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WHAT'S NEW ---
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We have a new release for Apple PDI™
version 1.1 users.   See page 2

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Save time by purchasing a heavily discount-
ed accelerator card for your IBM PC/XT® or
compatible.
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Financial Micro-Data cuts PC prices still
further.   Page 2

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Earn $36,000 in prizes with CTCR's trading
program.   Page 2

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Stock data delay on September 25th caused
by phone line cut.   Page 3

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Insuring against service interruptions
caused by power outages.   Page 3

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QUICKQUOTE™ to be back on line shortly.
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Fact sheet changes.   Page 3

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Current stock splits.   Page 4

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Network phone number additions and changes.
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PDI PERFORMANCE

We have received objective feedback from
our customers on PDI, and the only negative
reaction we have heard is the speed of
calculation. It takes a little over one
minute to compute a PDI chart on one year
of data. The relatively slow speed of
computing versus other less capable studies
is caused by the feedback logic which con-
stantly re-adjusts the weights given to
input variables to maximize ongoing
profits. PDI has certain heuristic
properties which permit it to learn from
its mistakes as it processes more and more
data.

In our last News Journal, we announced that
we were working on a method by which a
table of default parameters could be used
for each commodity studied. The default
list would be unique for each commodity and
could be changed by the user. This
improvement will not be available for a few
months; however, we have improved the
profit calculation to take into account
some of the findings presented in CTCR's
software review which was reprinted with
permission in this News Journal, and we
have successfully merged the CSI-STOP℠
calculation into PDI so that it is now
part of PDI. This new version of PDI is
identified as Enhanced PDI version III.

Users of this new PDI version will receive
a daily close basis buy or sell stop that
should be followed in trading practice.
The buy or sell stop printed on the last
day should be applied to the next day of
trading.

All purchasers of PDI who paid $95 for an
update disk, or $280, $295, or $395 for an
original copy, may receive an early update
of the IBM QUICKSTUDY® disk, covering all
improvements to date, for a $25 handling
fee. Those who received PDI free by
purchasing $250 or less in historical data

must pay $95 to get the latest version. This offer may not be combined with any other offer.

All customers who qualify may receive new releases as they become available for the handling fee. If you are anxious for each and every improvement, then more frequent fees must be paid. If you wish to wait for all planned improvements, only one fee need be paid when scheduled work is done. We will always reserve the right to make changes which we feel will improve customer performance.

It should be pointed out that profit calculations involve five non-parametric inputs that do not influence the shape or form of the PDI Index. In other words, your personal use of PDI, as suggested by the parametric inputs, will influence your style of trading. The shape of the PDI curve is governed by fewer parameters than the profit calculation, and this is a positive characteristic. Fortunately, few parameters are needed to identify the form of PDI.

We have decided to hold the $395 price of the IBM QUICKSTUDY disk which has PDI and the sister studies CSI-TREND*m and CSI-STOP for an indefinite period of time. We will raise this price without notice.

ATTENTION APPLE PDI USERS

Version 1.2, the most recent Apple PDI version, corrects a problem with calculating the non-seasonal volume. This problem occurred when the "S" option of the QUICK-PLOT® menu was selected causing the program to return to the PDI menu. This new version also contains the corrections made in version 1.1 pertaining to spacing between reports. If you received the initial release of the Apple PDI and have not yet received a replacement disk, please contact Customer Service for a free replacement. For new users, the Apple PDI disk remains at $295 per copy.

CSI'S IBM CLONE DISCOUNTED FURTHER

The material cost of producing our QUICK-PC™ personal computer has dropped by around $1,000 since we first introduced this product nearly a year ago. We are passing the savings on to our customers,

and this may be an excellent time fo to take advantage of this opportunity.

$849 MODEL; This model includes two flopp drives, 256K memory, composite monitor, keyboard, a 60 day warranty for parts and service, and a 33% upgrade in the processor chip. You may add any additional hardware from our parts list when you place your order.

$1795 MODEL; This model features a 20 megabyte hard disk, 256K memory, a 360K floppy drive, a 1200 baud modem, a composite monitor, keyboard, 100cps dot matrix printer with graphics and near letter quality mode, parallel printer card, and the upgraded 33% faster processor chip. Many additional features may be added to this model from our parts list. We urge you to compare the price and quality of our PC with any others that are available.

AVAILABILITY OF SPEED UP CARD

You can get up to three times the speed from your XT by purchasing this "accelerator card" for only $500. This card should produce AT performance on your XT mode computer. It may be used on the QUICKPC or on your IBM PC or XT. We recommend it if you are a PDI user. The extra speed should allow you to follow more commodities.

QUICKQUOTE - SOON TO BE BACK ON LINE!

After a long delay which, in part, was caused by the hardware problems that we have had this year, we have re-written our QUICKQUOTE software and should be back on line with this product later on in October.

$20,000 FIRST PRIZE

Get a head start! There are only a few more months to sign up for the Professional Trading Systems Optimization Contest. To date we have 27 contestants, there will be 20 finalists. First prize: $20,000, second prize: $10,000, third prize: $5,000 and the top finalist: $1,000. The odds are in your favor. We have enclosed promotional material from CTCR for those who may have an interest. Please contac Commodity Traders Consumer Report a (916)929-5308 for a contest entry form.

If the contest entry deadline was today,

ually all the data and software sale
oceeds, plus several thousands of dollars
ore, would be paid back to the contestant
winners.

STOCK DATA DELAY ON SEPTEMBER 25TH

On September 25th, our exchange data source
for stock-related securities was delayed
because a construction company inad-
vertently cut the cable leading into
our building. This was an unfortunate
outage, because we deliberately have
redundant information from independent
phone lines from more than one source that
is fed into our offices, and the damage
done to the phone lines affected all
sources that we use to produce the data.
We eventually produced the missing data
later on the following day.

THE PROTECTION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
TO AVOID LIGHTNING-INDUCED HARDWARE DAMAGE

We have had our share of problems caused
by lightning storms in our tropical
location here in South Florida. Two years
ago, we lost five 300 MB disk drives
through a lightning-induced power surge,
and as you may recall, this past Spring we
lost two more for the same reason. To
protect against repitition of this, we are
in the process of installing battery
back-up power supplies, and we are tapping
into our building's auxiliary generator,
should an outage exceed what the battery
supplies can support. We spent nearly
$100,000 on this equipment to provide our
customers with the smallest chance of
incurring a service interruption.

JUST A REMINDER

When corresponding with us, please remember
to note your user ID. It will be most
helpful to all. Thank you.

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ADDITIONS TO THE COMMODITY DATA BANK

COMMODITY NUMBER:	243
COMMODITY NAME:	BRITISH POUND
SYMBOL:	EB
EXCHANGE:	SIMEX
UNIT OF MEASURE:	$/#
CONTRACT SIZE:	#25,000
DELIVERY MONTHS:	3,6,9,12
CONVERSION FACTOR:	4
FIRST DAY ON FILE:	860702

COMMODITY NUMBER:	130
COMMODITY NAME:	ROUGH RICE
SYMBOL:	NR
EXCHANGE:	MID-AM
UNIT OF MEASURE:	CENTS/HUNDREDWEIGHT
CONTRACT SIZE:	200,000LB
DELIVERY MONTHS:	1,3,5,7,9,11
CONVERSION FACTOR:	2
FIRST DAY ON FILE:	860820

COMMODITY NUMBER:	248
COMMODITY NAME:	NIKKEI STOCK INDEX
SYMBOL:	EN
EXCHANGE:	SIMEX
UNIT OF MEASURE:	POINTS
CONTRACT SIZE:	500 YEN X NIKKEI STK AVERAGE
DELIVERY MONTHS:	3,6,9,12
CONVERSION FACTOR:	2
FIRST DAY ON FILE:	860903

CHANGES IN THE STOCK FACT SHEETS

5087 INI Internorth is now ENE, Enron
          Corp.
5742 MZ   Macys (RH) & Co. had a leverage
          buy out.
5467 SAA Sanders Associates is now 5343
          LK Lockheed Corp.
5694 AGV Anderson Greenwood is now KII
          Keystone International due to a
          stock swap.
5241 INX Inexco Oil Corp. is now 5244 LLX
          Louisiana Land/EXPL
5342 NC   North American Coal Corp. merged
          with NC Nacco Inds. Inc. Class A
          860609.
5438 GST Genstar was delisted.

ADDITIONS TO THE STOCK DATA BANK

5241	GRL	Groiler Inc.	860829
5467	V	Irving Bank Corp.	860827
5438	OG	Ogden Corp.	840103