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Hey, if an landmark issue like this wasn't late, would it be VERTIGO? Nah! So, unrepentant (well, a little bit), we bring you this gala issue of everyone's favorite zine! Well, most people's. Somebody's? ANYBODY's?....

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BEST AND WORST OF 100 ISSUES OF VERTIGO

OLDEST SUBBERS: Jim Neuger and Mark Boney. From 1-100. Thanks, guys, for making this zine, in some part, what it is.

BEST STANDBY: Steve Courtemanche, far and away! Since 1983 or so, Steve has taken positions good and bad, big and small, and injected life and vigor into them. Dedicatated standbys like this are quite rare, and we here at VERTIGO salute Steve, and hope he stays around for another, oh, 80 issues! Honorable Mention: Jack McHugh, Konrad Baumeister, Dick Martin.

WORST SPORT: Ron Galicia, who quit VERTIGO back in '86 because I didn't print all 28 handwritten pages of press of his in one season. I was working 85 hours a week at the time. Thanks for the understanding, asshole.

BEST GAME: Mr. Courtemanche might disagree, but 1983HH, "Motown", a Mark Boney win as Turkey in Fall 1916, had it all: good play, great press, give-and-take alliances, ruthlessness. Runnersup: 1982HN (another Boney win), 1984AM (a Rauterberg/Baumeister R/G draw), and Rock Island.

WORST PRINTING: by Kinko's circa 1987. Yecch.

BEST PLACE TO TYPE VERTIGO: My current quarters; comfy, stereo handy, fridge full. No cluttered dorm room or sterile computer lab, this.

WORST PLAYER: The guy in 1982HN who dropped out before Spring '01;

Andy Lutz was his name. Dishonorable mention: Galicia, R.J. Budway.

BEST SUBZINE: We've had a couple, but Dave Perlautter's Extremism in the Defense of Liberty is the best by far.

BEST BEVERAGE TO TYPE TO: Coca-Cola. Runnersup: Schmidt's Beer.

BEST LETTERWRITER: A tough call. Jack McHugh's epistles have been spunky and clever; David Hood's hobby-issues letters clear and concise, but not dull; Mark Berch's pompous puffery hilarious (unintentionally, of course); Konrad Baumeister's gems are rare, but funny and incisive; and Dick Martin's anti-Linsey stuff classic feuding. But, in the end, we'll give Best letterwriter to the unpredictable and jazzy **WORDSMITHS UNLIMITED**.

WORST GMed GAME: I screwed up ORANGE BOWL big-time...

BEST TRADE: The longest-lived is, I think, with either Jim Burgess or Don Del Grande, both of which I've enjoyed a lot.

BEST PRESS: Most press would be Steve Courtemanche again; but as far as best goes, ~~thmmmm~~. As Steve's good friends have said, we have McHugh, Neuger, Carl Russell, Rich Delzer, Bernie Oaklyn, Baumeister, and Steve Cooley; but the **BEST** is relative newcomer **PAUL BOLDUC**.

WORST PRESS: Galicia's 28-page glop.

BEST FEUD: me vs. Linsev. I had fun with it; wasn't it hilarious to get 20-page responses in your mailbox? What a goof BRUX was.

BEST VERTIGO characters (i.e., people without whom the zine would have been dull, dull, dull): 1. Ted "Swizzle" Stick. Thanks Ted! 2. Konrad Baumeister; 3. Jack McHugh; 4. Bruce Linsey; 5. Jim Neuger.

BEST PLAYER: Mark Boney. Two games, two wins. Not bad. Honorable Mention: John Crosby (2 wins), Bob Acheson (a win), Baumeister (2-way draw, inspired tactics in 1983HH), Tom KKobrin (a win).

PAST SUBBERS I WISH I STILL HAD: Carl Russell, Al Pearson, Bernie Oaklyn, Paul Rauterberg, Mark Frueh.

BEST SUBBERS: All of you who have done so much to make this so much fun over the years; thanks to all of you!

MUSIC: We have always tried to give our readers a taste of our all-over-the-map musical tastes. We've wanted to present new music to whether that be esoteric rock, jazz, rap, funk, folk, classical, blues, or country. Some of our favorite musicians over 100 issues dating back to August 31, 1982 have been: Prince, Birdsongs of the Mesozoic, Bruce Springsteen, Wynton Marsalis, Randy Travis, Genesis, Parliament-Funkadelic, Miles Davis, Billy Joel, Charles Ives, Run-DMC, Albert Collins, Steely Dan, ZZ Top, Richard Thompson, Cecil Taylor, and X. Those old favorites and many others, plus new ones, will continue to be a big part of VERTIGO. As always, your musical discussions are welcome! A special thanks to Paul Gardner, Konrad Baumeister, Dick Martin, Jim Burgess, and Rich Delzer for their contributions in this area over the years.

POLITICS (REAL WORLD): As our masthead notes, we have always been Republicans here at VERTIGO, and conservative one at that. But we've changed; in 1982, we were pretty party-line GOPers. Now, disillusioned by the co-opting of Reagan's conservative revolution by statist, big-government Republicans like George Bush, we've drifted towards libertarianism, a belief first and foremost that individual liberty should be the keystone on which to rest a political philosophy. In 1982, our "big" issues were defence and foreign policy; now, they're taxation, individual liberty, and social policy. Still, we'll always stand for liberty, freedom, small government, non-activist judges, and the resistance of tyranny and the promotion of freedom abroad and against statism, socialism, isolationism, pacifism, and liberalism. Thanks to Jack McHugh, Jim Neuger, Konrad Baumeister, Mark Lew, and Wordsmiths Unlimited for their contributions on this topic.

POLITICS (HOBBY): As in "real world" political stuff, there has rarely been much doubt on which side VERTIGO stood in hobby disputes. We've always opposed the efforts of the Hobby Illuminati -- the Linsey-Berch-Peery clique and its allies -- to control the hobby. We've consistently stood up for the average hobby member in disputes over DipCon and the Runestone Poll. Given that people like the Carusos, Martins, and Robert Sacks have always been our friend, we've stood by them against the slurs, slanders, and lies coming from the other side. But as hobby tensions cool, and the so-called "Great Feud" withers, VERTIGO will, perhaps, change its focus on hobby issues. Don't expect much change, though, in our feisty, aggressive style or our willingness to dress down those who need it. And we'll always be looking out for the little guy. Special thanks to Dick Martin, Jack McHugh, David Hood, Robert Sacks, Chris Carrier, Paul Gardner, and of course Bruce Linsey for their contributions on this topic.

SPORTS: Since we make our living on the sporting beat, sports has and always will be a part of VERTIGO, much to Tom Swider's dismay. Perhaps best known for college basketball, LaSalle in particular, VERTIGO will continue its focus on the great game of college hoops and pray that the NCAA doesn't screw it up. Baseball, too, has a special place in our hearts here, and look for baseball talk, with emphasis on our Phillies and White Sox, to keep right on hopping. Ice hockey is perhaps #3 on our sports list; more hockey talk is welcome. Other sports like football, track, horse racing, tennis, and golf will also continue to be part of our sports chat. Athletic types like Jack McHugh, Bob Achecon, Ed Wrobel, Jim Burgess, Bruce Reiff, and Cal White have livened up our sports commentary.

MISCELLANY: While the above four topics have probably accounted for most discussion in VERTIGO, we'll still touch on the "spirited" life, through Ted "Swizzle" Stick (as Bruce Geryk once said, "Any zine that has a section dedicated to alcohol abuse is worth a look."); humor will always figure here, more, I hope, than of late; gaming in

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general (board games, war games, etc.) has been a topic we've explored (thanks, largely, to Don Del Grande and Wordsmiths Unlimited) and will keep doing so; I love writing Con reviews; and lookk for personal stuff, too.

THE FUTURE: Bright. We don't expect to be going under anytime soon, although I'd like to cut down on the size of issues by coming out more frequently. Our games will continue; unlike many zines entering their ninth year, games won't be de-emphasized. I always want to be running 5-6-7 games, and never a game fee! I'd like to attract some new blood, but keep all of you delightful people. Look, maybe, for more of my writing, less commentary, and more timely issues.

Or maybe not. VERTIGO's always been a little unpredictable, and I expect that will continue. Or maybe not...

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FROM THE CONTINENT (well, ISLAND)

by J.G. Neuger, European Editor

Oxford, March 2, 1990

WHO'S IN, WHO'S OUT: EUROPE 1990

IN: American cuisine. McDonald's opens on Red Square, good news for Soviet gourmets and starving Cessna pilots alike.

OUT: Mrs. Thatcher. Having maneuvered Britain onto the European sidelines, she now does the same number on herself.

IN: German. The old joke had it that the optimists were learning Russian and the pessimists Chinese, but now everyone is learning German--in East-Central Europe, at any rate.

OUT: G.H.W. Bush. Presumed American president, last seen beering it up on the Rhine.

IN: Naiveté. Can you fiat a functioning democracy, free-market economy and respect for human rights? Just ask any Pole, Rumanian, Lithuanian, etc.

OUT: Italy. With the World Cup going on there this summer, Italy is one place to omit from your travel plans. Soccer--yuck.

IN: Ivana Trump. You want my advice? Go back to Czechoslovakia.

OUT: Asbestos. Building material used by the First (and Last) German State of Workers and Peasants for such edifices as the Anti-Fascist Protective Wall (currently on sale in the U.S. for \$14.99 a chunk).

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Welcome to FIM, the #1 roving subzine in the world today. There are problems that are usually associated with #1. But those problems don't effect me. You see when you're the best, you don't worry about the rest. Besides, there are no other rovers out there.

This issue will be appearing in VERTIGO #100. I missed LIFE OF MONTE, er A DULL MIND AND A CROOKED KNIFE (I can't keep up with all of these name changes for zines that these pubbers keep going thru- what is this Don, name change number 7 or 8?) issue #100. Actually, I intended to send a FIM to Don anyway, but didn't know what the name of his zine would be. VERTIGO is one of my favorite places to visit. KK is another. FIAT BELLEM and REBEL are 2 more.

This issue of FIM has its own theme. Maybe some of you have been reading how Flap Jack McHugh has been needlessly and viciously assaulting me in just about every zine he gets (he gets 3). Well its time for me to respond to him.

Flap Jack has challenged me to a slamming contest. I don't know if I can handle this. I mean, Jack is kind of heavy to try to slam. And I haven't been eating my Wheaties lately. Tho I'd probably need the use of a fork lift or crane to help me flip the Flapper.

Seriously tho, any competition with Flap Jack is no contest at all. I mean when he plays dip, he submits orders for the wrong country and therefore all of his units hold. Or he NMRs every 3rd turn, giving his neighbors first come first served freebees. Add to that the fact that I'm a wimp and if he slams me, I'll get the sympathy vote.

I've been asked by a few friends if I really want to risk getting into a slamming contest with Flap Jack. They point out his track record in such events to me. Linsey and Sacks are gone, Swider and Williams have had prolonged delays, Peery has flown the DW coop, why he has almost driven himself out of Dipdom. Dare I risk it? You bet I'll risk it. I'm not afraid of Flap Jack. I'm not afraid of anything, except a sexy young girl.

Flap Jack has a motto that he lives by. "You think it is tough being you. Imagine if you had to be me."

Flap Jack recently started a new job. He called me up about 18 times, or was it 1 call that lasted for 18 days. He was so excited that he had to share his new fortune with someone. He tells me his new job is as a road tester for FORD (you know, fix or repair daily) for their new bumpers, to examine and see if they can withstand headon collisions at 100MPH. Then he explains what his job involves- he stands in the middle of a parking lot and the car is driven up to 100MPH and driven right into him. This figures. This is just the type of job Flap Jack would take. He told me the pay was good and the medical coverage excellent. It better be. Flap Jacks 1st road test is tomorrow.

I remember Flap Jacks previous job very well. He told me all about that too. In fact, in the 7 billion phone calls he's made to our house, there isn't much Flap Jack hasn't talked about. I mean, he's a world of misinformation. Anyway, he told me about his job interview and how the guy hiring him was a jerk. The interviewer for the Montgomery County Times would ask what line of work are you seeking, and Flap would respond writing. He'd say he knew that, but in what field, and Flap would say left field. So the guy asked if Flap knew about baseball, and Flap said that not only was he an expert on baseball, football, basketball, wrestling, boxing, horse racing, hockey, soccer, winter sports, track and field, softball, volley ball, water polo, polo, hopscotch, and countless other important sporting events, but he was a master at golf. That was great, the newspaper needed a golf expert. So the editor asked do you have a handicap. Flap Jack replied that he couldn't walk and chew bubble gum at the same time. The editor said no, he meant what does Flap Jack shoot. Flap said nothing, the state won't give me a gun license. The editor really started to get frustrated and asked if Flap Jack played golf, and Flap said "Yes its my favorite game. I told you before, I'm an expert at golf." The editor was really frustrated after the last exchange but

decided to take a chance on Flap Jack anyway but he warned him "Flap Jack, if you screw up it'll mean your head." To which Flap Jack replied "What Head?"

Flap Jack's Copy Editor never cared too much for Flap Jack's work. he always seemed to have to rewrite Flap Jack's work. I mean how many times can a newspaper run a story such as "See spot run" or "Jack and Jill went up a hill".

Flap Jack made many friends at the newspaper. He met Linda Courtemanche and Brad Wilson. Brad also worked sports. In fact, Brad was the Chief Sports Editor. He assigned Flap sporting events but never proof-read Flap Jack's material. Linda was sort of like the Jessica Fletcher of the newspaper. She wrote about dead people.

Anyway, 1 day Brad decided to send Flap Jack to a sporting event and told him to go to 4th & Main on June 23 to cover Broad Street vs Julie-O. Flap Jack said let me get this straight, you want me to go to 23rd and Braod on July 4th to cover Juno vs Main? Brad said "Forget it I'll do it myself. Why don't you see if there's a local high school basketball game that you could watch." Flap Jack comes back a minute later and says "Nope, nothing on TV." Brad says "Never mind that. See if you can straighten out around here." To which Flap Jack replies "Place looks fine to me." And you wonder why he didn't last long there.

Flap Jack used to think he could get by on his looks, intelligence and personality. Then someone informed him that you have to have at least 1 of them to get somewhere. Flap Jack, in front of a room full of people said that he exceeds in all 3. To which the room full of people vomited their brains out. Flap Jack replied " You see, I'm right. People are losing their heads over how great I am." Doesn't he sound as modest as a French Rev. official?

Flap Jack tried his hand at wrestling. But the pro's told him that he was so full of hot air that he'd probably float away.

Flap Jack also tried the hotair balloon business. He'd inflate hot air balloons for a fee, without heat or helium. He'd just place his mouth on the valve and blow. One balloon was last seen with an ear to ear grin.

Flap Jack was only stopped once by a policeman. The cop tried to give Flap Jack a breathalizer test. It was only after Flap Jack ate the breathalizer did the cop realize what Flap Jacks problem was. It wasn't booze or drugs. It was with Flap Jack. The cop passed the word around to never stop Flap Jack again. "Who knows," the cop said, "next he might eat a squad car."

Flap Jack once was hit in the head with a fire hose. He picked it up and started blowing that up too.

When Flap Jack was a young teen, he always said that he wanted to grow up to be just like his idol Elvis Presley. "I want to be dead and make millions of dollars" he'd tell his schoolhood chums David Perlmutter and David Hood. (Hood as a kid always wanted to control a Dipcon, and Perlmutter always wanted to run peoples lives, but this isn't about them. Yet!)

I'm not sure when I'm going to have the time to get involved in a slamming contest with old rust belly Flap Jack McHugh. It takes time to do something like that, and I just don't have the time to slam someone when I am barely able to find the time to do an entertaining subzine.

Before I go, let me announce that the PDORA is underway. You can send me a description of items you'd like to donate, and any minimum price or poastage charge. The due date for getting the data to me is May 26th. The booklet with the auction item will be out sometime in the following week. John Caruso 636 Astor St Norristown,Pa.19401.

I guess thats it for this issue of FIM. Take care and remember to always have fun 1st, despite Flap jack McHugh.....





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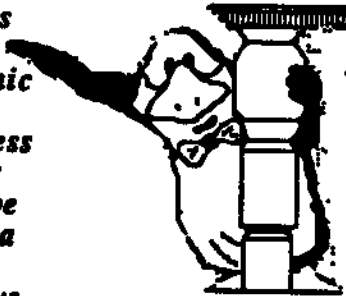
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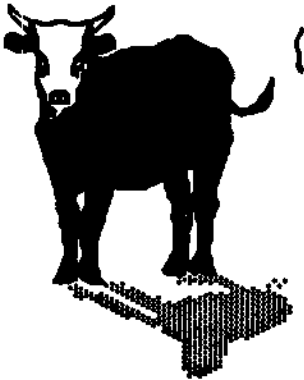
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--Jyrgen the Cow*



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RARA AVIS

(the VERTIGO letter column)

from DON WILLIAMS (no date: excerpts)

...Enjoyed #98...you have a very wild and eclectic publication, and VERTIGO is a highly apropos title. (Your readers profile must stagger the imagination...)

((Mild? MILD? That's a new one. Usually we're called vicious, hateful, nasty, feudish, hostile, etc. Thnks, I guess. Eclectic I'll buy. And readers like McHugh, Wrobel, PAul Kenny, Kathy Caruso, and the Courtemanches would stagger any imagination! Speaking of stagger, there's always Ted...))

from BOB ACHESON (no date)

I see LaSalle just got bounced by Clemson. Revise my hockey picks--Devils get Statsny, they'll make the playoffs; Flyers to miss. Last week my Leafs beat the Oilers in the Gardens--we're awesome!

((You bastard, you. You were the ONLY person to call or write about my beloved Explorers losing! The ONLY one! Did I write you when your Dead Leafs did an el-foldo in the first round? No! Humph. And then the bit about the Flyers. LaSalle will rise again! The Flyers will rise again! And the Oilers will win the Cup! (You deserve that!))

from DICK MARTIN (4-15)

Best of 1989: XTC, ORANGES AND LEMONS; Randy Newman, LAND OF DREAMS; ((Fine Young)) Cannibals, RAW AND COOKED. Album of the Year- B-52s, COSMIC THING. Disappointment of the Year-The Hooters, ZIG ZAG. Mye of the Year-Rolling Stones, STEEL WHEELS.

((Yeah, the Hooters was lousy. They need to get back to their roots and forget this overproduced pop shit. More ska-ish sounds would be good, but Columbia won't want that. ANothder good band ruined by a big label. To me, their first LP, AMORE, plus the single "Rescue Me", is their best work.

I loike XTC, but not as much as you do: can't say why, exactly. They've never grabbed me, I guess. That can change; REM never did much for me before "Can't Get There From Here." Wasn't the Newman 1989? It was super, though, especially "Dixie Flyer." B-52s rule. That Stines disc wasn't bad, you know. Better than 70% of the stuff out there. Thnaks for writing; stay in touch!))

from TOM MAINARDI (2-21)

...I enjoyed the lively letter column. I especially liked Fred Davis's comments. What a wacko! I can't believe that he can actually defend Chris Carrier and the things that he says.

I've only seen one issue of The MegaDiplomat and that was enough. Tom Nash doesn't even list Carrier's address in the Zine Register, so that should say something of his reputation.

And Davis is friends with this "utter creep!" I guess that it's good that Fred is folding ((Bushwacker)). I think that it's finally really happening-Fred's mind is starting to go.

Keep up the good job in VERTIGO.

((Geez, Tom, just when I say I might be a little less contentious about the Dark Side, then you take off after Fred.

Davis and Carrier are friends for one reason only: they both despise Robert Sacks. Otherwise, Davis wouldn't go near Carrier; Chris rips Larry Peery every chance he gets, and Fred and Peery are old friends. But the hatred of Sacks makes for strange bedfellows, I n guess. By the way, while I don't agree with Davis that often on

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hobby issues--especially about Carrier--but BUSH will be missed, because Fred ran variants no one else would touch. Hope somebody steps up to take Fred's place in the variant hobby.))

from JOHN CARUSO (2-14)

Congrats on being named MNC/nc. Good luck with the job.

I rec'd an advanced copy of some of the changes Eric Brosius plans to make with the poll. I wish you'd give him a fair chance. It appears he's heading in the right direction. I don't agree with all of what he is planning on doing, but at least he is receptive to ideas from others.

I wish you'd refrain from calling Eric a toady. He might not be anybody's toady, except mine.

Re-DipCon. Most of your exchange with David Hood was a waste of space. David's main point about the selection process was on the mark, however. Being there in person gave him the edge over Robert Sacks' bids.

I heard the same stories you did, Brad, about behind-the-scenes campaigning for David's bid by a couple of prominent people prior to the meeting. However, I don't feel that was bid-rigging. But I do feel an unfair picture was painted of a Sacks Con.

What I'd like to know is where did David Hood get this silly notion that PBM players can play a better game than FTF players? When we're at a Con, we're all FTF players. And before we were postal players, most of us were just FTF players. I'm sure even David falls into that category. What postal players have in an FTF tournament is an acquaintance and comradeship advantage from knowing each other thru the mails. In a FTF game, with a few FTF-only players, that can be a decided edge for the postal players.

Brad, I'm not sure why you keep harping on Edi Birsan. So he has money and the time to travel. He could theoretically make any Con. And the 1989 scoring system wasn't his fault. He was as much a victim of it as anyone else. His only crime was winning the tournament, embarrassingly by not having the best Dip score but because of how the flawed system worked.

Balt-DC is a much more central location to hold an East Coast Tournament. It's approx. halfway between NC & NE.

I'm still not in favor of proxy voting. In 1984, approx. 80 showed up for DipCon ((in Texas)) not 30.

The print quality last issue was really poor. Is there anything you can do? Change my hockey pick to Isles. I never expected them to get it together this year. In college hoops--St. John's; I'm still a New Yorker.

It's interesting that you should mention if 2 people only attend a DipCon and have fun that it should be a success. This happened a few years ago when only 3 people showed up at a Con--Bruce Linsey, Mark Berch, and Fred Davis. No games were played but they ran in their zines how much of a success the Con was. Berch sent out a souvenir booklet to all (3) attendees, Davis wrote about the meeting and all the Charter amendmenst that passed, and Linsey wrote a 350-page review of the entire weekend's events. I wish they'd have invited me to their successful Con.

((Boy, you're right. Sounds like a blast! Why didn't Peery go?

Back to the top of your letter. I'll agree that Eric's listening to others is a major plus; the previous pollster thought he knew everything 'twas to be known about the poll. But until the negative aspect of the poll is changed, I won't support it. That would mean fundamentally altering the polling method, of course. Won't happen.

You can be sure anything Davis and Peery and Co. said about Sacks was unfair.

MORE FROM JAWN

((I'm not sure David was saying FTF players aren't as good as PBM players, but if he did, he's wrong. Just look at the Baltimore mob of Frank Jones, Jim Yerkey, Bill Thompson, Dan Mathias, etc. Better players you'll not find anywhere.

My only point about Birsan is that his arguments in favor of a Dip-only con come from a perspective few hobbyists have--the ability to travel anywhere, regardless of cost.

Isles? St. John's? Guess you're picking the Mets, too, right? As for the print quality, it'll be better this time. I think.))

from ED WROBEL (2-28)

...I must object to your implication that my biorhythms could be late! No way! My biorhythms are right on time!

((Better than VERTIGO's, obviously.))

from DON DEL GRANDE (2-27)

How did Cal get ranked below UCLA? And I think UNLV can make it to the Final Four. (Write letters to Shawnee Mission, KS: Seed the Final Four! Seed the Final Four!)

Still waiting for DAYS OF DECISION: 5th ed. rules for WORLD IN FLAMES "due in August".

((Knowing game companies, that could be August 1991. I'd still like to play that sometime. Coming east soon?

As for Cal, they're ranked below UCLA because the Bruins are a better team. Cal looked yukky against Clemson when I saw them, although Cal's well-coached. But UCLA was a better team, I think. Seed the Final Four? Sure, but how? By each team's seeding in the Regional? Overall records? How? How would you have seeded this year's? In what order? Tough call, eh? I think the NCAA does a lousy job of seeding the Regionals, for that matter. Providence a 9th seed? Give me a large break.))

from PHIL REYNOLDS (2-20)

About gun control...Here's my typical liberal knee-jerk utopianistic (i.e., unrealistic) response to some of the letters you've been printing recently. I think there are three basic classes of guns: handguns, military assault weapons, and rifles/shotguns. In my opinion, all handguns should be outlawed. Their only purpose, when it comes right down to it, is to threaten or hurt people. Make it illegal to possess one. That way we can catch the bad guys red-handed and stick them in the pokey for a good stretch. Of course, that means more prisons and overcrowding in the ones already existing. Ultimately we have to get back to educating people that guns should not be put in the hands of the common public. Let so-called "specialists" (i.e., the law & military) use them. Military weapons (machine guns, assault rifles, etc.) should carry a penalty more severe than handguns and should only be used by the military. Rifles and shotguns should be available to hunters that are actually going to use their kill for food, hides, etc. but not for the "weekend sportsman." In general, people have too much of an unnecessary preoccupation with guns. Such can only lead to more violence and more loss of life. Yes, I know such a plan won't be easy to implement, but given time and commitment, anything can be accomplished. We need to become a gentler, kinder America. (Eek! Me quoting George Bush?!)

((You're right: your ideas are unrealistic. Other than ignorance of the Second Amendment to the Constitution (why is it that liberals love the 1st, 5th, and 8th amendments and forget the others, anyway?) there are a few problems. Handguns: gee, banning handguns is

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really going to make the street punks turn theirs in. As the NRA says, when guns are outlawed only outlaws will have guns. Yes, handguns threaten people. If I hear some thug trying to break into my apartment, I want to threaten him, and threaten him effectively. A staple gun won't cut it, either. Phil, there are millions of people in our cities who depend on handguns for protection. Assault rifles? I'll let Phil Geusz defend them. And why shouldn't the "weekend sportsman" be able to take his 30/30, go bag a few ducks, and have a trophy or a dinner? Because it makes liberals like you uncomfortable? Sorry, it don't wash. There are a lot of things liberals do that make me uncomfortable, but I don't suggest banning them.))

from MARK LEW (no date)

Sen Humphrey is too much into right-wing social morality things (notably abortion) for my taste, but I have to admire his willingness to stand up against popular issues when they're really just a bunch of political bullshit. Besides, with Proxmire gone, he's the only one in the senate who will just say no to wasting public money.

Oh by the way, the "dishonorable mention" on your list whom I like is Jim Leach. Presumably you don't like him because he always abandons the party on foreign policy (notably Central America) and social issues, but I rather like that. And besides, he's another tightwad. Stinginess is admirable (but rare, alas) in a member of congress. (I could do without that raspy voice, though.)

If your main reason for being moderately pro-life is because you dislike radical feminists, etc., perhaps you're willing to switch over, now that so many more normal people are calling themselves pro-choice.

I'm not a big fan of desktop publishing. All that cutesy stuff doesn't impress me, and I much prefer the straight-text type of zeen. I don't mind dot-matrix type and I don't even mind your frequent typos. But illegibility is a pain in the ass. Please change your printer ribbon more often.

Humphrey is the last of that near-extinct species, the flinty New England Yankee. Now all New England produces are nerds (Dukakis), wimps (Jeffords, Boland, O'Neill), geys (Frank, Studds), and Sandalistas (Kerry, that lefty Rep from Connecticut, Dodd). Sad.

Leach, when he's being a Republican, is OK. But I dislike his pandering to the Democratic left. Thank you, Jim, but let's keep those crazies off our ranch, please. Let them cause trouble for the Democrats. By the way, I have a new position on abortion: I DON'T CARE! I may be the only voter who thinks that way, but so be it. I want to hear about taxes, spending, foreign policy, welfare, crime, etc, not abortion.

My printing problems have nothing to do with my printer ribbon. Please try again.))

from ERIC BROSIUS (2-16)

...I nominate you for the Boo Acheson Memorial "You mean the price is supposed to include postage too?" award for zine bargains.

...Are you looking for baseball picks? I say the lawyers will win it all this year.

I see Dave Perlmutter has "Ancient Art of Sea" for his Mac. Good luck on being MNC/uc; should I send you money for a LoH sub or si there a carryover? 'Tis the season to be Julie," Brad. Isn't there a song that goes like that?

((Sort of. I'd rather be Dick, though, because...well, never mind. One of these days we'll raise the price of this rag but then people would expect on-time issues. Yuck. Your baseball prediction might come true; Mark Soney's team in our fantasy league is the

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Philadelphia Lawyers and they're defending champs, and doing quite well this year, thank you. Your LOH sub is OK, by the way.))
from CAL WHITE (2-20)

Dear Brad: Welcher! You broke our agreement! Vertigo #98 got here UNSTAPLED! See if I fold any more of your Northern Flames!

But seriously, here's something for Rara Avis.

Since the same debate over DipCon site selection that's going on in Northern Flame seems to be raging here, here's a summary of the system that John Caruso proposed in NF #17. I'm also including the modifications that I made as well.

Circular rotation: the current regions of East, Great Lakes, Midwest and West would be changed to 1- East, 2- Midwest, 3- West, & 4- South. The resultant circular motion would ensure that voting for next year's DipCon would always be held in an adjacent region (I won't ask you to reprint the maps from NF since the redefining of boundaries would still be up in the air...the redefining that is, not the boundaries...)

Proxy Voting: (I should mention that John is against proxy voting, and devised a system only to show how it could be done) Allow people to vote by mail if they have attended a DipCon in the last three years. Names and addresses could be gathered at each DipCon. This would allow the FTF community a voice. These "mail-in" votes would be added to the "live" vote at each DipCon General Meeting.

Proxy Officer: The P.O. would collect up written presentations from each bidder a set time in advance (3/4 months?). He would then make copies of the bids and mail them out to all people on the "master list" of attendees to the last three DipCons. He would also send out an "official" ballot for use by the voters. After the deadline date (1 month before DipCon?), he would check each ballot for eligibility and then tally up the votes. This total would be sent out to members of the DipCon committee (unless the P.O. was going to attend himself) who would add it to the official "live" vote at DipCon.

It has been suggested that a \$1 fee to vote could be used to help finance the Proxy Officer's postage costs.

Other possibilities for discussion: ^{REGIONAL BOUNDARIES,} how to pick the P.O.?; should proxy votes count as half?; how long should be allowed for voting? I'm sure other points can (and will) be raised. I hope to raise this topic at DipCon and I'd welcome any suggestions..

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I'm enclosing an article from the Toronto Star on gun control laws in Canada. At the risk of being selective, I'd like to point out one statistic that may be of interest: you are 40 times more likely to be gunned down in the street in the U.S. (little or no gun control) than you are in Canada (moderately tough gun control). In Washington, DC there were 59.5 murders per 100,000 in 1987. Here in sunny Toronto, there were 2.4 murders per 100,000. And our gun control laws are mild compared with Japan or Great Britain.

12 Care to make any bets on the baseball "lock-out" NOT chopping off any of the regular season? Spring training doesn't have a TV contract and the gates are small. Players can get into shape on their own, so spring training is, to all intents and purposes, useless. Management knows this so they are using the lock-out to make their point (as wrong and as pig-headed as it may be!), but they know better than to shoot themselves in the foot. Prediction: the lock-out ends no later than one week into the season. You heard it here first. By the way, the Blue Jays close out 1990 with a three game road trip in Boston. This series will decide the AL East. You heard that here first too.

With apologies to Fred Hyatt, John Caruso's been into the funny smoke again if he thinks that the Devils will win the Cup. They may not even make the playoffs! It'll be the winner of the Boston/Montreal series beating Calgary (or JUST MAYBE Toronto).

No comments on Comiskey, having never been there, but I was quite saddened to hear that Tiger Stadium may be torn down. I had the pleasure of seeing the Tigers play the Royals on a Saturday/Sunday a couple of years ago and left the park thoroughly enchanted with it (mind you, I only had Toronto's Inhibition Stadium and a bleacher seat in Cincinnati to compare it with). Baseball will lose a lot when it goes.

I'm not necessarily a student of the American Civil War, but I've been to Gettysburg three times and Vicksburg once. I recommend these parks to all visitors. Are Lexington and Concord similar in layout? ie: are they laid out for car tours? If so, I'll have to get there some day.

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Generally, I agree with both the site rotation and proxy voting amendments that you've concocted and I hope they both pass at DipCon. Fred Davis' four-region plan (Northeast, Central, West, South) makes a lot of sense. By making the South Region IV and the Northeast Region I, it helps to ensure that Easterners should have some say in where their DipCon will be. It also recognizes the growing South in the hobby. Will a Florida DipCon be far behind? And it scraps the useless Region III, the jackrabbits-only area, that rarely can host a DipCon successfully.

Cal's Proxy-Voting idea uses the concept of serial numbers on the ballots to prevent fraud and an officer to mail and count a ballots. It makes sense, is do-able, and will allow those who can't travel to faraway sites a voice. May both these ideas pass and my thanks to Cal and Fred for their hard work and time put in drawing them up. VOTE YES!

Yes, yes, you Canadians have a wonderful society, no crime, no guns, no pollution, no murders. So why does Quebec want to leave it? More to the point, why don't the rest of you let the Quebecers go and get on with things as an English-speaking nation? We don't have Language Police here (although if the liberals get their way, we might have Se Habla Espanol police about).

You were right about the lockout. We should have known better than to think the owners would pass up money! You're also right about the Toronto-Boston series. When Boston sweeps the Jays, it will decide the AL East in favor of...Milwaukee.

Calgary? Oops. Wrong city in Alberta. Having been to Tiger Stadium, I agree it'd be a real loss. The old parks are gems; treasure

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them while they last! Maybe the new ones in Chicago and Baltimore will be as good, as old-timey as predicted. I hope so. Meanwhile, I intend to spend a week in Chicago in August watching my (maybe pennant-contending, God, could it be?) White Sox in grand old Comiskey.)
from DAVID HOOD (2-16)

...I appreciate your general fairness in dealing with my earlier letter about DipCon. With any luck we can have a sensible debate on these issues without falling into the feud trap.

I just hope now that Perlmutter's disclosed my true identity I will still be able to attract people to the Con. Nazi ties don't do a whole lot for you in Con publicity...

Between the comments of you and John Caruso here and in NF I think several logical points have been made in favor of both a mail-voting system and a change in the region makeup. I believe Fred Davis has also come out in favor of both ideas, and is interested in crafting DipCon Charter amendments to that effect if no one else is willing to. You and John should try to come up with a proposed set of amendments, or maybe work with Fred to get a general consensus Amendment.

As I have said before, all bids for 1991 are "friendly" bids as far as I am concerned. I recognize the concern over the lack of a Northeast Con in the last 8 years, and have no objections to having a DipCon in Baltimore or anywhere else. My point was simply that your needs up there do not translate into a "right" to a DipCon that I should have deferred to rather than bid for Chapel Hill. I traveled 7 1/2 hours to get to the 1986 DipCon, and don't see why I should have bowed out of the bidding due to the needs of those in New York. I would have been quite content to see one of Sacks' bids as the winner assuming that the merits thereof had defeated DixieCon in a fair fight. I know you feel that the 1989 DipCon was not a fair fight, but I challenge you to put forth real evidence that the voting was biased. Just because you think the DipCon Society got it wrong (and I admit a reasonable person can hold that position) does not mean that the process was unfair.

One quick point about DipCon fees. I agree with John Caruso that the \$25 figure is too high, and have decided that the fee will be \$20 for people whether they pre-register or not. In addition, if I find out that the proceeds greatly exceed my assets I intend to reimburse participants on a per capita basis. Fair enough? Fact is, publicity costs are damned high for DipCon (not to mention the added costs for World DipCon) so that fees charged for a normal tournament are really too low to reimburse me.

At any rate (play on words there) I want to comment also on this "neutrality" thing. I generally agree that people perceive me as slightly leaning towards Peery/Berch (who I don't really know) but I really don't know why. Julie Martin complained about me attacking her but I don't know to what she is referring. My goal in hobby disputes has always been to debate the issues rather than the personalities, and if I have ever strayed from that ideal it has been unintentional.

OK, you're now officially not a "Sacks toady"...

On DW. Larry and I have had considerable disagreements in our negotiations so far, but I believe an agreement will be reached soon. As a teaser on what is to come, let me leak a couple of things--my first issue of DW will look and read totally different from the current DW, and will likely go out en masse to nearly EVERY HOBBYIST IN NORTH AMERICA FOR FREE. And, the price of a subscription will certainly be cut by 33%, possibly a little more. Finally, the Hood DW will contain no "editorials" about any hobby issue. There may be a promotional flyer available at DipCon describing this new and improved

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NEW WORLD FOR LARRY PEERY EGO WORLD?

DW. Hope to see you here, and would appreciate any ideas you have about DW while you are here.

(I'll be there, via Cal White Taxi Co. I liked the time I spent in Chapel Hill, and I have friends there, too. Ought to be a fun weekend.

You certainly seem to be on the right track with Larry Peery Ego, er, Diplomacy World. My big gripe, outside of Peery, about it for years is the cost; glad to see you're addressing that. Your bill for your first issue is going to be staggering, though. You should open a S&L to help pay for it. The sooner you get it, the better.

In hobby politics, as you should know, there are times where the personalities are the issues. Linsey, the Bad Boys, etc. are all examples. And people see you with Peery/Berch because that's who you generally agree with. A goose that flies with ducks is going to be called a duck, even it isn't one.

I think you should charge whatever you need to to cover your costs for DipCon; if it's \$25, fine. There's no reason for you to go into debt. I have a major problem with costs for WORLD DipCon driving up costs for North Americans. I don't give a damn about World DipCon. If it costs so much to attract foreigners, charge them an extra "World DipCon fee". Why should our national championship be more expensive to attract a handful for overseas globetrotters?

See Jack McHugh's letter on the "friendly" issue. I can't prove San Diego was biased, but anything Peery runs I suspect automatically. And people have told me a lot of talking went on behind the scenes.))

from JAMES WALL (2-9)

I was glad to see that you do indeed support the Supreme Court's flag-burning decision. I share resentment of those who mock the values my nation stands for but to forbid people to express their outrage is a much greater evil--in my humble opinion.

I think Bush sucks raw eggs and I sincerely doubt I will support his reelection effort--it would take a Democratic nominee along the lines of manslaughtered Kennedy, or America's premier racist Jesse Jackson to make me pull the GOP lever for President. Bush has no respect for the Bill of Rights at all in my opinion. When Bill Bennett can stare into cameras and state that some civil liberties may have to take a back seat in order to win the "War on Drugs" I keep envisioning swastikas on Pennsylvania Ave.. Bush's support of the Flag burning amendment merely confirms the pattern and his lack of solid political values. He is a public opinion whore. The clincher though is his coddling of the Butchers of Beijing. I will never forgive him for that veto. While the Communist world struggles to gain basic political and social rights, our glorious President is leading the charge to suppress the rights of American citizens and averts his eyes while students are slaughtered protesting authoritarian rule in China. (Kasten Wisconsin's GOP Senator voted to override the veto, Heinz and Specter both supported the hypocritical veto).

While I'm supportive of toppling Noreiga, we have no legal right or authority to seize non-nationals and bring them back to the United States for trial. Our laws apply in our borders, period. Now we get to waste literally millions of dollars prosecuting a worthless trial which will not be open to the public and is likely to prove more damaging than not, all in the name of bolstering Bush's public image and to propogandize the War on the Bill of Rights, er I mean Drugs. I guess I vote Libertarian in 1992. I can't believe any GOP officeholder can so effectively alienate as strong a Republican as me in a little over one year in office.

Sorry for the diatribe but Bush gives me heartburn.

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(Me too. I never liked Bush, never really warmed up to him, and voted for him in 1988 because the alternative was appalling. I did not vote for him in our primary (I wrote in Pete duPont) and, like you, will almost certainly vote Libertarian in '92. He governs, as you imply, by Gallup Poll, and has the guts of a worm. His pandering to the "civil rights" crowd of racists and demagogues that are pushing this new "civil rights" bill that will more or less mandate hiring quotas and codify discrimination against white males makes me ill. But if Bush doesn't sign it, then his poll standings among blacks would drop. Can't have that, can we?

The "War on Drugs" is a joke, more government meddling with our freedoms. And his foreign policy-tough on tinpot types like Noreiga, but soft on China and the head gangster Gorbachev, is cowardice masquerading as courage. Bush is a no-idea, no-innovator do-nothing paper-pusher. I think even Dole might have been better. And now he's starting to fudge on "No New Taxes", about the only worthwhile idea he's had. What a shame...))

from JACK McHUGH (3-24)

Okay, Brad here is the letter that you have been putting me off from writing to you for two months. Just when you thought it was safe to read again....

Re: Phil Geusz and guns from issue #97, yo, Phil where do you live, Berlut? Maybe you should move if your that unpopular that you don't feel safe unless you have enough firepower to stop a platoon of stormtroopers. Don't they have police where you live, or maybe the National Guard?

I don't think that we need more gun control, we should simply make room in the jails to enforce the laws that we have, which are pretty strick, by making more room in the jails. How? Simple, legalize drugs and get the drug dealers out of their so we can put real criminals in their instead.

By the way Phil, I must say I am impressed with the deer that you hunt; five rounds of buckshot and a slug, they must pass out flak vest. Pretty sneaky of them deer. I guess if you don't mind only the head being intact....

As for your "nanny" arguements, Brad, generally I agree with you, but when it comes to guns, I want a 'nanny' government. I simply don't trust most people to carry around deadly force. If I did, I wouldn't need government would I? I believe that most people are basically good, but they just aren't good all the time and I don't want them to have a gun with them when they aren't. The less guns around, the less people who will die from them.

Yes, criminals will still get guns, criminals can get anything, so can anyone who ignores the law, so what do we do, not make laws? Guns also have no other use than killing, knives are dangerous but they do have other uses so I accept them. If people must have guns to shoot animals with fine, make them large and short ranged and non repeating. Okay Phil, so you can adapt yours, fine, I can make a hand grenade from a tin can and the right chemicals, so I should be able to buy one?

Now for the good hobby stuff, regarding David Hood's comments. First of all Dave, I was at the CanCon meeting last year where Doug Acheson stood up the hobby meeting and said, "David Hood has already told me that he would consider a bid from CanCon to be a 'friendly bid'". Now I didn't hear what you said to Doug, but Doug made it sound like you would look favorably on a bid from him, as opposed to other people. After all, if his is 'friendly bid', than their must be other people whose bid you would consider 'unfriendly'? I don't dispute your right to have an opinion on where 1991 Dipcon should be, but as an organizer I think you should at least wait until you've heard all the bids before making a selection. Any opinions that you give, whether you mean it or not, will be taken as the Dipcon's blessing (or curse). People will natural confuse David Hood's private opinion with David Hood's head of the Dipcon committee's opinion.

You also complained about the caliber of play at Atlantic Con, Dave. Well if you think that it is so easy, you come and play on the same board as Jim Yerkey. I've been stuck with him in three games in two years and I'm sick of it-ask Brad. I think we get as good a selection as anyone. In fact, you should come up and show us Yankees how to play if you guys are so good. I'm sure Brad, Tom Swider, Kathy Caruso, and a few others could show you a trick or two-I doubt I would even make the first two or three boards. As Brad can attest, I'm a better pbm player than face-to-face.

I was not convinced at all Dave, by your arguements against voting by mail. Fraud, as Brad has said, isn't really a problem. I really doubt anyone cares enough to stuff the ballot boxes. As for face-to-face gamers, quite frankly I'm sick of hearing about them, they are the catch all of players who will object to whatever we pbmers want to do and since we never hear from them in our hobby, no one can prove it. Look, the amount of face-to-face gamers is usually a reflection of two things: one, how many people live in the area the con is in, and two, how many pbmers live in the area the con is in. As far as I am concerned, FTF are irrelavant. They only show up if they happen to be in the area, they do no work in promoting or putting the con together and won't come if it isn't near them. Just why should we consider their opinions?

As for feuding, that is another hobby buzzword that we like to use to attack people who disagree with us. I and my friends "debate" or "argue", (applause and cheers) people I disagree with and other hobby enemies "feud" (boos and hisses). Disagreements are part of any process, to make no changes because it might start a "feud" (or a fued, as Cathy Ozog says) is to avoid the issue. Feuding is a psudo issue; okay, someone might get out of hand, but they can do that over any issue.

I also agree with you on the most important issue to people when they decide to attend a con, namely money and time. Brad, I think Dave and Mark Lew are missing the point about Q & A and other issues. The bottom line for most people is money and time: can I get the time off to go and can I afford it if I can? Distance to the con sometimes involves both. For example, I can't afford to fly to CanCon financially, but can afford the time, I can afford to drive to CanCon financially, but can't afford the extra time.

As for the vote this year, look Dave I don't think that you knowingly did anything improper, but their were other people there. Who knows what they said before the vote? Also you did mention Sacks' unpopularity in your presentation, or so I heard; I thought that was not a very classy move. I mean, it plants the seed of dislike in the minds of those who don't know Robert and he wasn't there to defend himself.

I also think that Mark Lew made some interesting and telling criticisms of Sacks' presentations at DipCon, he wasn't there and it hurt him. However I think the fact that there was no one who had been to his cons--except for Steve and Linda Courtemanche and Fred Davis (and Fred thinks Sacks is an "utter creep"--no help there)--to say what they were like. So we got a bunch of people who know nothing of the East, NC is as close to Philly as Baltimore is to NYC, etc., etc., don't really care since they probably won't go and they just voted with the con that seems the best organized. They may not care if NJ is closer to Baltimore than NC but we on the East Coast do and we already know.

I am also curious to know, Dave, just why is the preregistration so high? I mean I thought you guys were getting us nothing more than a gaming area?

You made a good point about air conditioning--they didn't have it at CanCon and it was hot and humid. Get it, especially for the rooms, if you can.

LaSalle wasn't ranked higher because of their schedule. If it wasn't for Loyalia and the city series teams they wouldn't have played anyone of any value. Don't forget those two blowout games that we saw, Fairfield and Manhattan.

((Jack, good teams are supposed to blow out bad ones. Why should LaSalle be penalized for beating those teams by 40? They're LaSalle's league, too, so they can hardly avoid playing them. As for good teams, you're forgetting Notre Dame, Ohio State, Florida (with Dwanye Schnitzius and Livingston Chatman), SW Missouri State, and Fresno State, all pretty fair outfits.

But back to the top of your letter. You make an excellent point about enforcing the gun laws we have, and I fully agree about legalizing drugs. Tax them, don't sell them to minors, and go from there. We will, regrettably, never wipe out drugs, and if we try, are bound to fail, as we did with booze. Legalize! Legalize! An interesting group of people--from conservatives like Bill Buckley to Democrats like Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke--have come out in favor of legalization. All I can say is what we are doing now is not working, and it's costing us a fortune; shall we try another approach?

I don't think Phil uses all five rounds of buckshot and a slug in just one deer. Sounds like a waste of ammo...

When we make laws that are not respected and unenforceable--cf. Prohibition, the 55-mile speed limit-- the general respect for all laws diminishes, which is why "tougher" gun laws will be counterproductive. Yes, in this case, don't make any more laws. We have enough laws, thank you. A gun law that is widely flouted is no good at all.

Ah, so the "friendly bid" language now turns out to be true!

NO! NOT YERKEY AGAIN! AAGGGHHH!

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David has said that all bids are "friendly", which may or may not be true. Certainly it's true that the Peery/Berch/Davis axis would agree that not all bids would be friendly if one came from Baltimore, but I'm not sure David automatically would. I agree that David shouldn't be commenting on bids before DipCon, as that could lead to the confusion between and official and personal views that you fear.

As for play at AtlantiCon, I agree that it's excellent. Last year's top board was as good a board as I've ever seen. Between the Baltimore FTfers and the PBMers there, there are a lot of good players. If DipCon was in Baltimore, you'd be adding a lot of good PBMers and some skilled newcomers; it'd really be great. Maybe in '91.

Those who are against mail voting want to keep control of the DipCon site selection in the same elite, country-hopping hands every year. There are enough of them to influence the locals into their choice. These guys are afraid that mail-in voting will allow the average hobby member to have an impact, to cast votes the Hobby Illuminati have no control over. And if that happens, DipCon may go to Sacks, or to a place the Illuminati don't like to vacation in, etc. Mail voting is democracy in action!

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Your comments on feuding are right-on. It's OK for Hood to slam Sacks in San Diego, but it's feuding when we object. It's OK for Fred Davis to call Sacks an "utter creep" but feuding to criticize Peery or Linsey. It'll never change...

I'd sure like to know why DipCon's prereg fee (\$20) is higher than AtlantiCon's (\$14) given that A-Con offers auctions, 24-hour open gaming, a dealer hall, flea markets, much more of a variety of games, demonstrations, seminars, etc. If it's "publicity" for that chimera called "World DipCon", it's a disgrace. If the new rotation system passes, Californians will no longer be voting on where the East's DipCons are. Let's hope it passes. Thanks for writing.)

from CHRIS CARRIER (3-30)

Fred Davis wrote complaining in #98 about your politically lumping us together as BIG GOVERNMENT BUFFS. Fred and I have many Real World political differences; I disapprove of abortion on demand, regard seat belt laws as a gross intrusion into people's personal lives, regard most environmentalists as fearmongering frauds trying to shove a leftist agenda down our throats (see article in MD 22 for more on that subject) voted GOP in the last three Presidential elections, strongly support the death penalty (I'm looking forward to the execution of Robert Harris, first lowlife to be executed in CA since 1967), regard Iran-Contra as 'a neat idea' instead of a scandal, and consider most of our nation's problems, from homelessness to illiteracy to our lack of competitive advantage versus certain foreign nations as being caused by 40 years of liberal control of our nation's public education system. I'm sure Fred would disagree with most if not all of the above opinions I have just mentioned.

You're wrong about my liking "activist Judges." I personally regard certain Federal judicial actions (Garrity in Boston, Sand in Yonkers, NY) to be gross abuse of judicial discretion which led to (or in the Yonkers case, will lead to) the destruction of the very things (Boston schools, Yonkers housing stock) they chose to manipulate. What gave you the impression that I did?

My being pro-life might surprise people who've heard certain jokes aimed at Sacks, Geryk, et al. But consider. To say that a person's mother should have been aborted is a gross insult and not to be taken lightly -- I use it to state that we would be much better off if the proposed abortee had never existed -- which is certainly the case when dealing with individuals who aggravate the conditions of mentally ill people for their own sick fun.

While I do not support abolishing basic social programs set up during the Roosevelt administration, I doubt if I could be considered advocating a "welfare state." These programs used to be called "social insurance" which I think is a better name. The idea behind them is that one pays into the fund and one receives benefits from it in disability, old age, etc... which strikes me as a reasonable protection against destitution. I regard my future eligibility for both social security and a state pension plan as "entitlements" not because I regard them as a basic human right -- I don't -- but because I have paid into the fund and have an entitlement to get money from it if the conditions that would cause me to be eligible came to pass.

I'd be interested to see Sacks defend himself in VERTIGO in regards his totally disgusting conduct in re Hopcroft. As to his starting the Nazi comparisons, he did so because he was upset by the premiere of MegaDiplomat, which started as an NFA subzine. The primary content of this subzine was an Illuminati variant with MegaDiasters and their projects, publications, etc... as cards.

(The celebration of the 5th anniversary of that premiere issue will be in October. In fact 1990 is loaded with lots of fun hobby 5th anniversaries, don't you think? The spiral NFA ... the elevation of the RP to manic-obsessive levels ... the DW fake ... my debut ...)

You are right that Hopcroft is too suggestion-prone for his own good; when you wrote me that comment that "a 2 year old could have made him leave the hobby" I was reminded of something that happened with a lady I know who babysits a couple of 3 year old boys. One boy said to the other boy's father, "You got a face like a sponge." I imagine if this toddler had said that to Hopcroft, Michael would have spent several hours examining his face. So maybe a 3 year old could have made him leave.

By the way, one thing in MD 22 you should be pleased with is a slam on Francois Cuerrier for acting like a neo-Gerykian asshole in a for print letter to Tom Nash in which he kicks Tom out of his zine.

(I put you and Fred together somewhat mischievously, but also because you both are big on government "guaranteeing people's incomes", to quote Mark Lew. No commandment is more sacred to Big Government than "Thou shalt redistribute". You follow that, so... I was wrong about judges, it appears. What about the judge in Kansas City who now has the power to tax? Why don't we just turn the government over the appointed-for-life mini-Gods in black robes?

"Sick fun" might also describe those who make jokes about people who make jokes about people who should have been aborted, too.

with us this time: Ed "Stud" Wrobel, Eric "Polister" Brosius, Paul "Big Boy" Bolduc, Paul "Orange" Kenny, Mark "Actuary" Lew, and Steve "Choo Choo" Courtemanche.

- AUSTRIA(Wrobel): no room to build, plays one short
- ENGLAND(Brosius): bid F Lon, -F Lvp
- FRANCE(Brosius): rem A Pie
- GERMANY(Bolduc): rem A Bur
- ITALY(Kenny): rem A Ser
- RUSSIA(Brosius): bid F StP(nc)
- TURKEY(Lew): build A Con, A Ank, F Smy

Spring 1905 orders are due [REDACTED] at NOON EDT. Some of you have them on file and may be changed. How 'bout some of you others submitting orders! Let's go slugs!

PRESS

- STEVE-TURKEY: Let's see you win this game with what you've got.
- STEVE-DIPPERS: You guys are bloody boring. Take it from one who knows.
- ROYERSFORD-WAYNE: I can't believe that this group is getting apathetic already. You'd think someone put morphine in their coffee.
- WAYNE: It's picking up a bit now; let's keep it going!
- SUNBURN CITY to WAYNE: How does one win this here game?
- WAYNE: Simple--be in control of the first country to get 18 centers IN A FALL TURN. Not hard, right?

CURRENT EP POSITIONS

- AUSTRIA: A Vie, A Tri
- ENGLAND: F Nth, F Tys, F Tun, A Spa, F Lon, F Lvp
- FRANCE: A Bre, A Gas, A Pic, A Gal
- GERMANY: A Den, A Ruh, A Hoi
- ITALY: A Tyo, A Bud
- RUSSIA: A Mun, A Nwy, A Sii, A Sev H, A Mos, F Ska, F StP(nc)
- TURKEY: F Rom, F Ion, A War, F Bla, A Ven, A Con, A Ank, F Smy
 (T is still one short)

 COTTON BELT (1987A0) ENDGAME

Zine: The King's Court (to F 01)

VERTIGO

	01	02	03	04	05	06
GM: Jason Russ (to F01)	A	5	5	6	7	7
Brad Wilson	E	4	5	5	6	4
AUSTRIA: Mark Fruen (DRAW S06)	F	6	6	7	7	8
ENGLAND: Les Casey (to F01)	G	5	5	3	4	4
Dave Palmer (DRAW S06)	I	4	4	5	6	7
FRANCE: Hugh Christie (to F 01)	R	5	4	5	3	4
Mark Lilleleht (Spr 1902-dro S05)	T	4	5	3	1	0
Steve Cooley (DRAW S06)						
GERMANY: Steve Kwiatkowski (survived S06)						
ITALY: Jim Michaels (DRAW S06)						
RUSSIA: Bruce Anderson (dro F01)						
Dick Martin						
TURKEY: Paul Bolduc (elim F05)						

I got an endgame statement from Dave Palmer, which I've managed to lose. Dave, if you want to resubmit it, I'll print it in issue #101. That leaves Paul Bolduc's:
 TURKEY: Who'da thunk it'd end up this way when we began this as "Linus" back in '87 in the King's Court? I hated for this to end; I've still got unused mailing labels for most of you. It was real; it was fun, but a four-way win? Sheesh. I don't know who to congratulate. Why didn't we just declare a seven-way win in Spring 1902?

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 MORE WRAPUP STUFF

Dave Palmer, England: I inherited England at a time when Germany was under siege from all sides. Not knowing any of the players, I opted for allying with the underdog. Steve Kwiatkowski and I made good progress in establishing a fruitful alliance. And when Mark Lilleleht (ah, Mark, we hardly knew ye) joined in as France, we made a serious run at the game. Also, there were too many personnel changes to maintain a viable offensive. I think we all finally tired of all the NMRs, disjointed alliances, and the failure of the game to stay on a course of completion. If any of you get into a game with Steve ((Kwiatkowski)) as a neighbor, you would do well to ally with him. Thanks, Steve, for maintaining communication through it all and playing a smart game.

Brad Wilson, GM: Mark Fruen told me in this course of this game that he was enjoying it more than any other he was in. Understandable; it was fun, despite the troubles Dave mentions. I'll remember for Paul Bolduc's witty, clever press; Lilleleht's short but memorable stay; and Jim Michaels' uncanny ability to phone in moves and find me in. Four-ways may not be classic, but, in this case, perhaps fitting.
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ROCK ISLAND ENDGAME

Zine: VERTIGO. GM: Brad Wilson.

- AUSTRIA: Roland Morris (drop W01): Dick Martin (elim W04).
- ENGLAND: Tom Kobrin
- FRANCE: Philip Young (dro F04): John Lenthe (dro F06): Paul Bolduc
- GERMANY: Dave Perimutter
- ITALY: Bob Acheson (WINS by concession, S08)
- RUSSIA: Rich Delzer
- TURKEY: Steve Cooley (Elim F07)

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
AUSTRIA	5	4	1	0	-	-	-
ENGLAND	4	5	4	4	5	5	5
FRANCE	5	5	7	7	5	6	5
GERMANY	5	4	3	4	5	6	7
ITALY	5	7	9	10	12	14	16
RUSSIA	4	3	2	4	4	3	1
TURKEY	4	5	6	5	3	1	0

Three statements, too!

PAUL BOLDUC, of FRANCE: i got in on this brawl too late to make much of an impact. Congrats to Bob and tahnks to all of those who voted to end it before he cleaned my clock.

DAVE PERLMUTTER, GERMANY: I'm not sure of the chronology but I'm sure of the general situation that resulted in this game's outcome. From the start I was faced by a rock-solid English-French alliance. The latter (I think) never wrote me once the whole game. Luckily their tactics and co-ordination were faulty, just proving the old adage: I'd rather fight allies than be one. In any case I spent a few years dancing in the dark with these fine fellows, then (as I recall) France stabbed England, without writing me, and then promptly NMRed out.

By this time I was in mood for mending fences with England since he a) had kicked me out of Denmark and b) had no expansion routes save through me. Additionally Bob Acheson was the only the neighbor who had consjstently written me and not screwed me over. Thus I frankly had no confidence in a grand alliance to stop him from winning. I feel sorry for the new French player who tried to make the best out of a fait accomplis and Steve Cooley who went down with all flags flying as Turkey. My hearty congratulations to Bob Acheson who has proved once again that solid tacticsand consistent diplomacy are the keys to postal victories.

BOB ACHESON, ITALY: I wish that I could write about my masterful gameplan but I was helped by four events in this game:

- 1) Russia-Turkey fighting and not reacting to my expansion.
- 2) Stabbing Austria who was overcommitted against Russia and Turkey.
- 3) Two subsequent Austrian NMRs over 4 gameturns.
- 4) No one power emerging in the West as an early leader.

After I moved against Turkey I maintained contact with Dave (Germany) and it paid off in the fact that he may have been the factor that didn't allow a belated E-F-G to form. (Maybe ((it would have)) if England hadn't taken Denmark off him!). Thanks Brad.

BRAD WILSON, GM: This game was won, as Bob and Dave note, by the a general failure to note and stop Italian growth. Neither Austria or Russia did much to stop Bob: Turkey tried, but Steve was fighting against massive odds and eventually, as he had to, succumbed.

Even then it wasn't too late to stop Italy but the West, torn by internal fusses, hadn't sent even one unit towards Italy. The continued free ride for Bob allowed him to manuever for the win. It would appear that the English seizure of Denmark was, indeed, the last straw that killed any E/F/G; and E/F needed Dave's armies on the Continent to fight Italy. Without Germany attacking Italy Bob couldn't lose, and he didn't. Thus did Denmark decide an Italian win...congrats to Bob and thanks to my standbys for helping out.

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(reprinted from MEET GEORGE JETSON #39, 3-15-90)

ORANGE BOWL FALL 1908

VIVA ITALIA!

ENGLAND (McHugh): A Den-Swe, F Swe-Fin, F Nwy-Stp(nc)

FRANCE (Crosby): A Hol S A Ruh-Bel, A Ruh-Bel

GERMANY (Delzer): (A Mun ret OTB), A Pic H

ITALY (Kobrin): F Nat-Nwg, F Mid-Bre, F Nth-Ed1, A Par-Pic, A Bur S A Mun, A Mun S A Bur, A Tyo S A Mun, A Vie S A Bud, A Bud S A Tri-Ser, A Iri-Ser, A Ser-Bul, F Gre S A Ser-Bul, F Aeg S A Ser-Bul, F Eas-Smy, A Tus-Pie, F Tys-Wme

RUSSIA (Neuger): F Hel-Hol, A Kie S F Hel-Hol

TURKEY (Hanna): F Smy S A Con, F Ank S F Smy, A Con S A Bul, F Bla S A Bul, A Bul S A Rum, A Rum S A Gal-Bud, A Gal-Bud, A Ukr S A Rum, A Mos-War

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French A Hol is dislodged and may retreat to...but it doesn't matter. The 1908 SC chart:

ENGLAND: nwy, swe, den, stp (4)

FRANCE: (hol), bel (1)

GERMANY: (mun), (edi) 0, out

ITALY: home, tri, vie, bud, tun, war, spa, por, gre, ser, bre, lyp, lon, por, edi, mun (18)

RUSSIA: kie, ber, hol (3)

TURKEY: home, rum, bul, mos, war, sev. (stp) (8)

A most hearty Congratulations! to longtime VERTIGO subber and player Tom Kobrin for his first postal win! Nice job, Tom. Also our thanks to the other remaining original players, Rich Delzer and Jim Neuger, and our trio of faithful standbys. I will reprint this season in VERTIGO #100 and all endgame statements and game history in #101. I hope everybody sends in an endgame comment or two. Again, congrats, Tom!

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WHERE WE ARE

A breakdown of VERTIGO's most recent sub list finds that of 60 subbers, 53 are in the U.S., 4 overseas, and 3 in Canada. Breaking down the US subbers, we have 35 in the Northeast (north of the Potomac, east of Ohio), 10 in the South, 5 in the Midwest, and 5 in the West. Another way to look at it is 51 North American subbers EAST of the Mississippi and 7 WEST (Bob Acheson, Dave Palmer, Mark Lew, Don Del Grande, Steve Cooley, Don Williams, Chris Carrier). By states, Pennsylvania leads with 10, New York and Maryland 7, California 5, Wisconsin/New Jersey/Virginia 3, Florida-Massachusetts-North Carolina - Ontario 2, and nine other states/provinces 1. Once again, I say: pubbers in the West and Midwest, send people my way!

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A CONVENTION CALENDAR

As usual, the summer boasts plenty of exciting cons for hobbysists to attend; here are a few:

BIG CONS July 27-30-1

1. Origins, ~~Atlanta~~, Atlanta. I've enjoyed every Origins I've been to: this, the biggest of North American gaming shows, is worth a trip. I'm not going (work commitments) but for an event that gives you the breath and depth of gaming, Origins acn't be beat. Unfortunately, I've no address to write to; Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Dr., Greenbrae, CA 94914, probably does.

2. DipCon, June 22-24; Chapel Hill, NC. "Big" in the sense that it's not a nousecon, DipCon bills itself as ythe US national championships and sometimes it is. This one looks to be well-attended by hobby bigwigs (a sampling: Mark Lew, Cal White, Fred Davis, Dick Martin, Tom Nash, David Hood, Mike Gonsalves) and, after all my bitching about it, even me, thanks to the Cal White Taxi Service. Expect lots of Dip, gossip, chat, and other games like Railway Rivals and Titan. Registration is \$20; housing \$15 a night per double occupancy. Also, tourney chief David Hood knows of all sort of rides, so he may be able to hook you up with one. Write him, and send reg fees, to David at 104-F Terrace Drive, Cary, NC 27511.

3. AtlantiCon, July 13-15, Baltimore, MD. The East Coast's slightly smaller yearly version of Origins has, it seems, found a home in downtown Baltimore after wandering around places like UMBC and Towson State. Of late it has also taken on a strong hobby flavor, as East Coast hobbyists join with Robert Sacks' NYGB to offer a wide selection of Diplomatic gaming. I'm GMing a Northern Ireland (Paul Kenny's fine variant) tourney, Sacks/Kathy Caruso are offering Dip and a Dip novice seminar; Jack McHugh Machiavelli; Tom Swider Kremlin and Borderlands. In addition, there are plenty of other tourneys from D&D to choo-choo games to hexgames to Monopoly. There are also hobby meetings, plenty of socializing, open gaming, and the traditional dousing of Jack McHugh with a pitcher of water. Any fool who says this is no fun because of Sacks' presence is an idiot. The tourneys are well-run and most enjoyable. Don't miss the dealer area, flea markets, and auctions, where games are available often on the cheap. In short, usually one of the best weekends I spend all summer. Prereg is \$14 and individual events range from \$2-\$4. Lodging at nearby hotels for \$75-100 a night per room; figure on \$75 a person for the weekend. Write AtlantiCon at PO Box 15465, Baltimore, MD 21220 or call (301)-574-5066 between 7pm-10pm Eastern time.

BIT OF PLAYLIST: Dutoit/Montreal SO: DAPHNIS ET CHLOE *****
Illinois Jacquet and his Big Band: JACQUET's GOT IT *****
Farberman/Royal PO: Ives: assorted works *****

LITTLE CONS on next page!

er, what now to fill this space?

LITTLE (OF HOUSE) CONS

Dick Martin's CloneCon will be done by the time you read this; too bad, it was probably a lot of fun.

1. Sun of MadCon, July 20-22, Marc Peters' home, Sun Prairie, WI. An annual blast has moved to the 'burbs after years of residence in Madison. This affair has to be experienced to be believed: plenty of gaming of all sorts, from Circus Maximus to Dip to Titan to Junta to Kremlin to choo-choo games -- all of them played with high spirit and plenty of juicy stabbing, double-crossing, and at times sheer viciousness. The atmosphere is one of non-stop party: I've never seen so much beer consumed in a weekend and the food's great too--Marc and Debi actually COOK for their guests! The Petersw are incredibly generous, wonderfully personable hosts. If you've never gone to one of these, DO NOT MISS IT! If you have, you won't. No "fee", but unless you're a real cheaps you'll want to kick into the food kitty. I assume that rides can be provided from the Madison airport and bus terminal. I'll be on hand, too. Write Marc at 370 North St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590, or call at (608)-837-3252.

2. PooiCon, August 2-5, Vince Lutterbie's house, Marshall Missouri. I know nothing about this except that it exists; Ron Cameron mentioned it in a letter. Supposedly Kathy Caruso and others are heading out; write Vince at 1021 Stonehaven, Marshall, MD 65340.

3. OOPS! This belonged in the BIG section; I forgot. CANCON, August 3-5, Toronto, Ontario. The Canadian national championships, and quite a fun time, I'm told, by '89 attendees. Lots and lots of Dip, and big-time Canucks like Cal White and Bill LaFosse. I bet this will be great, but I have to work. Grrr... anyway, prereg fee is \$20, housing is available at \$28 a night. Write to Douglas Acheson, Unit 5, Suite 320, 320 Yonge St., Barrie, ONTARIO L4N 4C8.

4. VERTIGO GAMES IV, August 31-September 3, at my mother's house, 302 Friendship Drive, Paoli, PA. The ONLY way to end the summer. We at VERTIGO put on a modest, casual weekend of gaming, drinking, fun, and relaxation. Games played range from Dip to 1830 to Naval War to Trivial Pursuit to Apocalypse to Family Business. Last year we cooked breakfasts for our guests, and will probably do so again. Plenty of room, plenty of fun, and the ONLY con with a hot tub. The dates are tentative but almost certain. For more info, watch this space or give me a yell.

FROM THE CROW'S NEST

(the VERTIGO hobby news column)

I'd plug the new census that Julie and Dick Martin (17601 Lisa Dr., Rockville, MD 20855) have put out, but they didn't send me a copy. Grumble, grumble. Seriously, though, it's a useful reference source and a time-saver from looking up addresses. For a copy, send \$1 to Julie.

Well, I'm not going to win Cal White's baseball prediction contest in NORTHERN FLAME, it looks like. Kansas City and St. Louis division winners? Ouch. What was I thinking? Too much Missouri is no good for a soul. Even worse, all four of Jack McHugh's first-place picks are in either first or second! Then again, Jawn Caruso went with the Mutts, Dodgers, and Royals, so I'm not alone.

If you're looking for an offbeat postal sports opportunity, how about boxing? Jake Halverstadt, 1106 Castlerock Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80521 is running a section of TITLE BOUT by mail. The game pits fighters of different ages against each other in bouts arranged by the players. There's opportunity for money manipulation, too, for all you 1830 nuts. Try it, you'll like it.

And if you think VERTIGO is late, you should sub to Dick Martin's Retaliation, which popped in my mailbox for the first time since, oh, November the other day. We can all understand time pressures,

TOO MUCH CHOO-CHOO

especially with the eternal student Dick on his way back to grad school, but I suspect the real reason is Dick's addiction to 1830. Dr. Dicko needs 1830 like a wino needs Thunderbird. But Retal's back, and I'd bet Dick gets back on track with it. Really.

Tom Nash conducted the 1990 North American Rusty Bolt Awards, which are presented for, such, uh, "honors" as "unreasonably delayed zeen" and "incompetent play." VERTIGO escaped winning anything, but "Brad Wilson's Ideal Hobby" won for "Most Depressing Hobby Concept." what, exactly, this is, I've no idea. So would all five of you who voted for "BWIH" as the winner please clue me in as to what you were voting for? Other winners were Doug Acheson for incompetent play (the ex-Imperator no longer Absolutus must be a real pushover to beat out Jim Diehl, perhaps the worst player I've ever seen). Passchendaele for most eagerly awaited fold (and it just did, so you all got your wish), and Herb Barents and Kathy Caruso for butchering the English language, although how Jack "I Don't Care about Grammar and Syntax, Get Out of My Face" McHugh managed to avoid being nominated is beyond me.

Also in Nash's latest issue of Been There, Done That is one of the funniest things I've seen in years, a takeoff on "The You Be the GM" columns that have been popping up lately. Absolutely hilarious! I'd reprint the whole thing but a) I've no room; and b) I didn't ask Tom for permission. I'll quote just one "question": You are GMing a game. Jim Diehl is a player in it, and in one season, his orders **actually make sense!** Suddenly you realize, he, or someone, must be cheating. You have no other proof, but there it is... BTDT is a damned fine zine, really, and you can get it (ask for a copy of You Be the GM from #14!) from Tom Nash, 202 Settler's Road, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

The Runestone Poll is running, and...nah, not here. Sorry, Eric.
 COLD ONE DEP'T

An I thoughtwuzgojntohaff the 100ytn isszue widout me, Swadm I werally did. No, Ted, I'd never do that. Yes, folks, it's Ted "Swizzle" Stick, our very own Alcohol Consultant. Is that BLUE booze in your flask, Ted? Yesh itszdatnew Bombay Sapphire Gin, dey sendt me a case to revue. A CASE? Yes, you gotta make sure of dat first impression, I'd be surprised that you have any impression of anything, after a case of gin. WellBwadiwritre4 dem doinwe, you knoww, or Isay, dem tro my s'createry, who's uysually closebyside in dese jounranlist adventures. Oh, I see. You like the Sapphire? It's boos, aint it? Yes, but... Demn I like it. Hmm, always the discriminating critic, Ted. You have a new drink for us, or some news, or are you going to sit here and drink? WellBwadif you reaklly want to no, I'd likle to just sit here and dri...yes, I bet. Butlqu have a new one, just for DipCon! Yes? I call itde Hood: vodka, coconut liquer, and milk. Looks just like the hood dem, Clan peeople wzer: alki white. No, no, Ted, the guy's name is Hood, it's not being run by the Klan or anything. Ohno? DenIbetterpoutawaymy burning cr...Yes, yes, Ted. Try again? IzdatBeerygoingtothere? I'd like to meetr any guy named Beery...not Beery, Ted, Peery! Oops,welliget coinfussed. OK, den how about the Mark Berch: Crush three Sominex pills, put over ice with a little water and a dash of chloroform. Gauarenteed to put to sieep! OK, my friend, that's enough, I think. YeshI got togetbacktoSappahire, and the new gimn. Shee y'all in Chapel Hill!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "I'd like to root for the (Philadelphia) Eagles, but that's the team coached by the pig on two legs."

ELTONJ JOHN on Buddy Ryan

PLAYLIST: Buster Poindexter, BUSTER GOES BERSERK ***; Fielder/Boston

ON TO JERSEY

Pops/Symphony, assorted GERSHWIN works *****; Chuck Berry, GREATEST HITS *****; Linda Thompson, ONE CLEAR MOMENT *****; King's College Choir, HOLY HOLY HOLY (Anglican hymns) *****; Lee Morgan, THE SIDEWINDER *****; Rolling Stones, EXILE ON MAIN STREET *****; Sly and the Family Stone, GREATEST HITS *****; Elton John, LIVE IN AUSTRALIA *****; Roxy Music, THE HIGH ROAD *****.

THE LIST

VERTIGO's TOP 10 DIPZINES as of 5-22-90

1. NORTHERN FLAME;
2. DIPADEEDOODAH;
3. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT;
4. COMRADES IN ARMS;
5. CHEESECAKE;
6. KATHY'S KORNER;
7. BENZENE;
8. VICTORIANA;
9. BUSHWACKER;
10. RETALIATION.

Runnersup: CANADIAN DIPLOMAT, COUNTERMEASURES

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