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THE CRITICS REPORT

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ELECTRONIC ARTS MAY WELL SET THE STANDARD

By John Anderson, **CREATIVE COMPUTING**
“Make note of that name, **Electronic Arts**. It may well set the standard for sophisticated entertainment software in the '80's”

YOU'LL BE HEARING ABOUT ELECTRONIC ARTS

By Editors of **SOFTALK**
“**Electronic Arts**. Get used to the name because you're going to be hearing of the company and seeing its products in the future. A lot.”

ARCHON

- **BILLBOARD ENTERTAINMENT TOP 20**
- **SOFTWARE MERCHANDISING TOP 20**

“The Most Innovative Game of 1983 Award”
—**ELECTRONIC GAMES**

“Archon is one of the most addicting two-player games ever created for the Atari. I unconditionally recommend it to anyone with a good supply of patient, forgiving friends to play against.”
—**A.N.A.L.O.G.**

“Arcade games too fast? Strategy games too slow? This Atari **masterpiece** combines the best of both worlds.”
—**SOFTLINE**

“Brilliant... One of those rare cases. Rates extra high on the scales.”
COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

“This is the kind of game I have been waiting to see... **you are bound to fall for it.** Imagine a chess game in

which you can cast spells.”

—**CREATIVE COMPUTING**

“No review could possibly do more than hint at the manifold excellence of Archon. **It is truly a landmark in the development of computerized strategy games.**”

—**VIDEO MAGAZINE**

“...the offices of A.N.A.L.O.G. echo with the searing roar of dragon-fire and shouted obscenities from angry players. Archon turns friend against friend and inspires grudges that can last for days. What better compliment can you give to a computer program.”

—**A.N.A.L.O.G.**

MUSIC CONSTRUCTION SET

“...Harvey sat down with his Apple and an introductory music text and came up with a program that is making even professional musicians stand up and shout ‘**Bravo!**’”
—**TIME MAGAZINE**

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PINBALL CONSTRUCTION SET

•BILLBOARD ENTERTAINMENT TOP 20

•SOFTALK THE TOP 30

•SOFTALK ARCADE TOP 10

"Pinball is one of the year's best."

—FAMILY COMPUTING

"Overwhelming... a masterpiece of programming."

—ELECTRONIC GAMES

"...the best program ever written for the Apple II. Or for that matter, for any 8-bit machine."

- Steve Wozniak, co-founder Apple Computer

"Pinball Construction Set is a *tour de force* by Bill Budge, who is quite arguably the Charlie Chaplin of microcomputing."

—CREATIVE COMPUTING

M.U.L.E.

"The Best Multi-player Game of 1983 Award"

—ELECTRONIC GAMES

"...even more fun than collecting rent on Boardwalk."

—A.N.A.L.O.G.

"...a virtually flawless winner. Recommendation? Buy it."

—SOFTLINE

"The game is extremely sophisticated and a must-have."

—ELECTRONIC FUN

"The graphics, the sound track, and the pure, unadulterated creativity of everything are so captivating."

—COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

"Just plain fun. The music and animation are hilarious. A perfect choice for the thinking gamer who likes a combination of strategy and action. We rate it an outstanding, state-of-the-art game."

—ARCADE EXPRESS

HARD HAT MACK

•BILLBOARD ENTERTAINMENT TOP 20

•SOFTALK THE TOP 30

•SOFTALK ARCADE TOP 10

"This is a *must* buy for Apple arcaders."

—VIDEO

"If you put Hard Hat Mack in the ring against all of the games on the market, one at a time, it would win most bouts in the opening seconds of the first round. It's that good."

- SOFTALK

"In many respects, this is the best game ever produced for the Apple II. Certainly few other disks approach the sound and graphic level the designers Abbot and Alexander have attained in their first collaborative effort. We rate it an outstanding, state-of-the-art game."

- ARCADE EXPRESS

MURDER ON THE ZINDERNEUF

"There's a sense of adventure and mystery. Cinema meets computer gaming with scrolling graphics and animation."

—SOFTWARE MERCHANDISING

"Whodunit fans, drop your Agatha Christie and come running. This is your game! The graphics are among the most colorful and attractive I have seen in any game."

- ANTIC MAGAZINE

THE LAST GLADIATOR

•SOFTALK ARCADE TOP 10

"The play is the thing here. The variety of monsters and the novelty of close combat make the game sufficiently engrossing to warrant more than a few rounds."

—SOFTALK

THE STANDING STONES

"If you're into fantasy-role-playing games, this one has it all. There are 15 levels to the dungeon, more

than 200 different kinds of monsters to fight, and even a weird interrogation session by a wise old man guarding the Holy Grail.”
— Gary Gettys

WORMS?

“...an entirely new game, which is not only fun to play, but fascinating, often beautiful to watch.”

—COMPUTE!

“If you’re tired of all those game cliches and want something that really uses the potential of your computer then prepare yourself for a diet of Worms?”

—ELECTRONIC FUN

“...in execution of colorful, animated graphics, gives the player an intuitive feeling for hitherto unseen mathematical relationships... **There is a deep satisfaction to be gleaned from WORMS? in seeing and hearing the harmonies of pattern.**”

—CREATIVE COMPUTING

“I’ve never written a company simply to praise a product, but having recently bought WORMS? **I must say that it is the most imaginative and fun game I’ve played...** it was instantly appealing, and I bought it on the spot.”

Michael Moore, Satisfied Customer, San Francisco

AXIS ASSASSIN

•SOFTALK ARCADE TOP 10

“Axis Assassin is an excellent first effort from Electronic Arts.”

—ELECTRONIC GAMES

“Has added things not even in Tempest... quite enjoyable.”

—SOFTALK

“It’s a rousing shoot-em-up in roughly the same genre as Tempest, but with more than enough differences to make it an outstanding gaming experience in its own right.”

—ARCADE EXPRESS

“Axis Assassin generates an intense level of excitement.”

—VIDEO

PRODUCT PREVIEWS

DR. J AND LARRY BIRD GO ONE-ON-ONE

The ultimate match-up of talent in the best animation of any sports game. You have the realistic thrill of becoming Dr. J or Larry Bird, as the game reflects their unique styles and playing abilities. Realistic play with fatigue, hot and cold shooting spells, referees, fouls, back-board shattering, instant replays, and more!

WORD FLYER

“Learning is the ultimate game with children” says Childware, the computer literacy experts for kids for over 10 years. That’s why Childware uses an action arcade game, gorgeous 3-D graphics and rewarding sound to teach early reading skills, spelling, vocabulary and pattern recognition. Features a 3,000 word child’s dictionary.

D-BUG

Another visionary Childware product. D-Bug teaches kids about computers. Superior graphics give kids the feel of actually being inside a computer, learning how it works, what goes where, and how to D-Bug it.

CUT & PASTE WORD PROCESSOR

Of all word processors on the market today, **Cut & Paste** may well be the easiest to use. It’s a true home tool that’s natural and intuitively understandable for all ages. Easy for students, powerful enough for mom and dad. Easy “modeless” editing with built-in cut and paste. Easily understandable screen lets you know **WHERE** you are, **WHAT** you’re working on, **WHAT** your choices are, and **HOW** to do it.

THE FINANCIAL COOKBOOK

A visionary design for answering home financial questions. It replaces a financial calculator. It covers over 30 common questions from savings to spending to investing. All the financial formulas are built-in so you can “calc” with the simple push of one key. A real breakthrough design for home use.



ELECTRONIC ARTS PRODUCT GUIDE

Entertainment

Hard Hat Mack
Axis Assassin
The Last Gladiator
The Standing Stones
Archon
Murder on the Zinderneuf
The Tesseract Strategy
Dr. J and Larry Bird Go One-On-One

Education

Pinball Construction Set
Worms?
M.U.L.E.
Music Construction Set
Word Flyer
D-Bug

Home Management

Cut & Paste
The Financial Cookbook

GUIDE BY COMPUTER

Apple II, II+, IIe With Disk Drive

Hard Hat Mack
Axis Assassin
The Last Gladiator
Pinball Construction Set
The Standing Stones
Music Construction Set
Dr. J and Larry Bird Go One-On-One

Apple IIe only

Cut & Paste Word Processor

Coming Soon

Archon
The Financial Cookbook

Atari Home Computers* With Disk Drive

Archon
Worms?
Murder on the Zinderneuf
Hard Hat Mack
M.U.L.E.
Pinball Construction Set
Axis Assassin

Coming Soon

D-Bug
Word Flyer
Music Construction Set

Commodore 64 With Disk Drive

Pinball Construction Set
M.U.L.E.
Worms?
Archon
Music Construction Set
Hard Hat Mack
Axis Assassin

Coming Soon

D-Bug
Murder on the Zinderneuf
The Tesseract Strategy
Word Flyer
Cut & Paste Word Processor
The Financial Cookbook

*Atari Home Computers (with 48k RAM): 400/800/600XL/800XL/1200XL/1400XL/1450XLD