

price, such as the \$15 for the MN3001. For OEM needs, contact Matsushita (Panasonic), One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094.

## TIME AND SCORE

I would like to pass on to my fellow hobbyists the following corrections for "Build a Giant-Size Digital Timer-Scoreboard For Athletic Events" (August 1975): connect pin 6 (not pin 5) of IC7 to pin 10 of IC10; connect pin 4 (not pin 2) of IC8 to ground; reverse the pins 4 and 5 connections of IC12; connect pin 7 to ground and pin 14 to

$V_{cc}$  to get power to IC12 through IC22 and IC24 if you're using 14-pin DIP's (for 16-pin DIP's, pins 8 and 16 go to ground and  $V_{cc}$ , respectively); connect pin 4 to  $V_{cc}$  and pin 11 to ground to get power to IC23.—Phillip Partin, Homestead, FL

## INEXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVE

Congratulations on presenting "A LED-Readout Audio Power Meter" (March 1976). I have been using a similar device for almost a year. While it may not be as accurate as the one presented in POPULAR ELECTRONICS, it costs only about \$12 to build. The schematic for my "poor man's" LED VU meter is shown below. The trimmer