Best of… August   Lea Bromley

Busy we have been and busy we will be!! The orders for the System 7.0 package remain strong and Mike is spending a lot of time stuffing disks into the drives. We have our SE (two drives), an external floppy drive, the AMUG SE with another external floppy all cranking out disks all evening and most weekend hours. We are outrunning the flood, for now. My hero says he is doing fine with 7.0 but is a bit nervous about the time when 7.1 is released and all those who have been waiting for the bugs to be worked out decide to order. Arghhhhhhhhhh!

At the June meeting we introduced the first disks composed exclusively of TrueType™ fonts. **TrueType Fonts I** included Albatross, Black Forest, Inkabod, Lemiesz and Salter (two in one folder), Mazama, Saint Francis, and Griffin Dingbats. Many of these are available in Type 1 format as well and will probably be included on our next laser font title.

I tried all of these on my Mac II and an aging LaserWriter Plus. My System is 6.05 and I have until this time been using Adobe Fonts and ATM. So I loaded the True Type INIT and the fonts. I have to admit I am still finding little glitches in my font management. My System was not thrilled to have the TT INIT around. For some reason, the Suitcase containing my standard fonts closed and scared the punctuation right out of me. I do all the Best of… disk labels and these use New Century Schoolbook. Imagine my feelings when I opened that file and all the type had been converted to Courier. A Quark file I was preparing for Gary Fields and the Newsletter came back and gave me the message that the fonts were prepared by another system and would be altered to suit Quark. Things like this are just not good for my nervous system, especially since they usually happen on the last hour of the last day before something is needed.

An unannounced smash was introduced at the June meeting entitled **System 7.0 Goodies I**. This disk was a Dorman Bullard and Mike Bromley brainstorm that was really great. It includes 7.0 Q&A Database, 7.0 Startup Screen, Before You Install (stack) CEToolBox v 1.6, DiskDoubler Expand, DiskTop 4.0.1 update, Extensions MGR 7.0, Finder 7.0 Menus 1.1, Helium 1.0, Just Click, New Features HC 2.1, PrintAid, ResEdit Menus, Suitcase II updated 1.2.10. As you can see, there is an assortment of text files, stacks, applications and INITs, so I gave it the really tacky but descriptive name of "Goodies." By the time you are reading this there will probably be one or more additions to this special 7.0 series.

A new book has been added to the Best of… table entitled *HyperTalk* by the Berkeley Users Group. BMUG donated a carton of them to us for a fund-raiser. If you are a HyperCard buff or simply interested in trying your hand at writing a stack, come take a look. The price is certainly right, $4 for a book with a suggested retail of $18.95. Also on the Best of… book shelf is the *The Macintosh Bible, Third Editio*n, for $20. (See the Desktop Publishing SIG page for a paperback book about the graphics/printing industry, entitled *Pocket Pal*.)

Michael Bean, my hero and I are in the process of preparing a complete, massive review of all disk titles offered by Best of…. Michael is searching the bulletin boards for upgrades and new material to enhance our collection. When he has found all the pieces, my Mike and I will assemble, copy and label