### by Paul Pappas

Reedy Software has released Addictus ($20), a game requiring both a fast mind and steady hand. The player is presented with an empty pit, when one by one, differently shaped blocks begin to fall into the pit. The player must fit the blocks together in the most compact manner possible to prevent the pit from overflowing. As each row is completely filled, it vanishes and any row above moves down. The game offers 10 levels of difficulty.

Allied Creative Engineers has released StratoZap ($17), a game reminiscent of the popular Missile Command. You must destroy incoming missiles to save your cities. The program features graphics and sound effects.

A source of advanced CP/M software is Plu*Perfect Systems (410 23rd St., Santa Monica, CA 90402). Plu*Perfect offers NZ-COM and other Z-System compatible software, plus several powerful system utilities.

Walters Software is putting the final touches on The Label Works. Label Works is an advanced label-printing program which prints clip art and multiple fonts on mailing labels of various sizes. Also in development is a graphic adventure game entitled The Vase Of Turr. The game is written in machine code for speed and will make extensive use of the smart and function keys.

Norman Castro now offers Revision D of the Adam Operating Tips Brochure ($4 + $1 postage). The guide covers use and maintenance of the Adam, system check out, operating hints, and a trouble-shooting guide. Norman also has high-quality, reduced-size reprints of instructions for Adam software and Coleco game cartridges. For more information, contact Norman Castro, 809 W. 33rd St., Bellevue, NE 68005.

Adam's House has improved its Invoicer program by adding the ability to edit mistyped entries in the invoicing section, rather than reenter the customer information. To receive your free upgrade, return your original media with $1 for postage to Adam's House.

The Vancouver & The Islands Senior AdamPhiles (VISA) was formed in January 1989 to serve the needs of local Adam users and correspond with other Adam organizations. For more information, contact VISA, care of David Cobley, Compt. 36, Site 116, RR 1, Parksville, Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada, VOR 2S0; phone: (604) 248-9567.

MMSG (P.O. Box 1112, Broomfield, CO 80020) is still working toward completion of Galactic Bounty Hunter, a graphic adventure program. At present, it's unclear if the program will be released. Contact MMSG for more information.

Pittman Software has released Dinosaur Dig ($17), the latest in a series of graphic adventure games. The object of Dinosaur Dig is to recover 18 fossil bones and reconstruct a Tyrannosaurus Rex. You may play against another person or the computer. Dinosaur Dig requires a 64K RAM expander.

E & T Software (1010 Westminster, Garland, TX 75040) is considering creating a low-cost image scanner for the Adam. My understanding is the scanner would attach to a dot matrix print head, and total cost of the package would be around $100. If you are interested, please contact E & T Software and let them know.

AJM Software has released TDOS CP/M, a greatly enhanced version

of CP/M created especially for the Adam. Because the software is Adam-specific (rather than generic like most CP/M software), this package offers Adam users features available in no other CP/M enhancement.

Wizard's Lair Software is putting the final touches on School Daze. The children's package consists of two programs: one presents basic math drills and the other requires random equations be solved in order to climb a castle wall. Graphics are used throughout both programs.

John Lingrel of Orphanware (now called Classic Adam) can provide you with the hardware/software necessary to connect a 20Mb hard disk to your Adam. Because this is not a project for the faint of heart, you may want a more knowledgeable Adam user to install it for you. For complete information on the modificationm, contact John Lingrel, 5665 Myers Rd., Akron, OH 44319.

### Save the Box

Most Adam users have held onto the box the Adam was shipped in, because it's one of the most convenient methods of transport and storage. But it appears there is another reason to hold onto Adam's packing materials—money! According to *Online* magazine, older computers and software may be valuable collector's items when taken out of service.

With the eighties coming to an end, experts say that symbols of this decade, including "Baby on Board" signs and Pee Wee Herman dolls, will soon become valuable. Likewise, certain models of personal computers, like the TI-99, Kaypro, and Adam may someday be worth a mint. Already, early personal computers like those made by IMSAI are considered valuable collector's items (if you don't believe me, try to buy one from a computer enthusiast).

Other items which may become valuable are early software hits like Visicalc and early game machines like the Odyssey. Even magazines, stickers, and posters from defunct firms may find their way to the collector's table.

Of course, it will be many years before we retire our Adams. But perhaps one day, to Coleco's surprise your Adam really will help pay for your child's college education!

### On the Horizon

There are several goodies on my desk, and I have yet to decide which one to review next. But I can tell you a mini-review of F-14 Tomcat, a new Atari 2600 cartridge playable on Adam's Expansion Module 1, will be included next month.

Looking for an easy way to increase your Adam user group membership? If I don't already subscribe to your group's newsletter, send me a copy and I'll send you a check for a year's subscription. And remember, each month two Adam users are selected on the basis of their letters and sent a Miner 2049er game cartridge.

I am always happy to hear from fellow Adam users. Contact me in care of the Triangle Adam Users, 2623-A Yanceyville St., Greensboro, NC 27405-4407; phone (919) 375-6159. Due to the volume of mail I receive, you must enclose an SASE if you expect a reply (no exceptions). If you leave a message on the answering machine asking me to return your call, be forewarned I will call collect. I may also be contacted via EMAIL on American People Link (PAPPASPM), Compuserve (72277, 3303), or in care of *Computer Shopper*.