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NYCon News: The long-delayed first progress report is finally run off, stapled, folded, and ready to be sent out. The reason for the delay is that we were waiting for Ben Jason to send us his final report for the Tricon. By the middle of November it had failed to show up and we were forced to do up the Progress Report without it.

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Concerning AIGOL: Several fans (notably contributors) have asked when Algol, my genzine (in case you've forgotten) will be published. Well, besides the fact that the Elish section is not yet ready (it's T.White's Fault), everytime I thought of running it off on my manual Heyer 70 spirit duplicator, I got dejected. This problem is being solved: by January I expect to own a Ditto D-11 electric duplicator, and expect the issue to appear not long after I make my purchase.

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Midwestcon News: The 18th Annual Midwestcon will be held the weekend of June 23rd, 24th, and 25th in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the North Plaza Motel. Room rates will be \$8.00 for singles, \$10.00 for doubles, and \$20.00 for suites. Registration for the con will be \$1.00. For further information contact Lou Tabakow, 3953 St. Johns Terr., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45236.

The Cincinnati Fantasy Group meets weekly, on Saturday nights, at the homes of members. Anyone in the area interested in attending meetings should contact Lou Tabakow. The meetings are informal.

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Man From T.E.R.R.A. Dept.: The Mesa Tribune, Mesa, Arizona, carried an article on Larry Maddock, writer of the new series for Ace. The article was informative, and thank ghod didn't play the interview with Maddock for laughs. In the article, Maddock reveals he finds it "the most amusing way in the world to work six months of the year and make a decent living." The article further mentions he's been writing s-f for five years -- I wonder where, as I've never seen anything by him before -- and he says 80% of s-f fans are between the ages of 13 and 19. Presumably this was injected for the teenage market of the newspaper; I personally don't know where he wd pick up a statistic like that. On the whole, it's a pretty fair article.

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Fun and Games Dept.: Frank Wilimczyk contributes a clipping from the 9 December NYPost, "Wanted: TV Game Show Contestants. If you are interested in winning Fabulous Prizes write Mr. Raye, 6 East 45th Street, NYC." Those in the New York areahave little to loose, and might end up joining the likes of Calvin Demmon and John Boardman in winning some small amount of Green Stuff.

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Changes of Address:

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The number after your address on the envelope is the number of the last issue of your subscription, omitting the "1." (Example: "60" for "160"). Attend the Lunacon/EasterCon

Fandom Honors Ackerman: Forry Ackerman was honored on his 50th birthday and his 40th year as a fan by over 200 friends, associates, and even a few relatives. The surprise gala dinner was held at the Hotel Knickerbocker, and had been two months in the planning. Basic work for the affair was done by Walt Daugherty and Terri Pinckard; toastmaster was Bob Bloch. Other speakers included James Warren, publisher of Famous Monsters, Creepy, and Eerie; Guy Gifford, cartoonist for Planet in the '40's; Ray Bradbury; Fred Patten, who presented Forry with an 82 page fanzine appropriately entitled Forry!, which was done in his honor by over 40 fans and professionals, and edited by Fred; Walt Liebscher; A.E. Van Vogt; Thad Swift, a friend and evidently a night-club comic; Paul Turner, who taped the entire proceedings; John Post of Post Studios, who gave 4E a three foot high coat-of-arms; Monty Christenson of the Fantasy Artist Group; Don Reed of the Count Dracula Society; John Trimble, who presented 4E with the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society Achievement Award, appropriately to be called "The Forry"; Hank Eichner, who willed his collection of Atlantis material to the Ackerman Foundation; and lastly James Warren again, who presented Forry with a 3-foot high trophy and a pewter coffee mug, engraved for the occasion.

Other attendees included T. Bruce Yerke, Bjo Trimble, Earl and Nancy Kemp, Dick Schultheis, Jean Cox, Mari Beth Colvin, Ron Ellik, Dotty Faulkner, Dave Fox, Lee Jacobs, Roy, Dee Dee, and Lois Lavender, Al Lewis, Len Moffatt, June-almost Moffatt, Chuck Nuetzel, Bruce and Dian Pelz, Elmer Perdue, Bill Rotsler, Rick Sneary, Roy Squires, Jerry Stier, Eleanor Turner, Helen Urban, Bernie Zuber, "Tigrina", Len Bailes, Bill Nolan, and others.

An interesting note is that a great deal of those turned out came in formal wear, with Bruce Pelz in white dinner jacket. Many of the women present wore evening gowns, our correspondent reports... (thanx, Rick Sneary!)

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Len Moffatt and June Konigsberg were married December 10th; the week before, some one broke into Len's apartment and stole \$400 in radios, clocks, dishes, ashtrays (!), Teflon cookware, luncheon meat, and even vitamin pills...as the typewriter wasn't taken, Bruce Pelz is not suspected.

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New Releases: Ace releases for January include Dune by Frank Herbert, 95¢; The Best from F&SF:12th series, edited by Avram Davidson, 50¢; The Planet Of The Double Sun by Neil R. Jones, 40¢; Anarchaos by Curt Clark, 40¢; a reissue of The Sword Of Rhiannon by Leigh Brackett, 40¢ (with a new cover by Schoenherr); and the double for the month, Contraband From Otherspace by A. Bertram Chandler/Reality Forbidden by Philip E. High -- 50¢.

Terry Carr sends word that Juanita Coulson has sold an s-f novel to Ace. The working title is Crisis On Cheiron.

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Dick Lupoff reports that Maggy Thompson, co-publisher of Comic Art with her husband, Don Thompson, is expecting. Now there'll be some one around the Thompson household who'll get some real satisfaction out of those 10,000 comics the couple have...

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NYTimes Dept: The New York Times for Sunday, December 11th had an ad which read: "Editor and Writer for science-fiction magazine, familiar with controversial subjects like Unidentified Flying Objects, Space Flight, psychic phenomena, etc. Excellent for growth and advancement with growing publishing firm. Y3579 Times." Needless to say, I answered at once, as did Dick Lupoff (in whose newspaper I saw the ad. At the moment I've not yet received a response.

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APA News: The 111th apa L mailing had 39 pages with 16 contributors. The first mailing of Snapa, the off-shoot of TAPS had a mere 15 pages, with only 6 out of a possible 19 people writing. The 24th TAPS mailing was 23 pages, with 10 out of a possible 24 people writing. So far, TAPS seems to be recovering from the recent mess.

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