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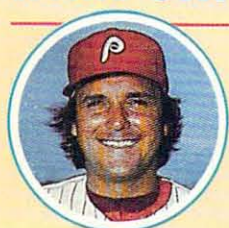
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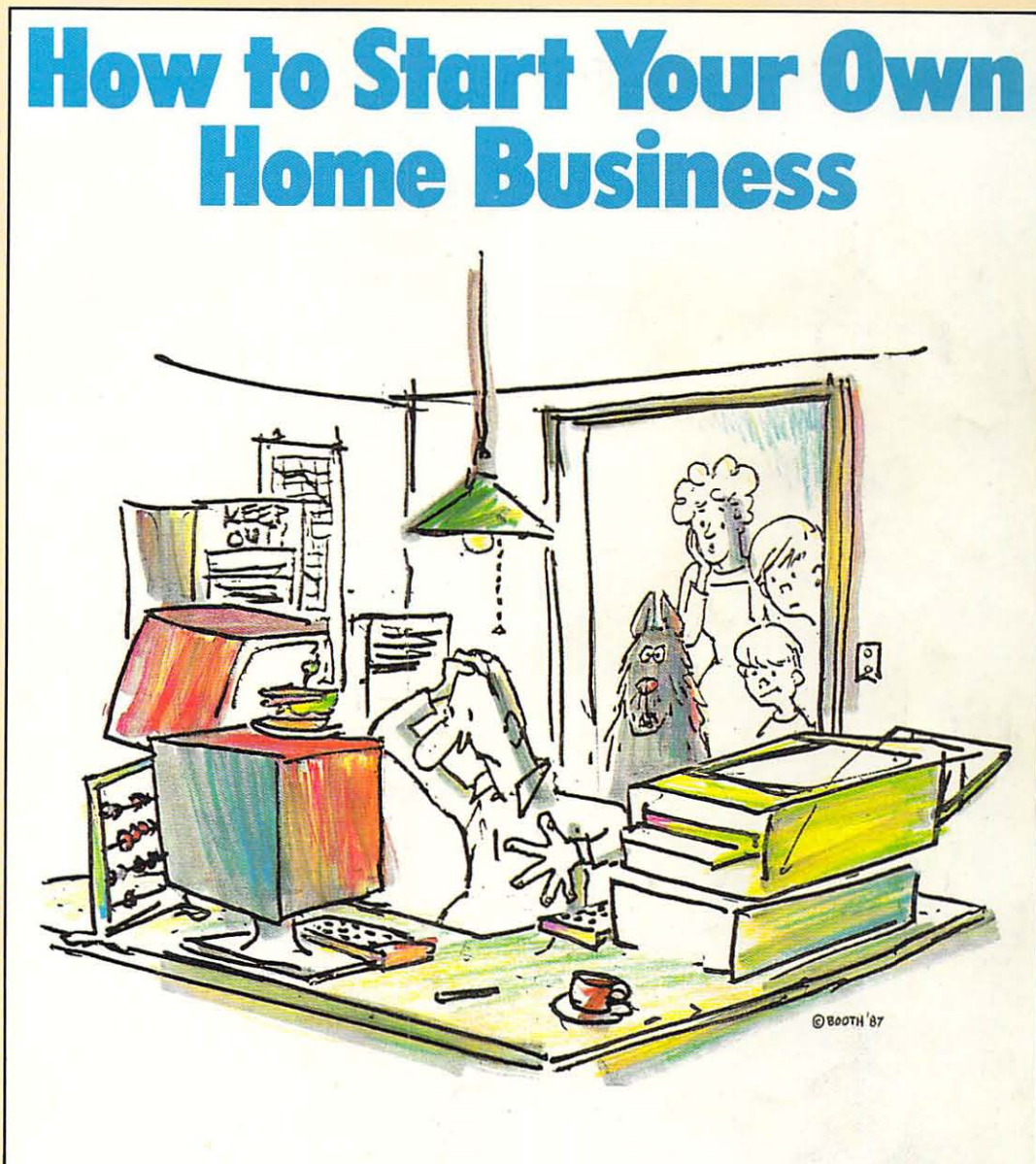
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grams. Why didn't anyone tell me?

CoCo 3 Painting. For non-Coco 3 owners, here's what happens when you press CTRL-ALT at power-up. You get the computer equivalent of a signed painting. The CoCo displays a portrait (and a very nice one at that) of the three Microware programmers who wrote the additions to Extended Color BASIC 2.0.

STEPHEN MILLER is a journalist and small-business consultant.

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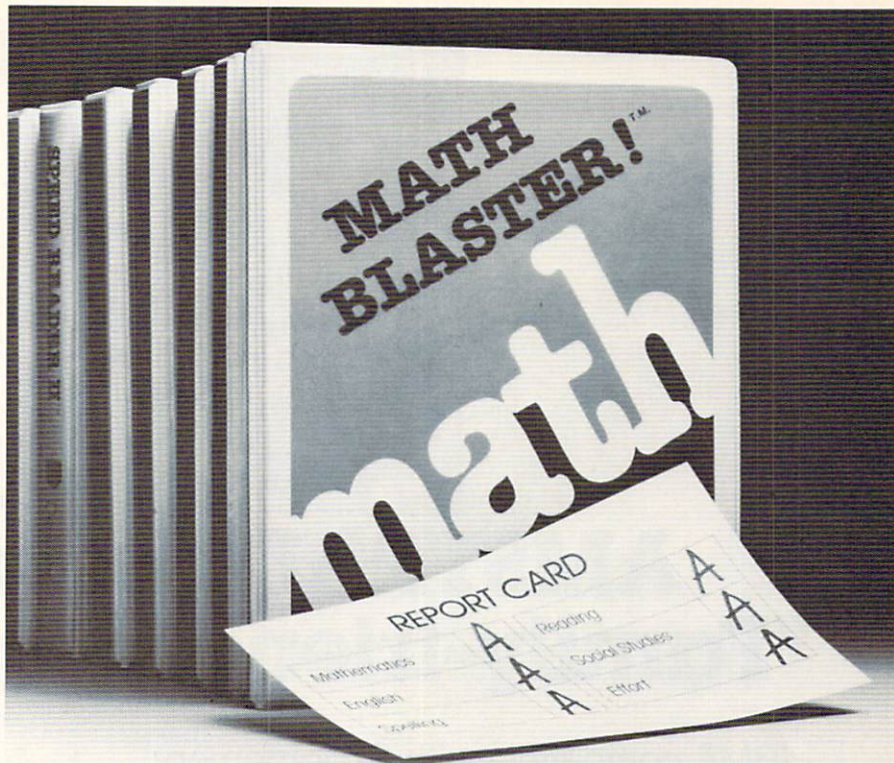
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```
1 ONERR GOTO 60000
100 FOR X=65500 TO 65540
110 Y=PEEK(X)
120 PRINT Y
130 NEXT X: END
60000 E=ERRNUM(1)
60010 EP=PEEK(16124)+(256*PEEK(16125))
60020 EP=EP-4
60030 EV=PEEK(EP)+(256*PEEK(EP+1))
60040 PRINT "ERROR OCCURRED AT LINE #
":EV
60050 PRINT " WITH A CODE OF ":E
60060 END
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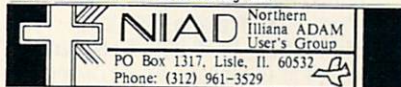
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