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Welcome to another jam-packed, adventure-filled, thrill-a-minute, can't-put-it-down, want-to-send-the-publisher-a-check issue of LIFE OF MONTY, number 72, brought to you by Don Del Grande, 142 Ellsco Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692 (but only 5 PM - 11 PM Pacific time).

But before getting to the news, a sad note for you WHO-types out there...

PATRICK TROUGHTON - "THE SECOND DOCTOR"

Born March 25, 1920, Mill Hill, England
Died March 28, 1987, Columbus, Georgia

Patrick joins William Hartnell and Richard Hurndall (who played the first Doctor in "The Five Doctors") on the list of "eternal time lords". Well, so much for "The Seven Doctors" (or even six) on the 25th anniversary.

OK, now on to . . .

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by those folks who are running International Tournament Ratings-sanctioned events. See page 2 for more details.

I am sorry to announce that justice has been declared illegal in Massachusetts. Yes, Abbe Hoffman and company (now including Amy Carter, apparently) were acquitted of trespassing and disorderly conduct after admitting that they blocked a bus containing CIA recruits. Apparently, a six-member jury upheld the "necessity defense", a Massachusetts (and other states) law that says that people can break the law if they believe that their actions will prevent more serious crimes - in this case, by stopping recruiting at one campus, they intend to stop the CIA's Nicaraguan involvement. I'm not saying that the CIA doesn't get away with a lot of things - but what these protesters did violated the rights of the recruiters and the persons seeking employment, and there should be at least a token punishment.

XENOLOGIC

BALLOT for HOBBY AWARDS ENCLOSED

COSTAGUANA LIVES!

There are supposed to be legal ways to protest - but since they feel the CIA is breaking the law, they have every right to return in kind.

Now, what's to stop Florida from passing a similar law, and then one of those all-white juries that makes the news every now and then acquits a group of white men for killing some blacks because "they were stopping the blacks from committing crimes"?

MEETING OF MINDS SPECIAL SEGMENT

Four of the seven International Tournament Ratings (ITR) tournaments (perhaps five - PEERICON is unknown at this time) are to be held between now and the end of July. Two of these are on the same dates, but are separated by almost 1000 miles. The seven ITR tournaments (at the moment), with addresses to contact for information, are:

DIPCON - June 5-7 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. A registration form is included in this issue; for more information, contact Marc and Dabi Peters, 1814 Cameron Drive #3, Madison, WI 53711, or Mark Frueh, 4320 Wallace Street, St. Louis, MO 63116.

MARYCON - June 5-7 at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. At the moment, the only address I have is Ken Peel, 8708 First Avenue #T-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910. I haven't seen any official Marycon announcements yet, but Ken should have some information.

ORIGINS - July 2-5 in Baltimore, MD. For a registration flyer, send a SASE to Atlanticon, Box 15405, Baltimore, MD 21220; they will also appear in gaming magazines. For tournament information, contact Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, NY 10034, or John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226.

PEERICON - This is a two-part con, held June 20-21 and August 1-2 in San Diego. Three rounds will be played each weekend; those players who play in at least three out of the six rounds qualify for the "overall" tournament awards (and the ITR points). Contact Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102 for details. NOTE: the ITR scoring will be based on the number of persons that play in at least three out of the six rounds.

MANORCON - July 24-26 at High Hall, Birmingham University in Birmingham, England. Contact Richard Walkerdine, 13 Offley Road, Hitchin, Herts SG5 2AZ, ENGLAND for details.

PACIFICON - September 4-7 in San Mateo, CA. For a registration flyer, write to Pacificon, P.O. Box 2625, Fremont, CA 94536. Assuming that Jim Bumpas is running the tournament the same as in past years, it runs from Saturday morning to Monday afternoon, with players signing up for tournament games whenever they feel like playing (a game begins when seven are signed up). The top seven average-per-game scores (of those players having played at least two games) meet in the top board game on Monday for extra tournament points and a larger share of the prize pool.

MIDCON - Scheduled for November in England; I have no real information, but Simon Billenness suggests asking John Dodds, 55 Leigham Vale, Streatham, London SW16, England for details if any are available.

I am waiting on word about some of the continental European tournaments as well as Australia. Jaap Jacobs has informed me that Eurocon is little more than one game with some of the "national champions" invited, so it will not be rated, although these other championships (e.g. The Netherlands, France, Sweden). No more than two of the European tournaments (outside of Great Britain) will be sanctioned unless a third is far away from the other two that are selected.

THE WORLD TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY. awarded at the end of the year to the year's top-ranked player, hasn't been thought up yet, but I am open to suggestions. For example, should there be a large trophy that gets passed to the new winner each year? (What guarantee is there that the old winner would part with it?) A large trophy that remains in the same place most of the time (like the Stanley Cup), to be given to the winner for a short time at some major convention? (Easier to engrave the name of each year's winner on it this way, too.) Perhaps just small trophies that the winners can keep.

Those of you who wish to donate to the trophy fund should make your checks out to "Cash", go to the bank, get the money, and then go out and have a beer or something. And remember, the World Tournament Diplomacy Championship is not to be confused with any other World Diplomacy Championships.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS II

~~three~~
^{four}

Well, there are five Democrats and ~~three~~ ^{four} Republicans - not as many as I had hoped for, but enough to start. Let's meet the candidates:

REPUBLICANS

Simon Billenness, 630 Victory Blvd., Apt. 6F, Staten Island, NJ 10301

Greg Ellis, 700 Rio Grande, Austin, TX 78701

Cathy Ozog, P.O. Box 5225, Munds Park, AZ 86017

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DEMOCRATS

Dave Anderson, Box 3761, Pontiac, MI 48058

Doug Brown, P.O. Box 584, Penngrove, CA 94951

Jake Halverstadt, 1106 Castle Rock Road, Fort Collins, CO 80521

Melinda Ann Holley, P.O. Box 2783, Huntington, WV 25727

Michael Hopcroft, 2190 W. Burnside #108, Portland, OR 97210

RULES CHANGE FOR THIS GAME

One of the changes made to PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS was in the travel rules. Jake felt that there had to be some sort of limit as to how much influence a candidate could have in any given city, so he changed the campaign visits rule. I feel that the new rule does not make much sense; a candidate who goes back-and-forth five times between two cities in a turn should not get five times the "credit" as someone spending half of the turn in one city and then travelling once to the second city. Therefore, I am using the following rules change:

Travel votes for a city are awarded to a candidate in proportion to the number of "travel credits" the candidate earns for that city. A candidate gets a travel credit each time he/she arrives in a city. Also, a candidate that remains in a city for more than one of the ten "travel rounds" per turn may spend 1 CFP for each such additional travel round and earn an additional travel credit for that city. Candidates automatically spend the extra CFPs unless their orders say that they don't or they cannot afford it. (The additional points are optional; you don't get points for travel rounds where you don't spend any CFPs.)

Note that each week has 10 travel rounds in it. Candidates should specify what city they are in for each of the ten rounds. (For example, if a candidate begins a week in Sacramento, goes to Fresno in the first travel round, stays through the sixth round, travels to Los Angeles in the seventh round, and ends the turn there, the travel orders should read:

**(Sacramento)-Fresno-Fresno-Fresno-Fresno-Fresno-Fresno-
Fresno-Los Angeles-Los Angeles-Los Angeles-Los
Angeles**

or

**(Sacramento)-Fresno on round 1-Los Angeles on
round 7**

**or any way to specify that the candidate started in
Sacramento, spent the first six travel rounds in
Fresno, and spent the rest of the turn in Los Angeles.**

**CFPs were spent as follows: 3 for the Sacramento-Fresno trip, 5 for
not moving from Fresno for 5 rounds, 3 for the Fresno-Los Angeles
trip, and 3 for not moving from Los Angeles for three turns.**

**The candidate spent six travel rounds in Fresno and four in Los
Angeles, and so earns 6 and 4 travel credits for those cities. Although
the candidate started from Sacramento (and earned at least one travel
credit - the one for round 10 of the previous week - for Sacramento),
he/she does not any travel credits for it this week since he/she left the
city in the first travel round.**

**Needless to say, a candidate begins a week from where he/she ended
the previous week.**

**NOTE: The maximum number of travel credits that can be earned by
a candidate for any given city is equal to the total number of travel
votes for that party divided by 100 and rounded up. For example, San
Francisco has 318 votes, so each candidate can get up to four travel
credits for San Francisco. (This represents, for example, the fact that
"San Francisco" includes, Oakland, Berkeley, and Concord, each with
over 100,000 residents.) This is not a weekly limit; the maximums
apply up to the primaries, and also apply to the general election.
(However, travel before the primaries does not effect travel in the
general election campaign as far as limits are concerned.)**

**Now that the new rule is out of the way, it's time to throw the hats into
the ring.**

The first turn is THE NATIONAL DEBATE. The way I read the rules, each candidate is supposed to take a stand on issues 1 through 20, and the votes "received" by the candidates based on those stands determine who receives momentum points for Iowa and New Hampshire. Other than that, debate "votes" do not count, although SIG points are earned normally in the debate.

A few clarifications need to be made. First, you are not required to take a stand (including neutral) on an issue when called for (you can wait until a later week and see what the others did), but you do not get votes (or SIG points) in a state for an issue when you are undecided, and you cannot change a stand once made. Second, despite what it says under "Week 2" on the order of issues, there is no such thing as "spotlighting" issues (as there was in PP's first edition); this was replaced by advertising issues, I presume. Third, the debate is considered to be "turn number zero"; during the debate turn, candidates may send organizers into Iowa and/or New Hampshire, but cannot travel or advertise. Fourth, since issues 1-20 have stands taken in the debate, no stands are taken on any issues in turn 1.

Also, the "favorite son" rule is being used, and primary delegates will be awarded with 30 percent to the winner and the rest divided proportionally among all candidates, including the winner.

The first set of orders from each candidate must include the candidate's current job and home state (e.g. senator from New York), the stands on the first 20 issues, and where the 50 organizers are being sent (how many to Iowa, how many to New Hampshire). In addition, a brief biographical statement about the candidate would be welcome. As a matter of fact, press is allowed during the campaign, but please keep it short as I do not have much room.

DEADLINE for the National Debate turn orders is JUNE 18. I will be in Britain from May 31 to June 14. Good luck to all candidates, and may the best man - or woman - win.

ONE FINAL QUESTION, to be answered with your first set of orders: do you feel that an NMR should be handled by delaying the game, or by having the candidate have some sort of illness or accident, requiring him/her to keep from campaigning for that week?

DIPLOMACY GAMESTART!!

When I announce a gamestart, I don't fool around. That's because starts in this 'zine are few and far between. Anyway, here are the seven gluttons for punishment - ER, UH, players:

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GERMANY

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ITALY

Les Casey, 33 Nestow Drive,
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RUSSIA

Tom Slaughter, 1340 Northcliff Trace,
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TURKEY

Jon Fleischman, 3318 S. Bentley Avenue,
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SPRING 1901 DEADLINE: JUNE 19

You get a long deadline because of my vacation - usually, deadlines are five weeks apart, and the deadline is firm because I make the issues the day after the deadline and mail them out two days after the deadline.

Each of you should be receiving a copy of the house rules with this issue, if they aren't part of the issue itself.

KINGMAKER

All those attending the parliament voted for all of the nominations. Since enough commons votes attended to form a quorum, all of the nominations pass. Just to remind all of you:

HASTINGS gets Earl of Westmorland and Chamberlain of County Palatine of Chester.

BERKELEY gets Earl of Kent, Warden of the Northern Marches, Archbishop of York, and Bishop of Carlisle.

HOWARD gets Earl of Essex and Constable of Dover Castle.

STANLEY gets Duke of Exeter, Treasurer of England, and Bishop of Lincoln.

NEVILLE gets Marshal of England, Archbishop of Canterbury, and King's Pardon.

POLE gets Steward of the Royal Household.

Since nobody sent their nobles home, all attending nobles remain at Preston. Here are the locations:

KRIKKIT KONFEDERATION (Miller)

STANLEY, NEVILLE, GREY, and TALBOT are in Preston

Le GEORGE at Preston

Le TRINITY at Caister

SACRED ORDER OF THE MIRACULOUS PANTY-HOSE

(Mazzer)

CROMWELL, COURTENAY, ROOS, HOLLAND, and

MOWBRAY at Preston

Le MARGARET at Lynn

Le CHRISTOPHER at Southampton

GRAY KNIGHTS OF LANCASTER (Thornberry)

BOURCHIER, BEAUFORT, HERBERT, SCROPE, and

PLANTAGENET-LANCASTER at Wallingford

STAFFORD at Blackheath

Le MICHAEL at Milford Haven

WHITE DUCHESS (Ozog)

HASTINGS, HARLECH, PERCY, and POLE at Preston

Le ROSE and Le LUCAS at s15

NOBLES: Henry is dead; Margaret with Plantagenet-Lancaster; Edward Lancaster with Beaufort; Richard York with Bouchier; Edward March with Percy; Edmund with Holland; George with Cromwell; Richard Gloucester is dead.

There are three crown cards: they go to Miller, Mazzer, and Ozog (as Thomsberry NMRed).

YOUR CROWN CARD:

The event deck has been reshuffled.

TURN 15 EVENTS: non-event to Miller; SCOTS RAID (Berkeley to Berwick); PLAGUE Nottingham, Leicester, Coventry (no effect); IRISH REVOLT (Holland to Ireland Open Area; you may take one of your ships); non-event to Wilson; MUTINY - La Swan (no effect)

Because of my trip to the Land of Kingmaker, the next deadline is delayed. DEADLINE for TURN 15 is MAY 19. There's one press item:

WD-GM: It's too bad about Patrick Traughton. He was one of my favorite Doctors!

GM-WD: It's too bad the BBC destroyed most of his episodes. (All but five of his stories, plus the 3, 5, and 2 Doctors.) The same thing happened to early Tonight shows.

DIP WARZ

Quick, where was I?

"We were about to destroy the Linoleum Falcon."

What, again?

"-with some back BLUNT INSTRUMENTS and the occasional OHIO ACRES. Anyway, the attack has already been launched, and it's on target!"

Thank you, Lord Sacks Fifthavenue.

"ILOM reporting - another attack on its way. Just some BLUNT INSTRUMENTS and OHIO ACRES."

"Put up the deflector shields, Princess Luscious."

"May I remind you, Oboe-1 Caruso, that putting up screens is not work for a princess?"

"Whereas," adds John Pole-O, "dying painfully is?"

"Deflector screens up . . . here comes the hit . . . BOOM RATTLE RATTLE shake CRUNCH"

Did they survive the well-placed OUT TO PASTURE in the OHIO ACRES? Will there be more room next time? Will I survive the trip? Will ENGLAND? Read about it next time.

Hello Melinda. Goodbye Melinda.

(Get \$1.50 credit,
Melinda)

TIMEWARP FOOD DS

- B (Kathy Caruso):** A Boh-Tyr, A Gal S Turkish A War, F Adr S A Tri-Ven, A Tyr-Pie,
A Tri-Ven, F Nap-Adu
- E (Stephen Borneman):** A Fin-Stp, F Stp(nc)-Nwy, F Ska-Swe, F Nth-Eng, F Nws-Nao
- F (Mark Newirth):** A Ven S A Adu-Rom, A Sil S A Bur-Mun, A Adu-Rom, A Bur-Mun,
F Spa(sc)-Gol, F Bel-Hoi
- G (David Coufal):** A Ber S A Mun, A Mun S A Ber, F Den H, A Ruh S A Hoi-Bel, A Hoi-Bel
- I (Bob Miller):** (retreat A Ven-Tus) A Tus-Ven, A Tun H, F Rom H
- M (Melinda Hattery):** (retreat A War-Lvn) F Swe-Gob, A Lvn S A Mos-War, A Mos-Lvn
- T (Gary Nelson):** A Ukr S A Sev-Mos, A War S A Sev-Mos, F Rum H, A Sev-Mos,
F Tys-Wme, F Aeg-ion

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French A Ven is blown up, and his F Bel can retreat to Pic, Nth or the box. The Russian A Mos is popped.

Robert Thornsberry is very briefly replaced by Melinda. And I do mean very briefly. How about a new deadline, Dandy Don?

DEADLINE
JUNE 12
because of my
trip to England

- A: home, ser, gre, nap, ven (7)
E: home, nwy, stp, swe (6)
F: home, por, spa, bel (5)
G: home, hol, den, bel (6)
I: rom, tun, ven (2)
R: mos, war, swe (0)
T: home, bul, rum, sev, war, mos (8)

- build 1
build 1
remove 1
build 1
remove 1
history
build 2

FRANCE to FRANCE: The harder they come...the harder they fall.

FRA to GERMANY: Well, I'm sure this is your wettest dream.

GER to AUS: Like I said, if you were planning to stab me, there was nothing I could do about it.

AUST to GER: Maybe you'd prefer that I write some Golden Age (read that boring) press for you!

AUST to ITALY: As bad as I feel about this, I still must do it. The Turk laid this plan out in simple terms that even I can understand "Kill him or I'll kill you."

AUST to TURKEY: No wonder you have to leave the hobby every seven years, and then wait for a new crop of suckers novices to enter before you make your big comeback!

AUST to FRANCE: You just spread yourself too thin!

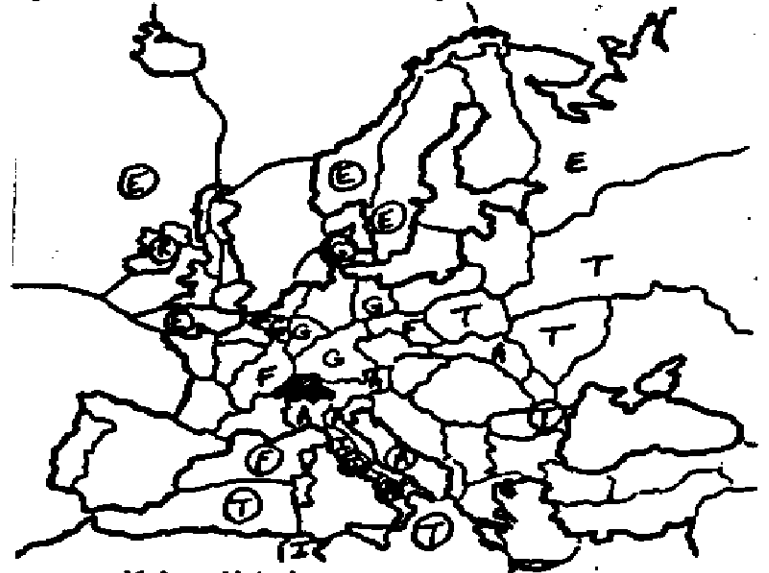
FRANCE to AUS: I guess it's time to wake up and smell the coffee.

TUR to ENG: For whom does the knife unsheath? Surely you must decide soon, Russia is dead!

FRA to TURKEY: Sure Gary...whatever you say.

FLUSHING to ROCKVILLE: If I read Del Dumb right, he's talking about taking an extended vacation. Well, we don't want any delays, so why not move this game into that "slick" Retail?

ROCKVILLE: That wouldn't be very loyal to my trusting publisher now, would it? Really, much as I gripe about being in LOM, I kinda like it here. I



just wish I could figure out his schedule...and whether there really will be any delay.

AUST to TURK: Why is it when you say "trust me," I fell like Honey Olsen listening to Motor Mouth Mazzer!

FLUSHING to ROCKVILLE: Have I got some action for you!? Woody says he'll bet a dinner at Bacigalups that the Mets don't finish #1 or #2 in the NL East. Why don't you take him up on his stupidity too, then we can have a great dinner with Woody picking up the tab!

ROCKVILLE: Where do I sign up! I may understand if the Cards get lucky and win the division on the last day, but for the Mets to be as low as #3...ridiculous! But if Woody wins he won't have to buy dinner for a year.

TUR to AUS: It appears the Mets will have a tough time repeating with all the spring turmoil. If the Redbirds continue to hit, watch out Mets!!

AUST to ENG: Overkill is when the Mets meet the Cards or when you invade Scandinavia. Stop concentrating on the dead neutrals before it is too late!

TUR to FRA: Call me whatever you wish, unless it has to do with liking the Mets, that's just not tolerable!!

ROCKVILLE: But you wrote that nice Met press a while back...you must be a Met fan. I can tell.

TUR to ROCKVILLE: Sorry to say but I don't believe the O's can put it together. NY looks awfully strong, especially if their rubber band arms hold up. By the way, I agree the Celtics are the best.

ROCKVILLE: Well, there doesn't seem to be much dispute on the Celtics dominance. Of course, basketball seems to be more set in its ways than baseball, so that's no surprise.

Henderson/Mattingly/Winfield is an awesome offensive machine, but never count out George Steinbrenner. And the Orioles seem to have turned the clock back ten years, so just you wait and see...I think they'll at least be in the race this time.

If the Cards have gotten over their team-wide slump from last year, they'll give the Mets a run for the pennant, but New York has just too much pitching for them (even with Gooden and McDowell out). Cubbies might be half-decent again this year, and the Phillies just picked up Lance Parrish. The Cards just stole Tony Pena from Pittsburgh (though he and Tudor are out with break injuries)? What a tough division! The Pirates should be lucky to win 60 games this year.

FRA to BASEBALL FANS: My Dodgers started 0-5, but they just took the next two from the Giants. However, after the Al Campanis incident they probably deserve to finish in last place for the first time since 1907.

ROCKVILLE: Yeah, Campanis is a nucklehead. The really sad part about the whole thing is that he doesn't seem to be that evil a guy, and doesn't deserve the treatment he's getting. But some good ought to come out of this in the long run.

LYNN to BERKELEY & ROCKVILLE: 8,000? 10,000? What precocious youths! 11,500 days and counting here....

ROCKVILLE: Actually, on deadline day I'll be 10,168. And counting. I hope! You old geezer!

Don, why doesn't LOM look as good as Shadowplay? Don't you and Olsen both use the same hardware? Sounds to me like the ST is a strange machine, what with loading fonts and all.... (My printer is not 100% Epson compatible, so the printing is not 100% clear)

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THE LIFERS

Here are the results of the 1987 LIFERS. First, a little clarification: both the FAVORITE MUSIC GROUP and BEST FTF EVENT (when it was included) had a much wider list of entrants than I had expected. Since it is obvious that no one music group or FTF event really "stands out" in the poll, these categories will not have winners, and will not be included in future polls.

The top three scoring entrants will be listed for each category (plus ties, where applicable). Scoring was done on a 15-10-6-3-1 system.

HOBBY GENIUS

BOB OLSEN, 51 / STEVE HUTTON, 30 /
STEVE LANGLEY, 26

MOST IMPROVED 'ZINE

REBEL, 41 / COSTAGUANA, 40 / tie between
DIPLOMACY WORLD and HOUSE OF LORDS, 30

BEST 'ZINE FOR HOBBY NEWS

tie between COSTAGUANA and MAGUS, 46 /
HOUSE OF LORDS, 26

BEST LETTER COLUMN

KATHY'S KORNER/WHITESTONIA, 60 /
HOUSE OF LORDS, 56 / COSTAGUANA, 36

HARDEST COUNTRY TO PLAY IN DIP

AUSTRIA, 103 / ITALY, 82 / RUSSIA, 64

BEST GAME OTHER THAN DIP OR DIP VARIANTS

TITAN, 30 / tie between TRIVIAL PURSUIT, MONOPOLY,
THIRD REICH, and JEOPARDY!, 26

BIGGEST HOBBY PERSONALITY

CONRAD VON METZKE, 73 / KATHY CARUSO, 61 /
LINDA COURTERMANCHE, 26

TRUE HOBBY MASTERS SOCIETY - see next page

For the TRUE HOBBY MASTERS SOCIETY, 13 ballots were received, so 10 votes were necessary. Since three of the ballots voted "NONE", a person needed to be on all ten of the other ballots to make the society. Of the ten ballots, BRUCE LINSEY was on four, BOB OLSEN on three, CONRAD VON METZKE on three, GARY COUGHLAN on two, and STEVE LANGLEY on two. In short, the voters feel that no single person can match "The Wrath of Kath", and Kathy Caruso remains the only member of the True Hobby Masters, which is only fitting if you ask me.

GAME OPENINGS

DIPLOMACY - filled, but standbys are always needed!

KINGMAKER - signed up: Coufal, Hprocroft, Ozog, Anderson, Fleischman. Could use one more.

1830 - signed up: Geryk, Goode, and one more who isn't a subber yet but shows interest. Will start when I get six.

RAILWAY RIVALS - Conrad von Metzke has lined up enough players, or he will, for a game start. Not that any of YOU were exactly knocking down the doors to play.

And now for a few trial balloons . . .

DELUXE CAR WARS - In a slight change from the way things are normally done in the AADA, each player gets \$50,000 to spend on his/her "team" - one \$50,000 car, ten \$5000 cars, a \$40,000 and a \$10,000 - any combination that does not go over \$50,000.

KINGS & THINGS - This TITAN clone (although it is a little simpler and plays a lot faster) is PBMable with a few small rules changes.

KNIGHTS OF THE AIR - The Avalon Hill Game Company's newest WWI air combat game - much better (and more expensive) than RICHTHOFEN'S WAR.

Speaking of flying, does anybody out there own **FLIGHT LEADER?**

(TIME) LORDING IT. . . .

A SUBZINE BY MICHAEL HOPCROFT
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Well, (TIME) LORDING IT has now established a legitimate place as a subzine in Dipdom. I was amazed to find this little thing listed as a candidate in the Runestone Roll! I thought they only did things that run Dip. But there I am, listed among the other publishers.

I am now also publishing a "real" zine. It's called NOT UP TO MODERN GRAPHICS STANDARDS, and it features Diplomacy, role-playing, and hopefully interesting chat. The problem is that I ran out of the sample issue. Part of that was sending it out to the people I thought, in my hopeless naive way, would be interested in it. The other part, however, was an all-through housecleaning. Now for people like me a clean room indicates a mind unattuned to its surroundings, but my apartment manager disagreed. It was only by a hair that I avoided having to make a change of address three months early. . .

I'm not giving up on this subzine by any means. It will still be small, it will still be Whoish (indeed I plan to redirect most of my Whochat to this subzine, saving the "big zine" for other topics), and it will still be part of LIFE OF MONTY if the editor will let me.

Now on to the unpleasant part of the business. I hate to have to do this, but for those of you who didn't know Patrick Troughton died last month at an American convention. Troughton of course is best known to fans as the recorder-playing second Doctor, the little "Cosmic Hobo". But Patrick Troughton was a professional chameleon, who was seen in many parts: the Irish priest in THE OMEN, the blind man harrassed by Furies in JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS, Laurence Olivier's acting double in RICHARD III, the magical old man in THE BOX OF DELIGHTS. . . But he didn't play the big roles until DOCTOR WHO. And what a Doctor he was. The task of being the new Doctor is difficult enough, but Troughton was the first actor called upon to take over the part, and every rule in the book said it couldn't be done. So Troughton promptly threw the book into the fireplace where it belongs.

The man was simply a treasure. Anybody who saw him at a festival or convention would know exactly what I mean. And if you couldn't you were really missing something. It was only in the last few years that he started breaking down his isolation from the part (because of the nature of his career, he feared typecasting like the plague) and began to accept the admiration that was his due. The fans loved him, and he loved them right back.

Sony to BOAST, PENGUIN DIP,
TER-RAN, RETALIATION, THE KINGS
COURT, PERELANDRA, and THE
CANADIAN DIPLOMAT, which were
mentioned in a page of SUBMARINE
WARFARE cut out at the last minute

RUMORS AND REPORTS

The good news is that the Doctor knows where Tegan is. The bad news is that a terrorist has taken her hostage, right in the middle of the Brisbane airport! The Doctor's solution? Out-terrify the terrorist! But things are not quite going according to plan. . . (Doctor: #6)

(Doctor #4) The game with the Celestial Toymaker appears to be some variant of Dungeons & Dragons, with an emphasis on "live" (or death) role-playing. The Doctor has already managed to trick an ogre into being eaten by a gelatinous cube. But now there's a whole horde of orcs rushing to block his progress through the Toymaker's labyrinth. Meanwhile Sarah, Harry, and their new friend the Draconian prince have been returned to the TARDIS by the Toymaker, with the exit non-functional. Sarah is attempting to find an alternate exit door, and Harry has been warned on pain of death to stay out of her underwear drawer.

(Doctor #5) A freak accident in the Time Vortex has robbed the Doctor of his knowledge! He has managed to regain some image of himself through telepathic communication with his companions, but there is one hope of regaining the full memory of the Doctor; the energy may have been deposited at a particular place in normal Space-Time. A slim hope, but all he has if what the Doctor is is not to be lost forever. This is an alternate universe, so nothing is certain!

OTHER GAME STUFF

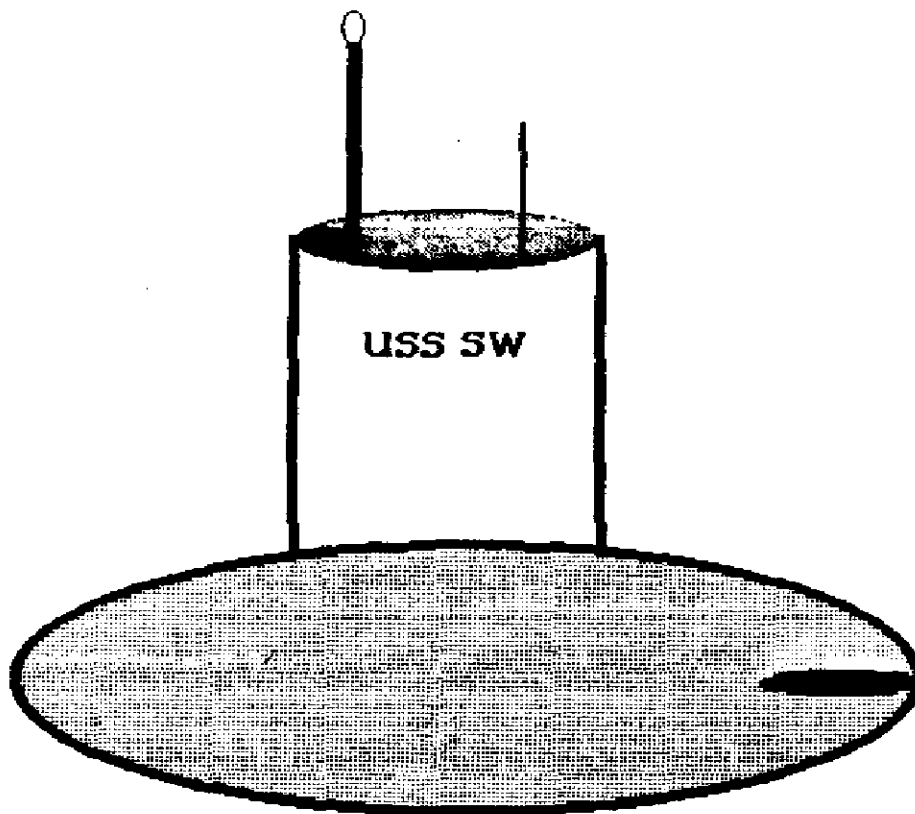
Fantasy Games Unlimited is apparently out of business. Supplies of their popular superhero game **VILLAINS AND VIGILANTES** are getting harder to come by.

The Hill sent me a brochure they want us Dip editors to distribute for them. I guess the idea is that it will give a shot in the arm to **DIPLOMACY** sales, which is certainly a good idea. The funny thing about this request is that it was addressed to **INTERVENTION**, which doesn't even deal with Avalon Hill products. It would be like **FASA** giving out a brochure to the publishers of **LIFE OF MONTEY**. Now there's a thought. . .

I still have plenty of room in the **DOCTOR WHO** campaign if anyone wants to play. I'm still looking for people to take on the personas of Doctors 1 through 3. Hartnell, Troughton, and Pertwee buffs take note!

I am now returning control of this sine to the editor.

THIS WHITE SPACE
in memory of IAN MARTER
(Lt. Harry Sullivan) who died
in late 1986



SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)

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Another month has passed us by, and another SW is history. I hope it brought you some pleasure. This month, I will review some of the dip zines I received as samples. My reviews are not all positive. But, of course, you can always send the guy a stamp and see for yourself. I am suffering from the effects of spring fever, which will also be reported here in detail. I figure the people who live in California probably have no understanding of it, so it might be of some interest. And, I expect, I will find something else to comment on. So, without a whole lot of further ado, here is article #1.

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Spring fever (or, as it is sometimes known, cabin fever) is a direct result of winter. As a result, you must live someplace where winter exists in order to experience it. Those people that live by choice in an area that has winter have no reason to complain. But they usually do. Anyway, after cold weather for an extended period of time, there is that first day when it is warm. You spend several weeks experiencing weather that doesn't get above 40, and is usually colder than that. It seems to be grey all the time. If you get a clear day, it is usually colder than blazes.

All of a sudden, you walk outside and it is 65°. The sky is clear, the sun is shining. You feel like spring. All the things you have been unable to do all winter suddenly seem like just what you want to do right now. You want to dig out your old ball glove and play catch. You want to go hit some

golf balls. You want to walk in the sunshine and feel the warmth on your body.

Being indoors suddenly seems like absolutely the worst thing in the whole world. You spent all winter being indoors, and now you want to be outside. One of the hardest things to do is go to work on a day like this. I would be willing to bet that productivity suffers immensely on days like this at places of business everywhere. School, of course, was pure torture on a day like this.

After the first couple of days of this kind of weather, people adjust to it. Oh, sure, you still want to be outside. But you don't have that feeling of, "I can't stand it anymore." Those of you in my readership who share this will no doubt back me up. Those of you in California, or other places that don't really have winter, will have to take my word for it or move.

What prompted this in the first place was our first day like this. Friday, March 6, our weather hit the 60's. Saturday was impossible. It was too nice out. I had to work, so I suffered from severe spring fever. What was worse, the populace of Salem obviously had it bad, too. They were certainly outside enjoying the weather, as they weren't ordering pizzas. Being inside on a glorious day and not even busy. Hard to think of a worse bummer! (I will be expecting sympathy cards in the mail any day now.)

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EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IS WRONG

I read in some dip zine or other (I don't remember for sure, but I believe it was Costaguana) a letter by Rod Walker. It was about a lot of varied stuff that I don't remember, but I do remember he talked about dinosaurs. He mentioned that everything I had been taught about dinosaurs was wrong. Well, almost everything. What makes me comment on this is that Discover magazine recently ran an article on dinosaurs which makes the very points that Rod made in his letter.

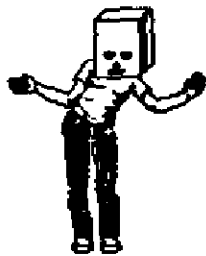
As a kid, I was fascinated by dinosaurs. I had a book all about dinosaurs when I was in grade school which I read cover to cover. I also had plastic dinosaurs to play with. I really thought they were entrancing. Now, with the new learning, I see that they are no less fascinating. Only different. What makes the whole thing amazing is the extinction of dinosaurs. The original theory went along the idea of dinosaurs being big, dumb lizards that were not adaptable and did not care for their young. This made them easy prey for mammals and changing climate. The newer evidence paints a radically different picture of them. It also makes the mystery of their disappearance ever deeper. How could a collection of creatures like the dinosaurs become extinct? The comet theory is hot now, but it is not universally accepted. The truth is no one really knows. And, it is hard to believe that an event in our distant past will be ever discerned. But, science is an endeavour that continues on, with new revelations all the time.

(A couple of by the by's: Everything You Know Is Wrong is the title of an album by the Firesign Theatre. It is quite good. I am a degreed chemist, so that I am biased towards the sciences. I enjoy reading Discover because it allows me to keep up with what is going on in the world of science. I can recommend the magazine to you.)

"I say to you dear friends, have you forsaken the ways of the Lord? Then, come back, deeeear friends. You must give up your sinful ways. No more fornicating, no more drugs. Live a clean life, and give all your excess cash to me so I can go fornicating and give my wife drugs." Jim Bakker (Snicker, snicker.) I have a generally low opinion of TV evangelists, and so I am reveling in this latest mess. Not only is there the problems of Jim and his wife, there is a lot of mudslinging from all these other Christian vultures trying to gobble up Bakker's \$179MM empire. I don't take pleasure from the problems of genuine Christian people. But Christ eschewed riches. How can people who claim to follow him accumulate such wealth in his name? Obviously, they don't believe in living by the word they preach. And that is what bugs me the most about them. They take advantage of sincere but gullible people. These people send them money like mad, believing that they are furthering the cause, only to see these guys living like kings. I guess suckers deserve to be fleeced. Maybe I should become an evangelist. I think it is the ultimate. You can legally fleece these clowns, and the booty is not even taxable. Is that the ultimate, or what?

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The Unknown Dipper

Sure, he could persuade my grandmother to give him \$5 a week. But could he persuade me to support him into Munich? (Yeeaaa, deear friends. Verify I say to you, I need Munich to continue the Lord's good works with another build.)

Having gotten myself to this point, I have only about a half of a page to finish. So, I'll finish it in this fashion. I get virtually no feedback from you, the reader. That doesn't bother me too much, though I would like to get feedback. If for no other reason than to know what, if anything, you like about this. I think Don Del Grande likes this because he doesn't have to fill the space I fill. How about the rest of you?

I don't know how much the Runestone Poll means, but I shall pay attention to it this year. It will maybe give me some idea of what the readership thinks of this. So, please at least vote and rate SW as you truly believe it to be. Then, I'll try to respond in some fashion. If you rate this nonsense highly, I'll know you enjoy it. If it is rated the pits, I'll try to figure out why. If it is rated somewhere in the middle, I'll figure it is mediocre. Maybe you like some of it and don't like some of it. Wouldn't that be clever of me. So, until next month, good subzining. Good dipping. Have a good month. (As if my telling you to do so will make it happen.)

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