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1: You can't belive that again? How many times has he had Mexican tonight?

2: Never in the dead of night.

3: Am I on? I'm on. It's about time I got on...
4: Put one in your hair and you won't regret it.
5: Ah, the salad days of the palace revolution.

6. They try to steal your soil; Might even try to steal your sister.

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1) Ah, at long last, 'ack again. Encore, encore, ladies and gentlemen. Ah, dynamite audience you deserve to give yourselves a round of applause. Or, as Freddie 'ercury would have it, "Well..." No, really, thank you thank you, you're very kind. I kan't say how much I appreciate this opportunity to perform before you again...

2) Yeah, and perform is the word for it, too. Let's see what's up. Actually, just rifling through the stack to my side, it looks like a good issue coming up. I don't know for sure, naturally, but even the Man of Agate may get crowded out if I'm not careful. Including, this time, a reprint article from way back...issue #27. Yeah, the repro kind of killed the best article I'd had sent in in a long time, primarily by way of bleedthrough and printing over some less-than-perfectlt-suited paper. I will accept responsibility.

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"sere diserion please" riggsuse too... peo2 puy I'll not have this tind of pyring. haul this jerk out of here! codduf franking that and as question at me, anyhow?! Tubbo.

Recent Album Furchesses Hey, that's personal! Just where the hell Time. I wink this one is, isn't it? "We're so respectable..."

Odde on Nart Issue Being On Time: Depends on your definition of on Current Liquid Coolent Employed: Me? Drink?

After that, why bother?) and a few destrables. (In actual fact, I do it for myself not that. .. We do it all for you. Current Motivation for Publishing. You know, I could be doing some-... strigin remans for esent no refree gains

Too bad. Treates. different from what you might think. know, could be tomorrow, might be 1990. Tell ys what, if I quit again, I promise I'll come back within a year, chay? No? All right, when I feel like throwing in the towel, I'll do so, but for reasons completely

Expected date of Termination of Publishing Duties: Shit, I don't

have the heart to tail you all Contributing Inspirations: Amy Kuehn (ret'd) eta legna Official Beer of the 1984 Pahlishing Olympics. Publishers You just never know, do yer Inspired today,

Ed "Who's On First?" Wrobel, and somtimes even a Martin clone.

Contributing Editors Par Excellance: Vic Dupont s.k.s. Thucydides, sil that rots

Editor, Main Writer, Typist, Pressure Cooker, Cheque Casher, and of them are even better than that. Tyen wen pes

esay, and skip town when I'm under pressure and need the help. No. some Umm, we do have a counte of people who pitch in when the going's Laughter, joy and lonliness, and sex and sex and sex...

well, actually I'm not mad at anyone this month, none even our good buddy Lovesble Lengley! What will it be mext month? Oh, I just can't wait... need to read it in public to know I mean it, and the ones I'm mad at ... I suppose the people I want to thank don't ing and I wouldn't have minded. ewofionally wreaching one, though I suppose it could have been more excit-S) Thanks and screw-offe? Well, this month hasn't been a terribly

here, too, but there are a few too many of those to list them all. Rauterberg. Fob Cheek, Bob Klage, etc. We've some less-than-living legands with such living legends as Vic Dupont, Dick Martin, Russ Rusnak, Paul Charge is nonexistant and you get to play volunteer for active service. listing it? However, I could use some more of you in the studio audience The standby list hasn't changed any since last issue. Why bother where we now? An yes, of course, at the bottom of the top.

A GIVE A WEAPON REPRISE

/This article first appeared may back in the May/June Lesue of this *zine 22 Encore! We here at station management with to apologize in more-or-less humble manner to the author of this little but of investigative journalism, one Ed Wrobel, using the pseudorym, which one is he using this issue?...well. Anyway, Ed didn't even complain when we butonested his work last issue. Let's see if he gets a charge out of actually reading his submission this month. Sorry. Ed. -Ed./

THAT'S BAUMEISTER, NOT BAUMESTER!

By The Architect of Agate

It is with no little regret that I write these last few words, but my hand is forced. What began as my greatest experiment has now come crashing down around me -- a terribly destructive experiemental mistake. Had I succeeded, my genius would have been recognized by the entire Hobby. As it is, I am ruined. You see -- I created the Martins, all of them.

I don't mean that I created them in the sense of a deception on This was no simple Eric Rlake ploy or even a Winsome Losesome

operation. I physiscally created them. They are androids, you see.
You scoff, I know. They scoffed at me at M.I.T. also. At Johns Hopkins my colleagues openly laughed at me. "Build the perfect diploandroids couple?? Been working too hard, Arch?" Oh, how they derided me! But I knew I could do it. Only I, with my intimate knowledge of the workings of the human body, my expertise in electrical engineering, my familiarity with computer science, and most importantly, my firm grasp of the rules of Diplomacy -- only I could dare ...

I worked years on this project. I begged money from the Ford Foundation. Mobile Oil, the Corporation for Pullic Broadcasting, NIH and DOE. I met with top experts in various fields. I travelled to California's Silicon Valley ... to the great denters of learning in Bostom ... to Alexandria, Virginia. I added to my already-considerable store of knowledge.

I accumulated "parts" for my Martins.

Dan't misunderstand me! My androids were not to be of flesh and blood, half decomposed before construction. I am no disturber of the dead, no grave thief, no Franken-

Of course not, this is the twentieth century. My Martins would be constructed from the latest space-age polymers, the most advanced micro-

circuitry, the best platic!!

As is already known, my rough draft - I called him "The First Dick" was a miserable faulure. He escaped from my laboratory and even today roams the hobby, keenly aware of his own limitations, yet unable to drap out because of his programming. He is a bitter 'droid, 'I don't know what name he is using now, but he was the author of See How They Run, a transparent attempt to distort the truth and gain sympathy.

Using what I had learned in the construction of The First Dick, I

began work on the Dick and Julie who today publish Retaliation. Unfortunately. I hadn't learned enough. I wanted to dreate the perfect Diplpmany couple who would publish a wondarful 'zina together, who would GM flawlessly, who would never feud and be loved by the entire hobby. They

would be a focal point for unification of faction-torn dipdom Well. every the sad result. Some say I have create Was the source will be gone and they will deach record to such anoble and avor but it must be done to be some you read this the Martins and I will be gone. Farmer to be by...

/Farewell cruel hubby ...? No. no. no. .. Anybody out there need a forged death certificate?

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JUST FOR KONRAD BAUMEISTER: Second Part of Rumpole By Victor Dupont

Rumpole wrote the following to his frandson:

"Politics is the art of deceiving all but oneself, the Prince said, had Machiavelli let him speak plain. But I;m not writing satire.

What is politics? Ask, what is a political trial (I do not exper-

ience them at the Old Bailey, but we here ve gone past that stage in our history, except for what the anti-Tory view of the Law Lords hold).

Truly political trials took place under Hitler, Henry VIII and Sta-They also include the confictions and sentencing of Galileo and of Joan of Arc during the period of the Inquisition.

A political trial is the next thing to a courts-martial, as your own

Nathan Hae's.

What learning I have indicates that politics is a part of history. Politics was not invented by the Medicis nor copyrighted by Machiavelli;

he just described it in his satirical vein.

Politics came before ancient Athens. It comurs Homer's Iliad in the cpunsel of Nestor and Odysseus and Homer portrays the debate with the army by Thersites, t e minority of one, who appears again in Shakespeare's Troilus And Cressida," perhaps even in Chaucer's poem of the same

And in Homer's Nestor and Ulysses - together with King Agamemnon and his brother, Menelaus, and their armies: that is the Prince withthis counselors of Machiavel's "The Prince." I can but mention the councils of Zeus and the machinations of the princes of Tory in the besieged city.

But let us examine the classical archetype of the Prince: Achilles. Achilles is not merely a warrior and leader of the Myrnidons. He is a SUPERMENSCH, with his ancestry cloaked in fable - his mother a demigoddess whose own marriage feast was disrupted by a bettle between dwarves and men who are half horse,

But even with his fabulous invulberability, except for the Abhilles' heel, Achilles is also a MAN - not so much that he can be wounded and die, nor because he is vulnerable to emotion, but because he plays games.

You are playing a game, Diplomacy. Diplomacy between nations is an extension of politics, in the sense that Machiavelli described it. Indeed. professors of political science assert that political science was invonted by Machiavelli.

Under men like your Dean Rusk, the semetime Secretary of State, it was

fashionable to say - it was POLITIC to say - that Machiavelli was out and his contemporary Guicciardini was the more sensible man. You know your history, and you know what Mr. Rusk's cohorts and contemporaries did to

Hanoi. Tylomacy is politics writ large.

Let be turn back to the ancient Greek and to political trials. I put it to you that the prisoner in the box at the trial of Socrates was the victim of a political murder. But let the prisoner speak for himself (they always did , the Athenians of old refused the concept of a lawyer or marrister, they borbade them):

"If I had engaged in politics. O men of Athens. I should have perished long ago, and done no good either to you or myself." Thus Plato's APOLOGY

of Socrates.

Now, pray tell, what is a dot and why is it called a supply center?

NEXT: Rumpols III's reply from Great Neck.

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/The following article was submitted to both Bruce Linsey and myself, in response to a thing I wrote which appeared in Linsey's 'zine. Bruce doesn't feel like printing the following, so hell, I'll take it. I had not hearf from Melucci in years, and was not even aware that he was still in the hobby until I received this, by the way.../

PLAYTOY INTERVIEW WITH EX-SENATOR LURCH

fy Ye Olde Genzo Reporter Conrad Glowfaster (actually Vic Melucci)

PLAYFOY: Senator, you seem to have hounced back merrily from your shocking landslide defeat that deprived all of us meaningfully concerned superior enroched minds of your great and passionate intallect. Your wit and wisdom, I say without fear, provided meaningful concern for all of us trendy-rads who to this day refuse to grow grapes in our limes.

LURCH: Huh? Wa? Grapes? Sure, order anything you want. Keep the house servants busy. If we don't eat it, they will. Say, did you bring one of the centerfold little fikffies with you?

PLAYTOY: Why no. However, Jane Fonder sends her love and says the concerned Beverly Hills in-crowd will throw a pool party to protest your defeat.

LURCH: Ihave a little spread in Beyerly Hills. Den't like it much.

Cun't compare it with life here in the compound. Half a million acres of fresh air, timber, and an electric fence to keep cut the rabble. Don't print that last bit. You know we have to DANCE A LITTLE TWO STEF AND LEAD THE PEOPLE ON.

PLAYTOY: Of course not. Senator. I'll just make that a fence to keep the rabbits out. Just how did you lose, Sanatar?

LUBCh: I blame it all on the bornwagain swins. They actually had the audacity to inform the veters in my exate how I voted in the Senate Even words, they suggested citizens register to vote.

You sure you don't have a fluffy out in your car?

PLAYTOY: Was that all that went wrong? How about a multinational big oil oproporation with its connections to the FBI and MASA?

LURCH:

All the running dogs of the Wall Street Oligarchy were out to get me. You know I exposed their vile filthy plot to reap nasty, nasty profits by running the price of gas up to \$3.00 nasty, nasty profits by running the price of gas up to \$3.00 a gallon. I revealed their conspiracy to assassinate Jesse a gallon. I revealed their conspiracy to assassinate Jesse James, and to use the Dalton Boys and Cleopatra to overthrow James, and to use the Dalton Boys and Cleopatra to overthrow James. All I needed was one more year as Chairperson and I Rome. All I needed was one more year as Chairperson and I would have been able to link the CIA. Sherlock Holmes, Jimmy would have been able to link the CIA. Sherlock Holmes, Jimmy would have been able to link the CIA below the whole tangled web. They got me out of the Senate and as you know gas is now \$3.00 a gallon.

PLAYTOY: I am unable to follow the speed of your concerned mind. I noticed gas heading under a dollar in some spots.

LURCH: Of course, That is proof of the clever all-powerful seven sisters of multinatonal oil working their machinations. They know my wife owns 5 million shares of oil stock and they are sending the rpice down to reap their filthy vile profits. It's all the rpice down to reap their filthy vile profits. It's all part of the same plot masterminded by Rev. Farewell and his part of the same plot masterminded by Rev. Farewell and his part of Illuminati monks in Iceland to return the Vikinds and band of Illuminati monks in Iceland to return the Vikinds and bastards.

PLAYTOY: Nuke? I thought you were trancy anti-nuke?

LURCH: Of course. All that money wasted on defenne is up to almost 26% of the budget, with health and welfare only 51%. Don't print that. Can't have the texpayers confused. Just print my plan to train deer to use nukes. WE HAVE TO MANCE A LITTLE TWO STEP AND LEA_D THE PEOPLE ON.

PLAYTOY: Why that is thrilling. Your firm stands on the issues is an inspiration. How do you train the deer, Senator?

LURCH: Well, flip on the video screen. See there is Eambi now.

PLYTOY: Looks somewhat gaunt and sickly to me-

LURCH: Well, some overpopulatoin in the compound. But it drives them to learn to use nukes faster. Hore they learn, more I let them eat.

Also a bit of terror helps the underachievers now.

PLATTOY: Underachievers?

BURCH: Just watch the ecreen. Sambi will am afraid has to/made an axample of. I arranged to keep some dogs away from a lab working to find a cure for Cancer and had them brought here. Have not fed them for days. Match them in action. They go for the back lags first. See. See! OH OHHH we have to dance a little two step and land the people communication.

/Somehow this manages be capture the spirit of GMAW as well as that moticle

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kosher, if we get more, we'll see. After I August, the gameree will stay at last year/s 34 plus subscription. You can send in your preference lists now if you want, and I'll sign you up for a waiting list or something. I may also open a variant at that time.

I was the hear in February/March of this year of starting my old variant of the prince of the prince of the prince of the first issue that the page of the first issue that the page of the prince of the page of the period of the page of

8) Rather than do it at the end of the 'zine, we'll run off the listies here, and see how much is left over for the rest of the 'zine.

Eat List:

Only the best. Either I eat out (always fun) (tee hee), or I don't. I'm not getting terribly obese, but I have returned to my fighting strength of 165-170, from my college-nutricain weight of about 150-155.

Drink List: I've been very good this month. Back in May was another matter.

Smoke List: My dad! Geezez Gonzalez. Ground him up and put him right into this big pipe I have, see, and token him right away. Really, honest to Ghod...

Read List: Shit, books? What are they?

Clausewitz, On War *****

Wood, How Do You Feel? ****

Trudeau, And That's My Final Offer ****

O'Brien, The Conduct of Just And Limited War ****

Walzer, Just And Unjust Wars ****

Crossman, The God That Failed ****

Koestler, Darkness At Noon *****

See List: I was thinking of trying techange my name to Martin, in view of the number of movies I've seen over the past six weeks or so, but figured, hell, let them change their name to Baumeister Instead

Breathless, ++++

Doctor Detroit, +++

Tommy (again), +++++

The Wall (parts), ++++

Cannonball Run (tiwele), ****

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The Ban With Two Examples ****

For masses, ***

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The Twillight Zone (movie), **** (mostly the mecond five epicodes)

weil, I hope that's enough for you movie types out there. I could emplain why they got the ratings they did. got an extra five pages? No. I don't.

Playlist: This far into the issue, that is, i.e. t pages worth
One side of a Rauterberg surf/driving music, all just fabulous,
especially the one Go-Gos tune worth hearing more than once ("Skidmarks
On My Heart"), X-Cleavers, Josie Cotton, Dave Edmunds, otc. Rates ****
Rolling Stones, Some Girls *****
Remones, Road To Ruin ******

That's it. I'm a fast (rather inaccurate, but fast) typist. On the movies, I saw Smokey & The Bandit, Cannonball Run, and Poltergeist on cable, if that bothers listing purists. Also forgot to list Agent of H.E.A.T., a Marilyn Chambers flick with some of the very worst acting I've ever seen in a movie attempting to play it straight. There is some nudity, but it's not like your average Chambers XXX stuff. Had there been more, it might have been worth my time to watch it. Rateit & seriously, *** for hilarity walue. That one was on cable, as well. They can do better than that...
WELLYOUHEARDA BOUTTHEBOSTON() HONEYITS NO TONEOFTHOSE TALKINGA BOUTTHEMIDNIGHT

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Episode 16: The Fiddler In Your Darkest Night

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MAN

Back again. The casual, insignificant reader won't give a damn, but those few in the audience who read the serial religiously will rexall that the Man of Agate, who doubles as our here and the raison d'etre of the whole 'zine, is in dire, trouble, up feces estuary wintout a means of locomotion. The shit has hit the fam, or to put it another way, the human waste hashit the cooling equipment, or even better yet, the fertilizer has hit the windmill. Let's just say he's in trouble, and leave it at that, shall we'le has been rendered unconscious by a blow to the cranium delivered by the slimy andclever Marshall, a man of few scruples and even less chances to escape the S.A.P. fortress they are both trapped in, alive. Marshall was having a

few drinks in the back of a rather luxurious suite deep in the bowsts of the S.A.P. (Stone All People, the most vicious and dangerous ground of rock-coveting, drug-using gangsters and hoods yet to roam the streets of Cosmobolis, HR and just-off point for the Agate Man, who as we all know, is as purely good as S.A.P. is evil) thinking over his options. They were few. He was out off from civilization. Hispockets were stuffed with the ill-gotten soney S.A.P. Had stolen from the fair and studid people of Cosmopolis, and which in turn Larshall had often from S.A.F. There was

no way he could one to get out, and his only shot at a partner, the wan of Aman, see the county twist in the plot from, moviegoers?), lay helplanely sorawled out on the floor, tongue hanging rather emcarrassingly out of an area you know, the whole thing. The was up.

outsides whose they were, probably were looking forward to terturing him, then renderly him underscious, later to run him through with a steel spear and consting him on a spit to eat for dinner, this was somewhat of an understandard. "Uh. glane a minute. In in the bathroom, he called back. He hated violence, and was willing to kill to prove it.

Two minutes went by. Marshall bit his nails and checked his semi-

automatic rise in that order. First things first, dear readers.

"Enough waiting." screeched the loudspeaker. "We're coming in to

get you

How Marshall wondered to himself, with an expression that lay somewhere no tween semenditous satisfaction and sheer horror. If Agate Man couldn't break out, how can they break in?

He heard a key being inserted into the lock;

Well of course. That settled that. That serendipitous satisfaction left him face, leaving only...well, I don't have to tell you. In any eventhe thought fast. "Listen, I've got a deal. I've captured Agate Man, and am willing to turn him and all of the money over to you in excannge for my freedom."

"Like hell," came the answer from outside. But the key had stopped

turning. They would listen.

"Uh. better yet, how about everything including my watch, my home. Agate Man, the loot, everything, in exchange for a ride to the top and ten minutes time from there?" The terms were less than terrific, but hell, what else did the guy have?

"Deal."

And unbeknowist to everybody involved, Agate Man was slowly waking Hearing his body being bargained for didn't make him awfully happy. so he assumed that not moving right now hight possibly be his chance to get out when the getting got good. But why wouldn't SAP knock them all off now, he wondered quietly to himself?

"Hay, you in these ... why don't we knock both of you off now, anyway?

Why should we give you anything at all?"

"Err, because I stashed the cash somewhere on the run, and I'm not tell you (telling you) before I'm out of here where it is," Marshall lied off the top of his hand.

"Dkay, fine, we're coming in," warned the Loudspeaker from outside. The door opened. For agate Man, it was a time of some importance, a time for decisions.

"There's your boy," Marshall mumbled nervously. "Now Lemme get but of here."

"Hand over the weapon first " It came from a huge goon decked out in the traditional black uniform

"Leame out first. Then ... Marshall, ex-SAF goon himseld. Mass ourderer with nerves of steel, managed to stammer out (This ame and day at all. Couldn't be-)

"Gun now, " grunted the goon, who looked like a meven for thunk of granite that needed a shave. He stepped directly in fesher; marshall's

loaded weapon and stared his right in the eye.
How many goods could there have been in the room, showing Marghall guessed six or seven without looking up. He snumbted the reserved blow grapefruit sixed holes into the goon standing in front of the reserved at him for a very long meant of the features of his face barely whanging at all; no pain had registered at all. Agter perhaps seven or ten seconds his expression changed to the ground.

The other goons were also taken somewhat absort aus not don long. They began to closed in on Marshall, who was pinted against the back wall of the room, and attempted to spray fire with the Uni (you don't

like my spelling?).

Agate Man didn't care what happened to Marshall. Boing lift alone by the door, he quickly jumped to his feet, noticed that he had an incredible headache, and spranted out the door and downthe now-tamiliar hallway. Only Marshall noticed him get up at first.

"Help me you fool!" he cried helplessly. "Fat chance," the Agate Man shot back, in about the most abusive

language our hero could muster.

The goons looked back and saw the Man do the book out the door, but didnot seem to care... what was on their minds was thevivisection of the man called Marshail. Revenge would be sweet.

"I'll get you yet for this," Marshall yelled back at the fleeing Agate Man, his eyes changing from afraid to dtermined. It wouldn't be easy, he thought, as the first SAP bullet lodged in his left shoulder,

Out. Isn't it all too obvious yet? Do What will happen to Marshall? you want a diagram or something? Will Agate Man manage to get out of the underground labyrinth that is SAP's headquarters in time to catch the Star Trek reruns? Where is his infamous father, the nerve canter of SAP? And what of the birds that betrayed our baloved superhero, Lois Lech and Linda LaRose, whom we haven't seen had nor hair of in the last six or so episodes? Same of this and more next issue, with Episode 17 of The Adventures of Agate Man of Cosmopolis.

SUREENOUGHTHEREISMOREFORTHEAGATEMANACTIONPREAKNEXTES OF THE VENT

Late note: Obviously, with this being Page 10; to put out another issue to get all of the press and 127 in this month. It hasn't happened in a while, but can afford it. Have to get the games into the 'zine again, right? Agate Man was just getting good again? No sad faces now, kddies. HIGHANDDRYHIGHANDDRYHIGHANDDRYHIGHANDDRYHIGHANDDRYHIGHANDDRYHIGHANDDRY

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