

FROBOZZ

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Help! Help! The headhunters are after me! No, I don't mean the kind that come after you with blowguns. I'm talking about the ones who try to hire you away from your company. These particular headhunters tried to tempt me with a higher salary and all their company benefits (which were okay, but not really better than what I get now). Since salary was about the only tangible thing they had to offer, and I wasn't really all that interested anyway, I said I wouldn't consider anything less than a 25% salary increase. This slowed the lead headhunter down but didn't stop him. They still are interested in me, but I've thought it over, and I am going to turn them down, anyway. Why? The job is with a consulting firm, which means I'd be serving other companies on behalf of the consulting firm. Since the companies that hire consultants can be located anywhere, I'd have to be prepared to relocate as much as once a year. Though the relocation expense itself is paid by the consulting firm, the hidden costs of being forced to rent in high cost-of-living areas is not. I've decided I'll be better off with my original plan to buy a house in this area and build up some equity in it. Besides, I like being able to show up at the office at 9:30 in bluejeans. So, I hope you all approve of my decision. Frobozz would surely have folded had I accepted the offer...

A few issues ago, I mentioned that I may have trouble using the company's printer in the future. At that time I did an informal poll to find out whether you readers would prefer the high quality print you see now with the zine possibly arriving a day or so later, or whether I should strive for maximum speed even if it means using a lower quality printer. Among those who expressed an opinion, there seemed to be a mild preference for the latter option. My thanks to those who took the time to write, and if you haven't told me how you feel about this yet, I hope you will do so now. Since there are several new readers out there, I'll review the situation: My company uses a Xerox 9700 laser printer, which is located in the building in which I work. As the result of a recent reorganization, the department which operates the printer has moved to another building. Supposedly, the printer will be moved along with them. (But, what I think will really happen is that the printer will stay where it is till the lease runs out in January. Then its replacement will be installed in the other building). If I can arrange to have weekend access to the other building, the move will be no more than a minor nuisance for me, and you will never notice the difference. Frobozz will continue to arrive on the schedule it does now. But, if I am denied weekend access to the printer's new location, I would have to wait for the printer operators to print the zine for me, which would take an extra day at least. So, the question is, should the worst come to pass, would you rather wait an extra day or two for the zine, or should I use my own computer printer which doesn't produce high quality output, but could get the job done faster?

Frobozz extends its congratulations and best wishes to Mark Fruch and Nancy Irwin who have announced that they will be married in October. (Another bachelor ~~bites the dust~~ enters the world of married bliss.)

Congratulations to the top finishers in the 1986 Marco Poll, as reported in *Diplomacy World* #43:

TOP TEN ZINES

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Magus | 6. Whitestonia |
| 2. Costaguana | 7. Diplomacy World |
| 3. Europa Express | 8. Praxis |
| 4. It's a Trap! | 9. No Fixed Address |
| 5. Cathy's Ramblings | 10. The Canadian Diplomat |

TOP TEN PLAYERS

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Kathy Byrne | 6. Ryckman |
| 2. Dan Stafford | 7. Steve Langley |
| 3. Randolph Smyth | 8. Mark Fazzio |
| 4. Paul Rauterberg | 9. Matt Fleming |
| 5. Stephen Wilcox | 10. John Caruso |

Frobozz finished 15th, which I feel is surprisingly high, considering that the scoring system of this poll strongly favors large zines with a lot of readers. There was also a GM poll, but I have no idea where I finished, except that it wasn't in the top five. My thanks to those of you who participated.

Standby pool for regular Dip: Hugh Christie, Holley, Bakken, Fleming, O'Brien, Van Wie, Acheson, Henry, Geryk, Noble. For WWIIb: O'Brien, Van Wie. Does anyone want to be added to or removed from either list?

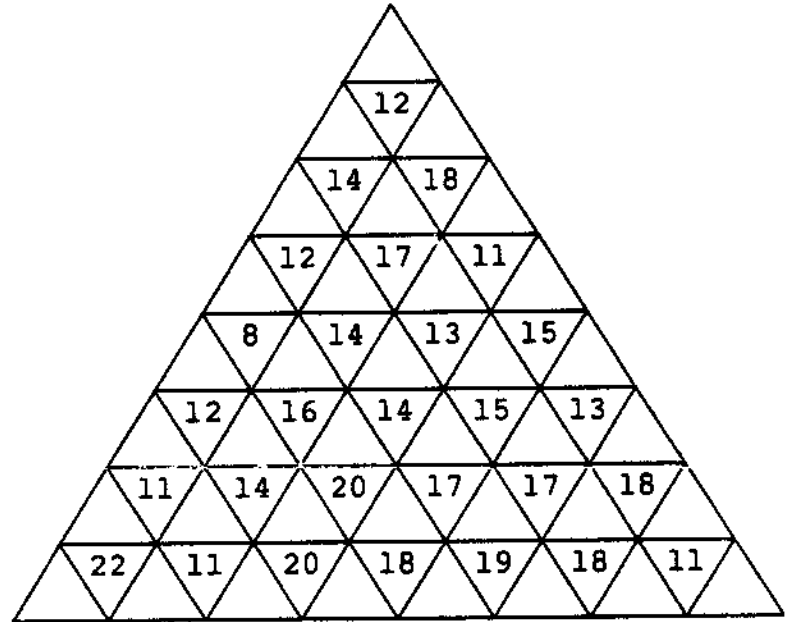
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Puzzle Challenge

Here is the solution to last month's crossword:

A	M	M	O		R	A	B	I	D		C	A	B	S
R	O	A	R		E	M	O	T	E		O	B	O	E
T	U	C	K		M	E	L	O	N		U	L	N	A
A	S	H		W	A	N	D			A	G	E	N	T
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O	N	E		A	W	A	K	E		Y	E	N	T	L
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I	D	E	S		P	A	N	E	L		S	L	O	T
N	O	D	E		A	L	A	T	E		P	I	K	E
E	R	S	T		R	E	P	A	Y		A	X	E	D

Here is another puzzle for you:



Some of the triangles in the diagram above right contain numbers. Each such triangle specifies the sum of the numbers which are to appear in the three triangles that are adjacent to it. Your task is to fill in the blank triangles so that all the sums will be correct. You may use only positive integers less than ten, and each three-number combination which forms a sum must consist of three *different* numbers. Deadline for solutions is Friday, October 24, 1986.

The Scoreboard

Last month's puzzle was correctly solved by Lu Henry and the puzzle's author, Jim Lawniczak (thanks again, Jim). They each earn 100 points, gaining vast amounts of ground on Steve Langley, Melinda Holley, and Bruce Linsey. These three scored only 99 points each. The race for Puzzle Champion of 1986 is rounding the turn into the home stretch. The standings are now:

1. Steve Langley - 757 points
2. Bruce Linsey - 734 points
3. Matt Chen - 500 points
4. Jim Lawniczak - 425 points

5. Chuff Afflerbach - 210 points
6. Pete Kurucz - 180 points
7. Melinda Holley - 169 points
- 8/9. Joel Peacher - 100 points

- 8/9. Lu Henry - 100 points
10. Pat O'Brien - 95 points
11. Pat Jensen - 94 points
12. Paul Milewski - 90 points

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Saint Cleve

Final

The G-R draw has been approved. Congratulations, Matt and Bruce! Deadline for endgame statements is 9PM Friday, October 24, 1986.

	01	02	03	04	05	06
AUSTRIA	5	7	8	6	4	4
ENGLAND	4	3	2	1	1	0
FRANCE	4	6	7	7	7	6
GERMANY	5	7	7	9	11	13
ITALY	3	2	1	0		
RUSSIA	6	6	6	8	8	10
TURKEY	4	3	3	3	3	1

Joel Peacher (drop S07), Lu Henry
 Mark Harris (res F03), cd (out F06)
 Marc Peters
 Matt Chen (draw S07)
 Melinda Holley (out F04)
 Bruce Geryk (draw S07)
 Owen Riley (res S01), Lee Kendter, Sr.

AUSTRALIA (Russ Rusnak, 900 N. Rohlwing Rd. #333, Addison, IL 60101) A KAMCHATKA S A szechwan-MANCHURIA, A szechwan-MANCHURIA, A tibet-ASSAM, A PRADESH S A MAHARASHTRA-madras, A MAHARASHTRA-madras, F MADRAS-east indian, F BAY OF BENGAL-east indian, F sumatra-TIMOR SEA, F timor sea-WESTERN AUSTRALIA, A western australia-CALIFORNIA, F GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT C A western australia-CALIFORNIA, F SOUTH PACIFIC C A western australia-CALIFORNIA, F CENTRAL PACIFIC C A western australia-CALIFORNIA, F GULF OF CALIFORNIA C A western australia-CALIFORNIA, F EAST PACIFIC S F SOUTH PACIFIC, F ne pacific-BERING SEA, A ALASKA-british columbia, A MEXICO S A western australia-CALIFORNIA, F gulf of panama-CARIBBEAN SEA, F PANAMA S F gulf of panama-CARIBBEAN SEA, F GULF OF MEXICO-texas, f coral sea-WEST PACIFIC.

BRAZIL (Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825) F GOIAS H, F VENEZUELA H, A COLOMBIA H, F CUBA H, F MOUTH OF THE AMAZON H, F CENTRAL ATLANTIC H, A HAITI H, A LA PAMPA H, A INCA H, A CUZCO H, A BOLIVIA H, A BUENOS AIRES H, A URUGUAY H.

CANADA (Jim Petersen, 1835 Hinman #423, Evanston, IL 60201) A OREGON-british columbia, A california S A DIXIE-texas(d.a), A DIXIE-texas, A NEW ENGLAND-dixie, F NW ATLANTIC-mid atlantic, F greenland sea-NORWEGIAN SEA, F norwegian sea-NORWAY, F NORTH ATLANTIC S Warsaw Pact A france-SPAIN, F PORTUGAL S Warsaw Pact A france-SPAIN.

UofSA (Michael Vapouris, Suite 238, 4334 West Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43615) F egypt-SUDAN, A saudi arabia-EGYPT, F RED SEA S A saudi arabia-EGYPT, F falkland sound-FALKLAND ISLANDS, A falkland islands-KENYA, F DRAKE PASSAGE C A falkland islands-KENYA, F SOUTH INDIAN C A falkland islands-KENYA, F WEST INDIAN C A falkland islands-KENYA, A ZAIRE-gabon, F arabian sea-GULF OF ADEN, F persian gulf-ARABIAN SEA, F SE ATLANTIC-gulf of guinea, F SW ATLANTIC-se atlantic.

USSR (Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Dr. #3, Madison, WI 53711) A georgia-UKRAINE, F black sea-RUMANIA, A GREECE S WAF A YUGOSLAVIA, A turkey-SYRIA, A kazak-RUSSIA, A IRAN H, A pakistan-KASHMIR, A RAJASTHAN S A pakistan-KASHMIR, A SIBERIA-manchuria, A SINKIANG-siberia.

WARSAW PACT (Pat Jensen, P.O. Box 18841, Morris, MN 56267) A italy-FRANCE, A HUNGARY S A AUSTRIA-yugoslavia, A AUSTRIA-yugoslavia, F NORTH SEA S A italy-FRANCE, A byelorussia-CZECHOSLOVAKIA, A france-SPAIN.

WAF (Fred Hyatt) NMR. F MID ATLANTIC H, F spain(sc) h (d, r morocco, otb), F WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN H, A YUGOSLAVIA H, F EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN H, A ALGERIA H, A LIBYA H, A NIGER H, A CAMEROON H, F BAHIA H, F GULF OF GUINEA H, F GABON H.

Deadline for Spring, 2008 is 9PM Friday, October 24, 1986. All of the proposals were defeated. Now proposed are a concession to Australia and an A-UofSA-USSR draw. Abstention will be counted as a YES vote. Victory criterion is 30 centers, or the most centers if more than one player has 30 centers. Will Pat O'Brien, 126 Roanoke St., Woodbridge, NJ please standby for West African Federation. Note the new addresses for Jim Petersen and Pat Jensen.

1982Hgp03 supply center chart - 2007

AUSTR	nsw,wau,nter,nze,jav,bor,pap,phil,viet,kyu,thai,hok,honan,kam, s.kor,honsh,hond,ban,pra,pan,ecu,ma,ALA,CAL.....	24, +2
BRAZL	bel,m.gro,sur,ven,hai,col,napo,la pam,bol,inca,cub,uru,b.air.....	13, even
CANAD	bc, al ,sakh, al ,ont,ice,que,grn,tex,dix,NWY.....	9, +1
UofSA	ang,tran,moz,mala,zam,som,ken,sud,s.cruz, egy , s.arab, al ,FALK IS.....	12, -1
USSR	kaz,sib,mon,tsin,sze,geo,rus,rum,pak,raj,GRC,SYR,IRAN.....	13, +3
WPACT	pol, al ,swe,aus,uk,hun,FRA,SPA.....	7, +1
WAF	gui,mali,niga,mor,cam,mau,tun, al ,yug, al , al ,gab,bah, al / al ,lib.....	11, -1

PRESS — Warsaw Pact to Russia: We apologize for the unreported war games in the European System. They are concluded this Fall.

Rooskie to Aussie: I really want to believe you, but I'd be a fool to completely trust you.

Rooskie to Eastern European: I really want to believe you, but I'd be a fool to completely trust you.

Rooskie to World: I really want to believe y'all, but you're such a collection of back-stabbers!

Brazil: Sorry about the lack of activity — my moves, like my diplomacy, were subject to a mental state that was drug-induced (sinus medicine is bad stuff).

1986D

Flying Carpet

Summer, 1904

Eng: F stp(nc) r NWY. Fra: A bur r BEL.

Fall, 1904

ENGLAND (Holley) A PIC-par, A WAL H, F BRE S F nat-MID, F ENG S F BRE, F nat-MID, F NWY-stp(nc), F POR S F nat-MID.

FRANCE (Geryk) A bel-HOL, F GAS S A PAR-bre, A PAR-bre, F spa(sc)-MAR.

GERMANY (Plummer) F swe-FIN, F DEN H, A LVN S English F NWY-stp(nc) A WAR-mos, A BUR-par, A mun-BOH.

ITALY (Petersen) F ION-eas, A VIE H, F nap-APU, A TRI S A VIE, A ven-PIE, F tyn-WES.

RUSSIA (Early) F STP(SC) gets extremely tired of this game, A MOS-lvn.

TURKEY (Baker) F bla-CON, F aeg-GRE, F SMY-eas, F ALB-tri, A SEV S Russian A MOS(otm), A UKR-gal, A GAL S A UKR-war(nso), A rum-BUD, A SER S A rum-BUD.

Deadline for Spring, 1905 is 9PM Friday, October 24, 1986. The proposed draw was defeated. The following draws are now proposed: E-F-G-T and E-F-G-I-T. No separation of seasons will be granted next turn.

COA: Bruce Geryk, 5748 S. Blackstone Ave. #310, Chicago, IL 60637.

COA: Jim Petersen, 1835 Hinman #423, Evanston, IL 60201.

1986D supply center chart - 1904

ENGLAND	lon, lvp, edi, nwy, bel, stp , bre, POR.....	7, even
FRANCE	par, mar, spa, stp , HOL.....	4, even
GERMANY	ber, kie, mun, swe, stp , den, WAR.....	6, even
ITALY	rom, ven, nap, tun, tri, vie.....	6, even
RUSSIA	mos, stp , STP.....	2, even
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, bul, rum, sev, gre, bud, ser.....	9, even

PRESS — Paris to London/Berlin Axis: Sorry, guys, but I'm not cooperating. For this game, at least, my trust has run out.

France to International Proposal Watchers: Hey, don't look at me!

1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Winter, 1909

Eng: Builds A LON. Fra: Removes A gas.

Rus: A gal r WAR, A kie r otb; builds A MOS.

Tur: Builds A CON, A SMY. A ANK.

Spring, 1910

ENGLAND (Milewski) F MAR H, A spa-GAS, F MID S A spa-GAS, F BRE S A lon-PIC, F ENG C A lon-PIC, A lon-PIC.

FRANCE (Frueh) A BEL-hol, A BUR-mun.

GERMANY (Townsend) F KIE-hol, A MUN-kie, F BER-kie.

ITALY (Jensen) F nap-ion(d,r rom,otb), F TYN S F nap-ion.

RUSSIA (Gonsalves) A UKR H, A MOS S A UKR, A WAR S A UKR, A stp-LVN, A VEN-tri, F BAL S F nth-DEN, F nth-DEN, F nwg-EDI.

TURKEY (Plummer) F ARM-ank, F TUN-tyt, F apu-NAP, F ION S F apu-NAP, F BLA C A ANK-rum, A VIE-tri, A RUM-ukr, A SEV S A RUM-ukr, A GAL S A RUM-ukr, A con-BUL, A ANK-rum, A smy-CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1910 is 9PM Friday, October 24, 1986. Michael Gonsalves is the new player for Russia.

PRESS — France to Italy: The question is who dies first?

Germany to France: Hey, will you lay off? Us little guys should stick together.

1986CF

The Philosopher's Stone

Fall, 1901

AUSTRIA (Jensen) F alb-GRE, A SER S F alb-GRE, A VIE-gal.
 ENGLAND (Gonsalves) F nwg-NWY, F NTH C A yor-BEL, A yor-BEL.
 FRANCE (Vaporis) F mid-POR, A SPA H, A BUR-ruh.
 GERMANY (Falkiner) A RUH S English A yor-BEL, A kie-HOL, F DEN H.
 ITALY (Fleming) A tyo-MUN, A apu-TUN, F ION C A apu-TUN.
 RUSSIA (Drane) F SEV S A ukr-RUM, F bot-SWE, A WAR-gal, A ukr-RUM.
 TURKEY (Rothchild) A BUL-gre, F ank-BLA, A CON H.

Deadline for Winter, 1901 is 9PM Friday, October 24, 1986. Pat Jensen still owes me the \$4.00 game fee. C'mon, pal. Cough it up.

COA: Pat Jensen, P.O. Box 18841, Morris, MN 56267.

1986CF supply center chart - 1901

AUSTRIA	vie,tri,bud,SER,GRE.....	5, +2
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,NWY,BEL.....	5, +2
FRANCE	par,bre,mar,SPA,POR.....	5, +2
GERMANY	ber,kie, rup ,HOL,DEN.....	4, +1
ITALY	rom,nap,ven,TUN,MUN.....	5, +2
RUSSIA	stp,mos,war,sev,RUM,SWE.....	6, +2
TURKEY	con,ank,smy,BUL.....	4, +1

1985CX

Isengard

Winter, 1905

Eng: NBR, plays one short. Ger: Removes A bur. Rus: Builds A WAR.

Spring, 1906

AUSTRIA (Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825) A PIE S French A MAR, F LYO S French F wes-SPA(SC), A GAL H, A TYO S Russian A MUN, A BOH S Russian A MUN, A GRE H, A SER H, F NAF S Russian F tyn-WES, F ion-TYN, A VEN H.

ENGLAND (Hugh Christie) NMR. A stp h(d,r nwy,fin,otb), F BAR H, F DEN H, F GAS H, F MID H, F BRE H, F ENG H, A PIC H.

FRANCE (Pat Jensen, P.O. Box 18841, Morris, MN 56267) A POR S F wes-SPA(SC), A MAR S F wes-SPA(SC), F wes-SPA(SC).

GERMANY (Fred Townsend, 1715 N. Mohawk, Chicago, IL 60614) A kie S A RUH(d,r hol,otb), A RUH S English A PIC-bur(nso), A PAR S English A PIC-bur(nso).

RUSSIA (Peter Kurucz, 6465 Chantilly Pl., Colorado Springs, CO 80922) A LVN S A mos-STP, A mos-STP, A UKR H, A WAR H, A SIL S A MUN, A MUN S A ber-KIE, A ber-KIE, F tyn-WES.

Deadline for Fall, 1906 is 9PM Friday, October 24, 1986. All of the proposals were defeated. Note the new address for Pat Jensen and the corrected ZIP code for Peter Kurucz. Will Melinda Holley, P.O. Box 2793, Huntington, WV 25727 please standby for England.

PRESS — Austria to England: Congratulations on a well engineered stalemate.

Country Roads

The tourist came to a country village where there was a fork in the main road. Directly in front of him was a sign which read, "Stroudsville, 5 miles." Beneath the sign were two arrows, one pointing to each road of the fork.

The tourist was unsure how to proceed. He stopped his car, poked his head out the window, and called to a pedestrian, "Does it matter which road I take to Stroudsville?"

The helpful native replied, "Not to me it doesn't."

AUSTRIA (Peters) F tri-ALB, A bud-SER, A VIE-gal.

ENGLAND (Geryk) F LON-eng. A lvp-WAL, F edi-NTH.

FRANCE (Johnston) F BRE-eng. A par-PIC, A mar-SPA.

GERMANY (O'Brien) F kie-DEN, A mun-BUR, A ber-SIL.

ITALY (Van Wie) A ven-PIE, A rom-TUS, F nap-TYN.

RUSSIA (Taubé) F stp(sc)-BOT, F sev-RUM, A mos-UKR, A WAR-gal.

TURKEY (Noble) A con-BUL, A smy-ANK, F ank-CON.

Deadline for Fall, 1991 is 9PM Friday, October 24, 1986.

COA: Bruce Geryk, 5748 S. Blackstone Ave. #310, Chicago, IL 60637.

PRESS — London to Paris: I'm sorry, Tom, but I had to do it. Next time, look to make sure that the address you are writing on the front of a postcard corresponds to the person to whom you have written on the back.

London to St. Petersburg: Some of your mail fell into the "right" hands, tovarisch. Perhaps we can arrange a trade, say, your correspondence for Vladimir Vysotski and a couple of Ukranian dancing girls? Well, if you can do it to Daniloff...

London to GM: "The Eye of Agamotto"? Is that anything like "The Wizard of Frobozz"?

GM to London: Not really.

Marc to Jeff: OK, smarty-pants, just what the heck is "The Eye of Agamotto"? Sounds Japanese. You clever fellows are a real pain in the posterior! Always snowing off your superior knowledge... I'm the son of two English professors, and even I haven't got a clue what you're talking about. (And before the clever remarks start, let me nip 'em by saying, yes, the two college professors are of opposite sexes. I know I had to say that, 'cause you've got the sickest subbers!)

Ann Arbor: Please direct all correspondence concerning that last comment directly to Marc Peters, 1814 Cameron Drive #3, Madison, WI 53711. Thank you.

Jeff to Marc: Despite your impressive background, you are obviously deprived as far as literature is concerned. Otherwise you would know the Eye of Agamotto is a magic amulet worn by the comic book character, Doctor Strange. I am astonished that you never heard of it.

Russia to the World: Fresh from his recent Far East conquests, the tsar looks westward for more easy conquests... and finds them!

Paris to London: Remember Waterloo? I do. Surely the Prussian troops will not save your ass this time!

Marc to Larry: I would have done much to avoid a conflict with you. But your failure to bother even dropping a postcard in the mail leaves little doubt as to your intentions. Galicians wish to avoid Russian occupation, and who are we to desert our neighbors in need?

Austrian Prognosticator to GM: ENGLAND: F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lvp-Yor. FRANCE: F Bre-Mid, A Mar-Spa, A Par-Bur. GERMANY: F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh. ITALY: A Ven-Tyo, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion. RUSSIA: F StP(sc)-Bot, A Mos-StP, A War-Gal, F Sev-Rum. TURKEY: A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con, A Smy-Ank. Do I get a free issue for getting 90% right (17 of 19)?

GM to Gypsy Fortune Teller: Well, just this once, I'll do it (despite the fact that you need 17.1 out of 19 for 90%). Now, let's see. How many did you get right? One... two... Say, you're not doing very well. Ah, here's a few more right... six... seven... eight. That's all?!? I think you'd better turn in your crystal ball, Kreskin.

Bewildered Italy to notorious French spy: It seems you've told everyone but me what I'm doing with A Venice. Not having the benefit of your all-seeing wisdom in this area, I had to make up my own mind about it. Hope I lived up to your expectations.

Rome to Berlin: Sorry about the misunderstanding. Please take this move as an assurance of goodwill.

_____ Your sub has expired. Please renew.

_____ Please standby in

Russ Rusnak (S50CR\$4)
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Addison, IL 60101

Dear Russ - I'll have to think about carrying a subzine now. Things are rather hectic for me now. I know how you feel about wrestling. I go through periods where I'm really bored by it. Recently, the behind-the-scenes scandals have been much more interesting than the show itself... -J