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Back to the Future

MORE WORKBENCH 3.1

3.1, 3.0, 2.1... By: Jason Compton

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I took the plunge from my trusty 3000, which had served me well for some time with AmigaOS 2.1, into 3.1.

I was skeptical, to say the least. After all, anything that requires taking out the drive bay of a 3000 had damn well be special, because it is NOT the easiest job in the world. (Actually, it wasn't such a bad thing, the machine certainly needed a dusting.)

After a few weeks of playing around, getting a feel for the new 3.1 OS, and watching where software is going, I came to this conclusion:

While 3.1 isn't for everyone, and may well be difficult to justify right now for 3.0 users, it's going to be more and more important. The immediate improvements were clear. Better boot-menu. (Still not as good as a whack with Degradar, but if you need a PAL-switch or cache-disable in a hurry, it'll do the trick. Faster Intuition responses to Commands.

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Next Meeting: 17 May 1995, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

**Glendale Public Library
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Glendale, Arizona**

Disk of the Month	Mel Elliott
FinalData Demo	Mel Elliott
Scala Demo & Video	Stan Krawczyk
Fun with DP IV	Bill Hagan
Chaneques, Game	Bill Hagan

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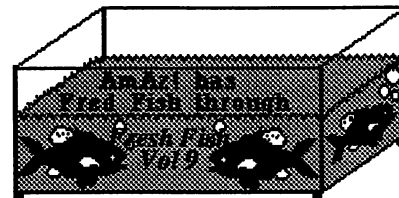
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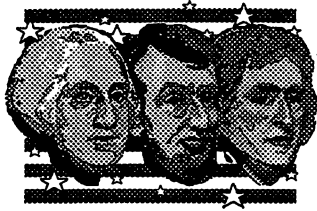


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Hi and welcome again to another AmAz! Newsletter.

We have finally heard some real news regarding the Commodore bankruptcy, it appears that ESCOM, a German company has bought the rights to the Amiga. Although I have heard no official word, it appears that they are going to get the Amiga back into production, in perhaps as little as 2 months. No official word yet on specific plans, but they are expected to continue with some new products in the near future. Perhaps this news and the return of the Amiga to production will prompt some of the hardware and software companies, which had dropped support of the Amiga, to rethink their own plans and return to the Amiga business.

Back to the club for some of our latest news. Last month, I

mentioned the club's plans to begin making a nominal charge for increased BBS privileges, we have begun to receive feedback on that proposal - most of the inputs received are favorable and approval of the changes is suggested. Now is the time to make your feelings known, you can leave a message to the sysop on the BBS or talk with anyone on the Exec Board to let them know your opinions on the changes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Les Carr good luck in his retirement. Les will be retiring from the USAF and moving to Florida next month. As most of you know Les has been our Treasurer for the past three or four years.

We held a special meeting of the Exec Board on April 29 to appoint Mel Elliott to com-

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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

Minutes of the April 1995 General Meeting.

Bill Hagan led a discussion of proposed changes to the AmAz! Connection BBS. Also, Bill's deal with U.S. Robotics for a great price on 28.8k modems is still in the works.

Mel Elliott then reported on preparations for the upcoming Yard Sale. Anyone with items to sell can get in touch with Mel or Bill Hagan, but please do not drop anything off before May 15th.

Mel previewed a variety of programs included on Disk of the Month #94, and also gave



BBS REPORT

by **BILL HAGAN**

Xenophobic is what I am about Xenolink. I think I can say that without fear of contradiction. It's foreign, from Canada, and it scares the bejeebers out of me. Xenolink is more a programming language than it is a program. Those of us who usually buy programs, take them home, open the box, stick the disks in the slot, throw the box and other contents in the corner and go merrily on our way. Docs? Manual? What's that, we don't need no stinkin' manual! But, I repeat my self, I've said all this before.

We finally got the newest version up on the board and running. Well, running may be a stretch, but at least people are able to call in, upload and download files. There may be more wrong with it, at this writing, than is right, but the board is up and running.

Let me acknowledge, at this point, all the support of our Sysop Emeritus, Stan Krawczyk. He kept me on the straight and narrow and smoothed out many of the

wrinkles I found myself folded under. There is no way I could have gotten this far without him.

The problems with the BBS are not all bad and that's where you come in. Call and try everything. When something doesn't work right, let me know. Post a note to the Sysop or give me a call at 934-2993. We thought we had

all the kinks out, but you see the results. Running a dummy copy just do not provide the same test as running for real. Now that the

BBS is up and running, faults show up and we can correct them, one by one. Let us know when you hit a snag.

We lived up to our promise to keep the board looking much the same as it did prior to upgrading. At least, there have been no complaints that anyone was totally lost and could no longer get around. Our next priority is to get all the problems solved and them slowly, one by one, treat you to new features. We will soon have a BBS that offers the finest in news, messaging

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in-depth demos of a new upgrade of Turbo Text, a commercial text editor with a vast array of features including AREXX port and column blocks, and the game Air Taxi.

Finally the members were astounded by Bill Hagan's latest DPaint animation, a complex, incredibly realistic

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Librarian's Desk



by Mel Elliott

The library has just received the latest in the Fresh Fish CD series #9. Included in the package was also a list of all items The Amiga Services Library (Fred Fish) offers. One interesting item if anyone is in need of a spreadsheet is the price of TurboCalc which I have seen touted as a great one has been decreased from \$115.00 to \$39.95. If anyone is interested let me know if you need the address.

Disk of the Month #95:

DISKSPARE: A program which allows 984K to be put on Double Density and 1968K on High Density disks. Will not work with Quarterback and Super Duper.

ICONSHOW: A very small program with which the user may view or inspect icon's. May be used with OPUS and other configurable file manager programs. Operated from Shell only.

KNIGHTSQUEST: A one player board strategy game. The playing piece is a Knight similar to a chess piece that is maneuvered in the same pattern as in chess. The objective is to land the knight in every square of an 8 X 8 grid. Not easy to conquer.

DB: A small but fast database with many features that many PD databases do not have. These include keyboard as well as mouse inputs, number of records limited only by available memory, user definable fields and layout and clipboard capability to allow interaction with other programs.

SORT: A sort program for

ASCII programs operated from the Shell or CLI. The program may be configured to sort alphabetically in ascending or in decending order. Works quite well.

FRESH FISH #9:

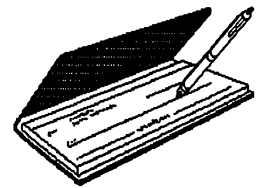
Something that is included on Fresh Fish #9 is a resumption of numbered Fish disks. Fresh Fish #9 includes Fish 1001 through 1060. The format is not the same as when Fred Fish was publishing them and there is much less information contained on each disk. They are distributed by Delta Software in Germany and they say their plan is to release 20 disks per month. The price if you subscribe to the service will be 180 Dutch Marks (which on May 6th exchange rate was 1.3762 Marks per Dollar) for 60 disks shipped in increments of 20 each month. They also have an individual disk price which is quite a lot more expensive. Amiga Library Services indicates that the disks will be included on future CD's, I do not plan to publish a list of them as all information is included on the CD's themselves. If you are interested in the particulars give me a call and I will give you the complete details of how to order etc.

I have just received the registered version of Kingfisher 2 and I am working on installing the AmAz! Disk of the Month database on it. When I get it completed I will demonstrate it at a meeting.

That's about all I can think of for this month and I'm out of space. AmAz!

Treasurer's Report

by Lester Carr

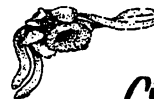


April Beginning Balance:		\$ 761.88
Income:		
Advertising	\$ 40.00	
DOM Sales	18.00	
Memberships (Reg)	72.00	
Total Income	\$ 130.00	+ \$ 130.00
Sub Total		\$ 891.88
Expenses:		
News Letter	\$ 59.47	
BBS Phone	22.04	
Misc Expenses (Stamps)	8.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 89.51	- \$ 89.51
April Ending Balance:		\$ 802.37
Membership:	Regular 35 - Subscription 13	

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Amiga Arizona Computer User Group Newsletter Staff would like, on behalf of all members of the User Group to extend our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Wilkes, of Amazing Computers who were married in April 1995.

Best of Luck in the future.



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CD-ROM file system support (yeah, it's not perfect, but it works). New manuals with funky stone texture pictures (but no handy dandy shelving unit as with 2.1. Pity. At least they fit in the 2.1 manuals' places well.) Com-mas in the Workbench memory indicators.

Seriously, though, system operation as a whole is improved. But faster window-renders and a few new devices may not be enough to motivate people to shell out the kind of money that's being asked.

What SHOULD motivate the consumer, though, is the direction software is moving in. Already, the writing on the wall is there for those interested in graphics work-3.x is the way to go. The release of Photogenics, as an "AGA or 3.1 plus graphics card" piece of software could be motivation enough for some. Actually, that's not exactly true, as Photogenics seems to work just fine in 3.1 under ECS 16-color operation, but it's tough to appreciate 24-bit manipulation in 16 color greyscale.

The next good reason is CyberGraphics, the new graphics-card system that is rapidly being ported to most, if not all, available cards for the Amiga and picking up the slack left by a Viona (developers of EGS) which has become a bit disillusioned by the current state of the Amiga market. CyberGraphics requires 3.0 or better, and developers like Almathera (makers of Photogenics) are incredibly enthusiastic, fortelling it as

what RTG can and should be on the Amiga.

Networking software is also leaning in the 3.0 direction. Programs like AMosaic and Grapevine IRC are considerably more stable under a 3.x environment.

You also get datatypes (which, if nothing else, are a convenience to make life more straightforward and simple). AmigaGuide is enhanced (you know, one of these days, we're going to take advantage of it...AmigaGuide under 3.1 adds the backslash as an identifier, which is why you 3.1 users see the title screens as garbled. We'll have to make a decision one of these days...) One-stop JPEG and GIF viewing is at hand. Some Workbench conveniences like picture backdrops can be attained without semi-hacks like NickPrefs.

You do wind up giving up things like NickPrefs and ARQ (losing the latter does bother me a bit), as they don't agree well with the 3.1 environment.

However, the bottom line is that support for ECS machines has not been at the top of the list for any of the Amiga buyer candidates, and while I'm all for supporting whoever winds up making new Amigas by buying new machines, there's still a good deal of life left in ECS machines (particularly 2000s and 3000s, which by virtue of being slot-boxes can expand considerably to keep up)...and 3.1 is a step in catching up.

Editors Note: Let me add my

Befuddled

PC Users

Dell Computer Corp. techs relate tales of Help-Line callers:

One said she couldn't get her new computer to turn on. After asking if it was plugged in, the tech asked what happens when she pushes the power button. "I've pushed and pushed on this foot pedal and nothing happens." "What foot pedal?" Her reply: "This little white foot pedal with the on switch." It turns out that the "foot pedal" was the computer's mouse.

Techs are finding out that novices are purchasing computers and expecting miracles immediately.

One woman called to ask how to install batteries in her Laptop. When told that the directions were on the first page of the manual, she replied angrily. "I paid \$2000 for this %!?!* thing and I'm not going to read a book."

A frustrated buyer called to say her brand new computer would not work. She unpacked the unit, plugged it in, opened it up and sat there for 28 minutes waiting for something to happen. When asked what happened when she pressed the power switch, she replied "what power switch?"

Seemingly simple features baffle some users. So many

people called to ask where the "any" key was when "Press Any Key" appeared on the screen, that one computer company is considering changing the message to "Press Return Key."

Some people can't figure out the mouse. One customer complained that her mouse was hard to control with the "dust cover" on. The cover turned out to be the plastic bag it was shipped in. Another customer held the mouse pointing it at the screen all the while clicking madly. No response, as the mouse works only if it's moved over a flat surface.

Disk drives are another bugaboo. One tech says a customer was having trouble reading word processing files from his old diskette. After troubleshooting for magnets and heat failed to diagnose the problem, the tech asked what else was being done with the diskette. The response: "I put a label on it, rolled it into the typewriter."

Another customer dutifully complied with a tech's request that she send in a copy of a defective floppy disk. Two days later, she sent in a letter along with a photocopy of the floppy. Another tech advised a customer to put his troubled floppy in the drive and "close the door." With a "hold on," the customer could be heard to walk across the room and shut the door to the room.

The software inside the computer can be equally confusing. A customer called to say he couldn't get his computer to fax anything.

More CD-ROM Roundup

by Bill Hagan

REVIEW:
AMINET CD 5
By: Jason Compton

It is somewhat ironic, and in other ways a sign of the times.

Aminet, the worldwide repository of freely distributable Amiga software, continues to grow-in fact, its pace is ever increasing.

For a "dead" machine, that's interesting. On the one hand, it goes against what should be the logical flow-with a stagnant market, software circulation and development should decrease. Of course, on the other hand, it reflects a shift in Amiga business-as-usual: now that full-blown companies find it difficult to justify financial investment in the Amiga, it falls to the developers to distribute the product as they see fit, and say what you will about shareware, but at least you don't have to pay to have boxes made and manuals printed.

Anyway, the point of all this is that the Aminet CD-ROM series has done well enough that it's become a quarterly phenomenon and been turned into a comprehensive (at the time of the capture, anyway) four-disc Aminet Set #1.

Aminet CD 5 just continues the fine tradition. Nothing major has changed-the intuitive AmigaGuide interface is still present to guide you through the contents. The

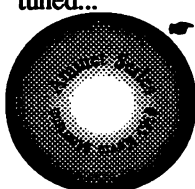
theme of this disc is games, and roughly 1000 are present.

Over 400 megs on this CD are new since the release of Aminet CD 4, and over 200 from the release of Aminet Set 1. So, unless you've got a large hard drive and lots of time to FTP, this is the most efficient way to get a hold of all of it.

The only major change this disc represents is the end of the "Share" vs. "Gold" concept. Chalk it up as an experiment that resulted in failure, as only a tiny portion of the Share buyers sent in the recommended contribution (or any contribution, for that matter.) So this and future CDs until further notice will be priced at 25 DM (approx. US\$19). Not bad at all.

Aminet and the CD series have established themselves as the clear #1 source of freely redistributable software, and show no signs of slowing-in fact, Urban Mueller, the chief Aminet administrator, has indicated that serious consideration is being given to making the series bimonthly, rather than the 3-4 month intervals being observed presently.

Sadly, Aminet 5 still does not contain the entire Amiga Report archive. However, I'm told Aminet 6 will. Stay tuned...



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CONTENTS of Aminet CD-5

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CONTENTS

Aminet CD 5 contains 1 Gigabyte of freely distributable software. The newest file included is dated Feb 8th. The space is used as follows: (compressed sizes, categories overlap)

- 440M of software newer than Aminet CD 5 (200M newer than Aminet Set)

- 180M of games

- 20M of top downloads

These consist of
1400 tools
1000 games
800 mods
150 pics
100 demos

ACCESS FEATURES

Amigaguide based user interface, allows easy unpacking and viewing using a single mouse click.

Extensive search facilities. Finds words in descriptions or readmes, and outputs matches as an index that allows direct viewing.

Special support for the following categories of files:

- Games. Can be started using a single click from the index. A separate index for games that run on accelerated Amiga's exists; system will

be degraded as needed automatically.

- Demos. As the games, they can be started using a single click. Demos with a quit function are listed separately.

- Modules. Can be viewed and played from an index that is sorted by music style and subsorted by rating.

- Images. Can be previewed in a database of thumbnail versions, and a double click on the thumbnail shows the full size image.

- Charts. A list of the most popular programs is on the CD, sorted by category.

- Fish disks. You can find any of the programs on Aminet using the number of the Fish disk it can also be found on.

- German files. A majority of the files on the CD, and all those with German documentation have a German description.

AVAILABILITY

Shipping. (See note at end of column)

COMPATIBILITY

- All Amiga's including CDTV/A570. Not bootable. Usable on CD32 if you boot from RAD; or if you have an SX-1.

- All Amiga OS versions for the access software. OS 2.0 or even 3.0 required for some of the direct viewing features.

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ability and files.

Changing the subject slightly, I took a mini-survey last month and most members agreed favorably with the proposal to change the BBS to full subscriber access. We will discuss this at the next Executive Board meeting. Your comments and ideas are solicited.

On a similar subject, several members have asked why we can't connect the BBS to the Internet. Although I have not checked into it myself, I will rely on the report of the Northwest Amiga Group, who reported that it is too expensive. Quoting from the May 1995 issue of Mecca News, the newsletter of The Motorola Experimental Computer Club of Arizona:

"Steve (Haney) reported he had investigated MECCA becoming an Internet Provider, but concluded it was far too expensive. Also, commercial Internet providers do not provide service to groups, most of which (e.g., Motorola) provide their own Internet access. ASU's freeprot, AZTEC, provides free, if limited, Internet access and some members commented they had found ways to use AZTEC to access other sites with boarder services."

With this in mind, The AmAz!ing Connection BBS might prove to be a acceptable substitute for the Internet.

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view from a moving train that includes clouds, mountains, a two-lane highway crowded with traffic, utility lines and a fence, all seemingly moving past in proper perspective (parallax?). Those who can handle 8-megabyte files are reminded that Bill will consider all reasonable offers.

Software Drawing Results:

Gary Bowdish kept his winning streak alive, taking home the game Pool of Radiance; Josh McDonald claimed 5 blank disks, also consecutive wins for the McDonald clan; George Nancarrow won the coupon for a Free Disk from the library. The hidden member number went unclaimed.

President Brian Hunter adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Les Carr will be retiring from the Air Force this summer, and due to a hectic schedule of house-selling and moving preparations has passed on the duties of Club Treasurer to Mel Elliott. The Club owes Les our gratitude for a thankless job well done for a number of years, and more great game demos than can be mentioned here. Good Luck Les!

Due to the planned absence of key personnel, the Exec Board did not meet.

A special meeting was called April 29, 1995 to appoint someone to complete the term of Les Carr, who as mentioned before, is retiring from the Air Force and will be leaving the local area. Bill Hagan nominated Mel Elliott.

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Wentel's AMIGA Computers

ESCOM owns the Amiga, and claim new machines(A1200/4000/CD32) will be available within 2 months. Keep your fingers crossed!

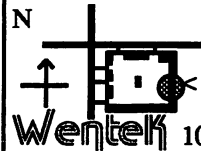
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own experiences here. I've been running articles on both Workbench 3.1 and the Aminet Cd's for some time now. My reason for upgrading to 3.1 is to have the utilities to join the Internet with graphic capabilities. But there were peripheral benefits as well.

Prior to upgrading I added a CD-Rom drive to my A2000

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Stan Krawczyk seconded the nomination. The Exec Board then voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment of Mel Elliott as Treasurer.

Submitted by Pete Guldager, Secretary.

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and bought the Aminet Series 1 as my first set of CD's. A special feature of these CD's is an automatic unarcning utility. After opening the Aminet disk Icon, and selecting a name on a listing, you should be able to click on the name of of an archived file and it is supposed to unpack automatically, to the default directory of Ram or to a disk or location of your choosing.

The automatic unarcning did not work with WB2.1, no matter what I tried. After I upgraded to WB 3.1, I tried the automatic unarcning quite by accident, and it worked!

This is a super feature of the Aminet series of CD's and it is only with WB 3.1 that I am able to take advantage of it.

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CD-Rom page 6

• Readable by all operating systems, including MSDOS, OS/2 and UNIX.

PRICES

The CD can be ordered from the following address: (credit cards OK)

USA: Fred Fish
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Editors Note: As soon as we get a few of the bugs worked out of the newly installed software on the BBS, we will be connecting a CD-Rom drive. It is likely that Aminet CD 5 will be the first CD to go on line. Plans include a subscription to Aminet CD's and we may be able to provide all the downloads you may ever need.

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After 40 minutes of troubleshooting, the tech discovered the man was trying to fax a piece of paper by holding it in front of the monitor and hitting the "send" key.

Not realizing how fragile computers can be, some people end up damaging parts beyond repair. A customer called to complain that his keyboard no longer worked. He had cleaned it, he said, filling his tub with soap and water and soaking it for a day, then removing all the keys and washing them individually.

Computers make some people paranoid. A tech says he once helped a man who became enraged because his computer had told him he was bad and an invalid. Patiently the tech explained that the computer's "bad command" and "invalid" responses shouldn't be taken personally.

These days PC-help techs increasingly find themselves taking on the role of amateur psychologists. A tech who once worked as a psychiatric nurse, says he defused a potential domestic fight by soothingly talking a man through a computer problem after the man had screamed threats at his wife and children in the background.

(Note: It may take all kinds - lets be careful out there!)

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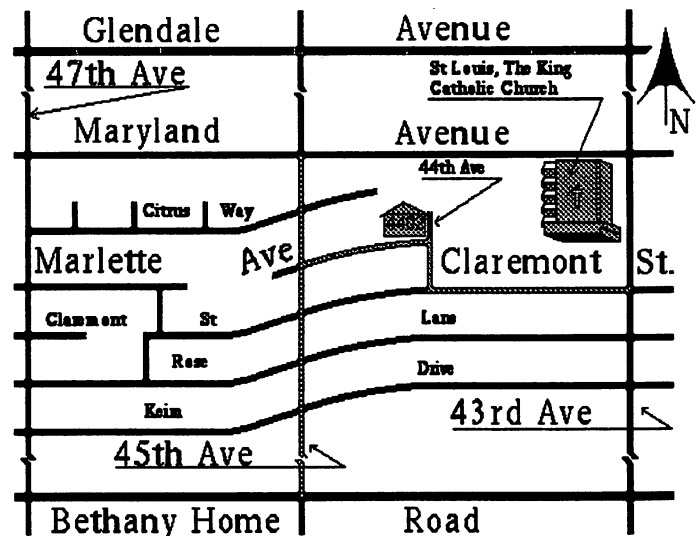
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plete the term of Treasurer vacated by Les' departure.

Another reminder to everyone that the club Garage Sale is coming on the Saturday before Memorial Day. Look for complete details in the ad above.

That's about all for this month, remember we are always interested in your feedback, both positive and negative, so let us know what you think!

Until next month.
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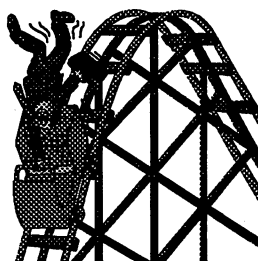
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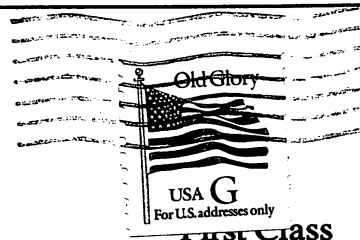
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