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ASHTON-TATE DEMONSTRATES FRAMEWORK II TO USER GROUPS

CULVER CITY, Calif., Oct. 25, 1985 -- Ashton-Tate today announced that two principal software developers from its Forefront Development Center will demonstrate the new Framework II product to major user groups nationwide.

Robert Carr, director of the Forefront Development Center, and Greg Stikeleather, one of Ashton-Tate's senior software analysts, will lead the Framework II user group demonstrations.

Carr is the chief designer of Framework II and the recipient of a Technical Excellence Award from PC Magazine for his efforts in developing Framework. A pioneer in the field of integrated software, Carr was a programming consultant on the development of Context MBA, one of the first integrated packages introduced.

Stikeleather was involved in the development of the Lisa computer -- forerunner to the Macintosh -- at Apple Computer before joining Ashton-Tate's Forefront Development Center to work on the design and coordination of Framework II's user interface.

Built on the company's widely-acclaimed Framework integrated product, Framework II combines a faster, larger and more

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powerful spreadsheet with an advanced word processor that includes an 80,000-word spelling checker and built-in mailmerge.

The two primary applications of word processing and spreadsheets are supported by fully-integrated telecommunications, database, outlining and graphics functions in addition to an expanded programming language. Framework II will be shipped at the end of October to computer retail stores nationwide.

The schedule of the Framework II user group tour is as follows:

- Oct. 27 FRED-BUG Users Group, The Club House, Greenhouse II, 765 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto, California, 1 p.m. (Robert Carr)
- Nov. 2, San Diego Computer Society, Annual Computer Faire, 3 Scottish Rites Center, 1896 Camino del Rio South, 12th floor, San Diego, California, Nov. 2 at 1:45 p.m., Nov. 3 at 11:15 a.m. (Robert Carr)
- Nov. 9 North Texas IBM-PC Users Group, Infomart, 1950 Stemmons, Dallas, Texas, 10:15 a.m. (Robert Carr)
- Nov. 11, Capital PC Users Group, U.S.U.H.S Auditorium, 12 National Naval Medical Center, Jonesbridge Road, Bethesda, Maryland, 7 p.m. (Greg Stikeleather)
- Nov. 12 Twin Cities PC Users Group, 5701 Normandie Road, Highway 100, Edina Community Center, Edina, Minnesota, 7 p.m. (Robert Carr)
- Nov. 16 Philadelphia Area PC Users Group, La Salle College, 20th & Olnex Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 12 p.m. (Robert Carr)

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- Nov. 20 Pittsburgh Corporate PC Users Group, Mellon Bank, Mellon Bank Headquarters, 1 Mellon Bank Center, 12th floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 6:30 p.m. (Robert Carr)
- Feb. 19 New York PC Users Group, New York University, Washington Square, New York, New York, 6:30 p.m. (Greg Stikeleather)

The Framework II user group tour presentations are open to user group members as well as to all microcomputer users who wish to learn how the product can make them more productive in their daily tasks. For further information about the Framework II user group tour, contact Marcey Glickman, Ashton-Tate's coordinator of user groups, at (213) 204-5570, ext. 4400.

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