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EDITORIAL! 1

Here we are again with another issue news if there are anyone out there with of Fourth Dimension. We are a little an interest in helping us with that. We bit delayed this time. Our excuses figure some other diskmags will copy include the following points: School that idea, so remember who was first... has been very hard on the managing. We have also made some shapeups in our editor the last months, Trixal had a routine. As you might have noticed, the



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very bad disease, infact he was close routine now supports med-res 16 colours to death (The real death, moron), but and still the 640x225 pixel view. We he's now recovering well, our members will also, in forthcoming issues, make have been very lazy and so on... Well, even more upgrades. I hope you will be as a compensation to the long period pleased with our efforts to please you! of waiting (not that long), we provide Well, there isn't very much more to say this excellent magazine with over 100 except: Welcome Firestorm of Technique pages. Yep, we beat the magic number! to our staff. We are glad to have you This issue include the first episode here. If other people want to join our of a rather weird short story which staff, they are more than welcome to do will go on if protests aren't too many so at our headquarter address: and we've got a new and improved demo-

¹corner for you. Check it out! We also ¢Fourth Dimension
¹have a new and rather unique chart ¢P.o. Box 217
¹system, we figure it will be fair to ¢6801 F ørde
¹all demos in our new system. We also ¢Norway.
¹plan to make an own part for country ²Blackstar, managing editor.

HI THERE! ¹and as long as we feel the ads don't

¹occupy too many pages, we will print

õI like your mag, but I dislike the ¹all ads coming in. If, however, we get
 õcountry charts! Country reports are ok ¹larger queues, we might hold back on
 õbut country chart?? Keep on your work. ¹groups with more than 1 ad.

Blackstar.

¢Yours Tom...!

³Greetings 4th. Dimension.

¹Well, as you might have noticed from

¹last issue, we removed the country ³Your free ad offer is to good to resist

¹charts. It was impossible for us to ¢ Dr. Compoq./Magnum Force

¹judge on who was no. 1 and so on!

¹Yep, I know!!

²Blackstar. ² Blackstar.

^aHi Fourth Dimension! ðHi!

^aTo improve your excellent mag, make it dAbout a week ago I got the July issue ompossible to have more than 1 add per dof your diskmag from one of my contacts agroup, each time. delta I was very impressed and I think that



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 ϕ Janitor/Rebels $\check{\mathrm{o}}$ you have one of the best diskmags in

ð the scene. I looked everywhere in the

¹Hi Janitor! ð mag but I couldn't find anything that

ð said "how to order". Please let me know

¹Our basic slogan is 'free ads for all' ð how much it costs and I will order the

anext issue available. I think you ¢Well, that was it for letters today! If
amentioned it is going to be available ¢you have anything you wish to say, do
aon the 20th of September. If you don't ¢so through us. We will try to reply to
accept CYPRUS currency then I'll try ¢all letters in our mag, we can, however
ato find some dollars but it will be ¢not guarantee a written reply to you
amuch easier for me to pay you in ¢all, there is too much mail coming in
aCyprus pounds. And faster too! ¢to our p.o. box.

^a Spyros Antoniou

² Blackstar/Cryptoburners

² - Managing Editor -

¹Hi Spyros!

¹I'm glad you liked our mag. Concerning
¹the "how to order" part, check out the
¹article called "how to order". I must
¹say that it is no good for us if you
¹send foreign currency to us, we would
¹end up with a lot of foreign money we
¹couldn't do anything with due to the
¹high exchange costs in Norway. Please
¹understand this, we can only accept
¹Norwegian currency. No use in sending
¹US dollars, Swedish crowns, Pounds and
¹so on. I am terribly sorry about not
¹being able to reply you, I lost your
¹address.

Blackstar.

PARTY REPORT

It was Friday, two weeks ago. For the into it... first time in my life I had decided to When I woke up again, we were at a go to a party. A friend of mine had place with very load music beeing



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told me that there should be such a poured out of some giant loadspeakers. thing this evening. So, off we went. I recogniced some of the songs as The first thing I noticed was the remixes of various Amiga tracks total lack of computers... Instead this had to be the party! But there there were lotsa bottles of beer and were no computers...?! Instead of other alcoholic stuff laying all over coding or something, everybody had a the place, not to mention all the GIRL which they TOUCHED! drunk people! You can't imagine how surprised I I was quite worried, but my friend was, this had to be the worst party told me everyting was quite o.k. and ever! I just sat there, and was quite offered me a beer. As I had never shocked... tried this sort of liquid before, and After a while a girl came towards me, was quite naive, I decided to give it and asked if I wanted to dance, but with all this music and movement, I a try....

I put the bottle to my lips, filled realized there wouldn't be enough my moth and swallowed it. The next raster-time, so I answered no. Then thing I noticed was that the BLPMOD- she asked me if I could follow her register went quite ape, with all home, and since I didn't expect any sorts of strange values beeing poked surprises I even followed her into her

room... FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME

It all started when she suddenly took

off her clothes! I was so shocked I I had been looking forward to this couldn't move!! So she had absolutely special moment for many weeks now... no problems taking off my clothes!!!

Then she took the thing I have It was as if the air was filled with between my legs in her hands and said magic as I touched its shiny, smooth "Oh, Fallos, please do it to me!" What surface for the very first time... the hell did she mean, I wondered, "do

you really want me to do IT to you?" Exitement, was in the air as I "Oh yeaaahh, you're so cool Fallos! Do carefully held it to my lips, and with it, now!" she answered. a great deal of sensitivety licked it

Since she held my dick, I had an idea with my tounge...

of what she wanted me to do, but when

I think of what happened afterwards, I put it between my teeth, and bit it she probably didn't want me to piss on with the kind of attention you only her... have the very first time...



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was surprised to learn it was harder than I had tought. But after a while it was soft and good - Stimorole THE best chewing gum!

FALLOS / CINEFEX

*** DEMOS CORNER ***1

Our ratings are as follows: For this issue, we've made quite a few
$\mbox{\it c====================================$
^a 0%-15% ¹ : UGLY. This just isn't good all, to get more demos evaluated, we've
enough. (the LAMER-category) included so-called short-reviews of
¢ ¹ some selected single-part demos. We'll
^a 16%-30% ¹ : This is too bad. Looks like continue with the bigger reviews of
rush-work! demos, but we will not take so many for
$\ensuremath{\varepsilon}^1$ each issue, and we'll make them even
^a 31%-45% ¹ : Below average, should defin- bigger! We hope you will find these
itely be better! changes for the better! Contents for
¢1 this issue's demo corner:
^a 46%-60% ¹ : Can be accepted, average.
1 (Nothing exceptional) ð09Budbrain Megademo
¢ ð11Cemetery Of Silence/Possessed
^a 61%-75% ¹ : Good work, above average.
¢1
^a 76%-85% ¹ : Very good work! Well thought Except from Budbrain megademo, there
out and worked though! wasn't any REAL crackers this time. We
$\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}^1$ found many good demos, but none really
^a 85%-90% ¹ : Excellent, this really is reached the top. Today's demos seem to
something to admire! have very few original ideas. This is
¢ ¹ perhaps what must be changed, coz the
^a 90%-100% ¹ : Simply the best! Marvellous! code gets better and better!
BUDBRAIN: MEGADEMO 1 ¢ THE SQUEEZE: 1 Just a funny interlude, so
to speak! Good graphics and good sound.
From Denmark came this megademo cover- For those of you who haven't seen it, I
ing two disks. Well, as this demo won think I'll leave it's surprise! One

the demo competition at the RSI/TSL thing about this interlude though! I



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conference in Denmark this summer, I couldn't help comparing it to RSI's had quite some expectations for it! worm in their megademo, and in compari-And boy, was I surprised the first son, this demo lost! Maybe because RSI time I saw it! It is a bit hard to was first with the idea....

rate all the parts in percentage, so I

will just write some comments to each ¢MOVIE PART 2: ¹ The man living in the part before the overall ratings! house being burglarized wakes up and is

on his way towards the burglar.....

¢INTRODUCTION: ¹Started with a very good

soundtrack and a text generator. This ¢KAOS: ¹ This is truly a rip-off from Coma part contained some sine scrollers, by Rebels, only this one is better. The good looking linedraw formations, and rocking house music is really great, nothing else. The code was decent, but the graphics are better than in Coma, not impressing. On the whole, a well- and the action is hotter! Really the made introduction.

¢MOVIE PART 1: ¹Nice sound effects put ¢ MOVIE PART 3: ¹ The confrontation between you in the mood for the action.In this the house owner and the burglar... part, you see a burglar breaking into a house.... Nice graphics fit well! ðTIME TO SWAP DISKS AND PAGE..... ¹

BIRDIE NAM NAM: ¹ In the opening, a bird vertical scroller and nothing else. come onto the screen and lays 3 eggs. Superb music plays throughout, very We see a close-up of the eggs and they effective indeed. crack. You see 3 cute little chickens!

Then the middle one shouts 'YO! CHECK ŏOVERALL IMPRESSION: ¹ It is very hard to THIS OUT!!!' and starts his own jam-rate a demo like this, coz the coding, session! Fans of house music and which was very simple, didn't play any probably everyone else will love this part in this megademo. The main things part! The graphics are great and the were sound and graphics plus very good sound is sooooo coooool! Too bad it's ideas. I will therefore skip the normal so short though....

One negative thing though: The movie

¢THE CIRCLE: ¹ A bobscroll is the main was too short, too little action.... attraction. Probably the best coded part, but the music was horrible. (It ³OVERALL: 89% ¹ was sampled though!)

aREVIEWER'S COMMENT TO THE GROUP: 1



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¢HUSTLER: ¹ Sort of a slideshow with Somehow I have a feeling that we won't excellent pictures. The humour is a see so much more from Budbrain. I don't bit sick though, almost worse than our know why, and I hope I am mistaken! The humour! The sound/music was made up of people behind Budbrain are indeed very simple baselines and the 'audience'. talented, and I hope they will continue Very effective though! in the scene with productions like this

with new and innovative ideas!!!

¢THE END: ¹ A traditional end-part with a ² Blackstar/Cryptoburners

² Possessed: Cemetery Of Silence ¹ were displayed, were acceptable though.

No matter what we say, Mental Hangover The music was quite catchy, and even and Cebit demo 1990 seem to get a lot though it was very little varied, it fans. Group after group try to copy was nice. The drums were good. them. Some are quite good, others are

not. Here we have yet another one: ³Conclusion: ¹

Yet another M.C. clone... Nothing more,

you're going to release a clone of a ²Reviewer's comment to the group: ¹ demo, you should at least offer better I have not heard much from Possessed, or at least equally good code. This and if I ever hear more, please let one didn't.... there be some new ideas, ok? They seem

to have reasonable talent, and they

The graphics were sparse, a pretty ok should spend some more time developing end picture and a little background ideas. Also, the Satan thing is a bit picture for the filled vector scroll silly and very childish... Lay it off!!

was all there was. The graphics which

OBlackstar/Cryptoburners

SHORT-REVIEWS OF SOME ONE-PART DEMOS 1

² Razor 1911: Psychedelia Paradox: Beach-Volley demo



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ð	
¹Coding: 84%	Coding: 72%
Graphics/Outlay: 82%	Graphics/Outlay: 74%
Music: 83%	Music: 64%
Originality: 80%	Originality: 72%
_	weird, green A 'fight' between Paradox and a Beach- y Ziphoid! Volley player is the main attraction!
^a Overall: 83%	Overall: 71%
² Spectral: Native Dipsom	
¹Coding: 73%	Coding: 65%
Graphics/Outlay: 72%	Graphics/Outlay: 72%
Music: 67%	Music: 62%
Originality: 14%	Originality: 60%
¢Another 'Cebit 1990'-clone	e!!! A new type of scroller
^a Overall: 68%	Overall: 64%
Cave: Mind Desaster!	
¹Coding: 83%	Coding: 57%
Graphics/Outlay: 66%	Graphics/Outlay: 41%
Music: 42%	Music: 84%
Originality: 10%	Originality: 22%
³Cebit demo XXXVI. Good o	objects though! Again GATE proves to have excellent
	usicians. Nothing else here though!
¹ Overall: 73%	c c
a	¹Overall: 64%
² Accession: Fractal Fren	zy! a
a	² Vertigo: Vectors For All
¹Coding: 84%	a
¹ Graphics/Outlay: 79%	Coding: 86%

Graphics/Outlay: 64%

Music: 71%



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Originality: 64% Music: 59%

Originality: 4%

³The best Fractal Demo around till now.

Fractal calculation time: Approx. 30- Universal Picturs IX. Still, they have

215 secs, depending on the complicity produced some good, fast code here, and of the fractal image to be drawn. they made fun of some old cliches!

Music: 47% Music: 75%
Originality: 52% Originality: 79%

³First ever demo to contain the entire A cool "commercial scroller". Music by demo source.... Nothing else though! Dr. Awesome, one of his best tunes too.

Graphics/Outlay: 64% Graphics/Outlay: 72%

Music: 37% Music: 84%
Originality: 31% Originality 70%

³Aeon's first demo, and if they don't Logofade, bobs, text-gen, circlescroll improve, hopefully the last!!! copperbars, weird scroll and more.

² Dual Crew: Second Point Of View Dual Crew: Third Point Of View

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¹Coding: 54% Coding: 70%

Graphics/Outlay: 55% Graphics/Outlay: 52%



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Music: 47% Music: 71%
Originality: 30% Originality: 33%

¢Contains a flipping logo and scroll... Filled Vectors.....

a_____

¹Coding: 64% Coding: 77%

Graphics: 55% Graphics/Outlay: 74%

Music: 64% Music: 62% Originality: 27% Originality: 75%

¢Some copperbars, a logo, scroller and Lots of weird ideas seem to have become

a piece of music. the trademark of Kefrens. Not as good

as Keftales though!

ðOverall: 59%

a ______

TEN GOLDEN ONES! 1

Here in Fourth Dimension, we have We will, from this issue and up, give compiled a chart over the best Amiga some shorter reviews of one-part demos music and demos! We are limited to the where we only rank the demos! This way ones we have reviewed here in our mag, we get more demos with a chance of and to make it more fair for newcomers entering these charts! Because of this, each demo/music's ratings drop by 5% we will offer a diskback service on every issue! This gives a really good demos we receive for judging! More piece of work the chance to stay long details about that elsewhere in this in the charts, and good new demos have issue! a chance of entering the charts! If 2 To make these charts more userfriendly, demos, after our points caclculation, we have included some colours to make ends up with the same percentage, the the charts easier to read! If you would oldest one will automatically top the like us to use other colours, different newer one since the older one received outlay etc., contact us at: a higher original ranking. The charts FOURTH DIMENSION



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will look something like this: P.o. Box 217, 6801 F ørde, Norway

xx. Demoname by Demogroup org: xx% current: xx.xxx% issue: xx

And the musiccharts'll look like this:

xx Demoname by Musician org: xx% current: xx.xxx% issue: xx

TEN GOLDEN DEMOS

² 01. Megademo by Budbrain	org: ¹ 89% ² current: ¹ 89.000% ² issue: ¹ 04
^a 02. Keftales by Kefrens	org: ¹ 90% ^a current: ¹ 85.500% ^a issue: ¹ 03
^a 03. Psychedelia by Razor 1911	org: ¹ 83% ^a current: ¹ 83.000% ^a issue: ¹ 04
^a 04. Cebit Demo by Red Sector Inc.	org: 190% a current: 181.225% a issue: 1 02
^a 05. Mental Hangover by Scoopex	org: 1 89% a current: 180.323% a issue: 102
^a 06. Megademo VIII by Kefrens	org: 1 92% a current: 1 78.879% a issue: 1 01
^a 07. My Room by Fairlight	org: ¹ 92% ^a current: ¹ 78.879% ^a issue: ¹ 01
ð08. Yum Yum by Dual Crew	org: 178% ð current: 178.000% ð issue: 1 04
ð09. Fractal Frenzy by Accession	org: 176% ð current: 176.000% ð issue: 104
ð10. Vectors For All by Vertigo	org: 175% ð current: 175.000% ð issue: 1 04

i ° TEN GOLDEN SONGS

² 01. Poseidon by Uncle Tom/Razor 1911 org: ¹ 93% ² current: ¹ 88.350% ² issue: ¹ 03
^a 02. Easy Demo by Bruno/Gate org: ¹ 84% ^a current: ¹84.000% ^a issue: ¹ 04
^a 02. Yum Yum by Tip/Dual Crew org: ¹ 84% ^a current: ¹ 84.000% ^a issue: ¹ 04
^a 04. Psychedelia by Ziphoid/Razor 1911 org: ¹ 83% ^a current: ¹ 83.000% ^a issue: ¹ 04
^a 05. Cebit Demo by Romeo Knight/RSI org: ¹ 91% ^a current: ¹82.128% ^a issue: ¹ 02
^a 06. Memorydust by Codex/Razor 1911 org: ¹ 85% ^a current: ¹ 80.750% ^a issue: ¹ 03
^a 07. Cemetery Of Silence by ?/Possessed org: ¹ 79% ^a current: ¹79.000% ^a issue: ¹ 04
$^{\rm a}08.$ Savannah by Uncle Tom/Razor 1911 $$ org: $^{\rm 1}$ 82% $^{\rm a}$ current: $^{\rm 1}77.900\%$ $^{\rm a}$ $$ issue: $^{\rm 1}$ 03
^a 09. Copperdemo II by Studiomaster/THR org: ¹ 81% ^a current: ¹ 76.950% ^a issue: ¹ 03
ð10. My Room by Danko/Fairlight org: 188% ð current: 175.449% ð issue: 101

INTERVIEW WITH: 2TDB/VISION 1

²For the records, state your name and ¹spread your cracks and releases quickly ²groupname!



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¹TDB/Vision ²Have you had any problems with the cops

¹Yup, they gave me a ticket for parking

²What is your job in the group??? ¹my bike in the wrong place....

¹I am a spreader, sysop and original

¹supplier! ²Cute... Are you afraid of the police??

¹Police? Who's that? Ask Babyface about

²You say your BBS is very fast. How ¹that, he likes them...

²does it feel to have a fast BBS?

¹Cool! I like it! ²What is your view on organisations such

²as the 'friendship' - organisation???

²When did you first open your BBS? ¹I like it! To have friendship between

¹groups and no wars!!!!

²All that equipment must cost a lot of

²money! How did you finance your BBS? ²Are there any crews you like especially

 $^{1}\mbox{l}$ robbed the post-office and sold the $\,^{2}\mbox{well},\,$ groups you think contribute to

¹stamps instead (???) ²the scene in a positive way?

¹I like Digital Force. They are cool and

²How important do you think modems are ¹program cool demos and are real friends

²to the scene the way it is today??? ¹They are the oldest group in the scene,

¹Modems are very important. Ya can ¹I guess....

²What do you do in your spare time??? Name your favourite:

¹I play soccer against my sister and ²Coder: ¹Slayer of Scoopex ¹against Testament members. ² Musician: ¹Maniacs of Noise

²Grafix-artist: ¹Da Wizard/Testament

²Your sister??? Well.. How would you ²Demo-group: ¹I like Vision

²describe a typical 'loser' or 'lamer'? ²Cracker-group: ¹Paradox (always 100%!)

¹To take some examples... Guys like ²Demo: ¹Budbrain Megademo

¹Silicon, Duffy and all losers at Venlo ²Game: ¹Kickoff 2

¹They are slow, can't program and they

¹have got big mouths... ²Who's the funniest guy in the scene?

¹N.S.C/Testament and Ruud Hanegraaf.

²Do you like demos? If so, what makes

²(In your opinion) a good demo??? ²Are there anyone you'd like to greet?

¹I like demos! The idea makes a good ¹Yeah, some greets to Pinhead (hehe). He

¹demo, like the one from Budbrain. So ¹can't play soccer!!!

1let's see more original demos dudes!!!



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²Any final words?

²What do you think about, what seems to ¹Yeah, I think ya mag is very cool and ²have become the new trend in demos, ¹wish ya much luck for the future and ²house-styled music and a 'musicvideo' ¹watch out for Global Village, the disk-²styled demo???? ¹mag from Vision of cioa en snaveltyes ¹Shit, it's cool to listen too, but on ¹toe (Hehe, that's a very cool sentence ¹Amiga, it SUCKS, because they all use ¹in Dutch) and meet ya all in London at ¹too many samples. I like my own acid ¹14th. of September.....

¹music (potje oranje's) ²(????- Ed) ³Blackstar/Cryptoburners

NORWAY - THE LAND OF CHANGES 1

There has been lots of scene reports and they crack games. They also make from Norway around lately. As a matter amazing demos! Razor 1911 are probably of fact, I must say I disagree with the only ones worthy of being mentioned most of them. That's why I have taken as true legends here in Norway! Some of this rather risky job of telling you you will probably disagree; I don't guys out there what's really going on really care! BUT Razor aren't the here in the land of the vikings! First only ones who do a good job here in of all, there is one group I feel I Norway. Another quite old group, whose must mention when talking about Norway popularity have mainly been measured and that is: Razor 1911. They are through one person, are also doing very probably the ones who are hottest at well! I am of course talking about the moment, in fact, they've probably Crusaders. They have a little BBS (only always been the hottest one! They are 2400) and they've got some very good by far the oldest Norwegian Amigagroup musicians. They also have something a and they are quite experienced in the lot of people seem to miss: Ideas! They scene. They should be quite strong are responsible for their official internationally as well, having some Eurochart, which seem to have become of the best artists around (Uncle Tom, quite a success. Another group which Codex, Ziphoid, Bug (Musicians) and has to be mentioned, is Fraxion! They Lord S., Sector 9 and Dr. No (Coders)) have got a very good musician (KEO) and they have the only real elite BBS in they produce some very cool demos. They Norway (I won't talk too much about come up with some pretty good ideas too modems, I know too little about that!) Recently, there was a fusion between two potentially good Norwegian groups: most of them are only beginners, and Visual Arts and No Limits (Now working they'd do anything to get into the



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under the name No Limits!). Somehow I scene.

No wars, good postal service, good

think they didn't get the wanted Nowadays, the police in Norway are very

effect from that fusion, I have heard active. They have busted 4 guyz for very little from them in recent months selling pirated software. These 4 will Still, they'll be worth looking out have to go to court and face a trial. for, though. There are many other This does not pass by unattentionaly. groups who seem to be on their way to We now see the trend to get legal here the top: Triumph (ex The Band Norway), as well (Cryptoburners have always been Armada, The Giants, Network, Cinfex 100% legal!!!) I think this is positive Designs, Cult and probably some more. to the attitude towards the whole scene All of these make good demos, and they Wars are also seldom being fought, have all got their own artists (Which although some small lamers keep beeing means: No ripping!!) In addition to bigmouthed to each other. The attitude these, it seems like many foreign of "Fuck the big groups and get famous" groups have got Norwegian divisions. is not widely used in Norway. Everybody Also, a lot of swapperboys seem to put knows that if a little groups tries to a name on themselves and try to form fuck with the established groups, they groups out of that. Some of them have soon wither and die! (Ivory was a good succeeded (No names), some just keep example on that!) The overall tone here trying. Norway is, as most other is friendship! One interesting point is countries, crowded with so-called that some of the bigger Swedish groups 'losers' or 'lamers'. There isn't much are getting pissed off by the sucess of that can be done about these guys, coz some Norwegian groups. I gather they do this because Sweden has always had Minus/Cryptoburners, Time Traveller/ the best scene in Scandinavia. Now Cryptoburners and many many more! I'll they are losing some of their credits end this report by mentioning our own to Norway and Denmark (Paradox and group, Cryptoburners. I won't say so Razor for crackers and loads of demo- much about us, our story can be found groups!) and they don't quite like the in issue #2. I only wish to say, that development (no-one likes to lose to some extent, we have done our part power!) Anyway, this is not really a of the job of putting Norway on the problem, it might be the words from a Amiga map! Norway is now on that map, few arrogant guys (no names even and we shall certainly do ours to make though it's tempting!) Well, to reach sure we will remain there!!!!! a conclusion to this article, I feel I must say that Norway probably has got Blackstar/Cryptoburners one of the best scenes in this world:



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coders, great musicians, good graphics If any one of you strongly disagree on guys and above all: Friendship! I must this scene-report, don't keep it to say that if Norway was to be removed yourself! Send us YOUR opinion, and we from the Amiga world, the greatest will print it as soon as possible! loss would all the incredible musicgeniouses we have here. Just listen to this list: Bug/Razor, KEO/Fraxion, Walkman/Cryptoburners, Codex/Razor, Gladiator/Cryptoburners, Dr. Awesome/Crusaders, Othello/Armada, Rhesus

THE READING FESTIVAL 1990! 1

Friday 24th - Sunday 26th of August for tents and parking and a fenced off were the dates for this year's annual open air stadium containing a large Reading rock festival. Along with some stage and speaker system and a lot of friends I attended all three days and stalls selling food, drink, merchandise, I thought it would be nice to write a posters, clothes, cigarettes and lots of report for Fourth Dimension.

Before 1989 the festival featured Something worth mentioning is the mainly sub standard heavy rock acts, way drug taking was very open, even the however, last year a more adventurous security guards were smoking puff and booking policy meant that New Order, it would have been easy to get acid or The Mission and The Pouges were top of ecstacy.

the bill. On Friday morning we exchanged our

That policy has been continued into festival tickets for wristbands which 1990 and most of the bands appearing we then couldn't remove until we left are either independants or classed as and had to show whenever we entered 'alternative rock'.

When we arrived at the festival on From the bill of The Cramps, Faith
Thursday night (pushing our overheated No More, Nick Cave, Gary Clail, Mudhoney, car!) we were directed to pitch our An Emotional Fish and Megacity 4 only tents and park in a field usually used openers Megacity 4, a melodic UK rock for grazing cows - I discovered this band, and Gary Clail, ultra trendy DJ while pitching my tent!! The festival and club mix-er, really impressed me. site was made up of large field areas The Cramps and Nick Cave were awful while the other bands were average... during his act but when I got back to Mudhoney were popular but that style the stadium possibly the most exciting



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of music doesn't really turn me on. band of the festival were playing...

On Saturday morning my friends The Buzzcocks. With only the drummer went into town to have a wash and changed from the line up a decade ago find some decent toilets so I went the band sounded as fresh as on vinyl and played all the old favourites such to watch The first bands by myself. The Black Velvet band were opening at as Harmony in my Head, What do I Get?, 12.00, they had the same problem as An Promises, Love You More, Everbodys Happy Emotional Fish the day before - they Nowadays, Autonomy, Ever Fallen In Love, wanted to be U2. The next band on was Lipstick and of course Orgasm Addict. Ned's Atomic Dustbin and I went right Watching this band it became obvious to the front since I had bought both where a lot of the younger bands at the festival had got their inspiration their records but not yet seen them live, here I found out why they have from, I can't understand why they were such a huge and loyal following, they only 3rd from the top of the bill when were brilliant. The next few bands up, the Cramps had been top on Friday. Psychic TV, Wire and Young Gods were The Wedding Present were next and all a bit wierd - I probably would've they were also brilliant, another one appreciated them more if I'd taken a of the festivals highlights. They play lot of drugs. Ride, the next band, were fast and melodic indie guitar pop. great, sounding like a cross between Headlining were the hugely popular the Velvet Underground and the Stone Manchester band Inspiral Carpets, Their Roses. I missed Billy Bragg because we set started with a cow dancing to the were cooking up some rice in the tent backing track then as the fans shouted 'moo!'(Cow noise) the band came on and In the afternoon we went close to played 1 and a half hours of indie pop the front during Tackhead (heavy funk) with an organist in place of a guitar. so we would have a good place when the The slideshow and lightshow was simply next band 'Jesus Jones' came on. I had amazing, Spotlights made patterns over bought all their records but not seen our heads, the title of each song was them live before and wasn't sure what displayed in huge letters behind the to expect since on vinyl they blend band and a troupe of drum majorettes samples and guitars. In their live act came on during the recent hit single they dropped a lot of the samples and She Comes In The Fall. The Inspiral's fighting the shitty sound system (like gave the best SHOW of the festival and all the other bands), they were a bit although their music could be called of a disappointment to me. Still they repetitive it is also exciting and were better than most bands. The Fall original. played their usual 'alternative' rock

Sunday was opened by another great with Mark E Smith's mumbled vocals and



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young band, The Senseless Things, the didn't really impress me.

best way to describe their music is to The final band of the festival was compare it to the Buzzcocks who they the Pixies, really popular but not too admit are a big influence.

exciting for me since I don't know the

I didn't really watch the next 5 songs.

bands after them... Thee Hypnotics, The It's hard for me to say which were Telescopes, Stereo MC's, Living Colour, the best bands because everyone has Loop. They were all pretty dull and we different musical taste (Why else do were packing up our tents so we could people like Technotronic??) but those get out quick that night. who impressed me the most and played the best were... Buzzcocks, The Wedding A SILLY JOKE! (Adapted from NRK TV) 1 Present, Ned's Atomic Dustbin, Senseless

Things, Gary Clail, Ride and Megacity 4. ðImportant business call. ¹

The sun had stayed out all 3 days

and back home (50 Miles away) there'd The young business man had just opened been thunderstorms and a 9 hour powerhis new business. The first man with an cut on Saturday... God must have good appointment had to wait 30 minutes taste in music! before he was allowed inside his office

and when he entered the office, the

³Firestorm of TECHNIQUE ¹ young business man was talking on the telephone. When the man entered the office, the young business man said to

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having started as crackers v	vere wrong!
Kefrens tell us they are 100°	% legal!!! Gurukiller of Infernal Minds spends

----- more time on his skateboard than in System 5 now have divisions in: Norway fron of his Amiga. (??? - Ed)

Germany (WHQ), Switzerland and England -----
Theatre & Network's legal X-mas party

only for advertising (also done by Norway!

Look out for "4 Swappers" -> A magazine from 26.12.90 - 29.12.90 in Lillestr øm,



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System 5); perhaps it will be released
on the Vision-Aces-Active party! Thyrone has got a new member in Italy
called BobNix (Sysop of the "Land Of
THR is now split up!!! Nobody"), so now the Italian division
has 3 members. (9009 XAD, Mr. Irq and
Weird Ed of Prologic joined Oracle!! Bobnix)
Tron of Scoopex Dk. joined Dexion! From Issue #3 on the disk mag called "Freedom Crack" will be a coproduction
Blutch joined Arcane!!! of Thyrone and Savage.
addresses so he can write them back.
A new group called Andromeda is born
The ex. Phantasm members (except some Megadeth (With his BBS-Board Royal)
lamers) formed the new Norwegian crew. leaves RISK.
Relax is a new group and they're here Thyrone is dead. to stay!!!
Domination joined Angels.
Comico (ex. Theatre) is now Comico of
Abakus!!! Darksilver joined Razor 1911.
Natas (ex. World Vision) joined GATE!! Oracle lost their US-board, The Jungle.
Zapotek, Intec and Funky Guru left Angels recracked Razor 1911's version
Zombie Boys and joined GATE! of Sculpt 4D. (Check 'about' on menu!)
Zombie Boys Turkey section kicked off Piranhas is dead. Too bad guys, but you all their lame members. All the cool will be remembered a long time for your members decided to change their names. good Amiga productions.
To all contacts of Jason/Zombie Boys: Commando got kicked (?) out of Oracle, Now he's back from hospital and lost cause he couldn't get them any US
all addresses of his contacts. If they originals. Commando himself claims that
wanna continue swapping with him, they there were NO new US stuff he could
must write to him and tell their supply, so he is very pissed off.
DOOM is now EUPHORIA! SETROX is reborn!



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Cool J left Image to join CAVE!	Zedy joined SAVAGE! ex.CHROME member
Mace left IMAGE to join SKID RO	OW! SUCCESS is dead!
	Eddie and Snircher of SILENTS FINLAND
Barrax & Bootlegger have no	ot left
EUPHORIA!	There are rumours that Gate have lost
a	lot of members Bullshit!!! We've
CAVE MEGADEMO II coming so	oon! now more members than ever before, so
if	some lamers claim that we've lost
AZURE is dead!	lots of members Kill them!!! We now
h	ave a BBS in Finland and we've got
FOXHOUND of EXCESS left	t to join members from groups like:: Silents SF,
EUPHORIA!	Mayhem, Zombie Boys, The Targets, The
	Giants, and Excess! Wait for our soon
THYRONE is dead!	coming productions like M.A.G (With
S	System 5), demos and some other cool
WORLD VISION is dead!	productions!!!
	Fireball/Gate
Stormgod left Ecstasy to join And	gels

²VISION - ACES - ACTIVE PRIME 90 MEETING! ¹

I (TDB) and Jetaza went at 9 a.m to (Malzam-Bobo and some programmers) - Rotterdam-Lombardijen. From there, we Oracle (Bambam) - Valhalla (Metal Gear) went together with some Testament and Defjam (Phil and Pennywise) - Alpha Mute 101 members to Breda. On the Flight (Black) - Brainstorm - Red train, we had lots of fun... (With the Sector - Abandon - Mute 101 - Testament conductor!)... At 9.41, we went by Tristar (Whiteheat) - Animators - train to the party zone. As we arrived, Spreadpoint - Digilogic - Bignoimia - there was already lots of cool guys Digital Force - Mirage - System 5 - wanting to get in... At 11 a.m, Active End Of Century (France) - Cadcam - Raf came and wanted to throw out the guys Venom - Switch - Power Connection - who travelled with me, because they Thyrone - Celtic - Special Brothers - had to pay.. Anyway, I managed to fix XTC - Questor and many other cool dudes



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a deal... Included in the entrance fee After some time, the power was cut, but was a free disk, which was supposed to it was soon fixed, so no big deal! At contain an Active megademo. Unfortuna- 13:00 we went to a shop to get sumthing tely, it didn't work on Kickstart V1.3 to eat. We had a discussion with the nor on 1 megabyte, so Vision coded the nice lady in the shop wether my (TDB of nice and cool Prime 90 demo (A few Vision) head was orange or yellow hehe. days ago!)

I had a discussion with Jetaza, Blaze

At 12 o'clock the whole thing really and Joreon about the colour, but she started and the whole scene was there. said it was orange, so I won! (But when All cool groups and dudes like Quartex we left, she said it was yellow, and

(Selim) - Paradox (Destroyer) - Angels they liked it! I didn't....) ---->After we had seen some cool demos, the was VERY COOL. It had lots of cool guys

demo-competition started at 6 p.m. and and lots of cool warez. Watch out for there was a lot of cool demos. (±20 I the next party dudez...... Ciao! guess!). We saw some masterpieces from

Brainstorm - Mirage - Celtic - Digital Force and several other groups. After some problems with the jury, they agreed on the Mirage demo to win. This demo was very cooooooool! Brainstorm came #2 and a nice Celtic demo was #3. The demos were shown on a big screen which finally was used the right way! It was used to show Ninja Turtles (The Movie) and some nice porno movies. Some dudes thought it was unfair that they only showed 5 demos or so, and everybody wanted to know why, but it wasn't our fault, the blame was on Active, who arranged it... Anyway, after that, we did an interview with Afl... Some time later, we found a nice way to get drinks for free: We just broke up the fride.. he-he! That was cool... We left at about 11 p.m as the party closed. After all, the party

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THE GERMAN SCENE.... 1



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The German scene is not yet often cracking software. That's why there are reported, although many people think so many cracker groups. I don't under-German has the best one. Of course stand most swappers saying that these this depends on your own qualities and guys are the best because they have professions. The big time of German obviously chosen the easier way to groups is nearly over, as the C64 has become famous (I personally piss off almost entirely died. Former big names those coders who dropped coding in have disappeared or they lamed down by order to crack copyrighted stuff). releasing shit stuff (AFL, SHINING 8.) These "cracker groups" (mainly consist-Coding and making music (being ing of 1 cracker and 20 spreaders!!!) creative generally) isn't much dislike coder groups since they have appreciated here since having the nothing to offer them (except some latest stuff is the most important intro coding for those 'able' crackers) thing to many "freaks". Human qualities That's why the most famous cracker are mainly neglected. Most guys act groups don't swap with coder/demo friendly as long as the others are groups. All these things contribute to more famous or have newer stuff. But the prevention of friendship because towards unknown freaks, they act like own profits and egoism are 'the rules' being God. But most of the former here in Germany. If there weren't the unknown groups do not learn from their major cracker groups, the problem of bad experiences and act in the same friendship would not be that present. way after having joined a famous team. One probable reason for a German group Germany is still the best location for initiating 'FRIENDSHIP' (Spreadpoint)!? But even 'FRIENDSHIP' cannot help as long as there are stupid crackers long as the general attitude does not (often not able to do 100% cracks!) who change. People have to realize that will obviously never get older, no the problem's based in their contacts. changes will be made. Just a few groups I personally have no problems with have the quality to make some good ownfriendship (though living in Germany) made productions. My personal favourites because I care about the people I am in Germany: United Forces (useful in contact with. But before you're programs), TCC DESIGN (good demos), able to do this, you must get the Spreadpoint (good potential, but too right distance to the whole scene and few releases). The rest are just doing realize how ridicilous many actions below average coding/music/GFX. Poor and habits are. Germany.... German freaks are badly Here in Germany there are not so many reputated by foreign freaks. Germans coder groups around. I guess there are are seen upon as diskstealers and arromany good coders, but they are not gants. TEEZE/Ex-Phoenix told me that



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involved in groups. That's an essential one thing's for sure when sending disks difference to Scandinavia where many to Germany: They won't come back! Of groups with more than 3 coders are course this is a prejudice because available. We are desperately seeking there are also some friendly and right a third musician, but there are not minded guys but Germans generally tend even average around. It's not easy to to superiority (Germans are best...) But get some competent coders/musicians in idiots are everywhere, so first check Geramany. If there weren't so much out before judging. It may happen that resources of 'NEW STUFF', I guess you survey a great contact. everything would be different. But as

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| Shadow/BRAINSTORM, Stinger/CAVE
                             Defcon 5/THYRONE, Guardian/UFO |
|Lazerbrain/CRUSADERS, Windwalker/CRB Hellraiser/VENOM and last but not |
| Charly/D-TECT, Gizmo/DUAL CREW
                               least DTW/WIZZCAT.
| The Pride/FLASH PRODUCTION
                                         | Typhoon/FRAXION, Ice/IMAGE
| Mr.Acid/IPEC ELITE, Jagger/KEFRENS
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70780 Kuopio   Fraxion, Exodus, Byterapers, Predators.
Finland   +
Best regards to: Paradox, Skid Row
Miracle, Defjam, AFL, Warfalcons,
Scoopex, Dual Crew, Cryptoburners!
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2. What is your relationship to dogs???
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3. Do you piss on other peoples doorsteps???
4. Do your parents feed you with Brekkies?



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5. Have you ever felt attrackted to Jackmix of CRB??!?	1111
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6. Do you dig a hole in the sand when you wanna piss??	I + I + I
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Most A's : You like the letter A better than B and D	
Most B's : You like the letter B better than A and D	
Most D's : You like the letter D better than A and B	
- If you're not satisfied with the result, try once more!!	
FALLOS / CINEFEX	

Interview With Dexion! 1

¹and height.... ð of Dexion said that Dexion was going to

ð be built up again after MMM and Liteace

ð72 kg scales, 16 earthyears old, blue

ðeyes and brown hair.... ¹How many members are "alive" in Dexion?

 $^1\!When\,$  did you buy your first computer?  $\,$  ð Well, there's still the old Dexion

ðmembers, but also new members have

°SMARTIN (Music)

¹How did you enter Dexion? Tell us a ⁰FUTURE FREAK (Music)

¹little story about Dexion. ⁰TRIX (Mainswapper)

^oTIGER (Swapper)

ðLet's start from the beginning. The ⁰NATRIX (Gfx)

ðfirst thing I did when I got my Amiga, °TOX (Coder, GFX)

ðwas to get all the best games, which °TRON (Coder)

ðwas impossible on the C-64 (Gfx, sound °PET (Coder)

ðand so on...) and half a year later, I °ORBIT (Coder)

ðentered the szene.Since then I've been ⁰ STARMAN (Coder)

ðin different groups like: Wiz, Cycron,

ðPrologic.... And then, after the RSI & Totally 10 members.

¹Tell our readers why you "lost" MMM ŠSome High Quality demos!



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¹and Liteace.

¹Rumours say you'll arrange a copy party

ðWell, I wasn't in Dexion when they ¹Is this true? If so, when and where? ðleft, so I don't know exactly why....

öBut it had something to do with PromaxŏYep, we're going to hold a Dexion partyŏof Kefrens who also joined PARADOXŏsometime around christmas in the Danishŏlike MMM & Liteace, coz they'd like toŏtown Odense. We're working on it rightŏwork together with Promax. But thenŏnow, and invitations should be out someŏPromax rejoined Kefrens, coz PARADOXŏtime in October. I don't wanna tell soŏcommanded him to code intros, butŏmuch about it, except there will be aŏPromax mostly code demos so he left.ŏ demo competition with very high prizes.ŏBut.. But, MMM & Liteace stayed inŏPARADOX instead of rejoining Dexion¹What is your crew's amitions?ŏ(Too bad) As told before, I don't knowŏexactly the reason why they left and IŏRight now to become one of the bestŏwasn't in Dexion when they left, so doŏdemogroups in Denmark, like in the good

¹So what do you think about Paradox now ¹Which hardware do you use?

ðold days.

¹What will be your next production? ⁰ (Continues...)

¹How do you like the Danish scene? ¹Do you think everything is going well

¹in the current scene?

ðThe Danish szene is very cool! Many

ðgood demogroups, some crackergroups ðNo, there are too many LAMERS! I don't ðlike Paradox and Oracle.....

ðmoney and not just for fun!

¹Do you like disk-mags? By the way,

¹which diskmag do you prefer? ¹Are you afraid of the police?

ðYeah, I like diskmags! My favourites ðNo, cause most of my activities are ðare Zine and 4th. Dimension! ð legal. If they will come, they won't ðfind anything!

¹What's your favourite:

ðnot get angry at me.



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¹Coder: ðSlayer/SCX

¹Musician: ðRomeo Knight/RSI ðIt depends on my homework. About 2-8

¹GFX-Artist: ðJOE/SCX ðhours a day.

¹Demogroup: ðScoopex, Red Sector, Kefrens

¹Crackers: ðSkid Row,m Fairlight, Angels 

¹Have you ever considered selling your ðand Paradox. 

¹Amiga to buy an Archimedes or an IBM PC

¹What are your hobbies besides Amiga? ŏNo,I won't sell my Amiga. Maybe I would

ðhave another computer beside my Amiga,

ðParties, Tennis, Movies, Football.... ðbut I wouldn't sell it!

¹What is your preferred: ¹Trix of Dexion was interviewed by:

¹Drink: ðBeer!

¹Food: ðPizza ³Death Bringer of North Star!

¹Chocolate: ðToo many.. Daim, Mars...

¹Alcohol: ðVodka...

 ¹Music ðgroup/Solo Artist: ????????
 ²If you are worth being interviewed,

 ¹Album: ðDepeche Mode: "Violator"
 ²contact Fourth Dimension at any one of

 ¹Movie: ðGremlins 2
 ²the addresses in the address page. We

 ¹Video: ðGenesis "Land Of Confusion"
 ²would appreciate if you wrote to either

²Trixal's address or one of the swappers

¹Ok that's it! Do you have any messages ²addresses as the managing editor has ¹to add, any final words etc? ²already far too much work to do. Thanx.

 $\ensuremath{\mbox{\sc d}}\xspace Yep, \ \ensuremath{\mbox{\sc if}}\xspace \ \ensuremath{\mbox{\sc d}}\xspace \ \ensurem$ 

^oBlackstar, managing editor.

ðinvitations to our party, write to:

¢Dexion ¢Poste Restante ¢ ¢5000 Odense C ¢Denmark

¹Thanx for being interviewed!

ðAnd thanx for interviewing me.....

A GUIDE THROUGH NOISETRACKING! 1



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In the jungle of today's selection of get a sampler (a GOOD one too!), a very Noisetrackers and Soundtrackers, it useful song-record mode, key-repeat, a might be difficult to chose which wider selection of colors and more! All version to use! Well, I will try to these things added together make this a give a short guidance using my own very good program! In comparison, the experiences. First of all, I think you V1.2C version has got the earlier can forget ALL Soundtrackers. The best mentioned pattern-editor and block-edit versions available today, are Kaktus & mode! In addition, I personally prefer Mahoney's Noisetracker V2.0 and UFO's numbers displayed as decimal figures Noisetracker V1.2C. These are the ones instead of hexadecimal, as in NT V2.0. I will concentrate on in this article.

In Fourth Dimension #3 we had a review Conclusion: After having used both verof Noisetracker V2.0. Because of that, sions quite a lot, I have noticed that I will only mention how that version both versions are good, but they both performs when having used it little have big limitations. I will rate them more. The really big problems about both to 8/10 and say that they are both Noisetracker V2.0 are as follows: For needed! As you might have figured, I starters, the Noisetracker V2.0 use use both, I do one thing with V2.0 and more memory than V1.2C. That's bad for other things with V1.2C. That's why I non-mega owners. Secondly, they have NOT can't wait to get another version VERY included the two big advantages of the soon. UFO say they are developing one UFO Noisetracker, the pattern-editor right now! Let's hope this will contain and the block-edit mode! In return you the essential changes!

### NOISETRACKING - AFTERPLAY! 1

After having written the previous ²all! ¹ Now, if you tried to change back article, another and very interesting from 8 to 4 voice mode, you got a soundtracker turned up, actually it requester asking "Are you sure (y/n)?". was the "Startrekker" from Fairlight. If you then chose "yes", all datas are It was based on Noisetracker V2.0 and erased. Hmmm.. Not very good. Another improved quite a lot. First of all, thing which should be noticed: ²The ¹there was the Polyphonic mode, great! ²Startrekker is not compatible with the ¹By pressing the '.'-key on the numeric ²other Noisetrackers. ¹ You can use other keyboard, you can switch on/off. Also, soundtracks on the Startrekker, but the there was an "Oktalyzer mode", that Startrekker saves in its own format, so means --> 8 voices. Unfortunately, the there's no use in trying to incorporate editing system wasn't quite good, you a Startrekker song in another program.



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only see 4 voices at the time, and you In spite of all these minuses, I think cannot use any of the record fuctions Startrekker is the best musicprogram on together with hearing all 8 voices. In the Amga today. At least I prefer to addition to this, they hadn't even use this handy tool. All credits to included a playroutine for the 8 voice Exxon of Fairlight for daring to try mode. All interrupts were stopped something new. Too bad this version during 8 voice play, because all the doesn't support IFF-samples,no noisedir processor time is occupied, or so they no block-edit mode.... Anyway, looking claim. I was also disappointed with for further improvents, this version is the fact that when switching from 4 to truly recommended. I would rate it to 8 voices, 2no requester was shown at 8.5/10.

# INTERVIEW WITH NORTHSTAR 1

¹State your name and group. 
¹ you still keep cracking?

^aI am Death Bringer and I'm a member of ^aOf course we're 100% legal, we don't ^aNorth Star. ^acrack at all.

¹Ok. North Star is truly one of the big 
¹How many members are there in NorthStar 
¹legends, but the last year, everything 
¹and from which countries are they? 
¹seemed to stop. What really happened?

^aThere are too many members, about 30-40

^aSure we're one of the living legends, ^acool guys in Sweden and in France.

^abut last year we got tired of having

^ato release stuff continuosly... So we ¹How long have you been in North Star,

^astarted releasing less and less and ¹and how did you join?

athen nothing more for about 6 months!

^aAnyway, we're still a good crew... But all've been in North Star for 4-5 months.

^aeveryone though we were dead! Now, all joined them when I left a really lame alinstead of producing 5 or 6 ugly demos are rench crew (now!) with Viro, Raistlin alin form of a megademo, we prefer to aline and Flyspy. We joined NorthStar because acode one good demo! By the way, today aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus, so it aline was a good friend of Kaktus,

¹Are North Star 100% legal now, or do

°DIZ INTERVIEW CONTINUES.....



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¹Name your favourite: ^aI am seventeen years old since June.

¹Crackers: ^aFairlight, Paradox, Skid Row ¹ Are you still a virgin???

¹Coders: ªDelta/RSI, Metallion/Kefrens,

^aSlayer/Scoopex. ^aNo thank God! (Silly question ¹(Why? Ed)

¹Musicians: ^aRomeo Knight, Rob Hubbard,

^aNightlight/Kefrens ¹How much time do you spend in front of

¹Graphics-wiz: ^aReward & JOE of Scoopex. ¹your Amiga every day? What is that time

¹Diskmags: ^a Zine, CJ, 4th. Dim., DISC ¹occupied with?

¹Demos: ^aMental Hangover, Vectors For All

¹Games: ^a Beast II, Stunt Car Racer. ^aDuring the holidays... A lot! Maybe too ¹Album (LP): ^aMidnight Oil:Diesel & Dust ^amuch... Most of the time (in holidays), ¹Video: ^aPaula Abdul: Opposite Attract. ^aI listen to Amiga music while reading a

¹Group: ^aMidnight Oil ^adiskmag or a scrolltext! Then I use:

¹Movie: ^aBack To The Future - Trilogy ^aX-Copy, Noisetracker, DPaint and Seka ¹Food: ^aPizza and all Italian food. ^a(even Amigamon 3.0 & Fast Mon). I think ^aeven a swapper should be able to code,

¹About The Police. Are you afraid of ^adraw or compose!

1them? Have you had any trouble?

¹Do you have a hobby except for Amiga?

^aI have nothing to be afraid of, and I

^ahave never had any trouble. ^aOf course.. Hunting (? - Ed) for girls,

^aplaying tennis and I go skiing.

¹Hmmm. Tell me, how old are you really?

°DA INTERVIEW WILL GO ON.....

¹What do you think about the scene now? ¹What equipment do you use???

¹Will it get better or worse in the

¹future? al use:

¢-  $^{a}\text{Amiga}$  500 (Kick 1.2), 3 ½" & 5 ¼" drive

^aThe scene today is changing... No more and 1084 colour monitor.

^amail swapping! All good swappers buy ¢- ^aC64 + 1570 diskdrive + Philips TV.

^a(or will buy) a modem. I think that's ^a.... And of course Techincs stereo amp-

^agood for business, but not for friend- ^alifier + CD, and soon a VHS (X-mas!!)

^aship.I think it's really hard to speak

^aabout the future but the scene might ¹What do you think about organisations

^abecome better since some powerful ¹such as 'Friendship'??

^acracking groups (Paradox and Skid Row)

^aare not at war. They're good friends. ^aThey're cool,we can know many cool guys



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^aIn fact, the best cracking crews must

^ashow us the way to be friends... They ¹Do you have a girlfriend???

aunderstood that when "Friendship

^aagainst business" was born! ^aOf course. But I must say, none of them

^aever fancied my Amiga....

¹What do yuo thing about modems? Do you

¹have a modem yourself?? ¹What's the best girl country in the

¹world (Hint:Norway's got Miss Universe)

^aModems are good if you want to be fast

^abut they are too expensive. I don't ^aThe French riviera (Wrong! - Ed), coz

^ahave a modem, so I only trade by mail. ^ait looks like California but here we

^aIt's cheaper.... ^acan see their tits! (Prohibited in USA)

¹Is it true what people say about ^a2 demos in July, but we failed... Any-

¹Frenchmen? Are you really more ^away, these 2 demos (no names yet) will

¹romantic than the rest of us Europeans abe out soon. The French members of N.S

¹or is that just a 'legend'? aare working on 2 games. They will be

^areleased soon.

^aYo, sure! When we talk to the girls we

^aare so romantic that they all fall in ¹Do you want to greet somebody?

aour beds!

^aYes... Greets to Exen/Fraxion (Nice

¹Well, hmmm., I think we should go back ^aletters!), Blackstar/CRB (Nice sense of

¹to something else... Like the standard a humour! I love it! (?? - ED)), Oliver/

¹question: What do you think about copy ^a Paradox (Good luck for November 90), ¹parties, and would you ever consider ^a Teeze/Anarchy (So you weren't dead) and

¹going to scandinavia to visit a party? ^a all NorthStar members and contacts!

^aI think copy parties are cool, you can ¹Any final words?

ameet contacts and so. I think it would

^abe better if Scandinavian countries ^a Yep. Special fucking to Saddam Hussein.

^aweren't so far away..... ^a You will soon see the consequenses of

^aan American atomic bomb exploding in

¹What are NorthStar's future plans? alraq!!!

^aWe're planning a music disk called His ¹Thanx for the interview pal!

^aMaster Of Noise, coming in December 90

^aand we were supposed to have released ^oInterview by Blackstar/Cryptoburners



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#### VIRUS UPDATE

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Had trouble with your computer computer, but a quick power-off lately? Bet it's a new virus! Here is usually saves your disk. But never let the latest update on the subject.... the computer do any disk operations while you're going to the toilet!!!

GAMEKILLER - works as an anti-lamer

virus, which only affects games. It PACEKILLER - doesn't affect most of links itself onto the joystick control us, but if you happen to have a routine, and makes the game bugg when pacemaker it can be quite nasty. It you try to play it (especially when reduces the frequency of the TV-screen you're about to beat the hiscore). The to 60 Hz/min, the same speed as the usual things that happen is a guru pacemaker, which causes instant death. meditation, a screen blank or a reset.

If you think you have been attacked

DISKMELTER - is a normal bootblock by one of these viruses, just send a virus, but attacks very seldom, which blank disk to me, and I'll send you my makes it very nasty, since you never viruskiller (look for my ad.) know if it's present. The bootcode looks normal too, so no normal killer

FALLOS / CINEFEX will discover it. When it attacks, the diskdrive will start running at max. speed, which causes the disk to melt..

It is not possible to reset the

'Do you want a coke?' - A short story in n parts by Gard E. Abrahamsen

Gits looked at the radar. It was Trebor pressed a key in a panel by a the first time since they had left door. It was this action that caused Otulp that a space-ship moved in that the above mentioned door to slide close. His fists were tightened. open. Trebor ran swiftly down the Riegsa noticed this. 'Gits,' he said. corridor that had been hidden behind 'Violent One. I can see no reason to the door all the time. The door closed tighten any fists. Remember that we silently behind him. have merchendise to deliever and the 'According to my calculations,' best for us all is to travel in pe...' Riegsa said, 'that could just as well 'Shut up, Peaceful One!' Gits was be a peacefu...'



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angry. He had been angry and quite 'Shut up, Peaceful One! Take your violent since his wife, Eneri, was peace and shove it before I do it. killed after she said 'peace' one time This is the real world and not an too many. He told the police it was an imaginarily peaceful one! Don't you accident, but everybody knew that it remember the prophecy?' Trebor entered the room through the was Gits who put her in the microwave oven. Why she married him in the first above mentioned door. 'Sir,' he said. place, is one of the great unsolved 'They will come as soon as they have mysteries of the universe. 'It's my dressed.' duty to protect it.' He turned to 'I must say...' Riegsa started, but Trebor. 'Swift One! Go and get the a look from Gits told him that he Insanely Witty One and the French shouldn't continue if he wanted to One.' stay alive longer than another ten

seconds. Riegsa had always been careA problem so enormously huge that
ful and as peaceful as possible. When
how he solved it is one of the great
he went to school, some older boys had
unsolved mysteries of the universe.
beaten him up once. To prevent this
from happening more than that one gun.

time, he payed the boys \$2 each every But that was not the only problem he day to lay off. However, there were had. This other problem was at the other boys who wanted to beat him up moment walking up the corridor. as well. The yearly bribe expences 'Blackened is the end,' the problem soon reached \$400000. That's why he sang. 'Winter it will send, Throwing had to take this boring job on the all you see, Into obscurity. Death of space-ship: to pay the yearly \$400000. mother earth, Never a rebirth, This was also how he met Drag the Evolution's end, Never will it mend, Insanely Witty One and Enireves the Never.' The problem was insane. It was French One.

A light on a panel below the radar and was one of the greatest Metallica screen flashed red. Gits looked out of fans in the galaxy.

the window. He could now clearly see Together with Drag was Enireves the the approaching space-ship. 'If only I French One. Once, she was asked what had a big enough microwave oven' he she saw in Drag. As expected, her thought and tightened his fists even reply simply was that 'He makes me further. He had to do it the hard way laugh'. Of course, this has nothing this time.

But he had a problem. ever. Therefore, I believe it is time
A BIG problem. to leave this subject and go on



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telling the story. It was not the ultimate answer of the

The before mentioned door slid open big question about life, universe and to allow Drag and Enireves to enter everything (42), but at least it was the room. Drag felt uncompfortable. It an answer. The ultimate answer of the seemed to him that there was something current situation they now were in. wrong with his trousers. He looked 'I have never seen anything like it, down. Backwards! but one thing is certain.' She said in

'Violent One,' he said as he her French accent.'We won't stand a entered. 'Peaceful One,' he said to chance against it when it comes to Riegsa. 'Swift One,' He turned to arms.'

Trebor. 'Excuse me for a moment.' He Gits tightened his fists even more. then disappeared into the lavatory. A The glass of coke he actually held in minute later he returned with his it broke and all the coke was now in trousers the right way, this time. the form of a big black pool on the 'You asked for us?' He asked as if usually so clean floor. 'I hate that nothing had happened at all. space-ship,' he cried out. 'It took my (Especially not with his trousers.)

'Yes,' Gits replied with a minute Drag quickly drank up the pool of smile on his face. He turned to the coke from the floor.
window. 'There's this space-ship.' His A yellow light started flashing fists were quite tightened. 'You are above the communication screen. Trebor the expert on space-ships, Enireves. went swiftly over to the screen and What do you think?' pressed a button.

Enireves studied the space-ship in a The screen was filled with a face. split second and had the answer ready. It was a male, but it was impossible to tell the approximate age of him. Not many minutes later, they could 'Hello there,' the face said. 'I am hear something being attached to the Edorf the evil one. I feel a bit happy ship and the outer door being opened. today, so I will give you two choices: 'Time to play hide and seek,' Trebor Either you surrender and let us board suggested. the ship, or we will blow you in 'Hide, seek and obliterate,' Gits billions of small pieces.'

In a moment, it looked as if Gits

'But it's just to give them \$2 and untightened his fists, but surprisingthey will lay off,' Riegsa said and ly to none, he didn't. He tightened started walking towards the place the them (as if they weren't tight enough) intruders most probably entered the 'I'll tell you,' Gits said. 'We ship.

haven't got much choice but to choose 'Riegsa! Come back!' Enireves cried



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one of the two, and since I would like and started to run after Riegsa. Drag a fighting chance to live a bit couldn't believe his eyes. Enireves longer, I might let you board the ran straight into the hands of the ship. Wether you succeed or not, is enemy! He could not allow it! He your problem.' wanted to run after her and rescue

Riegsa approached the screen as her. But later. If he ran now, he well. 'May I suggest,' he said. would be caught as well.

Gits looked at him. They heard footsteps closing in.

'If I give you \$2, will you lay off, Riegsa's desperate attempts to talk then?' Riegsa continued. his way out of the situation as he was

Edorf laughed. The screen flickered taken away. His voice was desperate indeed. and the face disappeared.

They could hear Enireves scream. The and one of them is sitting on the loo scream was fading away as well. They with his trousers down. were probably taking all prisoners to 'Don't worry,' Drag said carefully. the other space-ship. This would make 'Just let me put my trousers back on the rescue even harder, but now they and I'll surrender.' Since Drag also had to stay alive. was a Metallica fan, he just had to

The footsteps were closing in. sing a bit as he put his trousers back

The door slid open and a lonely on.

soldier stepped in. He wondered why HE When a Metallica fan hears somebody was given the task to search rooms sing Metallica music he simply must that seemingly were empty, all the sing, too, and so the soldier did. time. He walked slowly into the middle 'Do you see what I see? Truth is an of the room. He could see nobody.

offence You silence for your

'I can't remember anything,' he sang confidence. Do you hear what I hear? for himself. 'Can't tell if this is Doors are slamming shut Limit your true or dream, Deep down inside I feel imagination, keep you where they must. to scream, This terrible silence stops Do you feel what I feel? Bittering me. Now that the war is through with distress Who decides what you express? me, I'm waking up I cannot see, That Do you take what I take? Endurance is there's not much left of me, Nothing the word Moving back instead of is real but pain now!' forward seems to me absurd. Doesn't

matter what you see Or into it what A Metallica fan. He pushed the button to the lavatory. The door you read You can do it your own way If opened and...well, what can a soldier it's done just how I say. Independence say when he is searching for prisoners limited Freedom of choice Choice is made for you my friend Freedom of hope that somebody maybe would rescue



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spe...' him made him fall asleep.

The song was suddenly cut off as But he woke up again quite quickly. Gits had hit the soldier from behind. Not because it might be a bit diffi'Let me borrow your gun a minute,' he cult to sleep whilst hanging upsidetold the soldier as he tied his hands down 12 feet above the floor.
and put him in the loo. 'One shouldn't Neither was it because somebody had leave the loo without flushing it,' he rescued him.
continued and quite soon, the soldier The possibility that he would be set

continued and quite soon, the soldier I he possibility that he would be set was gone.

free was like nill.

But he still woke up. He was dead tired. Wondering why he wasn't asleep, he looked around, or at least tried to

Riegsa couldn't believe what was look a bit around. That's when he saw happening. Bribing with \$2 had always Enireves. Now, also hanging upsideworked before. He had even tried with down 12 feet above the floor. She had a massive \$4 this time, but it still screamed when they put her up there. didn't work. What had he gotten him- That's most probably why Riegsa woke self into?

He had to make a plan. It could be 'Are you OK?' Enireves seemed a bit any plan as long as it didn't involve concerned. 'You shouldn't have run any violence. Making a plan whilst straight into them. You could've got hanging up-side down 12 feet above the yourself killed.'

floor, isn't actually the easiest 'But paying \$2 has allways worked!' thing one can do, so he gave up. The 'These are pirates, Peaceful One. They want the whole ship, not just \$2. Suddenly, the chain in which And to get the whole ship, they have Enireves was hanging started to move to get rid of us, right?' along a pipe-line taking Enireves with

'Well...' it. She looked down at the floor. The

'And the easiest way of getting rid chain stopped just above a hole in the

of us is to kill us.' floor before it started to lower 'KILL us? Nah! They wouldn't do Enireves down into it.

anything like that. They will probably 'Riegsa,' she said in a desperate just put us on a deserted planet or voice. 'What are they doing? What is something.' going to happen to me?'

'Leaving us to starve to death.'

'I don't know, Enireves! I don't
Riegsa changed his face from a happy know!'
smile to a quite serious expression. Now just the chain in which Enireves
'You're right. We've got to get out was hanging was visible above the



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of here.' floor. Smoke poured out of the hole.

'And how did you think we should do White smoke. 20 seconds later the that? We are now hanging upside-down chain winshed her up again. She was 12 feet above the floor. We are totally covered with ice. She had been hanging in chains. You can't possibly frozen. open the locks, and even if you did, The chain in which Riegsa was you would land on your head and break hanging in started to move...

'I'll think of something.'

'You'd better. Because I'd like to

your neck.'

see Drag again before I die.' The soldier just stood there guarding the tube they had put up to instead of taking the bus. It was much move from one of the space-ships to faster.

the other without having to wear 'Huh?' The guard wondered. space-suits. He wondered why he always 'I'll surely outrun you,' Trebor was the one who had to guard it. It continued.

was so boring. He was about to fall 'But I...' The guard tried. However asleep when he heard a sound. He his try was not enough concidering looked towards the place from where that Drag had moved in from behind to the sound came.

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He looked down on the floor. An anything to hit with. He tapped the empty coke can. He picked it up. soldier's shoulder.

Looked back as if he expected someone 'Excuse me, sir,' he said. 'May I to attack him from behind. He would borrow that coke a bit?'

have if he hadn't turned around. But 
The soldier who was quite confused

he did, so he couldn't and so he just gave it to him.

wasn't. In fact it was the other way 'Thank you, sir,' he continued and

around this time. Trebor who was given gave the empty coke to Trebor who used the task to hit him from behind was it to hit the soldier quite hard in quite surprised when the soldier the neck.

turned around. 'Wanna' race?' he 'Sleep well, sir. And before I tried. forget, I believe you won't need this

After all, Trebor wasn't called 'the one anymore.' He took the gun and Swift One' for nothing. When he was 3 dropped the soldier in the thrashcan. years old he outran his father and (a thrashcan is a device that when he began school, he usually ran thrashes the trash before it is automatically thrown into the trashcan) situation was as it was in this exact 'Is that the hole we are supposed to moment, he just had to accept that and



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climb through?' Trebor wondered. do whatever was best for him. That's 'Yeah? I suppose it shouldn't be too why he grabbed for the gun. However, difficult. We'll manage. Where's there was a minor problem about that: Gits?' Drag ran back and turned around The gun wasn't there.

the corner. The footsteps were now very close, Silence. so close that Trebor actually could

There was so much silence that see the soldier who made the foot-

Trebor wished they had installed an steps.

air-conditioner to clean out all the 'No, no,' Trebor begged. 'I am silence in the air. unarmed. Don't shoot. I am quite

But Drag used quite a while to get unarmed, see? (God, where are Drag and

Gits. Gits? If they come soon I won't pee in

Too long time. Gits' coke ever again and I'll become

So long time that Trebor wondered a mo...)'

where he had gone. As a reply, a couple of shots hit

He heard footsteps. If they had come the soldier that hadn't said a thing from the direction Drag went, he would yet. Of course it was Drag and Gits

probably have believed it was him, but who now were back.

the footsteps came from the other '(... I'll become a motherfucker.)' direction, so it couldn't be Drag and Trebor continued his prayer glad he so he didn't think it was Drag either. had not finished the word before Drag He grabbed for the gun. This was not and Gits returned. 'Where have you what he hoped for, but since the guys been?' he asked.

'Gits had to visit the lavatory.' Gits took a step forward. 'Sir, I 'AGAIN?' suppose you would like to live just as

'So what? It was important. I'll long as we want to live?'

explain it to you later.' Edorf turned around. He had never

Then the three guys climbed through heard any prisoner talk like that the hole, crawled through the tube and before. 'Yeah? Actually I will live arrived in the other space-ship where longer than any of you. Ha! Ha!' His some soldiers were waiting for them. laughter was the worst Gits had heard

'Oh! Oh! We're in trouble,' Trebor since he met Drag the Insanely Witty said.

One.

'Nah! We're not. Hey! You!' Gits Gits didn't look bothered about the turned to one of the soldiers. 'Take fact Edorf had just stated at all. In us to your leader. We have something fact, Gits was just waiting for Edorf VERY important to tell him, and we are to stop laughing. In fact, he would talking about life and death of the help Edorf stop laughing. 'Sir,' he



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crew in this entire ship!' said. 'I have put a bomb in the space-'Aye aye, sir!' was the quite short ship. I do have here...' Gits showed reply of the soldier. Edorf a little box with a red button After a few minutes walking they on it. '... the detonator. Of course, finally arrived to the bridge where if I am shot, the bomb will blow the Edorf the Evil One was waiting. He was ship to billions of pieces in exactly looking out of the window when they one hour from now on.' arrived. He didn't even turn around. Trebor seemed to have an idea. He He just stood there. He said a single smiled a bit and started: 'So that's word. 'Yes?' what you did at the lav...' he stopped before he gave away the location of corridor and into a small room with a the bomb. hole in the floor. Two ice cubes were

Gits continued. 'So, if you will be standing by the hole. Inside these ice kind enough to let the others go, I cubes one could see bodies. One male might be kind enough to let you live and one female. They were quite a bit longer.'

Edorf was bitter. He could not Riegsa and Enireves. The ice had believe what was going on. But as started melting.

always, he had his plans. 'Okey,' he 'You see,' Edorf said. 'He is trying said. 'Jim! Go and melt the to make a new ice-cream that nobody prisoners.'

has ever tasted before. He needs a

A quite young soldier turned around secret ingredience.'

and left through a door in the wall. 'And that ingredience is us?' Gits

'Melt?' Gits wondered. suggested.

'Melt?' Trebor wondered. 'Well, not only you. Of course he is

And Drag just looked insanely witty. willing to pay for any humans that I
'Melt?' he uttered. should capture. It will be big money.'

Edorf smiled a bit. 'Yeah? They were The ice was now finished melting and frozen some minutes ago. The plan was Riegsa and Enireves were free. 'You to freeze you all and sell you to a made it!' Enireves cried and gave Drag certain Nrojbsa.' a big hug.

'Nrojbsa? The Mad Professor? What Riegsa just looked a bit unhappy. was he to do with us?'

Gits looked at the box he was 'Let me show you. This way.' holding in his hand. He held it in They followed Edorf through a long front of Edorf and pressed the button. Through a little hole in the box, some 'Do you want a coke?' water seemed to pour out ruining

Edorf's clothes. --- The End Of Part One ---



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'It was a toy?' Edorf wondered. 'How could you do this to me? Have you forgotten that I am still in charge here? Well, that was it for now. Slightly I'll kill you!' confusing or quite normal? Never mind.

'I don't think so,' Riegsa said and I honestly am sorry not being able to pushed Edorf into the hole in the release Part Two at the present, bu

pushed Edorf into the hole in the release Part Two at the present, but floor.

due to a re-editioning of Part Two and

'What happened to him?' Gits looked Part Three, these episodes are curat the white cold smoke that poured rently not available. But don't desout of the hole. 'Did he get cold pair. The next edition of Fourth feet?' He paused. 'So, since we now Dimension will probably include more have taken over this ship, we can just insanity from outer space. Trust that as well...' Gits looked around with a Drag the Insanely Witty One (somebody very surprised look in his face. claims his looks are), the Mutant 'Where did the Insanely Witty One and Microbe, Zealot or whatever you would the French One go?'

Trebor looked down. 'They said some- whose noble name is Gard E. Abrahamsen thing about trying out the beds here.' and whose brother isn't mentioned here 'I must say...' Riegsa tried, but a (why mention him?), trust that he'll look from Gits told him not to give you nervous breakdowns forever. continue if he wanted to stay alive Yeah!!!

longer than another 10 seconds. Gladiator/Cryptoburners

## THE HOBBY SECTION! 1

Another new feature in your favourite want to read about it.... don't!!! Here diskmag is The Hobby Section. Here, are the 'Hobby Section' contents: people can write about their hobbies, spare time activities and so on. Some 82........................Mountainbiking of you might think this is just crap. 84........................The Manchester Scene Who needs to read about other people's hobbies? If you are one of the persons We hope you enjoy these pages. For our



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thinking like that, you can at least next issue, we would be very glad to not care too much about the world get more contributions to this section. outside the Amigaworld.We want to give you the chance to tell other people Until next time... Have a nice hobbyin' about your special hobby, be it toesucking, collecting used teabags or whatever. Don't mind the swapperboys who only want to read gossip about other groups, who joined who etc. The world is more than Amiga, we try to decrease that gap.

Blackstar/Cryptoburners - Managing Editor -

In today's hobby section, we are proud to present articles about Mountainbiking and bout The Manchester music scene. Again I say: if you don't

MOUNTAIN BIKING... 1 at the top end of the scale space age materials such as titanium or carbon

In Fourth Dimension's continuing fibre.

quest to broaden the lives of all you There are a lot of mock mountain freaks here's the first in a proposed bikes available which are not capable series of articles on sport/leisure of real off road riding, they're too heavy and unreliable. To buy a quality

I am sure most of you readers will bike you should look to spend at LEAST already know what a mountain bike is 350 pounds (UK prices). but for the benefit of those who don't 'So what does this sport involve?' I'll make a quick description, wheels I can hear you asking. Well, there are are 26 inches in diameter (27 on road several variations on mountain biking, bikes) and the rims are wider to caqry racing is popular and the atmosphere the heavily knobblee fat tyres (1.5 to at mountain bike races is informal and 2.5(!) inches). Tubing is also thicker when I entered my first race I finished and larger in diameter, real mountain around the middle of the field and beat bikes have either 18 or 21 gear ratios a lot of older riders, and I only ride and the rear changer is indexed (this for fun. means that it clicks into place) for Of course you can't enter races all easier use. Flat handlebars are used the time and some riders don't like the with a low stem and the thumbshifters race scene. Weekend rides with friends



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used for gearchanging are mounted next—can be just as much fun. It's generally to the brake levers. A decent mountain—agreed amongst mountain bikers that the bike frame will be made from either—best—thing about the sport is off-road lightweight steel cro-mo, aluminium or—downhill riding. The adrenalin rush you get from flying down a twisting dirt—your crotch and the frame when you are track at 40 mph is amazing. Of course—standing over the bike. This is very this is a dangerous sport and if you—important—if—you plan on having kids! are riding seriously it's important to

wear a protective helmet which meets ³SECURITY... ¹In the UK at least over 50 either of the American Snell or Ansi percent of bike thefts are expensive standards for cycling helmets. Most of mountain bikes. Get a `U-lock' when you the available helmets are made from buy your bike. And don't buy a hot bike polystyrene and are therefore cool and either!

If you are thinking of buying a OK, you can discover the rest for mountain bike then consider the points yourself, if you wanna write to me on below... this subject then do so through the magazine.

³PRICE... ¹If you are serious about your riding you'll need to spend a lot of ^asigned: Firestorm of Technique. ¹ money on your bike, don't be tempted to buy a cheaper bike because you are ¹paying for a bike which will resist ¢Thanx to Firestorm for this article. We ¹the mud and dirt you are going to ride ¢challege everybody who are into some ¹through and still perform perfectly. ¢sort of exciting stuff to write about

³FRAME SIZE... ¹ Mountain bike sizes are ²Blackstar/Cryptoburners ¹not the same as road bike sizes, you should have at least 3 inches between

¢it here in Fourth Dimension.

### MANCHESTER SCENE 1

No,not the Amiga scene, the music be on a small independent label rather scene! Anyone living in Britain is no than a major so that they have more doubt sick of hearing of `Manchester artistic freedom/control over their Vibes' by now but I thought it would sound. However indie music is usually be a good idea to explain this musical identifiable as being unconventional trend to our foreign pals...



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Manchester has a good record (ha) The sound of these bands varies as far as quality music is concerned, from dance to psychedelic pop/rock to The Buzzcocks, Joy Division (Now known indie. All the bands,however,share the as New Order), The Smiths and A Certain same fans and often the same producers Ratio all came from the city. and remixers are used.

Just as LSD fueled the original Now a whole new wave of so-called 'indie/dance crossover' bands have psychedelic music revolution back in emerged from the city to take the UK the 1960's so the drug Ecstacy (E for by storm. I'm sure you've heard of the short) is linked to this scene (along Happy Mondays and The Stone Roses, the with LSD). The chorus of `Shall we take two most successful bands from this a trip?' by Northside is `L... S... scene. Others include...The Charlatans D...' Inspiral Carpets, Northside, 808 State, Ian Brown, the lead singer of the James, New Fast Automatic Daffodils and Stone Roses, was quoted as saying that

his band were: `The only UK band worth

For those who don't know the term exporting since the Sex Pistols' `indie' refers to bands who chose to Although this statement is more be on a small independent label rather hard to disagree with him. The Roses than a major so that they have more are probably the most exciting thing artistic freedom/control over their to happen to British music since Punk sound. However indie music is usually and the high quality of many of the identifiable as being unconventional other bands on this scene could mean and non-commercial pop or rock. that this movement will be as big as

The High.

The sound of these bands varies the punk movement itself. from dance to psychedelic pop/rock to If you want to check out any of indie. All the bands, however, share the the bands mentioned in the article the same fans and often the same producers following are all recommended... and remixers are used.

Just as LSD fueled the original Stone Roses -Elephant Stone psychedelic music revolution back in -The Stone Roses (LP) the 1960's so the drug Ecstacy (E for Happy Mondays -Wrote For Luck short) is linked to this scene (along -Bummed (LP) with LSD). The chorus of `Shall we take James -Come Home a trip?' by Northside is `L... S... -How Was it For You? D....' Inspiral Carpets-She Comes In The Fall -Life (LP)

Ian Brown, the lead singer of the

Stone Roses, was quoted as saying that 
The Charlatans -The Only One I Know

his band were: `The only UK band worth New F.A.Ds



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exporting since the Sex Pistols'

Although this statement is more than a bit egotistical following their disapointing 'One Love' single it is

Signed: Firestorm-TECHNIQUE

Blip Blop Banana investigates on:

#### i ² THE NEW TREND IN TODAY'S DEMOS

^oThere has benn a lot of demos released inspired song I had heard on Amiga! The lately with music and corresponding next few months were quiet until.... graphics making you feel like watching Budbrain Megademo with their Kaos demo a music video. These demos have one and, to some instinct, the Birdie Nam thing in common: They all contain Nam demo. The thing these demos had in House Music! Some time ago a group common was that they were controlled by called Titanics released a music-disk the music, not vice versa! I find that with lots of acid/house music. This to be an improvement because the visual was, in my opinion, the trend setter! and aural effects are much better timed Some time passed and some groups like when executed in that order. As a house D-Mob and Flash Productions released a freak, I must say that I am pleased to few musicdisks with one huge song made see things developing like this! Me, out of loads of samples. These songs Myself and I would love to make music occupied an entire disk and lasted up for such a demo, maybe I will some day! to 13 minutes. The real breakthrough. I hope this idea will be brought up and though, was the COMA-demo by Rebels! used to the same extent as e.g. filled When I first saw it, I was amazed! It vectors. Credits go to Rebels for the really looked like a music video, and idea and to Budbrain for having made Static had done a great job producing the best 'music-video' so far! some real funky deep-house music! That Peace, happiness and unity brothers! was, at that time, the far best houseðBlackstar/Cryptoburners

Blip Blop Banana investigates on ¹

### j ¢ Scrolltexts!

¹Since the dawn of intros, the makers clearly write their text on command! It have had a need to express themselves is like the coder has just finished his in some way or other! Some clever demo, the music and the graphics are



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brains found out that the best way of ready and the mentality is: Hey, the reading long texts without occupying demo is finished, let's write some crap most of the screen, was to let the and release this demo! We need to get text scroll across the screen! Now, back to the days when scrolling was a let's look at some of the contents in little more than just a few KB of RAMthese so-called scrollers. It seems to waste! Scroll-editors must consider the have become a trend to write a very scrollers to be an art, not just some long scroll-text. Nevertheless in some brainless crap conceived in a hurry! If way or other, most of them seem to you have nothing to say, keep your contain the same stuff: "The time is mouth shut! Remember, scrollers are now 5.30 a.m and I'm very tired... " I supposed to be entertaining, and then don't think I have to give any further it's little point in writing how many examples on this. Anyway, how can a pieces of cake you've just eaten! That demo, well programmed with good music isn't really interesting to other guys. and graphics, still end up with such a If this scroller mentality continues, boring scrolltext? The answer to that no-one will bother reading scrollers is probably that most scroll "authors" anymore, and then it'll be to late..... seem to lack self-critisism and they 0 - - - Blackstar Of Cryptoburners - - -

What's Wrong With Diskmags?? 1

I have read lots of articles about may be! You get reviews, news, fun, certain people who dislike diskmags! advertisements, interviews etc etc The only thing I can say to this is etc.... You get to know about what is why?

happening on the scene that you yourself are in. One problem with

I am sure, like me, many people who are them though is you never read the on the Amiga scene receive lots of magazine twice, but you may come back games every week but really I dont know to it just for reference! many who actually play them unless they

are really good games. The intros by One more thing to mention is that some the cracking groups are the only thing people say that it is the amount of that I look at when I receive the game. diskmags on the scene that is going to I will have got rid of the game after kill it. From my point of view this one week of obtaining it as it is then certainly is not going to happen. Its counted as old! true that there are a lot of diskmags

going around but its only the good ones

I do like other products especially that will get spread and the bad ones



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demos but it is when I get diskmags will hardly make it therefore not that I have the most enjoyment. They affecting the scene in any way. give you lots of information you might not know about other groups and it People should stop talking about gives you views of other people you diskmags killing the scene but focus might know or not know as the case peoples attention on the real problems

of the amiga world. A few of them HOW TO WRITE ARTICLES
being the police, fights and wars -----between groups and some other things. The best thing is to write the article
like the amount of shit democomps going as an ASC-II textfile using 2 columns
around and crap productions. and 38 characters in each column. Each

page is 25 lines down and 80 chars

Diskmags will not kill the scene off across. If you follow this format, you but maybe improve upon what has not will save us a lot of work. Of course, always been good....

you can write the articles on a letter

as well, everything is possible. If you

Even after this article you still don't have any graphics you want us to print, like diskmags then the only thing for use the following format: you to do is not to read them!!!

MED. RES, 16 COLOURS, 640x225 Pixels.

Turmoil of Abakus.

If you want to contribute with music, you can use any musicprogram, but then you must remember to include the replay

Some well chosen words there from routine along with the song. Because of Turmoil of Abakus. Are there anyone out memory restrictions, the song must NOT there with views that differ from these be longer than 100KB!!! Otherwise we in any way? If so, why don't you tell cannot use it! If we receive many songs us about them? After all, if no-one are we will chose the one we think fits the interested in diskmags, our work will mag best.

be of no use, right???? Blackstar, managing editor!

## IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL 3ELITE ¢GUYS!!!! 1

¹Are you a member of the perhaps best ^oQUALIFICATIONS: ¹group in your country? Would you like ⁻⁻⁻⁻⁻⁻⁻
¹to give the world a fair view on your ⁻ ð You must be member of a good group,



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¹country, concerning news, rumours, ð preferably the best in your country. ¹facts, etc? Then we have a job for you - You must have access to news and ¹in Fourth Dimension. We would like you ð rumours from your home country. ¹to do the following things for each - ð You must be willing to write a few 1issue: ð pages every second month. (Not much!) ³1. Some country news! "SALARY": 32. Some scene reprots from your home ----³ country. Changes in the scene etc. ŏ-You will get every issue of Fourth ³3. Other essential things about your Dimension BEFORE release date!! ³ country. Sorry, we can't pay you hard cash, we ¹We are searching for people who would are not making any money on the mag. 1like to do a good job. We need a fair ¹and objective view on every country. We are especially seeking editors from: ¹If you are the right person for this -----¹job, contact us NOW!!!! ^aNorway, ²Sweden, ^aDenmark, ²Finland, ^aItaly ²Germany, ^aHolland, ²France, ^aBelgium, ²USA, ¹Note to other diskmags: ^oWe think you ^aAustralia, ²Austria, ^aSwitzerland. ²Others °will copy this idea. Please, 3DON'T!!!! 2 are welcome too! Interview with Jetaza of Vision! 1 ¹What is your name and what are your ^aHolland, Canada and Germany. ¹functions in Vision? ¹Do you prefer mail or modem swapping? al'm JETAZA of VISION and Im a modem-^atrader, Spreader, Swapper and ^aModem trading is the best and fastest ^aOrganizer. away, but I like them both. That's why I aswap too! ¹How old is your group? ¹Name your favourite: ^aI'm not sure how long, but Vision ¹Cracking group: ^aParadox ^astarted on the C-64, and we started ¹Demo Group: ^aScoopex ^aall the things over in June last year ¹Trainergroup: ^aAdept ^a(After mega-demo I ofcourse on Amiga). ¹Coder: ^aTsm & Cj/Vision ^al joined Vision together with Stingray ¹Musician: ^aB10/Vision, Prime Time, Jochen

^a Hippel, Romeo Knight.

^aand many others, but we (Stingray & I)



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^aare the only ones left in Vision of ¹Graphician: ^aFacet/Vision

^athose guys who joined in June 1989. I ¹Magazine: ^aZine, Disc, 4th. Dimension.

^athink we've been about 15 months in

^athe scene. Vision are: Jetaza, Tsm, ¹What is your opinion about "wars" and

^aTdb, Facet, B10, Stingray, Spread, ¹has your group ever been in one?

^aCapt'n Crunch, Crackerjack, Psycho,

^aMissile Man, The Running Man and ^aBurp! Urgh! That's the answer! Ha!Ha!

^aMeridian. That's all! We live in USA, ^aNo, I don't like them and I really hate

it when it's between friends and I can I'm not gonna write the best groups,coz

tell you that there are enough wars in some will be pissed and others'll start

the scene and I'll keep it like it was crying. There are enough cool guys here

We have never been at war with anyone! so visit some parties here too!

¹What's your opinion about copyparties? Do you like trainers?

^al like them only when they're cool and Yep, I like them, but I never play any great, so you can expect me when I can games at all.

find some time! I'll try to come to

Scandinavian parties next time, but it 1Do you have any boards? Name them...

^ais too hard for you when you work etc.

Panic Zone (Vision WHQ) 617-444-4338

 $^1\mbox{What}\,$  is the most important thing for  $^a\,$  Turk 51 Zone(Vision EHQ) +31-10-4296515

¹you, cracking or demos? ^a Twins BBS (Vision CHQ) 514-766-3533

Defcon 5 (Vision HQ) 206-427-5849

Both, but cracking is not a problem.

Originals are the problem.If we really 1Who are your best friends in the scene?

^awant, we can buy them from the fastest

suppliers around, but NO WAY! We just Pff... I can say Vision-members are the cracked Zeppelin's World Soccer! best friends you can have and I won't

(There's no intro, but we cracked it!) make a list of my friends but everybody

knows he's a friend and I can say that

¹Name the top groups in your country. ^a there are a lot of them! What do you think about the Swedish Any last words? group ADEPT?

a Yup,thanx to Aggressor for interviewing

They can make nice trainers and learn me! And a message to you all DO NOT from their mistakes! No comments about believe those fake addresses of Vision.

this! The addresses are mentioned below where



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the only mail-contact-address of Vision

¹How do you feel about software selling ^a is. There are ofcourse more addresses,

but they are private! The addresses are

Selling software (Legal or illegal) is

not what we want, but it's useful when Vision HQ

Vision

you can buy originals for the money. P.o. Box 61280

P.o. Box 358

Some guys only want to become rich but 3002 HG Rotterdam

5460 Veghel

I don't care about that, so let's go Holland

Holland

to the next question....

Ofcourse I wish Cryptoburners good luck

¹Have you had any problems with police? ^a with their great magazine (Thanx - Ed),

we're also working on one but I dunno

Nope, but please everybody. Write my when it'll come. And remember:

address like It'll be mentioned later

and write the p.o. box READABLE. This VISION -Born To Be Cool!

gives me a lot of problems, so if you -C

-Often imitated - Never equalled

haven't heard from me, write the add-

-Discover The Difference

ress better, especially the p.o. box

number! Thanks! Also remember: "U Can't Stop Up!"

#### NEWSFLASH! 1



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incident, and find the guy with the absolutely NO reason for boicotting CCC SS-mark on his shoulder. That's the as they do not (at the moment!) exist! one! Feel free to check this out. (And Anyway, thank you for having tried to then throw a bomb through CCC's follow up on this matter, we shall not window!!!!)

stop you from throwing bombs into the

ðNef/ESA ¹ windows of Tanum Data.

Look at next column for comments....

ðBlackstar/Cryptoburners

#### WHY COMPUTER USERS ARE SO UGLY

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HOW many times have you looked into is removed, you will soon look like the mirror and asked yourself: "why Tom Cruuse, jASSon Donnowann and Me. am I so ugly?" According to statistics PLEASE note that in the first Amiga released recently, you do this 5 times 500's that were prodused, this chip every single day!!!! was not installed, that's why I am so THE reason why you are so ugly is, pretty. The name of the chip to pull ofcourse, the Amiga. Hours and hours out is "Golf GTI" every day with computing does not PLEASE note that users of Amiga 1000 actually make you look nice, but most mutate a bit when they boot kickstart! of you can accept this, since people (Jackmix has had one for 4 years, that with a computer habbit really aren't should explain everything) the most popular people at parties and so on. FALLOS / CINEFEX

BUT you may ask, "why does the computer make me ugly?", and I have the answer!! At the meeting we had two days ago, I discovered that I was the was the only good looking person in our group. And after opening up some Amigas, I knew why; inside the Amiga there is a little chip that destroys your face and the ozon-layer. If this

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Are you interested in making a diskmag better. There won't be any obligations but you think it's too much work in to your group, except that you give starting one? Are you planning to make good contributions to each issue. We're a diskmag, but you're not quite sure especially searching for groups from whether the scene really needs more of Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, them? Would you like to work for one France, England, Australia, Denmark or of the already established diskmags? from USA, but others are free to send If the answer to some of the questions their applications as well. Of course above is yes, then here's what we want your group will be equalled to CRB when you to do:

is only bound to this mag, you have no

We in Fourth Dimension are searching other obligations towards Cryptoburners for groups to join our diskmag. We are or any other group whatsoever. So, if searching for one or two groups who this sounds interesting, send your would like to do their part of the job application including the following in making this diskmag even better. We points to the Fourth Dimension HQ:

¹want people to help us not only with ŏ - Your groups name, members, and how
¹articles, but also by making graphics, ŏ many are interested in working.

¹music and so on. We don't want Fourth ŏ - Your home country (HQ).

¹Dimension to be a Cryptoburners only ŏ - How many musicians/graphicians/Coders
¹production, because when more people ŏ - Earlier experience from diskmags?
¹work on something, one gets a broader ŏ - Status in the scene and homecountry.
¹view of the scene, thus covering it ŏ - Other things worth mentioning.

#### EIN FORN ÖGLICHES ERZ ÄHLUNG 1

Bei ungef ähr Paaschenzeit in 1989 hatten Cryptoburners bestimmt, da ß wir wollten rei ßen zum der Kopie-Partei in Arendal. Es hat ein morsames Tradition gebliebt, zu photografieren shwartz-wei ßes Bilden von jeder Member, bef ür wir steigen in in dem Zug, die geht vom Bergen zum Oslo jeder Tag. Da ß tun wir jeder Mal wir rei ßen beim Zug zusammen sein. Wenn wir rei ßten ZUM Arendal schedden das nicht viel. Wir mu ßten warten f ür den koresporrendirendes Zug in Drammen in ungef ähr zwei Stunden, und nat ürlichwei ß war es fr üh um den Morgen am ein Sonntag, so wir m ü ßten an dem Boden in der Bahnhof schlafen, weil wir hatten gemacht viel Brach in den Zug um den Nacht, und hatten daf ür nicht shl äfen so viel. Wir hatten es gem ütlich mit dem Kortschtokk, die wir spielten 'DAS IDIOT' mit. Seiten wir hatten genommen den Zug, m üssten wir gehen vom die J ärnbahnstation. Wir hatten geglaubt da ß es war in Arendal das



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Partei sollte gehalten geworden. Aber die Platz war an einem Öy nicht fahr vom Arendal. Aber wir m ü ßten b ähren die Computern vom das Zug und zu Arendal Zentrum. Dann m üssten wir nehmen ein F ährge über zu dem Öy gekallt 'His öy'. Dann müssten wir noch ein mahl b ähren die Bagasche ein st ücke weitere. (So, wasimmer du tust, nicht nehm dem ZUG zu Arendal dieses Jahr! Es gibt ein Br ücke, wie du kannst fahren mit Automobil über.) Nach dem Partei sollten wir nat ürlich rei ßen zur ück zu unseres Heimstadt Bergen. (Das hier war in dem g ülnen Tagen, wenn CRB nur war ein kleines Gruppe mit nur acht Mitlemmen. Und nur die evigen nummer Zwei, immer geschlagen bei des grösses Gruppes IT. (Wir sagen nicht da ß wir jetzt sind best, da ß tut ein Norwegishen Zeitung f ür uns. Ohne Bez ählungen fon uns!!!)) Da ß gebleibte n öyachtich die sammen W äg zur ück wie wir hatten gekommen an. Selbstgesagt m ü ßten wir noch einmal warten f ür den korresporrendierendes Zug. Dieses mal war es ein wenig vieler Leute an dem Bahnhof in Drammen, und das gab uns ein lachterwechendes Episode. Eine kleine Mann kam bort zu uns. Er hatte ein grösses rotes Nase, und omgetr äntlich keine Z ähner. Wir sah das er unm öglich konnte w ährend sauber. Er singte f ür uns, und hatte ein vern ögliches Zeit, sah es au ß wie. Wohl, wenn wir nehmten der Zug weiter zu Bergen, waren wir so tr ötten, das wir absoluttlich schlafen m üssten. Aber in der Front des Wagens, gestandete da ß ein Kasse. Und in da ß Kasse gab es sich eine grausames Katze. Es miaute und miaute, so wir nicht Schlafen gekommten. Wir bekommten nicht (jedenfalls ich) Schlafen bevor es war 45 minutten Zur ück von dem 8 Stunden lange Rei ße.

Daf ür sage ich euch: Eine Reise beim Zug kan üble Folgen nach sich ziehen. Wenn es beider Autos und Flugzeuge gibt, sollt man lieber diese Reiseangebote wählen.

Geschreibt auf ein CRB-Mitlemm, der einmal war erst genevnten in der Mitlemmsli ßte.

Wir wollten nur sagen, da ß dieses Artikkel NICHT geschrieben ist, um die Deutschen Leute zu beleidigen. Es ist nur noch ein Beispiel von dem unglaublichen Humor der 4th Dimension... ÿ ÿe

YES, BUT MISTER SALESMAN... HELP!!! 1

Does something more helpless than a wide-eyed on a demo flimmering over the



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complete beginner in a computer- screen, and he has totally forgotten store exist? He (or sometimes she) the Oric, which he was so enthusiastic nods to kilobytes and RS232, serial over six years ago. But he remebers and modem, as he understands every one thing. The prices when the bottom word, while his eyes are widely fell out of the market, and the salesopen of freight and he dries away men stumbled in each other in the the perspiration from his forehead. desperate try to sell out the products

The smart one tries with "I before they went bankrupt. While he want a computer for my son," and gladly spends big money on "indispensathat he has heard about something bilities" to the car, boat and home, called "Commandore" and "Spekktrum". his Adam's apple acts like an elevator By the last word he unveils that the in his throat when he hears the price little knowledge he has, not is very for an Amiga plus monitor plus-plus, updated, and the salesman manages to let out the Archimedes he just dribbled hide his grin behind his hands. If a pool onto.

the customer also says "Oric" or Back to basic, to the Commodore 64 "MSX", the poor salesman has to go and to the "son", which he forgot for to the backroom for at least five a moment, in the middle of superminutes to let out the laughter. graphics, RISC, multitasking and VDU. When he returns, the potential cus- in the perplexity he perhaps returns tomer stands by an Atari looking to the Oric, so that the salesman for the second time he has to ex- genuine sample of the brand. A Snotty plain that that kind of computers he whelp rushing through the store, while has to go to the junkyard to find. the smiles are turning to deadly hor-

Of course, he could be of the ror grimaces on the lips of the saleseasy-to-persuade kind, which now is men, and the father turns his normally in a state of being receptive to any blind eye to Hulk Jr. suggestion from the salesman of - I want a '64, coz' Neil and John which computer to buy. Something have got! which may result in the customer Well, OK. Since that is what he leaving the store overloaded with wants, that is what he'll get. After equipment, while the salesman hums the Father with son has left, the a little to the beautiful sound of salesmen wonder whether it was worth the cash register, and glimpses to- it, as they wipe of snot from Joywards the decreasing pile of PC's sticks, Atari-keyboards and gameno longer in demand, then gives him-covers. And they are dreading the self a slap on the shoulder. But next day (2 days after if they're luthe result can as well be that the cky) when the creature with his father



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customer leaves witout buying any- hangling on, returns to claim that thing at all. Maybe he'll return nothing works.

in another six or seven years to And the worst ones are NOT those ask for the Amiga that fell last who only had forgotten to turn on the year. power. The worst is the father who

If you think that the customer managed to get a blue screen, and then with an imaginary son is bad, just free and easy wrote to his all-knowing wait until you meet the one with a computer: WHAT IS MY NAME?

The answer, ?SYNTAX ERROR, does he neighbour, his sister-in-law or his claim is not his name, and even dog - well, maybe this last one pays though the salesman is struggling a visit, but then definitively not not to say what he wants to say to buy software, hardware, or, just (That he thinks the answer is per- to mention it, a stereo, but to leave fect), this is the start of a pat- a "visit-card" with the greetings from ient explanation, which, at best, the owner. Just so that he can claim makes the customer sense a very that he was right about this being a small stream of light in the end "shit-store".

of the large and frightening dark Then thanks for the patient one, tunnel. At worst he returns in two who don't make any problems, but nods hours, even angrier, and demands a and thanks to everything you say. And "new computer".

Here comes a difficult choice. good customers are supposed to. And Should one take the extra efforts with whom you can have a bit fun if delivering a new computer demands, you want to.

or should one insist on the com- -Huh? That one shouldn't have reputer being perfectly all right venge on these for other's being im(if it is). possible? Well. Perhaps. But who

In case one does the first, said that anything is easy? We don't one have no guarantee for the live in a perfect world! seance not repeating itself, but

if the customer rejects the demand, this customer may not ever Publisher: NDM return to that store. Nor his Translation: Bimbex/CRB

clear, because it is obvious that i

ç ²Ask dr.Heatseeker ¹ ç can't answer a quesion like «My

scroller is flickering, what do i



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Are you one of those who have a do? », so i write it again, 3MAKE SURE 1 3THAT THE PROBLEM IS UNDERSTANDABLE! 1 demo to code, and you can't get any futher because there is something Well since this is the first time that is absolutely correct coded, this article is present in 4D, there but dosen't seem to work? Or you has not been sent in any questions, have just started you career as a and therefore i will now write a tip coder, and have trouble with how to of how to make some games/demos, that make a certain routine? Or if you dosen't work with a standard 512kb have any trouble at all with coding, Amiga, to work without having fastmem. just send a letter to me (Heatseeker) This is in most cases not possible, telling me about your problem, and i but in some cases, the makers of the will do my best to answer you, and program dosen't check if it works publish the question and the answer in without fastmem, but just suppose it the next issue of 4D. Ofcourse i will does so, but it dosen't. There is two not answer any silly question, like: or three main reasons whow such a «How do i make a demo » or «What is thing can happend. The first is the copper » or any other silly question problem with the stack. If you have that is too stupid to be answered. And fastmem, the stack is automaticly put i will not answer any question that into fastmem, along with Exec and some may lead to criminal actions.(Like how other stuff like the disk buffer and to crack a game, or rip something from programs that doen't require chipmem. a game!) Please make your question Now if there is no fastmem, all this have to be in chipmem. If a demo/game WO, and write it as en object file. is crunched. It will use more memory This is very easy to do, and if it than the crunched file that is loaded does not work, try to do it once more in. If it uses memory as low as \$10000 with these lines added before the or lower if may overlap the stack. first line: This will ofcource have serious move.w #\$7fff,\$dff09a consequences for the program, which move.w #\$7fff,\$dff09c uses the stack all the time. Now the you fix this is to either set the stack at a lower or a higher address Now this is not necessarily the way then the demo/game uses, and this must to fix this. And now I will use an be done before it starts decrunching. example. The game Damocles was brought Many cruncher has the ability to set to me as an onepart version. And it was the stack, but if this is not the case crunched with the Tetra cruncher(megahere is how to do this (only with a crunch), and used all memory from \$800 crunched file): to \$7ffff. And most crunchers starts



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the decrunching with the highest

lea \$7fff8,a7 address. In this case from \$7ffff to

way, a program loaded into a lower

Now we put the stack pointer to address then the decrunching address, \$7fff8, and the program length is will not overlap the uncrunched file \$20000 bytes. Now assemble this (using while decrunching. Now the problem is seka), and use the option RI ri read that an object file is normaly loaded

the demo/game into 'Buffer'. Now type into round about \$18000 when no

fastmem is present, in other words, a move.w d0,\$dff09a file that is to be decrunched at a move.w d0,\$dff09e

lower address than round about \$18000 lea CopyPrg(pc),a0

will not work, because the crunched lea MoveAdr,a1 part will be overlapped by the lea Buffer(pc),a2

decrunched part while decrunching MovLoop:move.l (a0)+,(a1)+ before it has finished decrunching. cmp.l a2,a0

This is no problem if you have fastmem, because the decrunched part will
be loaded into fastmem and decrunched
into chipmem. The way to make such
programs work with 512kb Amigas is to
move the decrunched part to a lower

bmi.s MovLoop
move.l a2,a0
add.l #\$20,a0
add.l #PrgLen,a2
lea CopyTo,a1
jmp MoveAdr

address then the decrunching address CopyPrg:move.w (a0),\$dff180

(plus the length of the decruncher) move.I (a0)+,(a1)+
before it starts decrunching. Now here cmp.I a2,a0
is a source of how to do this with bmi.s CopyPrg
the game Damocles (one part version): jmp CopyTo

Buffer: blk.b PrgLen,0

PrgLen=292056

CopyTo=\$810

MoveAdr=\$7fc00

Sextern 'df1:damoc.exe',Buffer,PrgLen

move.w #\$7fff,d0

Now all you have to do (if you have to do (if

move.w d0,\$dff096 loaded into 'Buffer'.

Now you write it as an object file. Please note that a program that If you wish to use this source in returns with error code 103(not enough another program, all you have to do is free mem) can not be fixed the way I to change the name and 'PrgLen' have use in this article, these ways



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(program length) Well, this is very will only work on some of those who simple to do, but it is better to do show a software failure, or a total this than to have a program that system crash. But I can give you a dosen't work on 512kb Amigas. And few tips in how to fix the error 103. you don't have to be a coder to do (even though most of you know these this (That's why i've tried to explain ways) You can use Add21K (or Add44K) it as simple as possible). The Damocles and try to have as few files on the source can be found on this disk in disk as possible. And try to start it 'Sources' directory. from workbench with as few icons as

In the beginning of this article, I possible (or use the runback command mentioned a third reason why a program followed by endcli) All the files that dosen't necessarily need 512kb Add21K, Add44K, RunBack and EndCli is but dosen't work with 512kb Amigas. present on this disk.

And that is if the program uses

The reason why i write all this is libraries and is located at such a low that many people give up trying when address, that it overlaps the pointers they get a program that dosen't work. to all the ROM libraries (If you have There can ofcource be many other fastmem, all these pointers lies in reasons, but here I eliminated some of fastmem, and then there is no problem) them. And a program the really needs Well, there is not much you can do, but more that 512kb can ofcourse not be fixed for 512kb machines.

If you wish to have your problem

this is a rare problem.

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And I will not answer a letter ¢ saying «Do you want to swap?» ¢ ?????

## LINEDRAWING AND FILLING 1



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year. Everybody wants to make filled lines. Then I saw that the lines vectors. Therefore, I have got a lot didn't always hit the ending point of of phonecalls the last months from the line (X2,Y2), and this happend if people making filled vectors. All of the angle of the line was between them ask the same question: How do I -22.5 ° - +22.5 ° or between 157.5 ° fix the corners of the surface after 202.5 ° (2*DeltaY filling it? I got this question three the corners, I tested if 2*DeltaY times the last week, so I decided to was less than DeltaX. If it was, I write about it here in Coders subracted Y2 (or DeltaY) by one. Corner. That may be done by adding only four Also I got this problem while coding lines to your linedraw-routine. my first filled vectors routine. This is only one of the many methods First of all, as most has found out, to fix this, but this is one of the all lines must be drawn in only one easiest. The absolutly easiest direction, e.g. down (Y1 with LF-code \$4a. After filling the the SIGN bit and set both BLTAMOD surface, horizontal lines normally and BLTAPTL to 2(2Y - 2X). But this appear to the left of some corners. gives rather ugly lines, so I prefer The reason is that the corners are the former method. made of three points instead of two In case you didn't understood a word points. I removed the filling from my of what I tried to explain, I've written a linedraw routine on the next page. If you have a better method to fix the corners, or you have a better linedraw routine, please send it to this address:

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## LINEDRAW ROUTINE FOR USE WITH FILLING: 2

Preload: d0=X1 d1=Y1 d2=X2 d3=Y2 d5=Screenwidth a0=address a6=\$dff000 \$dff060=Screenwidth (word) \$dff072=-\$8000 (longword) \$dff044=-1 (longword) ¹

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 draw:
 cmp.w
 d1,d3
 cmp.w
 d2,d1

 bgt.s
 line1
 dbhi
 d3,line3

 exg
 d0,d2
 line3:
 move.w
 d3,d1

 exg
 d1,d3
 sub.w
 d2,d1

 beq.s
 out
 bpl.s
 line4



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line1: move.w d1,d4 exg d2,d3 muls d5,d4 line4: addx.w d5,d5 move.w d0,d5 add.w d2,d2 add.l a0,d4 move.w d2,d1 asr.w #3,d5 sub.w d3,d2 add.w d5,d4 addx.w d5,d5 moveq #0,d5 and.w #15,d0 sub.w d1,d3 ror.w #4,d0 sub.w d0,d2 or.w #\$a4a,d0 bpl.s line2 waitblt:btst #6,2(a6)

moveq #1,d5 bne.s waitblt

neg.w d2 move.w d2,\$52(a6)

line2: move.w d3,d1 sub.w d3,d2 add.w d1,d1 Isl.w #6,d3

_____

addq.w #2,d3

move.w d0,\$40(a6)

move.b oct(PC,d5.w),\$43(a6)

move.l d4,\$48(a6)

move.l d4,\$54(a6)

movem.w d1/d2,\$62(a6)

move.w d3,\$58(a6)

out: rts

oct: dc.l \$3431353,\$b4b1757

# TEC/CRYPTOBURNERS

ðJust finished typing in the program? Well, for your information, this source is to be found in the 'Sources' directory!...

Optimizing tips & hints 1

=+=+=+=+=+=+=+=+=

Article written by Panther of Active. 1

In this article I'll try to give you some useful hints on how to make your routines run faster. I think the Amigapeople at SEGA should read this article! (I've always wondered how they manage to get four bobs in 4 planes 32*32 to run every 2nd frame!! And the black outlines... Too little sleep?) Let's start... The blitter is, as you all know, the fastest datamanipulator



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to be found in the Amiga. But ONLY using the blitter isn't always the quickest method. Let's say you've made a bobdemo and you need to clear the screen each frame. Don't use the blitter only! Use both blitter and the processor, like this:

(a6 points at \$DFF000, waitblt waits for the blitter finish signal)

waitblt

move.l #\$01000000,\$40(a6)

move.l #clear_area,\$54(a6)

clr.w \$66(a6)

move.w #64*y+20,\$58(a6)

OK, now the blitter is working. In X amount of cycles you'll have no access to the blitter. During that time, clear the last part of the screen with the processor:

Clear all dataregs with MOVEQ #0,Dx and all addressregs with MOVE.L D0,Ax. except A7, point it to the clear destination. Remember to save A7 before since it contains the stackpointer. Now use MOVEM.L D0-D7/A0-A6,(A7)+ to clear. And don't use loops to repeat this MOVEM! Have as many MOVEM's as you need to clear the last part of the screen in memory! To get the best result using this method, see to that the blitter doesn't finish before the processor and vice versa!

When optimizing loops it's good to have in mind that using as many internal 68000 regs as possible gives faster code. Also, not all blitter regs has to be set each time. Look here:

loop:

waitblt

move.l #-1,\$44(a6)

move.l #\$09f00000,\$40(a6)

move.l #blitsrc,\$50(a6) move.l #blitdest,\$54(a6)

clr.l \$64(a6)

move.w #64*2+20,\$58(a6)

dbf d7,loop

Let's say you have regs D0-D3 and A0-A2 free. The above routine could look



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like this instead:

move.w #64*2+20,d1

move.l #blitsrc,d2

move.l #blitdest,d3

lea \$50(a6),a0

lea \$54(a6),a1

lea \$58(a6),a2

waitblt

move.l #-1,\$44(a6)

move.l #\$09f00000,\$40(a6)

clr.l \$64(a6)

loop:

waitblt

move.l d2,(a0)

move.l d3,(a1)

move.w d1,(a2)

Isl.w #2,Dx

dbf d7,loop

Always avoid having the source and/or the destination as immediate data. The next best way is to use an addressreg pointing at \$dff000, and then by offsets addressing all DFF-regs. But still,this means the processor has to read a displacement word to get the offset. The fastest way is by addressing indirect without offsets! When blitting big objects this kind of optimizing isn't always required. But when making i.e sinusscrollers it's a good way of saving cycles. (Also, when making sinusscrollers, remember to set blitternasty and skip the blitterwaits! And NO loops!)

Also avoid the usage of the MUL/DIV instruction inside loops (and outside them!). If possible, fix a table instead! NEVER use MULU/DIVU when you can shift instead (all sums with the potency of 2, that is; 2,4,8,16 etc).

Well, now a list over some MC68000 optimizingtips in general; (Thanks to Merriman/Active for the following tips!!)

NORMAL INSTRUCTIONS:		(	OPTIMIZED VERSION:
lsl.w #1		add.w	Dx,Dx

add.w Dx,Dx



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add.w Dx,Dx

add.l #1000,Ax lea 1000(Ax),Ax

and.I #\$0000ffff,Dx swap Dx

clr.w Dx swap Dx

bsr routine bra routine

rts

bsr routine pea loop
bra loop bra routine
move.l #0,Ax sub.l Ax,Ax

D0=16+y D0=16-y rol.l D0,Dx ror.l D0,Dx

clr.l Dx moveq #0,Dx

Well, that was all I had to offer you this time! Hope you've found some parts of this article interesting (the end, eh?)!! If you have any questions, remarks, or if you just want to exchange experiences feel free to write me some lines!!

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