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**ASHTON-TATE PUBLISHING GROUP SHIPS 6 NEW PRODUCTS
TO SUPPORT dBASE III PLUS AND FRAMEWORK II**

TORRANCE, Calif., October 7, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate's Publishing Group is now shipping six new products designed to help users learn and utilize its dBASE III PLUS and Framework II software packages.

These products -- books, book/disk packages, workbooks, software add-in packages -- offer "how-to" information for all levels of users, including developers. They are:

dBASE III PLUS PRODUCTS

o dBASE III PLUS Trail Guide, by Howard Dickler, Ph.D. (suggested retail price \$29.95). The guide provides novice users with a path to programming efficiency for dBASE III PLUS. A disk containing dBASE III PLUS applications is included.

o dBASE Tools for C: The Graphics Library (\$89.95), a software add-in package with ready-to-use business graphics written in C for use in dBASE III PLUS applications.

o Introduction to dBASE III PLUS Programming (\$39.95), a workbook designed to support the user in learning the dBASE III PLUS programming language. Program procedures and exercises are included.

o dBASE III PLUS Programming Tips and Techniques (\$19.95), shortcuts and routines for programming with dBASE III PLUS, for all levels of users.

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FRAMEWORK II PRODUCTS

o Introduction to Framework II Programming (\$39.95), a workbook designed as a self-study guide to programming in Framework II's FRED development language.

o Framework: A Developer's Handbook (\$24.95), a guide for the application developer and FRED programmer. The book includes generic input routines, tips on debugging, testing and program design and implementation.

All of the products are available now and can be purchased from computer retail stores and bookstores nationwide. For more information, call (800) 437-4329.

dBASE III PLUS is the industry-standard relational database management system for 16-bit microcomputers. Framework II is a leading integrated software package.

Ashton-Tate, based in Torrance, Calif., is the second-largest microcomputer applications software company. It reported revenues of \$49 million and net income of \$6.47 million for the second quarter of fiscal 1987, ended July 31, 1986, increases of 78 percent and 87.5 percent, respectively, from the same period of the previous year.

The company also markets MultiMate word processing software and has signed a letter of intent to acquire Decision Resources, Inc., developers of the best-selling MASTER GRAPHICS Series of business graphics software.

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