

# LETTERS

## A Happy Discovery

• I was most happy to discover your (relatively) new magazine on the stands. It's good to see all of those familiar names on the masthead and in the table of contents—so good that I've sent in a subscription order.

Jamie E. Hanrahan  
San Diego, CA

## Correction

• In your July 1985 issue you show a schematic drawing of a portable gas detector. If you look a little closer you'll see that when S1 is closed there is a direct short between V+ and ground.

The foil pattern is correct. Hopefully most of your readers used the PC board and did not wire-wrap this project.

R.D. Payne  
Salinas, CA

*The V+ line in Fig. 1 should come down the anode side of the LEDs and terminate at pin 9 of IC1. It should not continue on to the ground connection as shown. The pc guide in Fig. 2 is correct.—Ed.*

## Lancaster Booster

• Once again, here's a note to say you

folks are right on. Editorial slant is even better than P.E. in its time. Don L. is wonderful—comments on Laserwriter compatibility, etc.

Nicholas Bodley  
New York, NY

## Down with page 53!

• Here's one vote against the acceptance of future ads such as that on page 53 of the July 1985 issue. One can only assume the "Hacknet" ad is what it purports to be and doesn't represent a "sting" operation. Therefore, this ad for a service "... dedicated to computer intrusion . . . and software piracy . . ." isn't the sort of business with which you should associate, regardless of the advertising revenue generated.

Michael Meyers  
Montclair, NJ

• I am shocked by the appearance of the ad on p. 53 [Hacknet] of your July issue. Placing an ad for such an organization is nothing short of an endorsement for the illegal and unwanted access they so proudly proclaim.

Ren J. Tescher  
Williston, ND

*We agree. The ad slid in at the last production moment. It will not be accepted again.—Ed.*

## Mid-East Video Fan

• Your magazine has more breakthroughs than *Popular Electronics* ever introduced in a single year. I read an article on Videocassettes in your May issue, and there you mentioned the latest play-only VCR made by a South Korean Company, the Goldstar Electronics, the top-loading model VCP-400M, which carries a suggested retail price of \$349.95 each. As a consumer I would like to know if there is any local distributor of the above product, including video enhancer, chroma compensator, stabilizer, fader, and modulator, here in SAUDI ARABIA. If there weren't any, I only wish that you would recommend a best selection and the distributor's addresses.

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*Write to Goldstar Electronics, 1050 Wall St. West, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071.—Ed.*