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Ten guidelines for computer ethicsThe Computer Ethics Institute, based in Washington, D.C., last week released the "Ten Commandments of Computer Ethics" for computer users, developers and administrators. They include the following: Thou shalt not use a computer to harm other people, thou shalt not snoop around in other people's computer files and thou shalt think about the social consequences of the program you are writing or the system you are designing. Led by technology consultant Ramon C. Barquin, the institute is supported by the Brookings Institution, IBM, the Washington Theological Consortium and Barquin's Washington Consulting Group, Inc.

Xerox star wins CIO awardPatricia C. Barron, former chief information officer at Xerox Corp. in Stamford, Conn., was named "Lattanze Information Systems Executive of the Year" by the information systems research institute at Loyola College in Baltimore. Barron, who was promoted to president of Xerox's office products business unit in February, was cited for upgrading the productivity and credibility of the IS function at Xerox. She also is a leading advocate of IS participation in total quality management.

Cray unwraps SPARC-based serverCray Research, Inc. last week announced the Cray S-MP system, the first in a planned series of Scalable Processor Architecture (SPARC)-based superserver products from recently acquired Floating Point Systems, Inc. in Beaverton, Ore. Priced at \$500,000 and up, the Cray S-MP was designed to link SPARC-based workstations and Cray supercomputers together on the same network. The S-MP has already caught the eye of the the National Institute of Genetics in Japan, which has placed an order.

Blueprint targets Unix applicationsUnix International last week wrapped up a sweeping set of system and network management requirements -- a kind of blueprint for developing applications -- which the company said will be compatible and interoperable with the Open Software Foundation's Distributed Management Environment, slated to ship between 1993 and 1994. Unix International also said its members can get early access through Unix System Laboratories, Inc. to an object-oriented framework for distributed system and network management in the third quarter of this year.

HP's OpenMail to support Mail 3.0Microsoft Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. said they will jointly develop a driver that will allow Microsoft Mail 3.0 to act as a front end to HP's OpenMail. The driver should be available in the fourth quarter. HP will also support Microsoft's Message Application Programming Interface (MAPI), initially supporting a subset of the full MAPI specification while also allowing users access to an open standards and Unix-based messaging system with connections to X.400. A fully MAPI-compliant version is scheduled to be completed next year.

Short takesIBM and Chipcom Corp. are discussing a cooperative agreement

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involving intelligent hubs that support multiple network types. IBM has long acknowledged pressure to offer multiprotocol hubs but has remained mum on specific plans. . . . Microsoft said it will unveil Windows 3.1 for Read-Only Memory today. . . . Novell, Inc. last week put up \$10 million to buy Annatek Systems, Inc., a maker of software that automatically distributes and tracks applications on networks. That core technology will be incorporated into NetWare. . . . Digital Equipment Corp. has completed its acquisition of 800-Software, a software distribution firm in Point Richmond, Calif., for an undisclosed amount. . . . Computer Associates International, Inc. has completed its acquisition of Nantucket Corp., a developer of dBase/xBase-compatible development systems.

Amdahl pumps up 5995M systemsAmdahl Corp. will ship a performance booster for its new Amdahl 5995M machines this month. The Enhanced Performance Feature (EPF) combines faster main-memory chips and firmware to reduce cycle time to 6.5 nsec. It reportedly improves system performance by 10% for the three-way 3550M machine and up to 15% for the eight-way 8650M machine. Amdahl said it will begin to ship the six-way and eight-way machines this fall. EPF prices range from \$1.4 million to \$4.5 million.

Bell Canada rebuffs SHL allianceNegotiations to forge a strategic alliance between SHL Systemhouse, Inc. and Bell Canada, whose parent owns 25% of the Ottawa, Ont.-based systems integrator, have fallen through. Under a proposed deal, SHL would have managed Bell Canada's extensive data center operations and BCE, Bell Canada's parent, would have increased its stake in SHL. The collapse of the deal is a major blow to SHL, which is under new management and has embarked on a broad expansion strategy.

Bills aim to reform Fed procurementTwo computer industry groups are backing two U.S. Senate efforts to reform the federal acquisition process. The Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association (CBEMA) and the Information Technology Association of America, formerly Adapso, endorsed the Federal Property and Administrative Services Authorization Act of 1991, which would require agencies to say more about evaluation criteria and provide more detailed postaward debriefings. Also backed was the Multiple Award Schedule Program Reform Act of 1992, which CBEMA said would result in lower prices.

Cops seek computer resellerThe former president of Treva Communications, a San Jose, Calif.-based firm that sells voice response systems, is being sought on a \$1 million warrant for the alleged theft of trade secrets and conspiracy. The suspect, Joseph Van Dunn, 41, is now head of Fremont, Calif.-based Azonic Systems, which sells automated information management systems. Treva officials said they were tipped at a trade show when they discovered their software was being sold without their knowledge.

Unix purveyors adopt WizDom

The Open Software Foundation, Sun Microsystems, Inc. subsidiary SunSoft and Unix Systems Laboratories, Inc. (USL) were among the organizations that agreed last week to adopt Tivoli Systems, Inc.'s WizDom object-oriented technology as the basis for managing multivendor distributed Unix systems. WizDom will also be integrated into USL's Unix System V.4 and Sun's Solaris.

Short takesUnivel is shipping an early version of its Unixware operating system to 50 vendors. . . SunPro, a Sun Microsystems subsidiary, will unwrap

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improved C, Fortran and Pascal compilers today in a new version of its SPARCworks suite of development tools that runs under both Solaris 1.0 and the upcoming Solaris 2.0. . . . Unisys Corp. settled a shareholder suit, agreeing to pay a minimum of \$15 million to shareholders of record between 1987 and 1990. . . . Dun & Bradstreet Software sold Information Associates, an administrative applications unit, to System & Computer Technology Corp. for \$22.5 million. . . . Version 1.0 of the Vendor Independent Messaging specification was released last week by its four supporters, Apple Computer, Inc., Borland International, Inc., Lotus Development Corp. and Novell, Inc. . . . Wang Laboratories, Inc. filed patent infringement suits against Mitsubishi Electronics America, Inc. and NMB Technologies, Inc. for allegedly copying the Lowell, Mass.-based firm's single in-line memory module (SIMM) technology. . . . Philips N.V., IBM and Lexmark International, Inc. have obtained an injunction against Lasertek prohibiting further use of the IBM trademarks and packaging design.