is an interesting alternative experience.

--Tom

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December 30, 1981:

\* NASA announces future plans for the first manned excursion outside the space shuttle to service the malfunctioning Solar Maximum payload launched in 1980.

December 31, 1981:

\* Ghana's civilian president Hilla Limann is ousted in a bloody coup by former military ruler Jerry Rawlings.

\* Video Magazine's Outstanding VideoDiscs of 1981 (both LaserVision and CED):

Overall Excellence in Sight and Sound:

LV: Star Trek - The Motion Picture

CED: Fame

Best Disc to Show Off System:

LV: Flash Gordon (1980)

CED: Barbarella

Best Picture Quality:

LV: The Sting

CED: Star Trek - The Menagerie

Best Sound Quality:

LV: Paul Simon

CED: My Fair Lady

Best Educational Program for Adults:

LV: How to Watch Pro Football

CED: Complete Tennis from the Pros, Vol. 1

Best Educational Program for Kids:

LV: The First National Kidisc

CED: As We Grow

Best Unintentional Comedy:

LV: Jazz-Er-Cise

CED: Julia Child: The French Chef, Vol. 1

Best Documentary Program:

LV: Great Figures in History: John F. Kennedy

CED: Great Figures in History: John F. Kennedy

Best Transfer Quality:

LV: Grease, Popeye, Elephant Man (tie)

CED: The War of the Worlds

\* MTV hosts the first New Year's Eve Rock 'N Roll Ball.

January 1, 1982:

\* Clemson defeats Nebraska 22-15 in the Orange Bowl in Miami for the National Collegiate Football Championship.

\* New CED title releases (as listed in the January 1982 issue of Video):

Back Roads  
Bells Are Ringing  
Big Red One, The  
Brigadoon  
Coma  
Cousin Cousine  
Day at the Races, A  
No Nukes: The Muse Concert  
Rio Lobo  
Sunshine Boys, The  
Treasure Island [1934]

\* Future CED title in widespread theatrical release: Body and Soul.

January 2, 1982:

\* Ahmed Fuad Mohieddin is named premier of Egypt by President Hosni Mubarak.

January 3, 1982:

\* President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea dismisses Prime Minister Nam Duck Woo and five other cabinet members. Yoo Chang Soon is named as Nam's successor.

January 4, 1982:

\* Richard Allen resigns as White House national security advisor, climaxing a scandal over his acceptance of a questionable payment from a Japanese magazine. William F. Clark, Jr. is named his successor.

January 5, 1982:

\* A federal judge overturns an Arkansas law requiring the teaching of creation science in classes where evolution is taught.

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From: "Harry Libby" <fiddy>  
To: <digest@cedmagic.com>  
Subject: CEDs  
Date: Wed, 26 Dec 2001 09:41:12 -0500

Tom I have acquired quite a few part 1 or part 2 discs of about 20 or so different titles if anyone is looking for any of these they can email me and I can let them know if by chance I have the ones they need. I would like to know if anyone has part 1 of Clock Work Orange or part 1 of Looking for Mr. Goodbar. Thank you Harry Libby  
<mailto:fiddy@adelphia.net>fiddy@adelphia.net

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