



## New Product: Astron

Memorex has announced the development of a new computer tape, "Astron," which is coated on the back to increase scratch resistance and prevent build-up of particle-attracting static charges. Both features reduce "dropouts"—the most common source of computer tape errors.

It is expected that Astron will eliminate a number of costly problems for computer tape users because the coating is also designed to reduce tape damage caused by slippage of the tape layers when wound

on a reel. The improved characteristics mean the tape will provide more consistent start/stop performance on many tape drives.

The price of the new tape is about two dollars more per reel than conventional computer tapes we presently market. The first deliveries of Astron are planned for the late spring of this year.

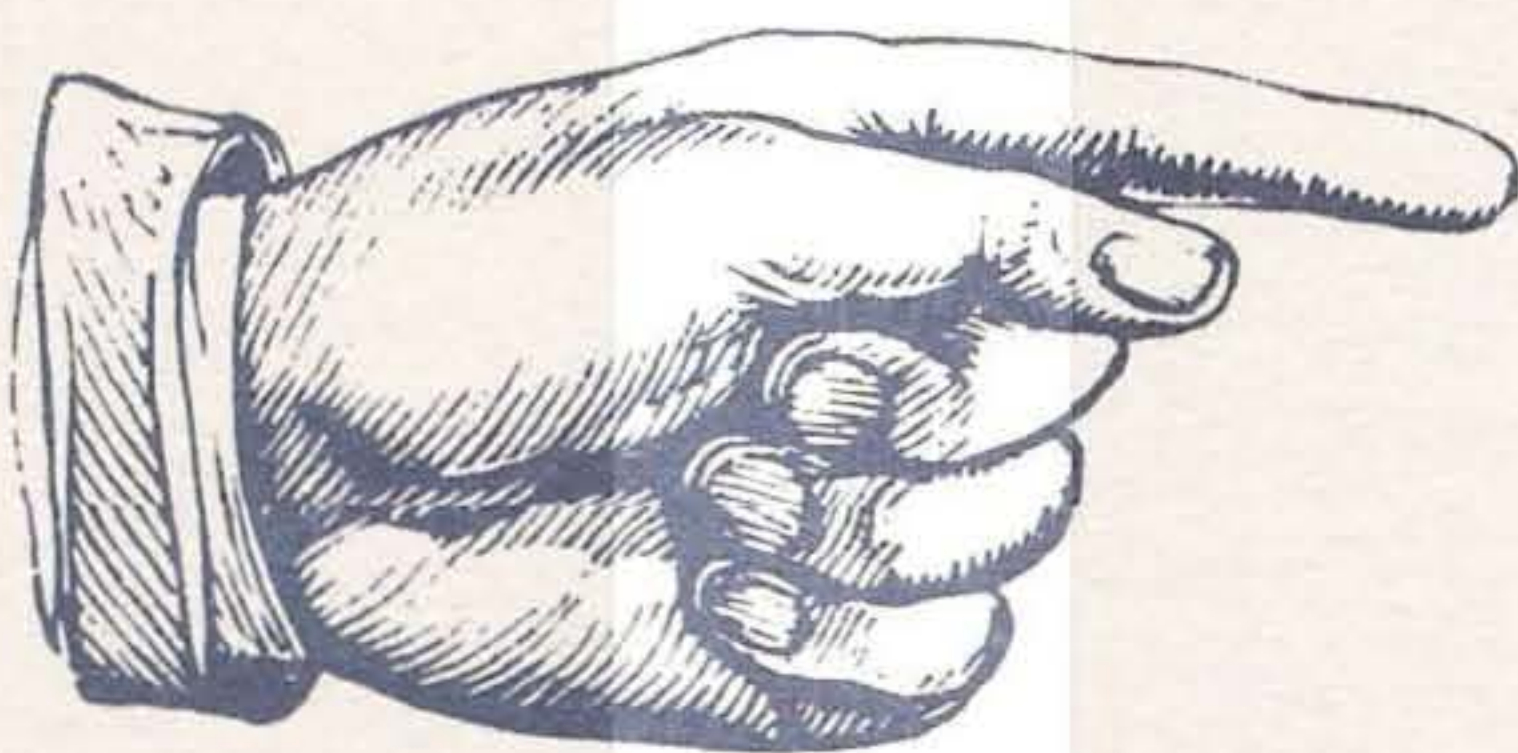
## Employee Tape Program Changed

The Consumer Products Division of the Information Media Group has undertaken the manufacture of educational "voice-quality" tapes (audio tapes) which will be sold to educational institutions. These tapes are manufactured from salvaged precision tape.

Because of the educational tape program, there will no longer be surplus tape available to be given on a "no-cost" basis to employees. However, employees will be able to purchase some educational tape products at a substantially reduced cost. Information about the tape discount purchase program will be forthcoming this spring from your group Personnel Office.

Those employees who are eligible to receive a free box of tape for the period November 1, 1969 to April 30, 1970 (and have not already done so) may requisition tape through Personnel as usual. New employees hired between November 1st and February 27th will also be entitled to one free box (10 reels) of tape. All requisitions must be submitted to Personnel Offices by February 27th, but they can only be filled as manufactured tape becomes available.

## Tax Rules to Change



The Tax Reform Act of 1969 affects almost every aspect of your tax planning for 1970. The rules on charitable contribution deductions, real estate depreciation, and capital gains, to name a few, are substantially changed. Other changes include:

### **Extension of Tax Surcharge:**

Under former law the 10 percent surcharge was to expire on December 31, 1969. Under the new bill it is extended at a 5 percent rate for the first six months of 1970. Since this 5 percent surcharge will be applicable only for the first six months of 1970, the surcharge for the entire year of 1970 will be 2½ percent for a calendar-year taxpayer.

### **Increase in Personal Exemptions:**

For taxable year 1970, the personal exemption is increased from \$600 to \$625. For taxable year 1971, the exemption will be \$650; for 1972, \$700; and thereafter \$750.

### **Reduction in Tax Rates for Single Individuals and Heads of Households:**

Under former law there was a large disparity in tax liability between single persons and married taxpayers with the same income. The new law reduces this disparity of treatment by providing a new rate schedule for single persons and for heads of households.

This list is not complete! You should note that nearly all of the modifications apply to taxable year 1970, although some do not take effect until 1971. Be sure that you're aware of all the implications of the new law NOW so that you'll be prepared to file correctly in 1971. The Internal Revenue Service will be happy to provide you with the information you need.

# Sporting MAG

As of February 2nd, the intramural basketball standings were as follows:

	Won	Lost
Equipment Group	4	1
Materiel Department	3	2
Tech Staff	3	2
Finance	3	2
Reclaim	2	2
Coating	1	3
Administration	1	4
Mix Room	1	4

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John Bachick (x393) still has openings for the intramural Girls' Softball team. (He'd especially like to have a girl manager this year.) The games will be played Monday nights, and although the season doesn't

begin until May 11th, he needs to have all sign-ups by March 30th.

There are a few openings, too, for the Men's Softball teams—"A" and "C" leagues (both slow-pitch). John can take sign-ups until March 16th. The season starts April 29th. John, by the way, is manager of the "C" league team; Kit Weaver will manage the "A" league team.

Irrepressible John also has high hopes of putting together coed intramural softball teams to play on Saturday mornings.

If you're interested in any of the above, give John Bachick a call: 247-1000 x393.

## Change of Address for Registered Voters

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If you change your address, you must provide the Registrar of Voters with some sort of official notification. Up until now, the "official notification" involved executing a new affidavit of registration for the new address. Now, however, the Personnel Offices have a special card which can be used if you are a registered voter in Santa Clara County and have moved **within** the county since you last registered.

State law now allows the Registrar of Voters to accept the postage-paid card as notice of the change of address within the county if it is signed by the voter as he is now registered.

If the card is postmarked not less than 54 days before an election, the change will be good for that election. Any request for change of address postmarked less than 54 days before an election shall not be applicable to that election but will apply to all subsequent elections.

The card is valid only for change of address within Santa Clara County. If you have never registered in this county or if your previous registration has been cancelled for some reason, you'll need to execute an affidavit before a deputy registrar of voters. This can be done at any fire station in the county.

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