

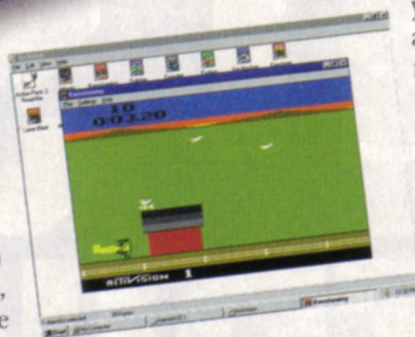
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like grab a rock outhanging and launch a double-volley kick into your opponent's chest. That ought to leave an impression.... IBM CD-ROM, \$69.95. Circle Reader Service #3.

MINDSCAPE, NOVATO, CA (415) 883-3000.

ATARI 2600 ACTION PACK 2

Proud of your ability to squeeze into those vintage bell-bottoms? Can't get enough of Nick at Nite? The folks at Activision have got your number. Riding high on a nostalgia wave, they're bringing out ATARI 2600 ACTION PACK 2 with 15 more of those addictive little games of yore. While most of the games that brought a sentimental



DOWN ON THE FARM Primitive graphics and gameplay in the second ATARI ACTION PACK will take you back...but do you really want to go?

goopy feeling came out in the first ACTION PACK, this collection has a few gems. Classic racers Enduro and Dragster are included, as well as some space shoot-'em-ups like Atlantis and other assorted twitch-action games. Unfortunately the fond memories don't last long. The graphics and sound are, of course, primitive, and the gameplay offers little challenge beyond

hand-eye coordination. Even so, some of these games are so infectious, you might find yourself hitting that reset key again and again, and not just for old time's sake. Windows CD-ROM, \$29.95. Circle Reader Service #4.

ACTIVISION, LOS ANGELES, CA (310) 473-9200.

CHAOS CONTROL

Boy, some games sure spoil our vision of the future. When we think of space combat, we think of Han Solo piloting the Millennium Falcon to victory in space dogfights. But don't expect anything like that in CHAOS CONTROL. You're not good enough to be the pilot—you're just the gunner. And hopefully a good one: the fate of a planet rests on your guns. This Philips game is basically computer whack-a-mole; you point your mouse at the enemy ships as they soar past, and try to avoid taking so many



hits that you blow up. The introduction, which has a comic-book feel to it, is well done, but the rest of the game is visually unimpressive. Four missions await you: Manhattan, Computer, Space and Mother Ship. Unfortunately, the controlled flight path gets old fast, and so do the missions. IBM CD-ROM,

GIVE ME LIBERTY Seeing Ellis Island in a game where you have no control over your flight path is one of the ironies in CHAOS CONTROL.

\$49.98. Circle Reader Service #5.

PHILIPS INTERACTIVE MEDIA, LOS ANGELES, CA (800) 340-7888.

SPACE QUEST 6: THE SPINAL FRONTIER

Ahh, to be back in the sandy outback of Kerona, roasting grellburgers over a lit rocket nozzle. That's how we'd like to think space hero Roger Wilco spent his time off between sequels. However, in SPACE QUEST 6 we learn that Roger is undeservingly stripped of his captain's rank and assigned to the SCS Deepship 86 as a janitor, 2nd class. While enjoying shore leave on Polysorbate 60,

Roger gets swept up with seedy underworldlings, and it's your job to rectify the situation. The humor ranges from mild bathroom to facetious satire—sure to get a laugh from all but the most cantankerous of gamers. Highlights include a voice-over by Gary Owens and the accompanying mini-magazine "Popular Jani-



PULL MY FINGER Roger Wilco and special guest star E.T. share a magic moment in SPACE QUEST 6.

tronics." Not to be missed is the arcade game "Stooge Fighter 3," which provides "Moe fun" than you can believe. When you top this off with some great SVGA graphics, a solid Windows implementation, and a top-notch interface, you have the right stuff for any lover of madcap space comedy. IBM & Windows CD-ROM, \$54.95. Circle Reader Service #6.

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