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ТАКЖЕ МНОГО ЗАБАВ!

Q. Boy oh boy, don't a month go by quick?

A. And how, Mac!

As that little rhetorical divertissement suggests, another month has come and gone and it's time for yet another issue of AMERICA'S PREMIERE GAME JOURNAL. Can you believe that this is issue number nine? I look at other 'zines and they have numbers on them like #34 and #29 and I used to think...heck, 39 issues, that's not so many. Now, however, I realize that any publisher who makes it to issue thirty has achieved an amazing act of intergalactic fortitude. Why do I mention this you ask...I don't know. Let's get on with the

This has been an eventful month. It saw me get my first job doing something other than playing the Bass or delivering papers, or spinning discs at KWAX. Yep, your friend and "humble" narrator got a job peddling games retail for the Christmas season at a locally owned game store. (The same game store that Al Villanueva used to manage prior to his music teaching career.) You may think that selling games would be a wonderful way to spend December for a game addict like myself. Well it wasn't. For every fun aspect there was a blah aspect. For example: I loved talking to people about what they should buy for their yuppie cousin that they barely know BUT I hated (or hate rather) answering fifty questions about Trivial Pursuit. I love suggesting introductory wargames to people who are interested but uncertain BUT I hate wolfing a cool chili-dog in the back room for lunch because the store is too swamped to allow for lunch-breaks. I love taking home games and reading the rules so I can simultaneously learn how to answer customers' questions and decide if the game is worth buying for myself BUT I hate watching Mom's and Pop's brow beat juniors for touching the toys that are meant to be touched. Some parents can be very sinister. Anyway, it has been interesting but I'm ready to go back to Bass playing poverty.

I mentioned KWAX a minute ago so I'll tell you an anecdote. For those of you who haven't been told--I work as an announcer for a local classical music station. I work every Wednesday night from 8 to 2ish doing my show, A Night at the Opera. In fact I'm typing this at the station. Anyway, tonight's opera was supposed to be Strauss' Die Fledermaus--a holiday classic. I arrive at the station at 8:00. I call Paul Gardner (or rather return his call) and talk until 9:30. At 9:35 I realize that KWAX does not own a copy of the opera that's scheduled to go on at 10:00. What makes matters worse is that I scheduled it. Hence, I am responsible that that program go on. As a rule I listen to the opera I'm going to air a week in advance in order to find an excellent recording and to prepare my commentary. This week being Christmas and Die Fledermaus being such an old stand-by I decided to forgo my ritual listening. EEEEEYYYYOOOWWW!!! From 9:35 to 10:15 I call every musician whose record collection I think has a prayer of containing a copy of Die Fledermaus. All of them say they have excerpts but no full recording. I beg, I plead, but nothing works. Finally I call a friend who owns a record store but by this time I know it's too late. He laughs at my ridiculous plight and promises to be listening for my most embarrassing moment in two years of A Night at the Opera. At 10:30 I open the mic after thirty minutes of waltz filler and prepare to face the ravenous opera fans of Eugene. First I apologize trying vainly to keep the natural insincerity of my voice from surfacing. Then in mock happy tones I inform one and all that I have chosen to substitute a little Strauss howler, The Gypsy Baron. Immediately the phone rings. Wednesday night's faithful are frothing. Well not exactly, I only got three calls none of which were furious. What's ridiculous about that is that on any normal night I get around ten calls from opera fans who merely want to chat. Then when the opera gets replaced at the last minute only three people call. Okay, so the night after Christmas is not radio prime time but three people!!! Makes wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea to just shut the station down for the night and invite those three people to come to my house and listen to Die Fledermaus on the stereo while drinking left-over egg-nogg. Well, I may sound flippant about this minor disaster but it will surely result in a well-deserved tongue lashing from our Reagan-like program director. Actually the program director is a thirty-five year old former hippy but (at the risk of sounding uncharitable) I do not enjoy his acquaintance nor he mine.

Several readers have inquired about game openings in zines other than TCOE. Here are some addresses and names of other people who are currently inviting players for new games. send them a few stamps and you'll probably get a sample issue.

NOT NEW YORK ! Paul Gardner
PO Box 60
Eugene, OR 97440

Not New York has been around since the late fifties (just like TCOE) and is reliably run by Paul Gardner. He has three games open so you'll probably get in one fast. In addition to Diplomacy games Paul presents some outstanding left-of-center humor and a modicum of wacky high-jinx.

LIBBERTERREAN Jim Bumpas
4405 Dillard Road
Eugene, OR 97405

You bet, we're practically neighbors. Jim usually starts a new game whenever one ends and two ended last issue. Jim runs games on two-week deadlines so if you like Diplomacy fast and furious this is the 'zine for you. Libberterrean is the first 'zine I subscribed to and remains my favorite place to play.

SO I LIED Marc and Debi Peters
1814 Cameron Dr #3
Madison, WI
53711

I think SIL still has a few openings and if it doesn't one of its subzines does. SIL's games are populated by some excellent players. Along with games Marc and Debi present interesting reading and contests. Like TCOE this one was started in the late 1950s and remains to this day one of my very favorite 'zines.

TACKY Lu Henry
6056 Waverly
Dearborn Hieghts, MI 48127

I'm not certain that Lu has Diplomacy openings right now but, he probably will shortly. His 'zine also houses other strategy games too numerous to mention. If you like variety in your game diet I recomend Tacky.

FEUILLITANIST FORUM Greg Ellis
700 Rio Grande
Austin, TX
78701

Greg definitely has game openings. He runs a nice looking 'zine that also serves as a forum for political debate. During the presidential race I had a great time trying to a make a case in favor of Walter Mondale. My one letter drew five or six responses including one from the editor, Greg, himself. If provoking or being provoked is up your alley (it's definitely up mine) then FF is for you.

ELECTRIC PENGUIN John Mirassou
966 El Rio Drive
San Jose, CA 95125

Definitely has game openings! EP contains some of the best rambling in the hobby. Send John a few stamps and see what eccentricities arrive in your mail-box.

And last but not least...

THE CONNECTICUT GAMERS' CLUB Earl Whiskeyman Jr.
27 Mark st.
Milford, CT 06460

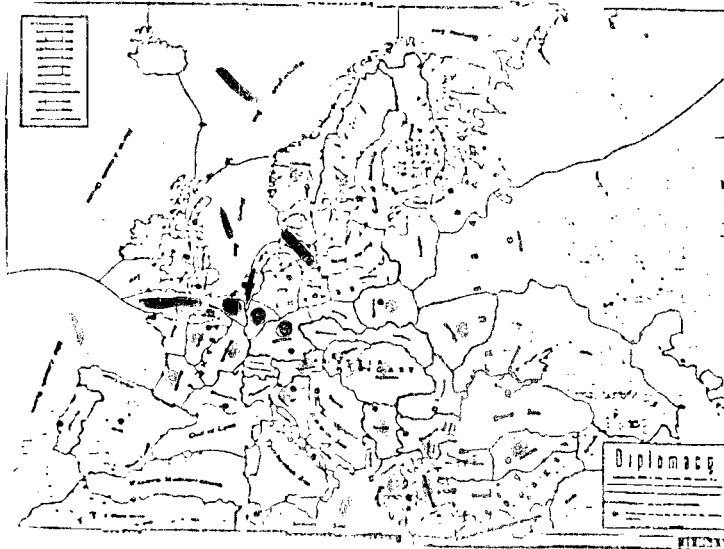
This is without a doubt one of the most efficient 'zines out there. Earl seems to use a computer with excellent print quality (remember I'm computer illiterate folks) to produce his 'zine. It comes out like clock-work and has game openings for Diplomacy as well as several other games including Source of the Nile (one of my favorites). Earl is also testing the Milan Diplomacy variant in his 'zine and may very well need players for that enterprise.

Well, those are all the 'zines I can think of that have game openings at present.

--THE GAMES--

THE INAUGURAL GAME 1984 CA

FALL 1903



- A (VILLANUEVA) A. Ser s. F. Gre-Bul (sc), F. Gre-Bul (sc), A. Bud-Rum, A. Vie-Gal, A. Tyr-Vie
- E (GARDNER) F. Nwg s. Russian A. StP-Nor, F. Nth-Den, F. EngS. A. Bel, A. Bel H
- F (KOPP) Submitted a noble resignation. All pieces hold. Will Andy Clough please stand-by or should I say take over for this position?
- G (EXTRON) F. Nwy-Nth, F. Den s. F. Nwy-Nth, F. Hol-Bel, A. Ruh s. F. Hol-Bel, A. Mun-Bur
- I (COUGHLAN) A. Rom-Ven, A. Apu-Gre, F. Ion c. A. Apu-Gre, F. Aeg s. A. Apu-Gre
- R (KOZLOWSKI) A. StP-Nwy, F. Swe s. English F. Nth-Den, A. War-Gal, A. Ukr-Rum, A. Bul-Ser, A. Arm-Ank, F. Con s. A. Arm-Ank (A. Bul and F. Con must retreat)
- T (TALLMAN) A. Syr s. A. Smy, F. Ank-Con, A. Smy s. F. Ank-Con

CENTER DISTRIBUTION

- A- Home, Bul, Gre, Ser (5) even
- E- Home, Bel, Den, (5) plus 1
- F- Home, Spa, For (5) even
- G- Home, Bel, Nor, Hol (4) down 1
- I- Home, Gre, Tun (5) add 1
- R- Home, Ank, Bel, Nor, Rum, Swe (8) plus 1, 2, or 3 depending on retreats. plus 1 definitely plus 1 more per unit that retreats otb
- T- Ank, Con, Smy (2) down 1

The deadline for Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 is January 23rd. Please avoid collect calls by observing the deadline and sending in orders. Three requests will result in separated seasons Andy Clough's address is ANDY CLOUGH

11033 Barman Ave
Culver City, CA
90230

Clon Andy this is a pretty good position!

PRESS FOR THE INAUGURAL GAME

"Equal opportunity ally? This is London...Girlfriend???? Darn! I thought I had the home number. You don't know where he is??? 'Sheeeeit! No, no I'm only calling from Oregon. London? That's a long story. BYE! (Half a phone call from the Paul Gardner's residence.)

MUN-BUR- Do you ever feel like a yo-yo?

GM-JOAN- I'll bet he feels more like a free man. Now it's Andy's turn to play chief yo-yo.

ITALY-GM- What's wrong with 5 nmrs may I ask? Especially if you are Italy and got your moves in way before the deadline? I wonder who else besides me got their moves in on time?

GM-ITALY- The guilty party was Paul Gardner, although Kevin was virtually on time. His moves came the day after the deadline and long before I started making calls.

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA- You are such a faithful writer. I promise to be less slovenly (stop smirking gm!) When? The surface temperature in hell is about 29° F right now.

GERMANY-WORLD- NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION #1: write more dip letters.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION #2: Get TCOE orders in on time.

TURKEY-RUSSIA- Maybe next month...

ST.P-A/G/T- What more can I do? Not one letter from the lot of you. Not a postcard, or a phone call, or a Christmas card, or anything. I declare war on all three of you. This may convert an easy win to a loss, and if that happens I'll be disappointed. One of my main motivations to playing diplomacy is receiving mail and working with other people. As this game demonstrates that motivation is even more important than winning to me.

GM-PLAYERS- I'm allied with Kevin in a game in Libberterrean (at least I think we're allied--just joshing, Kevin) and you can bet I'll be sending a few more scribblings east after reading that press.

St.P- ENGLAND & ITALY- I apologize to both of you for calling you non-writers, especially England since I didn't acknowledge a letter he wrote to me concerning this game.

ROME-MOSCOW- Uh, my letter to you, that no else bothered to write, should mean something! Why should we Italians be forced to compete with all these non-writers? I also will not quadruple my phone bill by trying to call you at all those numbers! If you want the Italian aid you need, you can call me at...well, you can find it via information....

GM-KEVIN- That is if you have any luck understanding what the southern information operator is saahhyin'. And for your convenience, the Memphis information number is 1-901-555-1212.

St.P- ENGLAND & ITALY- Keep those cards and letters coming, guys. You've both earned an alliance with me...I'll work hard to earn an alliance with each of you over the next year.

AUSTRIA-ITALY- Perhaps I'll have more than your enmity after you see my moves.

ITALY-AUSTRIA- You have used and abused me.

ITALY-ENGLAND- I wouldn't trade you"that"for Belgium.

GM-TO NEW FRENCH PLAYER- Careful Andy, I think Gary is already making references about your Brest#.

ITALY-TURKEY- Who's in deep shit?

GM AGAIN- Careful Gary, if it hadn't been for a vintage Villanueva miscue, it could have been you being asked the above.

ITALY-GM- My vote for TCOE champion can be for none other than...BART AIKENS!!!

JOAN-EVERYONE Y'all remember that Leprecon will be March 15-17. Make your reservations now! (Gary already has) any possibility of getting all the players in this game plus the gm to attend?

GM- So far the gm, Italy, Turkey, and England are all definite. Austria could be likely with a little pressure. Germany...naturally. Now if we can all lay some pressure on Kevin and Andy...

ITALY-GERMANY, ENGLAND, AUSTRIA, TURKEY, AND GM- Hey I'll be in Oregon in March!! Watch out!!!

KIEL-ROME- How do you like your chicken legs cooked?

EUGENE-JOAN- At Church's fried chicken in Memphis I think he always orders three pieces of dark meat. I learned that on one of his tapes. However, he didn't say anything about legs.

ITALY-GM- I nevvaah evah take back the things I say, or wouldn't say them in the first place.

GM-JOAN- Okay, he seems satisfied with the three fried pieces of dark meat. I'll bring the corn on the cob.

ITALY-RUSSIA- Hey, Mr, Tsar, the year I was born some big-leaguers were born. The year of my birth saw Richard Thomas (John-Boy of the Waltons) and Cheryl Ladd (of Charlie's Angels) born that year. What about you? F.L. Don't ask Turkey...you'd only hear the names of Lee West and Lucille Ball!!!

KEVIN'S GIRLFRIEND-GM- I feel honored to have been mentioned in America's Premiere Game Journal. Congrats to Al for his new music teaching job--I'm a Kindergarten teacher--and I know how hard it is to get that first job. (It took me five years--yuk)

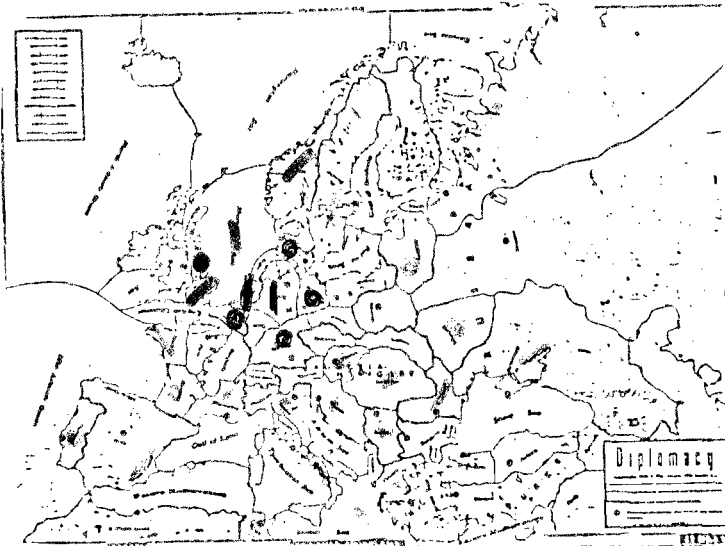
GM-KEVIN'S GIRLFRIEND- And similarly, TCOE is honored to have you write press for it.

KEVIN AND KEVIN-EVERYONE ELSE- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The year of Orwell is finally over and it ended on a damn good note too (c-sharp) May 1985 be as good.

KEVIN AND MARYK- GM- Merry Christmas...Your extra press last month cracked us up.

GM- Sorry, I got the last two pieces of press mixed up. In the wrong order...

1984 IN is the boardman number for the new Game. I've taken alot of flak for calling it the new game so from now on it's going to be called...THE PREMIERE AND UNPOOLED GAME, 1984 IN. WINTER 1991.



A* (O'DONNELL) Build A. Bud, A. Vic
E* (CORBIN) Build F. Lon
F* (CALICIA) Build F. Bre, F. Mar
G* (CARUSO) Build F. Kie, A. Ber, A. Dan
I* (DALEY) Build F. Nap
R* (CLOUGH) Build F. Sev, F. StP (nc)
T* (HENRY) Build F. Con

MUI DIRECTORIO!
ED HENRY HAS A NEW ADDRESS
PO BOX 283
KENT, WA 98032

"Dr. Freud, I'd like to discuss seven friends of mine. They have a bizarre fleet-fettish. What do you think causes this?"

January 23rd is the deadline for Spring 1992. Send orders before then and save yourself a collect call.

PRESS

FRANCE-BELGIUM'S OWNER- You're welcome!

LONDON- Beware of Germans bearing promises.

FRANCE-ALL ITALIANS- Will the owner of a green army please report to the main office. It seems to be lost and can't find its owner. It shouldn't be there. Please reclaim it to make things easier for us. Thank you.

GM-RON- Why so cryptic?

FRANCE-RUSSIA- Never trust any Thanksgiving leftovers still around in December, unless your accustomed to eating wood.

GM-RON- That was just the right amount cryptic.

ROME-PARIS- What about our treaty? No love to Spain (sc)?

GM-ROME- It's okay. You didn't move to Spain (sc).

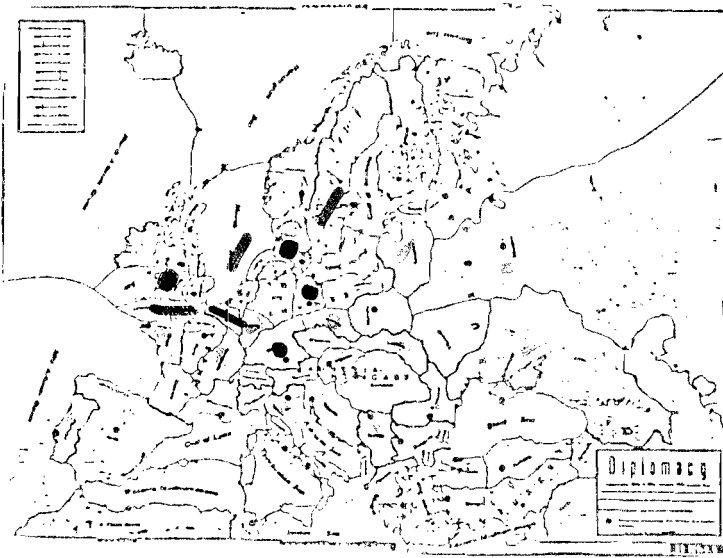
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GUEST GR:
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Hamilton Box 60505
University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403-6005

Until January 20, Bart Atkins
will be staying at:
3470 McMillan St.
Eugene, OR 97405
After that, you can reach him
at his official address.

Not much else to say here.
Youse guys (and gal) have been
great about getting your moves
in on time. Keep it up!

CHARLES'S SELF-HELP DEPT:
I have game openings in Phord,
my subline in the Blue Life of
Mentz. No fees, except for
the 50¢/issue subscription price.
For a sample, send a stamp to:
Don Del Grande
142 Elisco Drive
Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339



AUSTRIA (J. Henry): A Bud-GAL, A VIE S A Bud-Gal, A SRB-Rus, A RUN-Ukr,
F TRI H

ENGLAND (C. Lee): A WAL H, F Edl-NTH, F Lon-PNC, F Nwy-SWE

FRANCE (Kozlowski): A Par-BUR, A Par-RUH, F BRE-Elg, A Spa-POR

GERMANY (Clough): F GIB S English F Lon-Eng, A DEN S English F Nwy-Swe,
A Kie-NUN, A BER S A Kie-Kun

ITALY (Latter): A APU-Gre, F ION S A Apu-Gre, A VEN-Apu

RUSSIA (Villanueva): F Swe H (d, ret P, S, T, B, I, K, G, oth), F M:(sc)-LVI,
F SEV H, A MOS-Ukr, A War-STL, A Mun SA Par-Sil (d, ret Tyo, Boh, oth)

TURKEY (Atkins): F BLA-Sev, A GRE S A Bul, A PUL S Austrian A Ser-Kun,
F Con-ANG, F Smy-EAS

DER PRESS:

LIVERPOOL to PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: If you would be less paranoid about where
your press came from, and if you would read your mail, you might find a bit
more press to include, or don't you like what I write?

PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS to LIVERPOOL: My apologies. When you changed your orders,
the old set was put into a dark corner of my files, and the fact that press
was included went into an even darker corner of my mind. I'll print that
press now, okay?

LONDON to BERNIN: Like you, we are not amused. It is a bit of a sticky
wicket.

RUSSIA to TODO EL MUNDO: Sorry to have been such a ghost in this game. I
do not intend to be massacred as a result of this, however. Do you hear
that oh brood of vipers to the south?

ENGLAND to GERMANY: As you know, we in England harbour the father of
communism. But as of 1902 we remain blissfully naive and have no distrust
of those, how did you put it? Comics?

DEADLINE - jan. 23

Von Neumann's Catastrphe--continued

PARIS to NEW GAME PARIS: France is such a beautiful country. Let's see if we both can manage to achieve 17-17 draws. Maybe we can even co-ordinate it so that our games end in the same issue!

ENGLAND to TURKEY: How can anything that is belated be truly sincere?

RUSSIA to HOBBY SEX MCOB: Is it true that you are going to do a cameo in Cyndi Laupers next MTVVideo, "He Stabbed Me Bad, I'm Gonna Die His Hair Woe, Woe, Woe."/?/

PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: Is it true that you're starring in it?

LONDON to WASHINGTON: We with the upturned noses wish to congratulate you with the shoe polish hair on your impressive stomp of he with the baggy eyes. (OK, so Ronnie wasn't President in 1902. But you have to admit, he is old enough--almost)

PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: His mind is in 1902, that's for sure.

PARIS to WORLD: I hereby nominate, and vote for, Ron Galicia as TCOE's Diplomacy Representative. He's a good player who writes a lot, co-ordinates well, is fair and generous, and has a sense of humour. I know because we're in 84AE together. Vote for Ron.

PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: Why? Having those qualities pretty much knocks him out of the running. We don't want a good player.

EDINBURGH to FRANCE: I have done my part. On the other hand you offer a laurel, you deliver a knife, you offer a laurel.... What next?

RUSSIA to GM: Sometimes these type-Ohs are intentionull. Really.

PRIMEUS ILLUOMINATUS: i've bin typeing them egzactly the way you'r riting them.

ENGLAND to ITALY: Like I always say, when in doubt drop back ten and punt.

PRIMUS ILLUMINATUS: So you can get sacked in the end zone.

MUCH BETTERGANGBUTSOMEOPFOUARESTILLSLACKINGOFFDOANYOFOUDRGO LDBNAGEPRESSONWELL

NOPE PRESS FROM 1984 IN formerly "THE NEW GAME"

AUSIA-GEMANY- Thank you for your concern, all that is mine remains mine! Do we go after Russia now?

RUSSIA-ITALY- Thank you for your last letter.

GM NOTE- That last piece might have said "Thank you for your last letter." The s looked rather o-ish.

ROME-AM- A toast toward greater co-operation!

ROME-BOLD- I apologize to Inland over my floundering press in regards to England. I did receive mail from him. Berlin is still silent though...

ROME-LONDON- Sorry for not writing. Got your note and I agree with your comments. Now what I mean?

GM- Look everybody! Chris is winking at Ken. Sheecccesh.

ROME-ITALY- It's moments like this that make me feel soooo good, like tomorrow is going to be a bright and sunny day, and that there is something special to look forward to, and it makes me feel that life is such a beautiful thing to experience. It's like one of those indescribable feelings, like when you wake up in a peaceful morning, with a light little melody going through your tiny little head, beckoning you to your childhood years, and when you part your curtains that same morning the sunshine kisses your eyes and warms your sleepy cheeks, and it feels great to be alive, and to taste, and to sense, and to smell, and to see, and to touch. It's moments like this that make me wish I had one of them funny little disc cameras sold I can snap your picture after you rip open this month's TCOE and see the light-blue neemies marching your way.

PARIS- How's that for literary achievement?

GM- You had to ask...The overall tone is adequate, however, the word selection occasionally left something to be desired. For example in line four, "indescribable" was a poor choice because you then immediately went on to describe the feeling. In line five, "tiny, little" is a heinous redundancy. Another redundancy occurs when you included "to sense" when you listed the senses. Saying "to sense" makes the rest of the sentence superfluous. I liked the Joycian sentence structure and the final sentence smacked properly of triumph. ***½

BART AIKENS

SCREED

TCOE'S official subzine
No. 1 January 1985



"Don't quote what he says, say what he means!"

--Barry Goldwater for President supporter to journalist, 1964

PREAMBLE: Reach for your dictionaries, it's Screed, the appendage to America's premier game journal that dares to promise absolutely nothing in the way of a regular format. My arrival at that editorial decision had less to do with resolve and had everything to do with indecisiveness. At any rate, lest I waste more space ranting aimlessly, let me thank those of you devoted TCOE readers whose votes catapulted me into the prestige-filled office of TCOE champion. I vow to uphold this eminent journal's untarnished reputation for verbosity, frivolity and a sense of high adventure (the criteria established by TCOE publisher Michael Lee). On the first two counts there can be no doubt as to my qualifications; just keep reading the prose style and content of Screed. As for a sense of high adventure--well, I recently campaigned for a politician who once supported federal funding of an experiment designed to gauge people's reactions upon seeing an octopus in a barnyard*; if that doesn't sway the skeptics, I don't know what will.

AN ENDORSEMENT: Screed officially endorses Mike Ehl for Hobby Sex Ghod over overweight incumbent Tally Tallman, slug molester of Seattle. I've known Mike for a long time--since our days at Dunn Elementary School--and believe me, I know that being named Hobby Sex Ghod would be the icing on the cake for this amiable prodigy.

A GRIPE: I despise it when people say "acrossed." That's not a word at all, the word is "across" and I emphasize the spelling for the benefit of the extremely ignorant. "Across" has no direct relationship to "crossed," so I don't see how the hybrid word "acrossed" can be produced in good linguistic conscience.

A BIT OF TRIVIA FROM TRIVIAL PURSUIT: I confess to playing this popular game that is fast becoming the object of scorn of many seasoned gamers. I'm not a diehard fan, let me say that in my defense. Here's the trivia: what's Henry Kissinger's favorite game? Diplomacy, of course!

A DEFINITION: What does "apologetics" mean? Curiously, it's "that branch of theology having to do with the defense and proofs of Christianity" (!?).

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*Democrat Tom Harkin, formerly of the U.S. House of Representatives, now U.S. Senator from Iowa.

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DEAR M,

- AS YOU HAVE REDUCED MY PICTURE TO A TINY FRACTION OF ITS ORIGINAL GLOR.
- AS YOU DID NOT FEATURE IT AT ALL LAST MONTH.
- AS YOU DO NOT PRAISE ME OFTEN ENOUGH.

I AM LEAVING TO FIND A NEW 'ZINE TO ADORN.

 SPARKY

GOSH SPARKY,
I THOUGHT WE HAD A SUPER RELATIONSHIP. SOB.
WOULD YA... WOULD YA...
(SNIFF)... WOULD YA GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE?