MONTH DA

Month DA, version 1.1, is a handy desk accessory monthly calendar created on 6 March 1991 for the Macintosh by Alan Helbush. It allows the historian to examine each month from January 1584 forward. One can move forward or backward by year, e.g. from July 1992 to July 1991 or to July 1993, or month by month. One can move as many years or months backward or forward using one set of commands as needed; e.g. the command '<,L, *n*' (*n* = 1, 2, 3, ...) allows one to move *n*-many years back from month *m* in the year *L* to the month *m* in the year *L*- *n*. It is not clear how far into the future the Month DA allows one to search, but certainly far beyond the needs of any contemporary user (I have scrolled it past the year 3600).

When the calendar is in 1584 and one attempts to scroll by month to an earlier month in a year before 1584, there is a danger that the program will cause the computer to "crash" in such a way that even the computer's built-in emergency shut-offs may fail and then the only way to recover from the crash is to turn off the electricity and reboot the computer. This does not appear to be the case if one continues to scroll from 1584 to earlier years in the same month; in that case, one only gets a blank calendar.

If you are working with a Macintosh computer, are unable to obtain a copy of the *Хронологический справочник (XIX и XX века)* described in *Modern Logic* 2 (1991), 220-221, do not require dating in the Julian calendar, and use caution when working in the vicinity of 1584, Month DA is a convenient tool for when searching for a specific date without leaving your wordprocessor application, and it uses only 7436 bytes of memory. 'Copy' and 'Paste' commands allow the calendar for any month to be inserted into documents. Month DA is available for $5 from Alan Helbush at 6375 Thomas Avenue, Newark, CA 94560, USA.