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Once again, it's time to look back at the hobby history and laugh at all of those people who once said that 1976 would be the last year in which the "major" countries would compete. (Then again, "USSR" and "East Germany" won't be competing in any Olympics in the foreseeable future...) While all of you are thinking about what this has to do with a gaming 'zine, let me tell you that this is *Lemon Curry* #140, by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, USA, phone (+1) 415 461-2692, but only 6 PM to 11 PM Pacific time (0200-0700 GMT), E-mail ddelgran@nyx.cs.du.edu (but if you send your orders by E-mail, note that you do so at your own risk as there is no guarantee that I read my E-mail every day, or even that the connection will be up every day.)

Speaking of the Olympics, did anybody hear in the opening ceremonies show that "the Jamician bobsledding team is a thing of the past, because all sports have minimum qualifying standards", only to see the Jamician bobsledders show up in the opening ceremonies? Somebody forgot that in 1988, they were a novelty, but since then, they've been practicing at Lake Placid. **THUD** Huh? What? Oh, excuse me - I just fainted after seeing CBS show a medal ceremony that had *another* country's national anthem.

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by ORIGINS NEEDS GMS - see below

Anybody see those new Wendy's commercials where the company owner considers ski jumping, bobsledding, and pairs figure skating? In the figure skating one, he asks Kristi Yamaguchi, but as she "didn't win any medals in pairs", he leaves. Somebody find Rudy Galindo and tell him we've found a new partner. (For those of you who don't know, Yamaguchi & Galindo are two-time U.S. pairs champions; Kristi is one of very few skaters to qualify for a World Championships in both singles and pairs.)

ORIGINS NEEDS GMS

I got a call from someone representing Andon Unlimited, the organizers for this year's ORIGINS in San Jose, July 7-10. It seems that they called Robert Sacks about getting someone to run the Diplomacy tournament, and he gave them my name (probably because of the help I gave NYGB at ORIGINS in Baltimore in 1991). Those of you who remember DIPCON can uncancel those reservations - I decided against it, not in the least because of what happened at DIPCON. (Actually, the main reason is because I probably won't be at ORIGINS for more than one day, as I'm saving up for WORLD DIP CON, which is two weeks later.)

ANYWAY, I was told that **they can use GMS in every field - boardgaming, role-playing, and (especially) miniatures. If you want to run an event at ORIGINS, call 1-800-529-EXPO (529-3976), ask for the ORIGINS 94 Voice Mail, and leave a message concerning your wanting to run an event. Alternatively, you can call Gary Smith directly at Andon Unlimited: phone 216-673-1887 or FAX 216-673-2125.** ORIGINS will be July 7-10 at the San Jose Convention Center. (Those of you who remember the 1981 ORIGINS can relax; the site has been moved from that hotel. Too bad SJCC wasn't there in 1981, or that mess might have been avoided.)

LATE NEWS FROM HOLLYWOOD: Plans to star Dan Jansen, Mary Decker, and Jim Ryun in *The Hard Luck Club* have suddenly been shelved. (Nobody remembers the Decker and Ryun stories, do they? Decker was too young in 1972, too hurt in 1976, too American in 1980, too close to Zola Budd in 1984, and too old to be competitive in 1988; Ryun fell in the 1500 in 1972 and couldn't compete in the 4x400 because two other USA athletes were removed from the team after not showing respect in a medal ceremony they were in.)

It looks like there's more room left over in this issue than I thought (boy, these things are becoming warehousey, aren't they?), so you're stuck with another feature pulled out of this 'zine's past:

LEMON CURRY picks the 1993 ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS

All right, who said "it can't be that hard as they were held about a year ago". No, 1993 refers to the year the movies were released, or at least released for seven days in New York and Los Angeles.

BEST PICTURE: *The Age of Innocence*. What? It wasn't nominated? Well, in that case, I think that *Schindler's List* will have more going for it than the anti-Spielberg types can muster against it.

BEST DIRECTOR: Martin Scorsese for *The Age of Innocence*. Excuse me? He diidn't get nominated either? In that case, the Academy will break with a not-particularly-traditional tradition and give this one to someone other than the director of Best Picture - someone named Jane Campion, for *The Piano*. She'll get votes from three camps: one who thought she did a better job than the others, one who doesn't want Spielberg to win for fear that he'll become some Hollywood megapower with power of life and death over careers (he's the producer of the top two grossing films of all time), and one who feels that this will make up for Barbra Streisand not being nominated for a film she directed that got seven or eight other nominations, including Best Picture (and whose name I've forgotten...)

BEST ACTOR: I can't decide between Robin Williams for *Mrs. Doubtfire* and Harrison Ford for *The Fugitive*. Pardon? Zero for two this time? It's hard to say that Tom Hanks will win for *Philadelphia* as a "career award" (i.e. voters vote for somebody whose body of work deserves an Oscar, although Richard Burton never got one, probably because he didn't get nominated for *1984*), especially since his career includes *Joe vs. the Volcano* and *The Money Pit*, but the other real contenders already have recent Oscars. However, this is the only major award this movie was nominated for, and he might get "guilt" votes.

BEST ACTRESS: I'm going to go out on a limb and say Rosalind Chao for *The Joy Luck Club*. DON'T tell me... Besides, Holly Hunter is a shoo-in, for *The Piano*.

BEST FOREIGN-LANGUAGE FILM: *Like Water for Chocolate*. That's right, it wasn't nominated, and the fact that nobody sounded really surprised by this leads me to believe one of two things: either it was eligible in 1992, or the Mexican National Film Academy decided for some incredibly strange reason not to submit it for nomination (required for foreign language film nominations). Japan is notorious for not nominating Kurosawa's films, even when he received a Best Director nomination for one (*Ran*) - that's a "regular" award, not one limited to foreign language films.

OTHER AWARDS: One of the songs from *Philadelphia*, written by Bruce Springsteen (so he gets the Oscar if it wins), will win the Best Original Song award (note that "Best Song" nominees must have been written specifically for the film; that's why *I Will Always Love You* from *The Bodyguard* never get nominated - it was released by Dolly Parton in the 1970s; it's also why movie versions of stage musicals usually have songs added)...the Documentary Committee must have been asleep; they nominated *The War Room* (behind the scenes in the Clinton campaign), which is a "popular" film, usually a guarantee that a movie will *not* receive a Best Documentary nomination; look at *Roger And Me* and *Truth Or Dare*...other winners will include *Jurassic Park* (for video effects) and *Mrs. Doubtfire* (for makeup).

DID YOU KNOW...all money bet on Oscar winners in the USA is done illegally, as the only "sports books" (places where you can bet on results of events) are not allowed to accept bets on non-sporting events like awards and elections. However, there's no law against setting odds...

TRIVIAL PURSUIT "CARRIE"

SCOTT CAMERON (11/5)

1. (BL-G2) What California desert is dubbed "High Desert"?
2. (PK-80) What Sigourney Weaver movie includes the line "Let her go, you bitch"?
3. (YE-TV) What Western show's theme kept urging "Keep them doggies movin"?
4. (OR-80) What musical format did the Denon company help pioneer?

MELINDA ANN HOLLEY (9/13)

5. (PK-G2) What 1966 TV bomb took astronauts back to prehistoric times?
6. (YE-80) What 1988 Presidential ticket spoke fluent Spanish?
7. (BR-TV) What cartoon studio had characters on more than 4500 products in 1979?
8. (GR-80) What Swedish tennis player was the first to win Wimbledon since Bjorn Borg?

DOUGLAS KENT (11/8)

9. (YE-G2) What kind of soup is served every day in Washington's Congressional cafeteria?
10. (BR-80) What dietary problem did 65% of all Brazilians suffer from in 1985?
11. (GR-TV) Who are the funkiest raisins in TV history?
12. (BL-G2) What two Western European countries begin with "L"?

JACK McHUGH (5/7)

13. (GR-G2) What body part is an "anencephalous twit" missing?
14. (YE-80) What first lady died on October 18, 1982?
15. (PK-TV) On *I Dream of Jeannie*, how many years elapsed between the time Major Nelson found Jeannie and their wedding?
16. (BR-TV) What TV game show's pilot was called *Shopper's Bazaar*?
17. (PK-G2) What's the appropriate title of the 1978 George C. Scott film that attempts to recreate a 1930s double feature?
18. (YE-80) What French opposition party aided Mitterand's 1981 election win?
19. (OR-80) What Disney character did the *New York Times* wrongly identify as Goofy in 1988?
20. (BL-TV) What toothpaste had an "invisible protective shield" in 1950s TV commercials?

BRENT McKEE (7/5) NMRed - questions carry over

JOHN SZPYLKA (3/1) NMRed - questions carry over

ANDREW YORK (10/12)

21. (BR-G2) What is the most frequently used article in the English language?
22. (GR-80) What Massachusetts college's marching band has formed "infinity" and "pi" formations?
23. (OR-TV) What cable channel appears in TV listings as "FAM"?
24. (YE-80) What name were peace-pushers from Colombia, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela grouped under?

ANSWERS (* indicates the player got it wrong)

1. *Mojave / 2. *Aliens* / 3. *Rawhide* / 4. *Compact Disks / 5. **It's About Time* / 6. Dukakis & Bentsen
7. *Hanna-Barbera / 8. Stefan Edberg / 9. *(Yankee) Bean Soup / 10. *Malnutrition
11. The California Raisins / 12. Luxembourg, Liechtenstein / 13. Brain / 14. Bess Truman / 15. *Three
16. *Wheel of Fortune / 17. *Movie Movie / 18. Communists / 19. Pluto / 20. Crest / 21. "The" / 22. M.I.T.
23. The Family Channel / 24. *Contradoras

As a lot of players are now 6 or fewer correct answers away from a complete set, each player with 11 or more correct answers will receive a question in every category in which they have not answered a question correctly.

HISTORY OF THE WORLD "ONCE ON THIS ISLAND" - GAMESTART

Well, six people have verified their position in this game, so it's starting this issue. As some of you know, games in this 'zine are named after Broadway musicals, and the not particularly popular (but recent) *Once On This Island* is the only one I could think of off the top of my head that was particularly appropriate to the game.

The six players are:

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Each of you will receive your nine Event cards on a separate sheet, as well as the Empire card you are dealt for Epoch I. Remember, this is not necessarily the Empire you will be playing (unlike the *Protozoan* house rules); you pass this card to another player (or keep it) as you would in a Face-To-Face game.

The initial drawing order is: Bowen, Bailey, Goode, Wilson, Hoode, Anderson - this means Bowen's card will be passed first, followed by Bailey's, and so on. (Also, it means Bowen need only list one player to pass to; Bailey must list two, in case his first choice received Bowen's card; Goode must list three, and so on, with Anderson listing all six players in the order in which he wants them to receive his card.)

To begin with, you need only send in your Empire card passing preference list. (In effect, this will be Turn 0B.) **The deadline is MARCH 19.** (There will usually be a nine-day turnaround between the deadline and the day the next issue is mailed, which leaves 26 days to receive the 'zine, write your orders, and have them get back to me. I am one of these "the deadline is more than a just a good idea" GMs; if you're cutting it close, use the phone. If I'm not home, leave me your number and what time you're in and I'll try to call back.)



RAILWAY RIVALS "GYPSY", ROUND 2

GC (Goode): (C55)-C51; (C51)-C50-B49-B47; (B47)-B44-N3

GC pays 1 to CCM (A44)

HICK (Hood): (Coventry)-N22-Birmingham; (Birmingham)-K20-Wolverhampton-H18;

(H18)-Shrewsbury, (B54)-C54

HICK pays 1 to GC (C54)

CAMELOT (Stimmel): (G53)-Lincoln-J50; (J50)-J47-K47; (K47)-L46-Grimsby, (E11)-E12-D12, (Lincoln)-K52

CCM (Weiss): (Derby)-D56-D57; (D57)-Leicester-D61; (Sheffield)-Doncaster, (D61)-D63

CCM pays 1 to GC (B55) and 1 to ST-AR (B48)

ST-AR (York): (M10)-N9, (N12)-A53; (N19)-Sheffield-B48; (B48)-Doncaster-G49

ST-AR pays 1 to CCM (A53) and 1 to GC (A53)

NOTE: ST-AR built the B48 junction in the second die and the rest of B48-Doncaster in the third die, so CCM only pays for building to the "existing" junction of B48

TOTALS AFTER ROUND 2

GC: 40 - 1 + 3 = 42

HICK: 26 + 6 - 1 = 31

CAMELOT: 44 + 6 = 50

CCM: 48 + 9 - 2 + 2 = 57

ST-AR: 38 + 3 - 2 + 1 = 40

ROUND 3 BUILDS: 3 - 6 - 6
DEADLINE for ROUND 3 is MARCH 21

KINGMAKER "ME AND MY GAL"

Before getting to the results, I have been given a rather unusual request from the person running the Kingmaker tournament at WORLD DIP CON IV. The new British rules are slightly different from the American rules, and he wanted me to post the clarifications, so (a) the North Americans that might want to play in the tournament would have some idea of the differences, and (b) if anybody wanted to suggest any changes, let me know.

1. The normal Event Deck is used, except that there is no Irish Revolt, and a Gales at Sea is added.
2. A noble in an Alliance may attack in one player's turn and move in another. (If A and B are allies, one of A's nobles may attack in his own turn and move in B's turn.)
3. SIEGE: It takes two turns for a siege (as if the first turn drew Bad Weather). Any size force (even 10) can siege, provided it has odds of at least 1-4. A neutral garrison will attempt to break a siege (by attacking the besieging forces) if not outnumbered; a garrison counts as half its normal size in a siege, whether defending against one or trying to break one (with or without help of occupying forces, which count as full strength). If the breaking force is defeated, it surrenders the city/castle immediately to the besiegers. (Does the "garrison is half strength" rule make any sense to you?)
4. STORMING A CASTLE: Instead of a siege, troops may assault a castle, whether or not it is occupied; a garrison has full strength against an assault. An indecisive or "bad weather" result may be "converted" into the first turn of a siege at the attacker's request.
5. Any unit defeated in a combat by (just) a neutral garrison is killed. A unit on a ship which is forced into a neutral or unfriendly port must storm the port, and if outnumbered by more than 4-1, is captured (killed if done by a neutral garrison) without entering the port. (American rules: the ship is commandeered by the port, but the passengers land in the open outside the port.)
6. All nobles in a combat die on rolls of "2" and "3", and all royal heirs die on a roll of "2". To determine a combat result (other than siege), a special "battle deck" is drawn, containing two sets of odds, one for "larger force victory" and one for "smaller force victory". (The "larger force victory" numbers run from 1-1 to 4-1; the "smaller force victory" numbers go down to 6-5.)
7. Shrewsbury does NOT control the London-to-Conisboro road. There are some other map changes; for example, Preston is adjacent to the space to its south. (A lot of the clarifications made by the second edition American map are gone, and the rules tend toward going against the clarification.)
8. Enemy troops may block movement on roads in the same way towns do.
9. "No noble may move or attack in more than one turn in a round" - in this case, a "round" begins when the owner of that noble starts his/her turn. (American rules: a round always begins when the player who started the game starts his/her turn.)
10. "Parliament must be summoned if there is no sole King" is not called if the sole King is Henry.
11. Calais never becomes part of the Continent, even if a French Siege is not responded to.

Now for the actual turn 38 results:

PRE-MOVE: The captured IRA nobles are executed by King's Court - Holland returns to York's hand; Berkeley, Hastings, Herbert, and Mowbray go to discards; Earl of Salisbury and Treasurer of England go to Chancery; Burgundian Crossbowmen and Flemish Crossbowmen go to Plantagenet-York; Beaufort receives Le Swan; Clifford

goes to Carlisle; Neville goes to Lincoln (which is correct; last issue's "London" was wrong)

PLANTAGENISTAS (Cameron)

STANLEY remains in Douglas

CLIFFORD (Carlisle) via road to Eccleshall

GREY (Newark)-Nottingham-Tutbury-Leicester-Eccleshall

NEVILLE (Lincoln)-Grantham-Leicester-Coventry-Eccleshall

SCROPE, GREYSTOKE, PERCY, *Edward March and George* (Newark)-Eccleshall

PLANTAGENET-YORK remains in Eccleshall

Le GEORGE (s9)-s7-s4-s2-Douglas

Le TRINITY remains in Dartmouth

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (York) has no nobles on the board

KING'S COURT (Anderson)

BEAUFORT, BOURCHIER, CROMWELL, FITZALAN, ROOS, and PLANTAGENET-LANCASTER, *Margaret and Edmund* (Rochester)-Blackheath-London(g)

STAFFORD (Norwich)-Thetford-Bury-Royston-Barnet-London(g)

Le LUCAS, Le MICHAEL, and Le NICHOLAS (Rochester)-s21-s22-London

Le SWAN (Berwick) can't leave without permission of Plantagenistas, who control Berwick

NOTE: You must get rid of one of your Royal Heirs by the end of next turn; if you don't, Edmund will be killed

ROYAL TOADIES (McHugh) has no nobles on the board

YOUR TURN 38 CROWN CARD:

TURN 39 EVENTS: STORMS AT SEA (no effect); non-events to York and Anderson; MUTINY-Le Rose (no effect)

DEADLINE for TURN 39 is MARCH 22



DIPLOMACY "TOMMY", SPRING 1903 - That's some traffic jam around the Baltic

AUSTRIA (Wilson): A Gal-BOH, A SER-Tri, A BUD S A Ser-Tri, F BUL(sc)-GRE

ENGLAND (Reynolds): F ENG-Bre, A STP-Nwy, F Nth-BEL, F MAO-Por

FRANCE (McHugh): A PAR-Bre, F MAR-Spa(sc), A BUR H, A Bel-PIC, A SPA-Por, F Iri-LVP

GERMANY (Bailey): F Kie-BAL, A Pru-BER, A Hol-RUH, A MUN S A Hol-Ruh, F DEN-Swe

ITALY (Goode): A Ven-TYO, A Rom-APU, F Nap-ION, A VIE-Bud, A TRI S A Vie-Bud, F Tun-TYH

RUSSIA (Hood): A MOS-Stp, F NWY-Swe, A WAR-Mos

TURKEY (Kent): F Smy-AEG, A Con-BUL, A Sev-UKR, A RUM S A Sev-Ukr, F Bla-SEV

DEADLINE for FALL 1903 is MARCH 24

Press:

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Let's untangle out forces and concentrate on our southern fronts.

ENGLAND-FRANCE: That means YOU, Jack!

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Interested in a reliable ally? (I figure that you're ready for a change from the flaky FlapJack!)

ENGLAND-ITALY: Whatever you can spare is fine.

BERLIN: The Kaiser enjoyed his vacation spent in the east wing of the Imperial Palace. He reports that he is refreshed and ready to resume conquering his neighbors.

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GAME OPENINGS...NONE?!

Yes, for probably the first time in 140 issues, there are NO game openings in this 'zine. No new players are being taken for Trivial Pursuit, and I have no time to add any new games to my load (besides, it's at the point where another game would increase the GMing mistakes in the games I've got). (Right now, I'm working on PBM rules for Road to the White House, but that will take a while.)

DIP WARZ

"Hey, WAKE UP! We're BACK! Set weapons to total elimination, thorough eradication, complete annihilation, and absolute extermination! I want NO mistakes this time! We must get rid of that menacing wart on the body of the Empire. Take aim - a little to the left - a little to the right - now FIRE!"

WHOOSH BOOM BLAST THUD

"Sensors indicate direct hit and total destruction of target."

"What do you have to say to that!"

"Well, did you REALLY have to destroy the ENTIRE PLANET where the factory that makes my Superhealthy Ultrabrilliant Diets shakes are made?"

It looks like Princess Luscious is not particularly happy about the Linoleum Falcon's latest target, especially as the Diplomatic Empire flagship commanded by Lord Sacks Fifthavenue (ZOT) just announced an opening in an entry-level position - *er, uh*, just exposed itself from behind what is now the smoking remains of a planet that didn't actually have any people on it as the waste created by spilled diets shakes made it uninhabitable years ago.

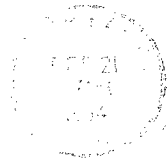
"Hey, you in that ship!" calls Oboe-1 Caruso. "This is a no smoking part of the universe. Clean up those smoking remains or else!"

"I'll give you else! Launch weapons of utter destruction!"

"But your everythingness, we're all out - or didn't you notice that there are no more Lemon Curry game openings?"

"Well, (ZOT) did you notice that shot inflate your lungs like helium balloons, make your eyes bulge like one of those newer *Ren & Stimpy* cartoons, the ones that aren't as good now that Kircfalusi left, make your brain go-" (I better not go into too much detail here, in case any of you are eating) "Of course not, as your entire body pretty much disintegrated before you would have had any chance to react."

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