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ASHTON-TATE PUBLISHING GROUP OFFERS FREE SPACE UTILITY PRODUCT

TORRANCE, Calif., October 28, 1987 -- Ashton-Tate's Publishing Group is now offering Free Space, a software utility product that provides a new approach to data compression that allows standard DOS access to compressed files.

With a suggested list price of \$69.95, Free Space is a convenient tool for users who have a large number of data files. The product works particularly well with dBASE and Lotus files.

Once installed, Free Space creates a new logical disk that can be used like any other disk, eliminating the need to manipulate compressed files to get them back into "working" condition. As data is written to the device they are compressed, and as they are read, they are decompressed, transparently to the user, to their normal form. Files are contained in the standard PC-DOS file structure, so customers do not have to learn new commands to access compressed files. Free Space files can also be password-protected.

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Free Space's "compressed disk" operates with hard disks, floppy disks and device-driver-supported storage devices like the IOMEGA Bernoulli Box. It operates on PC-DOS or MS-DOS 2.1 or higher systems.

Free Space, developed by Stoneax Associates, Inc., Littleton, Colo., can be purchased from computer retail stores and bookstores nationwide. For more information, call (800) 437-4329.

Ashton-Tate, one of the largest developers and marketers of microcomputer business applications software, reported revenues of \$63.6 million and net income of \$10.1 million for the second quarter ended July 31, 1987, increases of 29.8 percent and 55.4 percent, respectively, from the previous year.

Based in Torrance, Calif., Ashton-Tate markets best-selling microcomputer business applications software in five major categories: database management systems, with industry-standard dBASE III PLUS, dBASE Mac and RapidFile; business graphics, with the MASTER GRAPHICS Series; word processing, with MultiMate Advantage II; integrated software, with Framework II; and desktop publishing, with Byline. Ashton-Tate also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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