VZ-200 trace

In the July edition of APC, J Williams suggested a method for printing a moving message across the bottom of the Comodore 64 screen. I modified this for the VZ-200:

5 CLEAR 1000

10 A\$="PUT MESSAGE HERE":REM LET A\$ BE MESSAGE

15 PRINT@480," "

20 PRINT LEFT\$(A\$,31);

25 PRINT CHR\$(27);:REM MOVES CURSOR UP

30 FOR I=1 TO 40: NEXT:REM: DELAY 35 A\$=MID\$(A\$,2)+ LEFT\$ (A\$,1):GOTO 25 A friend also told me of a tracing function for the VZ-200:

POKE 31003,175 starts trace function and prints line numbers

POKE 31003,0 disables this function.

The only problem is with MODE(1), the screen returns to MODE(0) to print line numbers and you don't get to see what is happening in high-res graphics.

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Trace function

Jay Batterson's report on the trace function for the VZ-200 is interesting — it is

the same for TRS-80 and System 80 computers but what readers might find interesting is the way it is written in ROM viz:

1DF7 3E 1DF8 AF 1DF9 32 1DFA 1B 1DFB 41 1DFC C9

TRON calls 1D7 and reads

LD A, 175 LD (16667(, A RET

TROFF calls 1 DF8 and reads XOR A

LD (16667), A

RET

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VZ-200 correction

In the August issue of APC, Jay Batterson submitted a short program for printing a moving message across the screen with a VZ-200. I tried this program and it didn't work. I was a bit disappointed that you had published it without testing it first, so I left it alone for a while.

Recently I had occasion to use my computer for a message on the screen, so I

dug out the August issue and played around with the program until I found what was wrong with it.

So here is the same program with modifications to make it function:

5 CLS

10 A\$="YOUR MESSAGE"

20 PRINT @ 480, LEFT\$(A\$,31);

30 PRINT CHR\$(28);

40 FOR I=1 TO 60:NEXT

50 A\$=MID\$(A\$,2) +LEFT\$(A\$,1): GOTO 20

I know this one works.

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