

LIFE OF MONTY

46

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not to be confused with
"LIFE OF PYTHON"

This may be
the last
50¢ issue
for a while...

What took me so long? Remember, this is the once-every-five-weeks issue (number 46 this time) of LIFE OF MONTY, brought to you by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339. Be glad while it's like this - there may be a few changes in the near future. You know, little things - the price, the address, the 'aine name, things like that. Let's look at the details:

First of all, as most of you should know, I've been looking for applicable permanent employment suitable to my preferred professional talents - in other words, anybody out there have a computer software person opening for a Berkeley graduate? Around here, everybody says the same thing - "You call that experience?" Finally, the Department of Defense Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego called me down for an interview, all the while complaining about how short they are in computer personnel. It's not bad for a civil service position - supposedly, it starts at about \$10.50 an hour, compared to slightly over \$9 for a second-year man at most other civil service positions. Not only that, but the hours are strange - 7:15 to 4:45 Monday through Thursday, 8 to 4:30 every other Friday, with the remaining Fridays off. (In other words, at least 26 3-day weekends a year.) I don't intend to commute 500 miles a day if I'm hired, so that'll mean a change of address - down to the land of Peery and Walker and all that.

Second of all, after 4 years of LOM, it may be time for a change - besides, I ran out of classic Python things to say, and now certain people have the NERVE to call their new book "Life of Python" - so howzabout a new title? Lemon Curry? Doug & Dinsdale? Spiny Norman? Owl-Stretching Time? (That was one of the originally-planned titles for a certain Flying Circus.) The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Hobby? Howzabout if I keep calling it LIFE OF MONTY - I'll be a nice guy and won't file a lawsuit, mainly because I haven't got a case against anybody, and besides, there's been enough controversy, what with the famous ABC late-night lawsuit, the John Denver hit, and the troubles with the movie "Life of Brian".

What? You don't remember these things? Here's a summary....

I) On October 3, 1975, ABC showed three of the last 6 episodes of Monty Python (the words "Flying Circus" were dropped by the BBC when the shows were filmed because John Cleese wasn't there) in a 90-minute slot. Trouble is, 3 episodes take up all of 90 minutes, and commercial time means major cuts, ruining the episodes. The other 3 episodes were scheduled for December 26, but the troupe filed a suit to stop the showing, including asking for \$1,000,000 damages - half for making changes to copyrighted material without permission, and the other half for "unfair competition" on the grounds that showing this less-than-intended work would ruin their reputation. Eventually, the court let ABC show the episodes, and an attempt to put a disclaimer along the lines of "Monty Python disassociates itself with this show" was also denied. The cash award was settled for \$35,000, and the troupe took the rights to broadcast the shows from Time-Life in December, 1980, re-releasing them to PBS stations in 1983.

II) Did any of you notice that, for a few days, there were no copies of "Monty Python's Contractual Agreement Album" in stores which had dozens the day before? There's a track where John Denver sings "Annie's Song", only to be "choked" halfway into the song - the track is entitled "Farewell to John Denver". John sued - newer albums had the track removed and replaced with a voice describing the situation.

"I do and do and do for you kids,
and this is the thanks I get!"

III) In December of 1976, the first meetings for "Life of Brian" took place. Earlier, MP Mary Whitehouse filed a suit against the newspaper Gay News for blasphemy over a poem which dealt with homosexual activity between a Roman Centurion and the crucified Christ. The movie finished filming in late 1978; in early 1979, the Appeal Judges in the British House of Lords (that's as high as it goes) ruled 3-2 in favor of the blasphemy charge to the tune of 1500 pounds and court costs (remember, Python has nothing to do with this case). The movie was released in the USA, where the first amendment to the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion - but it also guarantees freedom of speech and of the press, as well as the right to assemble, so the "warnings" and marches began. Most pamphlets covered the "lies" in the movie, which made it look like the movie was supposed to be a factual portrayal. Nobody remembered how "factual" the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" was - it's not blasphemous at all that the cup that was used at the Last Supper ends up in England somewhere, is it?

Maybe I'll keep the title the way it is.....and now, it's:

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by the makers of Postal Trivial Pursuit - that's ME, isn't it?

Well, I've just been down to San Diego, home of **DIPLOMACY WORLD**, and I've dug up the facts! Here's how my day went:

MONDAY, AUGUST 26: After getting up at 6:30, putting on a suit with a vest that barely fits me (I've put on a few pounds lately) and a shirt that never did (it takes me 10 minutes to button the top button - and it nearly chokes me), taking a 6-hour tour of the ocean systems center, going back to a hotel room with a TV that has trouble with half of the stations and a sink that backs up with water from the other rooms, I get a message to call Rod Walker. An hour later, I'm on my way to the infamous "Alcala", which I discover is a dog kennel! I discover that the late **DW** and **EREWOM** are on account of some hypertension on Rod's part. Rod asks me if I want my copy of **DW** - I should have told him to dig into the pile in the back of his car for it, and then waited for the exasperation to set in before telling him that I don't sub to it.....

On the way back to the hotel, we get into a talk about - well, I won't discuss it, but a lot of it is basically what's in the latest **WHITESTONIA** (remember, this took place over a week before **W** came out, so Rod couldn't have just quoted from it or anything like that). I will say one thing I said there - notice that there's been a sharp decrease in Peeribashing lately?

Later that night, Peery comes over. We sit there exchanging words, mainly with neither of us commenting on what the other is saying. (I tended to talk about what Rod said - Larry kept saying, "You want a comment on that?". Maybe if I had talked to Larry first, it might have been better, but after a long day (it was past midnight at the time), my head was probably still in Walker's car.

TUESDAY - I arrive at the airport in time to catch an earlier flight home. Too bad San Francisco International was built like Candlestick Park - in a wind trap. Two runways were closed, and the early flight was cancelled, forcing me back to my original flight, which is now twice as crowded.....

Which was only a sign of things to come....**PACIFICON** was on the following Saturday. Normally, this sort of thing goes into **THE VOICE OF DOOM**, but I wasn't able to stay for the whole thing, so I missed the end of the Diplomacy tournament, which means that Linsey's readers would've been subjected to the usual list of 300 games which my letters always turn out to be. **INSTEAD**, if you want to read about my exploits, it should be on the next page somewhere.

TV NOTES: An average of 46% of the shows that begin a season in the fall over the past two years didn't make it to the next fall....here are some predictions for the new season...."Punky Brewster", "Charles in Charge", "Highway to Heaven", "Dreams", "It's Your Move", "Who's the Boss", and "Hawaiian Heat" won't see their fourteenth week. The surprise big hits will be "People Do the Craziest Things", "Paper Dolls", and "The Cosby Show", with "V" and "Glitter" close behind.

PAGE 2 would be cancelled after 4 weeks

DIPLOMACY - 1984CI, WINTER 1901 - well, at least nobody bounced

AUSTRIA (Wagner) builds A Via - has A BUL, F ALB

ENGLAND (Martin) is even - has A BEL, F NIB, F NMG

FRANCE (Bjornsson) builds F BUE, A PAR - has F BNG, A SPA, A POR

GERMANY (Doyle) builds A BER, F KIE, A MUN - has A BEL, F HOL, A DEN

ITALY (Stegeman) builds F BAP, A VEN - has A TRI, A TUN, F ION

RUSSIA (Lee) builds A MOS - has A STP, A GAL, F RUM, F SWE

TURKEY (Gestiehr Jr.) builds A SMT, F CON - has A BUL, F AEG, A SEV

DEADLINE for SPRING 1902 is OCTOBER 25, which is 12 days before the re-election and 21 days before the unveiling of the Vietnam Memorial statue in Washington, which will supposedly be placed (actually, it WILL be placed, since I saw the site when I was in Washington) near the Vietnam Memorial Wall (the one with the names on it - I recall one family complaining that one of its members was killed in Vietnam but isn't on the wall because he was killed before we were "officially in"). Here's the press:

ST. PETERSBURG: "Tsar! The Turks have seized Sevastapoli!" ((It's being printed as written, spelling and everything))

"Hey, simmer down, they have their needs and we have ours. I'm sure that they had a reason and maybe they'll return it. There's no need to get vengeful or didactic, it's all part of a cosmic plan."

Later, the Boyars converse: "Boy, when I get my hands on that Rasputin...he's gone and made a wimp out of poor Nicky."

GERMANY-EUROPE: With 100% growth rate, we'll win by '03!

GM-GERMANY: Remember, you don't always get 100% growth on your build rate - matter of fact, you're at the max already.

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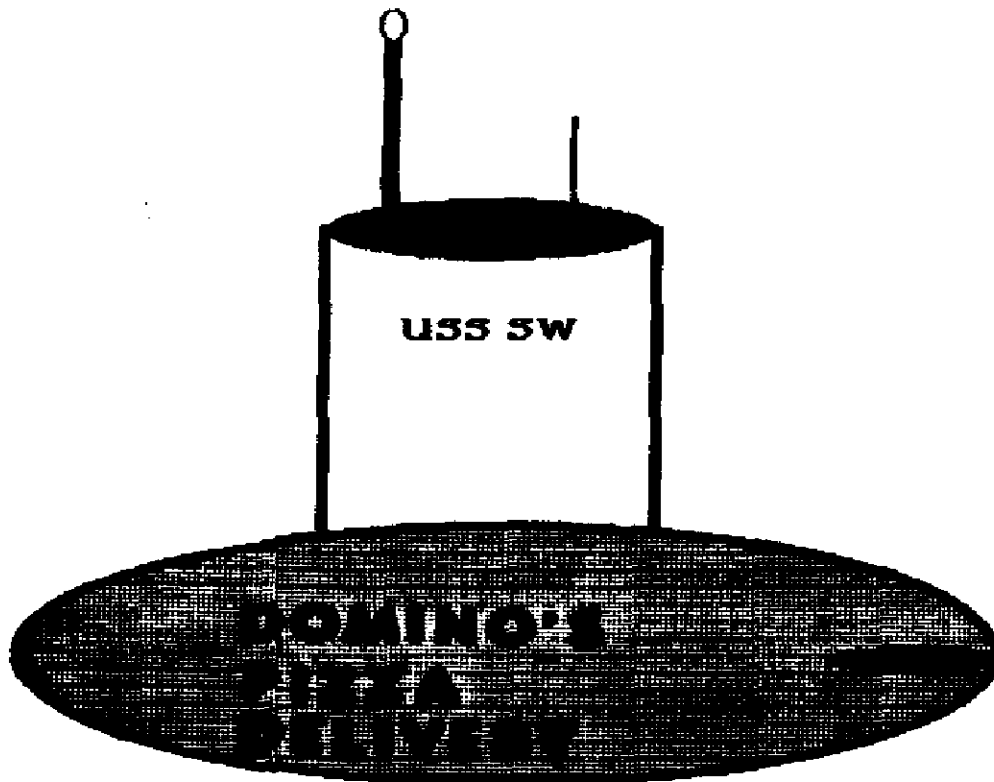
WORD FROM SAN DIEGO: "Don't call us 'cause we won't call you." So much for working there. Next try: Concord Naval Weapons Station. Here, I can live at home (60-90 minute commute in the direction opposite how most traffic goes), but I have a feeling I'll only be offered a GS-5. For you non-civil servant types, that's slightly more than \$6.50 an hour for a position where the average for people like me is twice that! (Maybe I can talk my way into GS-7 - over \$8 an hour, which is more like it. After a year, I jump to \$10/hour from GS-7.)

PACIFICON SURPRISES: No doubt about it - somebody sold a used WAR IN THE PACIFIC for 25 (count 'em - TWENTY-FIVE) dollars! Meanwhile, somebody TRIED to sell a mint copy of WITP with counters covered in some plastic coating for \$210, and Gamescience had a mint WAR IN EUROPE in the old flat boxes (maybe the same one Zocchi had at ORIGINS) for \$250. Needless to say, Gamescience left the con with it. Meanwhile, in the Diplomacy tournament - well, you'll have to wait, or read LIBERTERREAN, since Jim Bumpas wrote to me about it on a computer disk which had a few bugs on it. (Fortunately, I managed to get his LIBOURSE off of it and onto a spare - I might run a bourse with a future game, although it will take time to figure out exactly what to do, as this is not a regular bourse, but a combination of bourse and a program I've seen as "King" and "Kingdom".) HOWEVER, the big bargain was....the purchase of an unpunched NEXT WAR for \$16 by ME through the EDNA from Bob Olsen.....

NEWS FROM EUROPE: Pete Tamlyn has folded THE ACOLYTE owing to problems which are, at this end, uncertain, but I get the impression that they deal with some feud. (Maybe Cathy Canning or Pete Doubleday have more on this,)

Speaking of Doubleday, DOONESBURY is back! The big debut date is September 30. As far as I know, there's no plan to show what happened "during the summer" - i.e. the DOONESBURY musical. (Gary Trudeau should make cartoon strips showing what happened in the musical....)

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SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)

by

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Well, once again it is time to partake of the unparalleled pleasures of reading yet another issue of *Submarine Warfare*, the subzine that singlehandedly degrades LOM. I have been taken to task by Dustin Laurence in the last LOM and his inaugural issue of whatever he calls it. He scottally ragged on my Heige and TOM story. Well bully for him! I shall endeavour to keep this on a level that it deserves, which is slightly above the proverbial grasshoppers kneecap. I hope to have some fun with this one, seeing as how I am in a real good mood.

Oh, lord. I played softball for the first time in at least 5 years. At least I tried to. Actually, it wasn't all that bad. I did hit the darned thing, and I did catch a few balls. I thought that playing ball was like riding a bike, once you learned how you never forgot. Evidently, you do need to practice from time to time to do it all well.

Let's see, what else can we talk about? I suppose that there is one good thing that happened which is worth mentioning. I just had a game end, and I was part of a 2-way draw (with Stephen Wilson). It is my first 2-way (R-T with me as R [Which one was Stephen?]) The funny thing about this game, I started it about one year after I started my first game ever. And my first game is still going on, with no indication of ending soon.

BUT I HAVE BECOME CONFIDENT AS L VIMBOKKOK I OTHERE ANYBODY I RTH

Speaking of games, we have here yet another edition of my game opening announcement. Yes friends, I am announcing that I have an opening. Right here in the pages of SW, as carried through the medium of LOM. For regular Dip. No game fee. \$5 MTR deposit. And, here is the astonishing news: I now have TWO signed up. That's right! The rush is on to join my first game. Two fools smart fellers have signed up for SW's first game. They are: Bob Olsen, the mighty Pudge, and Greg Doyle, some guy I never heard of before. But you better hurry, this one is bound to fill up fast at this rate. Besides, I so do want to do this.

ODSOF THESE BAYNIBROODS TO TEAR YOUR TOLITTLE

I suppose the next thing ought to be the Dominoid story. It seems that I usually do it about here in SW. So, without further ado I present for your reading pleasure:

ACT Whatever in the adventures of Dipdon's one and only Dominoid*

* An employee of Domino's Pizza

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One of the really fun things in all of Domino's (and, I suspect, in all the fast food world) is the fountain soft drink. We used to have fountain Pepsi, and what's more, we gave the darn stuff away. Whenever you ordered a small pizza, you got 2 of those mothers free. And you got 4 with a large pie. So that meant that a) some poor homo had to pour up three darn Pepsi's and b) the poor driver had to carry several of these things with him on each delivery run. They were especially popular on campus's. Students are very into anything free. Imagine the fun of these things. First, on a night where you could normally handle all the work inside the store by yourself, you now had to have someone there just to pour Pepsi's. When it got busy, you could't have the drivers do it, because you had to get them in and out fast to keep your delivery service up.

As a driver, it was even more fun. First, you had to carry Pepsi's up to each house with you when you delivered. Now, of course, the damn things leak. So you get Pepsi all over your car, not to mention yourself. I kept a dough tray in my car to catch the worst of it, but it was still a mess. Have you ever tried to balance 4 cups of Pepsi on top of a pizza box? And, of course, things happen, like getting a lid that doesn't fit right. You get out there and it comes off, getting Pepsi all over you. Of course, the customer wants another one, so you have to drive back to the store just to get this clown one cup of Pepsi. We got a batch of cups that had faulty seams. Of course, you don't find this out until you are out on delivery and the fugging thing pices on you. No, those things were not any fun at all.

Probably the most fun I ever had with fountain Pepsi was the day one of the tanks split a even. This happened under pressure, so the damn thing started spraying Pepsi syrup all over the place, making one bitch of a mess. You have never lived until you have tried to clean up Pepsi syrup. The one thing positive thing about this fact was that it discouraged people from parking behind the Domino's store near OSU. Whenever anyone would park in the Domino's lot illegally, every driver would take an extra Pepsi on each run, and bomb this guy's car with it. The staff doesn't clean off a car any easier than it does off a wall. No one ever volunteered for the treatment twice.

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And now, my letters. First up, Greg Doyle.

This is a sympathy letter. I am writing for 2 reasons. One is, believe it or not, to join your game. You should find the historic bills in this letter (That means he paid me). The other is to give you something to put in your lettercol.

I find your subzine to be . . . oh relatively unpleasant. Providing I am not able to find one mention of Moody Amosoodian. If there is on it becomes very boring (Could it have anything to do with him?) (Now you're getting into the swing of things, abusing Moody like everyone else does). No, truthfully, I enjoy your subzine with or without Moody. Keep up the pizza stories, they can be painless funny at times.

Anyways I am sure your game will fill up within hours after it goes public. I'm in it!! Nixon who? Me got Doyle! Lines forming to the right. ((Such modesty is rather becoming. I hope you are not implying that you play like Mark Frush! I can see people not flocking to play.))

I have no preference list or anything else. Wait, I do prefer innies to outies in bellybutton style. But besides that no preference.

Would you believe a late arriving letter from one Robert Olson?

I see from the last SH that you have printed a letter from Ken Peel, so it appears that you are probably desperate enough to welcome a letter from me. You know, you really shouldn't publish the ravings of Peel--after all he has a cat who is currently feuding with my cat Olga, so the man can't be any damn good at all.

Peel's suggestion that you sign up Uncle Bernie for your game is a bit off base. No, no, Ken, I didn't do well in games where Tretick was a player--my best games were with Bernie as GM. ((It figures you'd need someone like Tretick as GM to do well.)) So I guess you might as well give in, and sign up Uncle Bernie as your guest GM. The game would fill up pretty quickly too. I've even got a name for it--"All in the Family." ((Nice original name, Bob.))

You know, I never realized there was so much to life in the pizza "racket." Next time I get the urge for one, remind me to stay home. I mean, just look at the sort of people they hire and everything. Speaking of crusty people, why don't you get Uncle Dan to write in on something? He could at least contribute some snarls and growls. ((My cat could do that.))

Your Woodibashing/MadLadbashing effort was definitely the best of its kind since Burch's attack on Woody in DD--plus, you got the Mad Lads too. ((Aw stucks, Bob.)) Let's see mor of this sort of material.

I was glad to read your review of the Russ Ballard album, and immensely pleased to learn that you liked it. In the future, though, you might consider giving the following insignificant, petty details in your music reviews:

1. Who is Russ Ballard. ((The former vocalist/guitarist for Argent))
2. What sort of music Russ Ballard plays ((Conventional Rock & Roll))
3. What sort of music do you like ((All sorts of stuff))
4. Any information whatsoever ((I obviously wasted that bit of humor on you))

Of course this would be "icing on the cake" as it were, or "anchovies on the pizza" perhaps. ((Only a few demented souls would class anchovies on a pizza in the same category as icing on a cake. Daps, it's Olsen. I rest my case.)) but by establishing viable critical benchmarks, you can only enhance your own credibility.

Perhaps your game would fill more quickly if you had a gimmick--you know, like Stab of the Century or whatever. How about, say, an all-Had-Lad game? That would really be Stab of the Century. Or maybe a game where all 7 players are assigned Italy? The possibilities are endless.

WHATDIDYOU DREAM IT'S ALL RIGHT WE TOLD YOU WHAT TO DO RE

Having gotten all of that out of the way, we come next to me trying to fill yet another page with print that is worth the effort to peruse. What are the odds of me succeeding? Right now I am trying to get some other Dominoids to participate in a FTF game of Dip. I actually think I have a chance of pulling that off. Hopefully, this Monday I shall have a FTF gathering right here in my place. At least, that's the game plan.

Also, I am actually going to Fudge Con. I contacted my supervisor today and asked for three days off, and was given permission to take them. I am quite pleased. So look for the Sleaze and myself to show up at that most (fill in your own adjective) of cons. I hope this announcement does not spur mass stampedes of people showing up. By the same token, I hope that all those who were planning to come, still do. Be it as it may, let's all show up and have fun!

I just had a small fight with my word processor/printer. I suspect I haven't figured out in fine detail just how the thing works yet. Such is life. I hope this darn thing turns out OK so I don't have to type this after going to all this trouble.

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And now, as promised, it is time to play "Let's Stab a Had Lad." And now, here's our host. Beeeerwooooood Bowen!

Thanks fans of stabs everywhere. Well, today our contestant is the redoubtable Julie Martin. How do you feel being on National Sublime?

I feel a little nervous, Derwood. All my good friends are reading.

Well, that's all right Julie. I am sure you will do just fine. Sitting over there is our authority on all matters pertaining to rules, Mark Berch. You can't see him, because he is sitting behind a complete copy of VOD's house rules. But that's alright, as you aren't missing much and most everyone would prefer to leer look at Julie anyway. And now Julie, you remember how we play this game?

Yes, Derwood, I do.

Splendid. Now, here is your situation. You are playing Germany, and are allied with France, who is a notorious Had Lad. You have wiped out England, while Italy and Austria are in a grudge war. The Turk is down to 1 center, and Russia is a friend of yours. How would you go about stabbing our Had Lad?

First off, I would reassure our Had Lad by promising to send him a full nude photo of me should I dare to stab him. Then, I would suggest moves to go east. After I got him to go east, I would stab him big time.

So you lied to him and don't send him the photo?

Of course not. I most definitely would send the photo. (Sound of gasps, oohs and ahs from the crowd.) Here is a copy of the photo I would send. (Hands Derwood a photo.)

My goodness! I will pass this on to the judges. (Hands photo to judges.) Alright judges, what about the scores. Here they come, Julie. 9.2, 8.9, 9.1, 8.5, 8.9. Not bad at all Julie. Now Julie tell us about this photo.

Well, Derwood, I was about 2 when it was taken. What do you think?

You were a cute little tyke. Your scores make you our top contestant to date. And your prizes are: a life time subscription to "Retaliation". Isn't that wonderful?

But I'm married to Dick and that is his size!

Yes, well I hope you enjoy your issues. That's all we have time for today. Join us again next time when our contestant will be: Bob Olsen. So long until then.

WHOWASBORN IN A HOUSE FULL OF PAIN WHOWASBO

This spec is IN SEARCH OF ... ENVOY & THE
 ? ZINE REGISTER (has ANYBODY out there seen
 Roy lately?)

I suppose I could say something about the Olympics. ABC has invested massive amounts of their time and money in the hopes that you and I will be glued to our screens watching all this nonsense. Of course, since I work most evenings, I have missed most of it. Too bad for me. I am quite grateful for the darn things, actually. Domino's has run lots of commercials during the Olympics, and as a result of lots of people watching at home, I have done lots of business. Anything that keeps people inside helps my business immensely. So go USA. Buy lots of Domino's pizzas, especially from my store. I am hoping for a record sales week this coming week. It certainly would be a feather in my cap (No, I wouldn't call it macaroni. I know what macaroni is supposed to look like.)

One of the really neat things Domino's has decided to do here in Columbus is to extend our hours of business. I am now working an awful lot of hours. And I thought I was working a lot before. We are now open from 4PM to 2AM through the week, and open until 3AM on the weekends. Since I have to be at work a half hour before opening, and it usually takes about 30-45 minutes to check the store out at closing, I put in some hellish long days. It is making it tough for all of my outside activities, including Dip. Finding the time to write and send in moves and even do SW is a bear. So I need lots of sympathy from all youse guys and dolls out there. Appreciate the effort that goes into producing this drivel. I actually have to engage my mind at unusual hours in order to do this, and I must tell you that my mind finds this difficult. Some would say that, considering what I have to work with, that is no wonder. Well don't say that to me. I might hit you.

I'VE BEEN A BONE THRONE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A STONE THRONE

Ramone had a throne made of bone. Simone sat on Ramone's bone throne. But Ramone rebelled at Simone sitting on his throne of bone. So he stoned Simone, and cracked her bones. So we now have a stoned Simone with cracked bones sitting on Ramone's bone throne. How will Ramone stone for this? How will I stone for this tome? Do I care to?

HOW CAN YOU HAVE VEAL PUDDING IF YOU DON'T EAT

In other late breaking news, rumour has it that no other than John Coruso has offered to enter the game opening that I have. I don't have that confirmed in writing yet, but I do hope to. He says he has never been in a game with Olsen before, so that is reason enough. This is unconfirmed at this point, but seems to be a strong possibility. If so, we now have 3 of the required 7. Jump on in folks and join the bandwagon.

IF YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO ME AND I DON'T CARE WHAT

Let's see now, what can I write about to fill this last half page. I guess I can exult in what is, for me, an event of great moment. It enhances a manager's status greatly to have a record sales week. It is even more special when one considers that it has been several years since my store has had a record sales week. Anyway (brag, brag, gloat), I had a record sales week. It was the week of Aug 6-12. I am quite pleased by this. Apparently, so was my supervisor. At least he hasn't been harrasing me lately. Record weeks make my life easier. They give the appearance of making progress. And, in fact, I believe I am making progress. My store's sale had been actually going down, but the trend has been reversed. Now I hope to have continued sales increases right into the fall and winter. Our natural trends are for sales to go up in the cooler weather, so I am looking for more increases. I hope you are all rooting for me. Take care until next time. Your ever loving pizza making dip playing Buckeye.

PAGE 7 celebrates another successful episode of the #5 (atom) subzine.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE PLAYERS GONE?

1983 HV

HERVE Fall 03

YOU GUYS ARE REALLY DYNAMITE!

- A (Michalski):** F Alb-Gre, A Ser-Rum, A Bul-Rum, F Aeg-Eme, A Boh-Gal, A Tyr-Boh
- E (Browner?):** NMR, F Eng, F Nao, F Nth, A Pic all hold
- f (Gardner):** A Par S A Bre, A Bre S A Par, F Par S Italian F Wme-Mao
- G (Shores?):** NMR, A Nwy, F Sve, F Gob, A Pru, A Sil, A Mun, A Kie all hold
- I (Bowen):** F Wme-Mao, F Spa(sc) S F Wme-Mao, F Tys-Wme, A Mar-Bur, A Pie-Mar, F Ion-Tun
- R (Slaughter):** (F Gob retreats to Lvn) F Lvn-Pru, A War S F Lvn-Pru, A Mos S A War, A Fin-Sve, F Sey-Bja
- T (Ehl?):** NMR, F Con, F Bla, A Smy all hold

Underlined moves (what few moves there were) do not succeed. Do all you LOMers play this hard? The German A Pru retreats to Ber or Box. Big deal, huh?

I'm gonna keep trying new fonts until one proves legible in LOM. Bear with me, it could be a while.

As I demanded, the BNC has resigned. Now you know who has the **real** power in this hobby. Now, for my next trick, I will make Don assign a new deadline. Well Don?

HERVE F03

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| A: home, ser, gre, bul (6) | even |
| E: home, bel (4) | even |
| F: par, bre, par (3) | even |
| G: home, den, hol, sve, nwy (7) | even |
| I: home, tun, mar, spa (6) | even |
| R: home, rum (5) | even |
| T: home (3) | even |

Hey, you guys are a thrill a minute! Have we reached a stalemate already?

DERWOOD to MIKE: It looks like you are holding on well. Too bad you can't get any help, but I am going the other way. Besides, John and I are supposed to be allied. Right, John?

DERWOOD to BOARD: As the press operators go into their third month of strike, the press section of Herve continues to be barred. It is hoped that the strike will be settled soon, but there has been no indication of any attempt at settling the press strike to allow press to be resumed. The negotiators don't hold out much hope of any substantial press for the entire game.

ROCKVILLE: I can almost bear the press strike, but the orders strike is starting to get to me.

ITALY to FRANCE: It appears in my best interest to work with you. The German appears to be the one making the big gains right now. I don't see me getting any builds this game year. I don't see much of anyone getting any builds this game year, except the German. Of course, my crystal ball has been cloudy on many occasions.

A to FNORD: OK, you asked, so "you're naive, you're uninformed." People ARE in the hobby for fun. The fun is in bashing your enemies though, like Linsey does, or watching them self destruct amidst virulent stupidity, like Berch has done. Is EE #1 because Gary never involves himself? Or VD have 100 subbers to read recipes, or how nice the Lord family is? Who reads KK for the Grabar jokes? C'mon!

ROCKVILLE: Are you trying to imply that people **don't** get KK for the Grabar jokes? You may be on to something here though. This is the first semi-coherent reason I've heard why anybody would be interested in VD or EE. Thanks for the enlightenment, O Guru!

DEADLINE - OCTOBER 25

PAGE 8 is "not dead yet"
Pages 9-12 are a special variant
supplement, courtesy Simon Billerness

RANGE WAR

A Wild and Woolly Variant from

Colin Bruce

1. The standard rules of Diplomacy (1971 Rulebook) apply, except as amended below.
2. There are eight players, representing seven powerful Ranches (LONE STAR, RANCHO GRANDE, RED RIVER, LAZY S, SOUTH FORK, MULE RIDGE and LONESOME PINE) on the Texas/Mexico border, plus the local band of Outlaws (THE DEVIL'S HOLE GANG).
3. Printed on the game map are 15 supply centres - 8 home centres (the seven ranch houses, plus the Devil's Hole), 6 neutral centres (the Rio Grande Mine plus the towns of Tombstone, Cripple Creek, Medecine Hat, Broken Jaw and Santa Elena) and one owned centre (the town of High Noon). The latter is exactly the same as a neutral except that when the game begins it is already under the control of the Devil's Hole Gang. These 15 centres do not move.
4. Not printed on the game map are, at the start of the game, a further 21 centres - 8 owned and 13 neutral. These centres are herds of cattle, and they can move.
All the players start with one herd (abbreviated 'H') except for the Lazy S and the DHG. The Lazy S starts with two herds, the DHG with none.
5. The only other unit used is the Gang (abbreviated 'G') of ranch hands or outlaws. The Lazy S starts with three gangs, the other seven players have two apiece. Gangs move as do Armies in regular Diplomacy.

6. Initial Placement:-

Devil's Hole Gang:	G(Devil's Hole), G(High Noon)
Lazy S:	G(Lazy S), G(Crazy Horse Mtn), G(Coogan's Bluff), H(Crazy Horse Mtn), H(Coogan's Bluff)
Lonesome Pine:	G(Lonesome Pine), G(Fir Mtn), H(Fir Mtn)
Lone Star:	G(Lone Star), G(Culpepper Canyon), H(Culpepper Can.)
Mule Ridge:	G(Mule Ridge), G(Eagle Peak), H(Eagle Peak)
Rancho Grande:	G(Rancho Grande), G(Isla San Juanito), H(Isla San Juanito)
Red River:	G(Red River), G(Rattlesnake Creek), H(Rattlesnake Creek)
South Fork:	G(South Fork), G(Kansas Valley), H(Kansas Valley)
Unbranded Herds:	H(Cactus Creek Sth), H(Commanche Ridge), H(Nth Range), H(Montana Valley), H(Pine Crest), H(Cougar Ravine), H(Box Canyon), H(Cactus Gulch), H(High Sierra), H(Red Dog Ridge), H(Florida Valley), H(Indiana Valley), H(Echo Canyon)

7. A board space may only be occupied by a maximum of one gang and one herd at any time. It may never be occupied by two gangs, nor by two herds.
Herds may be left unattended.

8. Although each player includes any herds he controls in each set of orders (e.g. "G(Coo)-Lzy, G(LPR)-Fir, H(Val)") herds may never move on their own, nor may they give support in any way. The only way to move a herd is to move it with a gang (e.g. "GH(ISJ)-Rio"). Note that "GH" is not a permanent unit - it merely shows that the gang and the herd are moving together. Like gangs, herds may move only one space.
9. When a gang is ordered to move to a space with its herd, including the case where it enters the space against opposition (i.e. it is successfully supported into a space) it may take its herd with it (the 'GH' order is used) provided the space entered does not already contain a herd. If it does, the attacking gang's herd remains where it is and the gang moves on its own.
However, gangs forced to retreat from a space may never retreat their herds with them. If a gang is removed through being forced to retreat but having no retreat orders (or no available retreat spaces) its herd remains in place, intact.
10. Any herd in an area occupied by a gang may be moved (as per 8 and 9) by the player owning the gang, who includes the herd on his orders for that turn.
11. There are two seasons per year, Summer and Winter, with Branding (i.e. Adjustments) in the Spring. Ownership of supply centres is determined at the end of the Winter move. However, any herd in a space occupied by a rival gang during the Summer move is returned to neutral status unless the owning player can recapture the herd before the Spring Branding count. (This represents the nuisance value of fence-cutting raids, and does not apply to non-movable supply centres.)
12. Builds may be of two types - new gangs or new herds (but see 13). These must be placed on the board on a player's home centre if it is available. (Note that a gang occupying a space does not block the building of a herd and vice versa. A gang and a herd may be built in the same space at the same time if it is completely empty.) Failing this, a player may build in any other non-movable supply centres he owns (including captured home centres). If none of these are free, he may build in any space occupied by one of his herds. (Note that these builds must therefore be gangs.)
13. Whenever a player captures a rival home centre for the first time, he may choose to make one of his builds a herd (provided he has some builds coming to him) during the following Spring. Herds may not be built at any other time, including the subsequent recapture of that home centre by the same player.
Herds built in this way do not require a supply centre to maintain them - they are counted, in fact, as supply centres in their own right when the next Spring Branding count begins.
14. It is perfectly possible for herds to occupy non-movable supply centres. Any player having control of that space at the end of the Winter move thus controls two centres, and reaps the benefits.
15. There are two rivers on the map - the Red River and the Rio Grande. The Red River in no way impedes movement (e.g. "G(CCN)-Tom" and "G(COS)-CON" are both legal) but the Rio Grande, which divides the board into Texas and Mexico, forms three board spaces of its own. Any herd left unattended in one of these at the end of a move is removed from play.
16. The Victory Criterion is the sole control of 19 supply centres. The game starts in Summer 1870.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Believe it or not, I actually have SEVEN players for this game, and HERE they ARE:

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DICK MARTIN, 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854

BOB OLSEN, 6818 Winterberry Circle, Wichita, KS 67226

BRAD WILSON, Box 327 Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045

The game will be run in LCM as follows: each player will receive his/her die rolls, final location(s) for each question, and, of course, the questions themselves. Only the player asked a question will know what the question is. Also, in order to keep things honest, I may throw in a question not in the game itself every now and then. After the answers are received, the questions and answers will be printed in the next LCM along with the current results.

In game reports, each move will be designated by a number and a letter. The number indicates how many spaces moved; the letter indicates the nearest "headquarters" (spaces where wedges are earned) in the direction of movement, as follows: B-blue, Y-yellow, P-pink, G-green, O-orange, R-brown, C-the center space. For example, 4B means 4 spaces in the direction of the blue HQ. If a move starts toward the center space and goes past it, it is marked as "C/" followed by the number of spaces past the center as well as the direction.

Question categories are abbreviated as follows: GE-geography, HI-history, EN-entertainment, AL-art & literature, SN-science & nature, SL-sports & leisure, TV-television, SS-stage & screen, NN-nightly news, PU-publishing, LT-lives & times, RP-r.p.m. (music).

Here are the starting preference lists. If you don't like yours at any time, tell me what you want it to be.

PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6
BYRNE	O/SL	R/AL	P/EN	B/GE	G/EN	Y/HI
DOYLE	O/SL	Y/HI	B/GE	G/LT	P/EN	R/PU
EHLI	B/GE	Y/HI	G/EN	O/SL	R/AL	P/EN
CARUSO	O/SL	Y/NN	G/LT	B/TV	P/SS	R/AL
MARTIN	G/EN	R/AL	O/SL	B/GE	P/EN	Y/HI
OLSEN	R/AL	P/EN	G/EN	O/SL	Y/HI	B/GE
WILSON	B/GE	Y/NN	O/EP	R/AL	G/LT	P/SS

TURN 1 DIE ROLLS

BYRNE: 60 (GEQ), 6B, 30, 6B (P), 2B (H), 2B (P), 5B (R), 10, 3B, 2B (BHQ)

DOYLE: 1Y (O), 1C (C-O), 2B (O), 4H/20, 4B, 5R (RHQ), 3B (O), 1R, 3B, 2B (BHQ)

EHLI: 2R (B), 4R/2B, 3B, 2B (BHQ), 10 (P), 50 (G), 50 (B), 60, 40, 10 (G)

CARUSO: 3R (O), 1R (P), 2B/1G (Y), 3R, 1R (Y), 3R, 6G (O), 6P (PHQ)

MARTIN: 1R (G), 1C/3Y (G), 3Y/20, 2Y (YEQ), 4P (O), 1P, 3Y, 4Y, 1Y (R), 50 (G)

OLSEN: 3P (R), 3P (PHQ), 2G, 2G (Y), 6P, 3Y, 3P, 3Y, 6Y (P), 50, 5B (RHQ), 5R, 4R, 2R (RHQ)

WILSON: 3G (B), 3G/1R (O), 1G (GHQ), 6C (C-B), 10 (B), 1C/2R (B)

Notes: parentheses indicate questions. "C-O", for example, means the center space was reached and an orange question was asked. 3Y/20, for example, means move 3 spaces to yellow HQ, then turn and move 2 toward orange HQ. When moving, it is assumed that any question asked for an HQ earlier in this turn has been answered, to prevent staying around an HQ whose wedge has been obtained.

PAGE 13 makes the big time!

Players in the game should have their six questions included as an insert. **DEADLINE** for your answers is **OCTOBER 25**, which, with any luck, is the day before I have the issues copied, so let's have none of this late business, OK? (I suppose I could always say the deadline is the 23rd, and then allow 2 days for lateness, but I won't since I'm such a NICE guy.)

Remember, looking up the answers in the game is NOT a very nice thing. For that matter, looking up the answers anywhere violates the spirit of things - you can read a lot of books before you see the questions, however. For that matter, if you can memorize all 6000 answers - and the questions - and remember which questions go to which answers - then you deserve to win.

I'll repeat that **DEADLINE** - **OCTOBER 25**.

~~TRIVIAL-PURSUIT-TRIVIAL-BUSINESS-WHAT-MIGHTY-CONTESTS-RISE-FROM-TRIVIAL-THINGS-WO~~



DIPLOMACY - Derwood Howes has openings in **SUBMARINE WARFARE** - see elsewhere this issue. I think Mike Ehli's game has filled, but he might start another one.

DIPPY STANDBYS - Ehli, Peel, Caruso, White. Standbys get \$1 credit after 2 sets of used orders, and another \$1 upon completing the game. (\$1.50 for finishing the game with your first orders.) Credit good toward ANY 'zine, subject to approval by the requested 'zine's publisher(s), and limited to Dippy-type 'zines only.

DIPLOMACY PURSUIT - like Trivial Pursuit, but with different categories: Diplomacy (the game), PBM ('zines, mostly), The Hobby (people & places), Wargames In General, Trivia (your choice of any of the 6 TRIVIAL PURSUIT categories), and a category to be named later, but probably also dealing with Dip in some way.

WORLD CUP SOCCERLEAGUE - well, I've got one interested party, somewhere in London. Let's keep 'em coming..... (Details available for a SASE.)

DUNE - Ehli signed up. Let's get with it, OK? Pretty soon, the movie will be released, and then the crowds will start pouring in, so get in while you still can!

NUCLEAR WAR/NUCLEAR ESCALATION - White, ^{Jensen,} Ehli signed up. If you own one of these games, you can sign up, and I'll give you information on the additional cards from the other game. This game starts SOON

RANGE WAR - rules included in this issue, courtesy of Simon Billenness. The game where the SCs move like cattle - they ARE cattle! (Well, some of them, anyway)

KINGMAKER - 6 openings for this one, although if I know Mike Ehli, he'll take one of these (like he always does).

SOURCE OF THE REI - no, how about **MAGIC R** - let's try **WAR AND** - or **THIRD REI** - I think I have enough openings as it is! And who knows - maybe **ONE** of these will fill eventually. (I don't expect to keep some of these around long if there isn't immediate interest.)

~~-SPECIAL-NOTICE-SPECIAL-NOTICE-SPECIAL-NOTICE-SPECIAL-NOTICE-SPECIAL-NOTICE-SPECIAL-NOTICE-SPECIAL~~

This is for you British readers - if I'm lucky, this means both of you, although I heard that **THE ACOLYTE** folded.....anyway, I was watching a BBC program (well, "programme" - after all, it was a BBC show) when I saw a notice: "**LICENCE FEES** as of 1 January - Color TV + Radio, 11 pounds; B&W TV + Radio, 6 pounds; Radio Only, 1 pound 5". That's 1 pound 5 shillings - yes, the fees are as of 1 January 1969. (What are they today - about 70 pounds a year? If you wait long enough, 70 pounds may end up lower than 11 pounds was back in 1969 - 11 pounds in 1969 is already up to over 20 today and still climbing.....) Next time Americans complain about commercials, remember what price the Europeans pay.....

They're raising the licence fees **AGAIN?**

PAGE 14 always brings the bad news

DISCORDIA WORLD

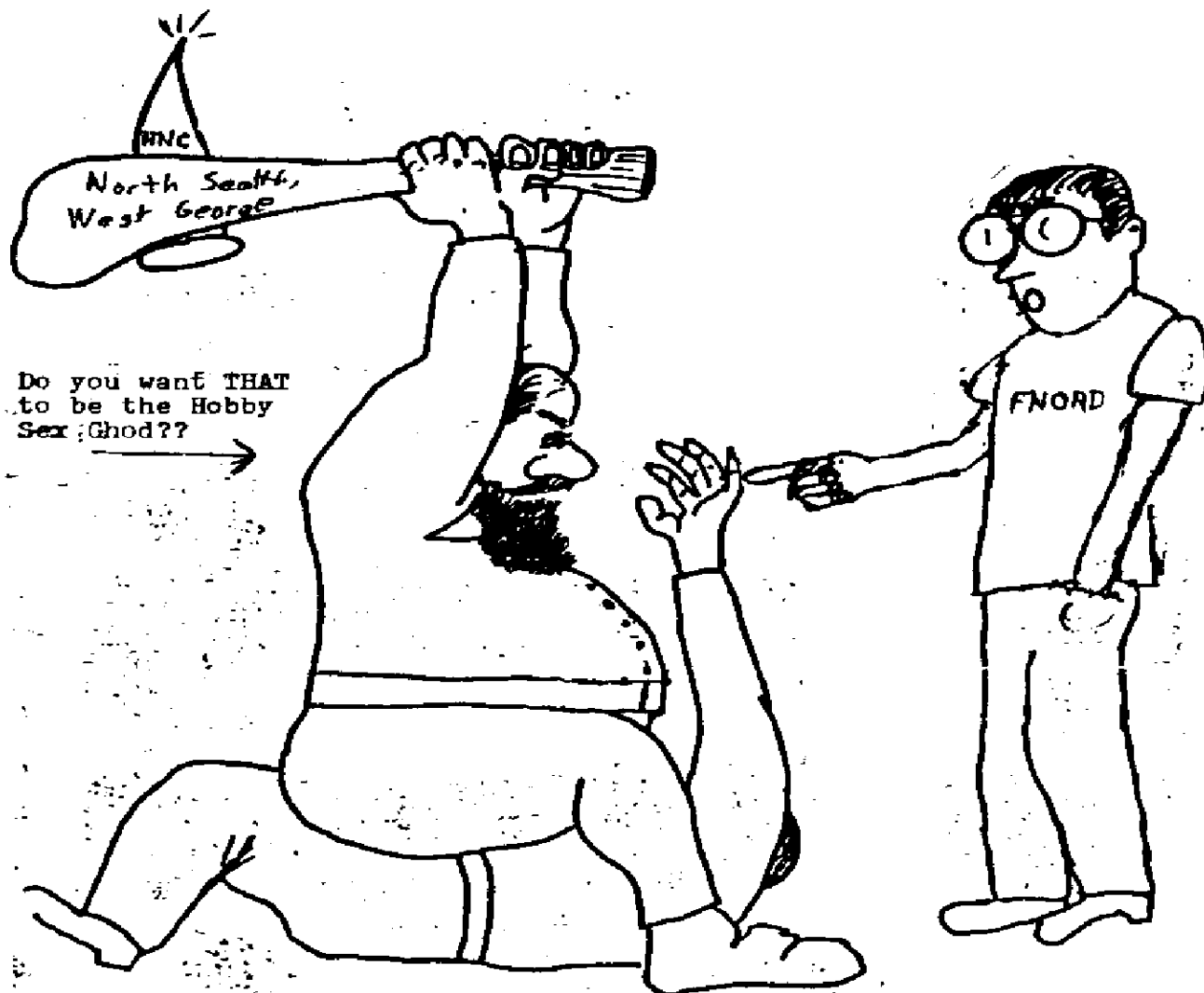
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FALL 1984

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(Adapted from Cover of DW 30...
Thanks Reed!)

YOU WENT "EHLI-BASHING" ONCE TOO
OFTEN, TALEMAN! I CHALLENGE THEE
TO A FEUD!"

PAGE 15 - just when you thought
it was safe to fake DIPLOMACY
WORLD....

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE POSTAL DIPLOMACY HOBBY

WHEREAS, Terry Tallman has been slandering me in the pages of his zine, North Sealth, West George; (An example: "Mike Ehli holds the record for getting eliminated before 1905")

WHEREAS, Tallman has insulted me by hanging the utterly unflattering nickname "T-bone" on me;

WHEREAS, at the recent Dip tourney at Dragonflight, Tallman grossly overstepped his authority as Tournament Director by telling vicious truths about my playing ability to all present; "This is T-bone Ehli. He's easy meat and he's always getting chewed up."

WHEREAS, according to semi-reliable sources, Tallman's affinity for slugs involves much more than merely printing pictures of them in NSWG; (That's right! Tallman is a slug molester! And you thought Woody was strange. At least Woody does it with fellow mammals!!)

WHEREAS, Tallman has shown himself to be totally incapable of spelling the word "zine" correctly; (Is there any such thing as a "szine"?)

WHEREAS, Tallman's claim to the title of Hobby Sex Ghod is laughable, at best; (That picture of him is as accurate as you'll find anywhere)

WHEREAS, I believe I am infinitely more qualified for the vitally important position of Hobby Sex God; (The picture of me, although a little flattering, I admit, is also accurate.)

THEREFORE...

I, MICHAEL WILLIAM EHLI, HEREBY CHALLENGE TERRY TALLMAN TO A FEUD! FURTHERMORE, I CHALLENGE HIM FOR THE TITLE OF HOBBY SEX GHOD!

Now, about how to resolve this feud:

I propose a hobby election to determine who shall be Hobby Sex Ghod. Everyone in the hobby is encouraged to participate. If you want to vote for me, send a postcard saying so. If you want to be a scum-sucking slime and vote for that overweight, bald, slug molester, send him a card.

When Tallman was given this proposal, he replied with a proposal of his own. Something about a demonstration of some sort. How undemocratic.

I think the "final showdown", where the new Ghod is crowned should be at the next DafCon, over New Year's in Sacramento. Or, failing that, the next LepreCon on St. Patrick's Day. But wherever the final tally is conducted, it should be quite an event.

This issue will be sent all over the hobby, and publishers are requested to print it, or at least publicize it.

Remember, send your "MIKE EHLI FOR HOBBY SEX GHOD" cards to;
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Eugene, OR 97403-6005

Send your "Terry Tallman for Hobby Sex Ghod" cards to:
Terry Tallman
820 W. Armour St.
Seattle, WA 98119

People voting for both candidates will be shot.

NOTE: If it isn't already obvious by now, this is not a serious feud. I am quite serious about wanting to be Hobby Sex Ghod, but the rest is just for fun. Don't spoil it, okay gang?

Didn't I say NO FEUDS? (Other than FAMILY FEUD, of course.)

PAGE 16 announces the Ehli-Tallman Family's feud (now it's OK)

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CAME OPENINGS: Diplomacy... FILLED! I even had to turn two people away.
 The gamestarts have already been sent out, but here is the line-up again.

1984?? VERWIRRUNG

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 TURKEY: Michael Lee, 3480 Danna Ct. Eugene, OR 97405

I will probably run another game here, but I'll wait until Derwood fills his game before I start signing people up.

THE GOLDEN APPLE CORPS, alias the standby list. Nobody yet. I will be offering the same sub credit rewards as Don offers his standbys.

FNORD HOUSE RULES

- P0. The LON Houserules will be used except as modified below.
- F1. Phone orders are accepted only if I receive them personally. I am not responsible for NMR's caused by my not being available by phone. I will try to be by the phone on deadline day, but don't get your hopes too high.
- F2. There will be a limit of only one player per local area (i.e. within the range of a local phone call) but a second may come in as a standby.
- F3. PRESS: Players in VERWIRRUNG will vote for the press format they want. Choose between white (basically what Don has), gray (any dateline except an opponent's home center, no GM interference) or black (anything goes). The GM's personal dateline is "Primus Illuminatus", and it cannot be used by anyone else, even in black press games. In future games, press will be gray unless I specify otherwise.
- F4. Disregard Rules 19 & 20. Noone in this hobby is of sound mind, and I am sure that there are a few that only use Earth as a wildrop.

Rule 9 is revoked and replaced with:

F5. There is a Rule 9.

VERWIRRUNG deadline:

PAGE 17 wants to know:

(a) What is your Rule 9?

(b) What is the BN for this game?

Dragonflight 1984

(18)

Dragonflight '84 was held at Seattle University on August 24-26. I attended the event, along with Michael Lee and Paul Gardner.

The three of us started north early Friday morning in Paul's Toyota around 7:30. The trip was fairly uneventful, with conversation on the hobby, music, and politics (no arguments, as it turned out; all three of us are pretty liberal).

We made it to Seattle about 1pm or so, and proceeded to almost get lost trying to find Paul's friend's house, where we would be sleeping. After dropping off our sleeping bags, we headed for downtown, almost got lost again, and finally made it to Seattle U. Michael & I, alas, had not pre-registered, so we had to pay an extra five bucks to get in, but considering the line of preregistered gamers that Paul had to wait in, compared with the very short line of unregistered, the extra cost didn't seem so bad. However, the line for individual events registration made up for it.

Anyway, the first Dip game started about 7:30pm. I drew Austria for the umpteenth time in a row, and got rapidly blitzkrieged, possibly because Tallman told all the Dippers that would listen that I would be an easy kill. I seriously considered a official protest, but I decided it wouldn't be worth it, although I still think he overstepped his bounds as Tournament Director.

(Note: I won't be giving a lot of names here. I had all of the names of my opponents written down, but accidentally left the list in Seattle. I guess it's no big deal, since they were mostly locals, but I'll definitely be more careful at Dragonflight/DipCon 85.)

The next round started at midnight. (There are five preliminary rounds; you only have to play in two rounds to qualify for the final round, so mid-night Dip isn't mandatory) I got Italy and played a Lepanto. The Turkish player was a novice. The poor guy didn't know what hit him. The board was quickly divided between my Italy, Austria, and Tallman's Germany (Tallman played when he could, but because he was TD, he wasn't eligible for prizes) The Austrian, a likable guy from B.C., was my main ally and we talked about cutting the Toadfather out of the draw, (after which I think I would have stabbed for the win) but we called it a three-way.

Three hours of sleep and an Egg McMuffin later, I was back for more. Round 3 saw me as Germany. All I remember from that one is that I was out quickly and painlessly.

I was Italy again in Round 4. I was making some sizable advances against France, but had to turn around to face an A/R alliance that threatened to sweep the board. Both A/R and E/F/G/I worked well together, and it was declared a 6-way at the time limit.

I passed up Round 5 in favor of some Nuclear War/Nuclear Escalation. I won one game, was first out in another, and did a fairly mediocre job the rest of the way.

By now it was midnight again, and Paul and Michael went out to get some shuteye, I stuck around for an early-morning Kingmaker game. My faction quickly gained the two Welsh offices, but I couldn't take advantage of the situation, and I stagnated for most of the game. The game didn't go too well for anyone else, though. There wasn't such action, and the players started to get downright cranky as the night wore on. It was declared a draw at 5:30am, and I plopped down on the first empty couch I could find.

I woke up at about 8am and joined a beginner's game of Rail Baron. I caught on quickly and was building up a good-sized lead, but the final round of Diplomacy was starting, and I had to leave.

I was France on second board. England and I set out against Germany, but I/G/R were all close friends, and it looked like they'd stomp all of us. However, Turkey (my Austrian ally from Rd.2) managed to pry the Russian loose from the trio, and eventually it was conceded to R/T.

As it turned out, I actually won a prize for my mediocre performance. Paul & Michael tied for first in the tournament. All players on top board got prizes, along with the top man on Board 2. As it turned out, everyone who finished ahead of me there had left, leaving me SPI's classic game, DALLAS!

Come one, come all to Dipcon 85!! You won't be disappointed

[Handwritten initials]

SUB/TRADE/ETC.: XENOLOGIC

NOTES: SD turned me down....

ATARI COMPUTER OWNERS

or anybody who knows somebody who owns one....

Earn CASH in your spare time! Well, there's a catch....it seems that I got a sale version of ULTIMA II with a faulty player master disk. As a result, I can't make any characters. If anybody out there knows somebody who owns the Atari version of ULTIMA II and can get me a copy on a blank disk of the player master (or any blank character disk for Atari ULTIMA II so I can make player disks), it's worth CASH - just make an offer.

CASH-CASH-CASH-CASH-CASH-MONEY-GREEN-STUFF-PICTURES-OF-DEAD-PEOPLE-AND-ALL-THAT-!!

DIP WARZ

WHEN we last left our heroes, they were getting ready to watch....what's that on the visual interspatial viewing thingy? "Welcome to FILF Copa Mundial/World Cup Soccerleague Action, almost LIVE from--"

Speaking of FILF Soccerleague action, YOU TOO can get a team into the current World Cup or whatever-it's-called-in-Spanish tournament - see GAME OPENINGS for details. Rules available for a couple of stamps (20¢ or 22¢ or whatever is first-class), or an IRC for outside of the USA.

"Hey, this is supposed to be OUR show - none of your ads!" booms Lord Sacks Fifthavenue.

Look, this is MY 'zine, and I'll plug whatever I've got, especially if it needs filling. You're lucky I don't push NUCLEAR WAR.

"Say, where were we last time?"

Well, after the debate between Rod Seaparter and Emperor TS'R ALEX I THE VOICE OF DOOM, the idiots in the Diplomatic Emperor flagship were preparing to destroy the planet, the rebels, AND the Emperor with one shot of FNORD.

"One shot? No chances this time....load LIFE OF FNORD, FNORD EXPRESS, WHITEFNORDIA, DISCORDIA WORLD, NO FNORD ADDRESS, FNORD OF DOOM, FNORD-STARZ and FNORDVOY!"

"We're out of FNORDVOY - any substitute?"

Yawn Boring smiles. "For FNORDVOY, no. (ZOT) For you, yes."

"Oh almighty, allseeing, alltruthful, alletcetera leader of the true Diplomatic Empire, the FNORD has been loaded."

"Then-" Yawn Boring begins to say, only to be interrupted by Lord Sacks Fifthavenue.

"Are you going deaf? Almighty, alltruthful, allseeing - he means me, of course. Now aim for the Alltoocunning planet, Windessitte system! A little to the left....there! Now launch the thing IN THE NAME OF THE ALMIGHTY ME!"

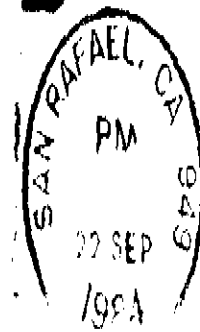
The beam heads directly towards the now-suspecting - er, now-panicking planet. Let's see how much time remains....6....5....4....there's somebody at the door - what's that? What do you MEAN, I have to spell "Emperor" in capital letters? Last time, it was just her name - what new Emperor? Anyway, let's see what happened....

"Not this time! You aren't going to pull one of those 'miraculous escape' things on us! No appearances of THE BOURSE from the future, either. The beam has reached the planet! Where's the destruction? Not even some heating up a little?"

Well, just before the beam reached the planet, a well-placed gust of wind blew Baldo Calberchian's hat off, revealing a FNORD-neutralizing flash. Too bad....meanwhile, while the galaxy prepares for the big election, let me say that THE SPACE VIKING has been delayed due to a problem with Dustin Laurence's computer. 2 out of 3 ain't bad.....

This is PAGE FNORD - er, 19

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