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A PLACE, A CONCEPT, AND NOW "SLUGS OF THE

Sierra Madres"



Dead lines? We don't need no steenking deadlines!

The incredible and edible (ugh) common slug

A real man may or may not eat quiche, but the ultimate test has to be whether or not he'll eat squiche (slug quiche).

After all, slugs ARE edible. They're blue-eyed (honest, real blue, or at least the local ones are) cousins of the snail variety considered by the French and some Americans to be a gastronomic treat.

According to a University of Washington Arboretum bulletin published last spring, the slug is a creature with a meaty body that is easy to clean, unlike the snail, which is so small it's difficult to clean. Snails are fed bran for a week to clear out the digestive tract before the body is edible.

The bulletin even suggests how to prepare slugs for cooking (much like cleaning a fish) — and you'll pardon if we don't go into greater detail, but it does recommend immersing the cleaned-out slug in vinegar to stop mucus secretion.

Frank Howard, a 40-year-old Snohomish-area resident, tells how to catch and cook slugs in his 31-page softcover book titled "The Best Washington Slug Recipes." In it he outlines 16 recipes, and also lists suggestions for suitable wines to accompany slugs and a guide to cooking terminology.

Ingrith Olsen, professor of zoology at the University of Washington and a fan of slugs, says she hasn't eaten slugs and wouldn't as long as there are other sources of protein and, besides, she'd feel bad about eating something of which she is so fond.

But in California, some of the folks in western Sonoma County, a rural area north of San Francisco, are not so sluggish about trying dishes made from this animal.

Each year for the past four years a small newspaper called The Paper has sponsored a contest that includes a slug sprint, a competition to find "Super Slug" — the biggest slug — and a slug bake-off.

Ron Sonenshine, a reporter there, says the whole thing was started to emulate another newspaper's competition to find the largest home-grown banana squash.

"The editor and publisher here thought banana slugs weren't too different from banana squash, so we had some T-shirts printed up and put on the contest. Believe it or not, it's mushroomed since then and this year we had more entries than ever for the biggest mollusk (slug)."

And there were more dishes prepared for the slug bake-off, too, but some rules of the contest have changed since the beginning.

"We still gather the slugs and put them in cornmeal, which we believe gets rid of nasty organisms in the garbage they eat, and allow them to sit for several days or up to a week, but we finally got smart and told contestants that they must gut and clean the slugs themselves."

The contestants usually follow the rules, although last year some wag entered a banana cream pie and when a judge cut into it, he found himself face-to-antennae with a living, breathing slug.

"He was game, though. He went ahead and ate it anyway, live slug and all. Said it took him days to get the slime off his teeth and the only thing that really worked was to inundate his teeth with salt."

This year the 25 entrants were kinder to the judges, Sonenshine says, and the slugs were mercifully dead, although not necessarily disguised.

"Someone cooked a Jell-O mold that was really beautiful, only imbedded just inside the top of the Jell-O was a giant slug."

"One of the judges received an award because she ate the Jell-O, slug and all. Oh, and the judges have to swallow what they taste, but we help them along with liters of wine."

That dish didn't win the award for the "yuckiest entry," nor did the squiche, he says.

"That honor went to something called slug truffles, and just looking at it was enough to make you sick."

Official tasters

And such dishes as slug tempura, slugaroni pizza and chocolate slug cheesecake didn't appear to be any more appetizing, says Sonenshine, who declines to be a judge — that honor goes to county officials like the sheriff and other local notables — on the basis that having to write about the slugs is bad enough.

"No, I've never tasted one, and I don't intend to, either," he says.

There were some edible (loosely speaking) entries, Sonenshine says. Among them were the winners in the two categories, main dish and dessert.

"The top in the first category was a moussaka done by someone who lives in Guerneville, Calif. (the contest is held between the towns of Guerneville and nearby Monte Rio). The judges loved it. The dessert was something called 'Slime Pie.'"

Although he declined to try them, he was quick to offer the recipes for Puget Sound residents:

To make Slime Pie, gather together one baked nine-inch pie shell, three egg yolks, one can sweetened condensed milk, one-half cup lime juice, whipped cream and eight slugs prepared and cooked (by boiling). Whip ingredients together and serve cold. Or sample another slug delicacy.

Slug moussaka

- 2 pounds of ground beef (optional)
- 3 very large banana slugs cleaned and finely ground in a good blender
- 1 cup of dry bread crumbs
- 1 medium sized eggplant
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cooking fat
- 2 medium-sized finely chopped onions
- 1 eight-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon of oregano and cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons each flour and butter
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup of parmesan cheese

Bake as you would a regular moussaka



I know what some of you will think and say. You'll feel that I'm a tramp and I don't do it for love but simply because it's physical. That the cheap and sleazy gratification that I feel will wear off in time. You may be right. Who can say. But I've gone and done it. I've bought a typewriter.

Actually my younger brother with whom I live broke down after listening to me whine for the last few months about how much more successful we would be in Tribes of Crane if we put out an occasional newsletter to keep the troops informed and amused but that it would be far to much work if I had to put the damn thing out by handlettering.

So we get it home and unboxed and he sits down and starts typing. He took a typing class in college and despite it having been a few years he's still pretty nimble with the old fingers.

Because Chet (my brother) is a highly payed refrigeration engineer and boiler operator we didn't just go out and buy any old typewriter. This is a Brother with a lower case b but it's still a brand name. This is literally the first real typing I've done on it so I havn't even figured out what half the buttons do yet but it has a 16 character memory so you simply hit the correct button and it jumps back all by itself, whipes out the screw up and waits patiently for you to proceed. Now some of you hot shot typists may be familiar to these new fangled ideas but this is pretty hot stuff to me. If you want to get a true idea of the quality of this machine just go back a few issues to when I was using Jack Fleming's machine. I think you'll see a vast improvement.

Another thing it allows me to do is make much better use of my white space. While the hand lettering was an interesting way to do it it took a lot more space because to letter legibly I had to work with slightly larger letters than I am right now. Yes, Daf, there will still be the occasional spelling and grammar errors but at least they'll be pretty. And you should see some of the sperator bars I can do.

There are some parts of this that were prepared on the selectric in my office so there will still be some minor style differences here from time to time but you've come to expect that, right? So anyway- On with the szine.

Dragonflight 1984-Can the Hobby Sex Ghod Do It Face-To Face

August 26,27 and 28th saw the yearly wargaming con at Seattle University. Considering that there was very little advertising the turnout was pretty good. I pre-registered and my badge number was 367. There were probably about 500 bodies registered and they wern't checking badges that I could see.

The University was on break so lots of people were staying in the dorms and the board games were held in the ball room of the main dorm.

The occasional role player who got snuffed early would wander in to see what else was going on. Dip was from 7 pm til 12 pm Friday and Saturday so Cathy did some role playing during the day and said something later about some twelve year old making a pass at her in character during the game. His hobbit wanted to attempt to breed with her elf but she told him that after orcs she had had to get a battery powered presto log for those long lonely evenings. This confussed the szit-faced teen.

Dip was played Friday night and Saturday night with the final round Sunday morning. We filled two boards the first round and had at it. I knew Trindon Wilkerson and Jack Wells, the tourny dip-gm's, from the Udub and playing face to face at Meinel's. And Cathy was there.

Round one I get Turkey, Cathy gets Russia. The rest of the board are rookies, strictly face to face types. Jack and Trindon were on the other board. Cathy and I pretend we don't know one another. No one else seems to know anybody either. Without seeming to negotiate much we take out Austria and Germany. Suddenly the rest of the board notices we had no units facing each other during the entire course of the game. Everyone starts trying to get one of us to stab the other. But knew they what I had done and they would have known it was futile. I had let her have the most dots, the one way to be sure of the Val heart.

The games were run on a 5 hour deadline and I had been watching the clock rather closely. Cathy was at 16, I was at 11 and the frog had the rest when midnight drew nigh. So ended round one.

Round two and Cathy and I are on thesame board butnow everyone knows we have some sort of prior acquaintanceship. And they are power matching. I get Russia, Cathy draws England. The guy who nearly one the other board in round one, Rick, is Germany. Wells is Italy, Trindon is Austria. The frog from my first round game is turkey and some ringer who didn't even play the first round is France. They had power matched.

Realizing that it was purely a fluke that Cathy hadn't stabbed me in the first round, I failed to take Sweden in 01, and lost Sev and Rum in 02, so she stabbed me. I managed to hold in the north but the only build I manage to get back is Berlin. Cathy thinks the frog is cute, he's wearing shorts and she says he has great buns so she and him take out the German and then move on me and Italy. The Austrian and Italy snuff the Turk and then the three of us swing to form a stalemate line. Cathy and the frog see few points coming out of this round so they agree to pull back if I'll swing. I do but it bogs down and once again midnight looms. A fiveway.

Sunday morning roles around and now it's for all the marbles. Caty draws France and is coming into the round as the top seeded player based on points. Sadly for Cathy only the final counts for points and awards. Italy is Bruce from BC, stabbed by Cathy in the first round, Germany is Bob Seki, stabbed by Cathy in the first round, England is Ray who could have had a part of a two way in the first round if Cathy had stabbed me. Russia is Simon, another Canadian. Turkey is Jack Wells and last but sweating blood is Austria-the one and only toad father.

The turk was very happy when I offered him support into Rum in 01. It took a couple of game years but the awesome Austro-Turk machine was rolling.

Meanwhile in the west Cathy didn't have the toadfather to stab for a quick dot so she was floundering. With Turk-ish fleets in the mid Atlantic and Austrian Armies about to break through Germany we approached the end of the five hour round. Jack and I counted up centers and saw that on the final move we could each wind up with 10 centers. We wrote our final orders, shook hands and sat down.

And he stabbed me. He took Warsaw while I was getting into Berlin and eliminating Italy. He had 11, I had 9, Bob Seki had 6, Ray 5 and Cathy 3. I got a copy of SPI's China Wars for my second face finish and a lesson in playing for draws.

Anyway I had a lot of fun and had the satisfaction of seeing Cathy the recipient of what I normally get from her. Hopefully next year we'll get a little more notice and we'll make it a west coast event. Everyone can stay at Cathy's. Just show up looking like a hippy from the 60's and say you used to live there and no one will say anything.

This szine costs the sum of 60¢ and despite what I say elsewhere it will probably stay this way for a while. But in the event the price does go up I suggest you buy ahead. I only keep track of how many issues you buy, not a monetary balance. So if you buy ten issues now at 60¢ EACH, even if I raise the price next month you'll still get 10 issues. I'm still offering subs for the life of the szine for a mere \$250⁰⁰. Surely someones rich enough to help me pay off this new toy.

Articles should be typed on 8½"x11" paper turned sideways in the typewriter to match the format I use for reduction. I give free issues for stuff use. Items I could use in the near future are 1.Pro and con on the fact or myth of toadies in the hobby, 2.Mos Eisley, 3.fakes of other subazines but only high quality stuff, no fakes of anything in Modern Pudwacker.

Okay kids, as always there was a mixed response to the hobby demonstration fued for 1983. As we go I'll be making some rule clarifications and refining this little monster.

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One idea I'm toying with is making some of the szines that are hard to get letters into worth more points. For instance Dip World and Dip Digest are fairly hard to get fued letters into. Berch tends to clutter other peoples szines with his responses and Rod is bright enough to keep them out of Dip World entirely. Graustark is virtually impossible to get printed in unless you are denouncing fakes or toadying to Boardman. Obviously this one is worth considerably more than one point. On the other hand anyone willing to be seen in Modern Patriot should lose points, anyone supporting a letter to Modern Patriot should probably undergo intensive mental screening and then be recruited by the militant crazies in Lebanon.

Anyway I will be looking for input in the area of what a center is worth. I also need a win criteria. If I say that 18 centers is enough Jim-Bob will write to every szine in the hobby the first month. He's bound to get printed in a few. But the question will be whether or not he manages to generate any real sort of a fued.

I've chosen the players very scientifically so that they can fued over a broad range of topics, people, concepts, prejudices and tastes in popular music.

Also if I didn't make it clear I don't give credit for szines gained as centers unless I see a copy and I only get about 20 szines. Several of the top 10 are not on my reading list. On the otherhand a couple of the bottom 10 are. Says a lot for my tastes.

Vicious rumors

Bill Highfield is trying to gain support for a special naval unit based on the musical group "Culture Club."

Scooter is taking hormones to boost the hair growth on his feet.

The Orc's voice is changing.

Jimmy "The" Wall is thinking about becoming the next Willard Highthumper

Biffy is looking for more games to join after his recent successes in "Casablanca".

Daf is looking for something special in her new years stocking.

Mullhoski is considering going active in the Marine Corp.

The Keither is going to jettison Jim-Bob in NSWG 2.

Tallman is going to type more and more of his szine as the opportunity occurs.

Cathy Cunning is jettisoning all of Barno's deadwood, which will leave her with two subscribers.

Serious stuff. It should be noted that Cathy had been considering publishing for quite some time and only offered to pick up TSS in a weak moment of compassion. That offer was made several months ago and to this date she has recieved only his sub-list and a check to cover subs. No games materials whatsoever have been sent, the current moves for all games, adjudications, center charts, et al are still in Mike's possession. Several people have complained that if she doesn't publish soon they are taking her to the ombudsman service. Hopefully by the time this is published the whole affair will be cleared up one way or another but I feel that should not be allowed to cloud Cathy's rep in the hobby. She made the offer and would/will carry it out in good faith if the materials she requires are delivered. In a conversation the other night however she indicated that if something didn't happen soon she would simply pub under her own title and to hell with it. Sept. 9, 1983-just so you know when I wrote this part.

Other than that life here at the Navy is pretty peaceful.. The entire Public Works Dept. here at the Naval Station is out having there yearly picnic so I am in here using Gloria's typewriter again. Gloria is a sixtyish clerk that they haven't figured out how to retire. She types by the hunt and cuss method(tickatickatickaticka"SHIT"tickatickaticka ticka"SHIT"tickatickaetctc.)

I feel that life is to short to worry about typos. If I catch them fine, if not.....

Yes boys and girls, once again Uncle Toad is carressing Mr. Typewriter with his digits and yearning manfully. Ah the joys of a selectric, the ecstasy of a word processor, or the complete nirvanah of a Kodak copy center with reduction and self stapling and collating.

Noone needs to mention that the last issue was late, however a small part of that was due to the post office. For the last few issues I've had the use of a postage scale that I bought at a stationary store. According to that scale I could reasonably expect my standard, seven sheet szine to just make an ounce, thus qualifying for the 20¢ rate. But my local postmaster has an all new digital scale. According to it my szine weighs 1.3 ounces. So three days after I mailed the szine they were back on my porch with a request for an additional 17¢ worth the postage. Heavy sigh. That raises the price of the szine to 54¢ for copying and 37¢ for the stamp. 91¢ for that little gem. Watch this space to see how I solve this dilemma. Maybe if I hire unemployed accountants to copy it by hand...

I was as appalled as anyone over the shooting of the 747 over some obscure island but the impact was dampened the next day when Senator Henry Jackson died.

While I don't espouse the right-wing fantasies of a Highthumper I do like to walk the middle of the road. Scoop Jackson was the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services committee. Say what you will about your various congress folk but he always looked out for the interests of the people of the State of Washington and if it happened that the biggest employer in town was the Boeing company he looked after them too.

I first met the man when I was a fourth grader. He was coming to speak at the community club in Clinton, Washington on Whidbey Island-my home town. I was one of six Cub Scouts who were going to bring in the flag, lead the pledge of allegiance, and then shake his hand.

When you're a fourth grader most adults look big. I remember that that was the first time an adult had shaken my hand and actually had a firm handshake. And he smelled like ivory soap. Very strong images to still be with me nearly 25 years later.

My family wasn't particularly political but we were good democrats in a solidly democrat county. Over the years I got to see and meet him at various political and community events.

After I graduated from highschool he rode in my younger brothers convertible in the parade at the county fair. For the first time I realized that he wasn't really all that big, maybe 5'6" or so.

He was never a brilliant speaker, that is none of his utterances became slogans for popular causes but if you listened you heard the problems facing the Pacific Northwest dealt with clearly and concisely. He never promised the Indians everything they wanted on fishing issues, Boeing never had a lock on military contracts, and neither political wing could say he favored the other.

But his vote was always there on environmental issues, bills dealing with minorities, the poor and the elderly. He wasn't quite old enough to be a New Deal democrat but his early years in the congress were right after FDR's death.

While I stand with the rest of the world, shocked by the action of the Russians in killing nearly 300 civilians I'm probably sadder today because the State of Washington lost a good representative and a very good man.

The above was written without actually knowing the details of his passing. On the radio they were discussing the Korean Airways disaster and discussed Senator Jacksons remarks he had made yesterday in a press conference. Somehow I missed the comment that he had died last night. The story of the aircraft disaster dealt so heavily with death I didn't tune into the connection with the Senator until I saw the newspaper in the stand at lunch.

WHY ME?

RATHER THAN TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT ("WHY NOT?"), I HAVE DECIDED TO EXPLAIN WHY I FEEL ABLE TO WRITE 'ZINE REVIEWS. NOTE THAT I SAID "ABLE" AND NOT "QUALIFIED". PROFESSIONAL CRITICS ANNOY ME. NOT NECESSARILY BECAUSE THEY SEEM TO CONDEMN THEIR SUBJECTS MORE OFTEN THAN THEY PRAISE THEM, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR ATTITUDE. THEY GENERALLY FIND FAULT FOR REASONS FAR BEYOND MY ABILITY (AND INCLINATION) TO UNDERSTAND, AND SELDOM CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION IN WHICH I HAVE ANY INTEREST. THEN THEY MANAGE TO CONVEY THEIR OPINIONS AS IF I SHOULD CARE. HA!

NOT ME. I INTEND TO MENTION THE HIGH POINTS AND LOW POINTS (AS I SEE THEM) OF THE 'ZINES I REVIEW WITHOUT ATTEMPTING ANY IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OR MAKING COMPARISONS. WHEN THE INEVITABLE COMPARISON OR ANALYSIS DOES APPEAR, IT WILL ALMOST ALWAYS BE AN ACCIDENT. MY POINT OF VIEW IS SIMPLY THAT OF A NOVICE DIPLOMACY PLAYER, ALTHOUGH DOUBTLESS MY REVIEWS WILL BE COLORED BY MY NAVY EXPERIENCE, COLLEGE BACKGROUND, CURRENT EVENT, ANCIENT HISTORY, THE FACT THAT I WAS DROPPED ON MY HEAD AS A SMALL CHILD AND THE RELATIVE POSITIONS OF THE STARS IN THE FIRMAMENT--AMONG OTHER THINGS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE INTERESTING READING AS WELL AS RELIABLE INFORMATION.

OH, YES: WHY AM I ABLE TO WRITE 'ZINE REVIEWS? (SEE, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN.) WELL, I HAVE SOME TIME. I CAN PUSH A PENCIL OR A PEN, AS REQUIRED. I CAN SOMETIMES SPELL, AND I HAVE 'ZINES (WHICH I CAN READ). I HAVE OPINIONS, AND DON'T USUALLY MIND SHARING THEM. SO--WHY NOT?

A REVIEW

NORTH SEALTH, WEST GEORGE. IT HAS A NICE RING TO IT IF YOU CAN PRONOUNCE IT. PUBLISHED BY TERRY TALLMAN AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS OUT OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON (THE ADDRESS CAN BE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE). THIS 'ZINE RUNS MANY REGULAR DIPLOMACY GAMES AS WELL AS A WIDE VARIETY OF COMMENTARY ON NUMEROUS TOPICS, MOST OF IT WRITTEN BY TERRY. SUB PRICE: 10/\$6.00.

OBVIOUSLY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF YOU WHO READ THIS REVIEW WILL ALREADY BE FAMILIAR WITH THE PRECEDING INFORMATION: I INCLUDED IT AS AN INDICATION OF THE INFO I WILL DEFINITELY HAVE ON ALL 'ZINES I REVIEW. NOW, ON TO SPECIFICS...

I LIKE THIS 'ZINE. IT CONTAINS HUMOR (USUALLY OF THE TONGUE-IN-CHEEK VARIETY), OPINIONS ON NUMEROUS TOPICS, MANY REFERENCES TO CURRENT EVENTS IN THE HOBBY, PLUGS FOR OTHER 'ZINES AND POLLS (PLUS "ANTI-PLUGS"), A FEW POLLS OF ITS OWN, AND EVEN A POSTAL MONOPOLY GAME. ALSO SOME "ART" AND OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES (LIKE THIS ONE). ADMITTEDLY, READERS WHO CLOSELY EXAMINE THE ADJUDICATIONS IN EACH GAME MIGHT BE CONFUSED BY SOME OF THE RESULTS. I TEND TO REGARD EACH NEW SEASON AS AN INTERESTING PUZZLE FOR THE BUDDING GM.

ALL IS NOT ROSES AND SONG, OF COURSE. SENSITIVE READERS MAY BE OFFENDED BY SOME OF THE LANGUAGE USED, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SUCH USAGE IS NEITHER DISTRACTING NOR OVERDONE. ANOTHER NEGATIVE FACTOR IS THE RANDOM NATURE OF ITS PUBLICATION: ALLEGEDLY A MONTHLY, IT IS OBVIOUSLY PUT OUT WHEN TERRY HAS THE TIME TO GET EVERYTHING TOGETHER, WHICH SOMETIMES MAKES FOR LONG DELAYS BETWEEN THE ORDER DEADLINE AND RECEIPT OF THE 'ZINE. THIS CAN BE FRUSTRATING TO THE IMPATIENT. I HAVE FOUND THAT THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL IN THE 'ZINE MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR THE WAITING PERIOD, HOWEVER.

FINALLY, A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THE WAY THE GAMES IN THE 'ZINE ARE RUN. I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE HOUSE RULE WHICH AUTOMATICALLY ORDERS THE UNITS OF A POWER WHICH NMR'S ON THE SPRING 1901 TURN: THIS ALLOWS A GAME TO GET UNDERWAY WITHOUT AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-WEEK WAITING PERIOD WHILE A STAND-BY IS CALLED AND DOES NOT IRREVOCABLY DOOM THE STANDBY TO ANNIHILATION DUE TO A SPRING 1901 NMR. AS FAR AS THE SOMETIMES-HASTY ADJUDICATIONS ARE CONCERNED, I MUST SAY THAT TERRY IS A CONSCIENTIOUS GM AND THAT IF PROBLEMS ARISE DUE TO AN ERRONEOUS ADJUDICATION THEY ARE EASILY STRAIGHTENED OUT. HE DOES EDIT PRESS: THIS IS PRACTICALLY A REQUIREMENT CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF GAMES CONTAINED IN THE 'ZINE.

ALL IN ALL, I HAVE FOUND THIS TO BE AN ENTERTAINING AND CONTROVERSIAL 'ZINE. EITHER YOU WILL LOVE IT OR HATE IT. I HEARTILY RECOMMEND NORTH SEALTH, WEST GEORGE AS AN ADDITION TO ANYONE'S SUB LIST.

THE ABOVE IS WHAT IS KNOWN AS A SZINE REVIEW. WHILE I WOULD NOT NORMALLY REVIEW MY OWN SZINE ED OFFERED THIS TO ME BY WAY OF A SAMPLE OF WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO HERE IF I GIVE HIM THE SPACE ON A MONTHLY BASIS (OR WHENEVER I HAPPEN TO PUBLISH).

I AM OF THE JIM MEINEL SCHOOL OF SELF APPRAISEL, I TEND TO SEE ALL THE OBVIOUS FAULTS IN MY OWN SZINE AND A FEW THAT MOST PEOPLE SEEM WILLING TO OVERLOOK FOR WHATEVER OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SZINE THEY PARTICULARLY LIKE. ANYWAY ED WILL BE REVIEWING SZINES AS LONG AS HE CARES TO OR AS LONG AS HE IS WILLING TO TAKE THE HEAT THAT GOES ALONG WITH BEING A REVIEWER.

PRESUMABLY MOST OF YOU KNOW WHETHER OR NOT ED GETS YOUR SZINE BUT IN THE EVENT HE DOESN'T CHECK OUT THE SUBSCRIBER LIST ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE FOR HIS ADDRESS. SEND HIM A FEW COPIES OR WORK OUT A SORT OF SHORT TERM MINI-SUB.

BY WAY OF ANOTHER REVIEW, DICK MARTIN SENT OUT THE SECOND ISSUE OF HOUSE OF LORDS, HIS SZINE FOR PUBBERS. THE COMMENTARIES IN THE ISSUE WERE BY SOME OF THE MORE VISIBLE NAMES IN THE HOBBY. PEERY, MEINEL, CARTER, LUEDI, CONNER, KELLER, LANGLEY, SIPE, WALKER, BERCH, KANE, RON CANADA BROWN, CARUSO, BYRNE, SACKS, BAUMEISTER, MATUSCHAK AND OF COURSE DICK MARTIN.

INOW QUOTE FROM THE OPENING PARAGRAPH--"...A ZEEN BY, FOR AND ABOUT PUBLISHING, PUBLISHERS, GMING AND GMS. ...MOST IMPORTANTLY, THIS IS A FORUM FOR THOSE WITH THE EXPERIENCE TO SHARE THE WEALTH."

THE ABOVE MENTIONED FOLKS SHARE THERE VIEWS ON POLLS, GRUDGE VOTING, ETHICS AND OCCASIONALLY STRAY INTO OTHER AREAS. AS DICK MENTIONED THE WRITERS IN QUESTION ALL WRITE VERY KNOWLEDGABLY BUT WHAT ABOUT SOME OF THE OLDER HOBBY MEMBERS WHO EITHER AREN'T PUBLISHING NOW OR NEVER HAVE. AN EXAMPLE COMES TO MIND--BOB OLSEN.

BOB HAS BEEN IN THE HOBBY FAR LONGER THAN ME AND KNOWS WHERE A LOT OF THE BODIES ARE BURIED. HE IS BOTH AN AMUSING AND INTERESTING WRITER. IF WE ACCEPT A STRICT NON-PUBBER POLICY SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO SNEAK HIM COPIES.

THEREFORE I OFFER ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUBBING TO HOUSE OF LORDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A SUBZINE OF NSWG SO THAT THEY WILL QUALIFY AS A PUBBER. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT YOU DO INDEED SEND ME AT LEAST TWO INCHES OF COLUMN PER MONTH AND THAT IT NOT BE TOO OBJECTIONABLE.

I WILL SAY THAT I FOUND THE ISSUE INTERESTING BUT NOT PARTICULARLY SURPRISING SIMPLY BECAUSE I READ MOST OF THESE PEOPLE REGULARLY AND THEY AREN'T (YET AT LEAST) ADDING ANY NEW INSIGHTS. EVERYBODY KNOWS PEERY LIKE POLLS, ROD AND MARK LIKE DISCUSSIONS OF THE HOBBY, AND THE RUNESTONE POLL NOT PERFECT. MY HOPE IS DICK CAN GENERATE SOME NEW THOUGHTS AND IDEAS IN HIS PUBBERS AND GMS SZINE.

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BRAD TRUTT, 273 MILL STREET, DANVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 17821 SEVEN MORE ISSUES
ROBERT VON BERGMAN, 860 TURQUOISE EAST # 31, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92109 EIGHT MORE ISSUES
ROD WALKER, "ALCALA", 1273 CREST DRIVE, ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024 QUITE A FEW LEFT
EARL WIGGERS, 3843 GLADNEY DRIVE, CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA 30341 FIVE MORE ISSUES
JAMES WOODSON, 2329 S 9TH ST, MINN² 55406 THREE MORE ISSUES
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DAMN NEARLY SEVENTY OF YOU, FAIRLY CLOSE TO AN AVERAGED SIZED SZINE, A FAIR AMOUNT OF DEAD WOOD BUT THEN I REALLY HAVN'T ENCOURAGED TO GREAT AN OUTPOURING OF HELP FROM THOSE OF YOU WHO NORMALLY WRITE. SO NOW THAT WE ARE UNDERGOING THIS MINOR FORMAT CHANGE, FROM CRAYOLA TO TYPOS, MAYBE THOSE OF YOU WHO REALLY LIKE OR HATE THIS SUCKER WILL GET OFF YOUR BUTTS AND SAY SO. AS I'VE MENTIONED IF YOU WANT TO TYPE TAKE YOUR 8 1/2"x11" PAPER AND STICK IT IN YOUR TYPEWRITER SIDEWAYS. IF IT WON'T FIT TRIMIT. THE SIZE OF MY MARGINS ARE NOT SACRED.

FOR THE COUGHLAN'S AMONG YOU WE BREAK DOWN AS FOLLOWS : 14 CALIFORNIANS, 7 WASHINGTONIANS, 4 NEW YORKERS, 3 EACH FOR MICHIGAN, MORDOR, AND ORYGUN, 2 EACH FROM OHIO, MARYLAND, PENCILSVANIE, MINNYSODA, WISCONSIN, TATOOINE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, AND TEXAS AND 1 EACH FOR OKLAHOMA, GEORGIA, ENGLAND, ARIZONA, HAWAII, ALASKA, NEVADA, INDIANA, ALABAMA, NEW JERSEY, FLORIDA, NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, RHODE ISLAND, CONNECTICUT, D.C., AND OF COURSE SCOTLAND.

ELSEWHERE THIS ISSUE WE MANAGE TO FILL YET ANOTHER GAME. WE HAD NINE, ONE WAS A LOCAL OF BIFFY'S WOULD HAVE PLAYED TO FILL A GAME, THE OTHER WAS A LOCAL HERE BUT MY ATTEMPT TO MAIL THE SZINE TO HIM CAME BACK MARKED "NO SUCH ADDRESS" SO UNTIL I CAN FIND ANOTHER GUEST GM NEW GAMES ARE ON HOLD. I WOULD PREFER SOMEONE FROM WASHINGTON OR ORYGUN. GUEST GMS GET THE SZINE FREE IN THAT IS ANY INCENTIVE AND HAVE THE OPTION OF TURNING THE JOB INTO A SUBSZINE. SO I AM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS. I WOULD CONSIDER A CALIFORNIAN BUT...

WILL ANYONE STILL DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR GAMES LET ME KNOW SO I CAN EITHER ADD ANOTHER GAME (UNDER THE ABOVE MENTIONED GUEST GM) OR LOCATE A GAME SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR YOU.

ANYONE STILL LOOKING FOR A STANDBY SHOULD DROP ME AND/OR BIFFY A NOTE.

CATHY CUNNING HAS COME OUT WITH THE FIRST ISSUE OF HER SZINE "CATHY'S RAMBLINGS". BARNO FAILED TO SEND HER ANY MATERIALS FOR HIS GAMES SO THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ORPHANED. IF YOU ARE IN ONE OF THEM AND CARE IF IT CONTIUES CONTACT SCOOTER HANSON OR DICK MARTIN, THE PRESENT ORPHAN CUSTODIANS.

ANYWAY HER SZINE LOOKS PRETTY GOOD, SHE'LL BE OFFERING A GAME OF REGULAR DIP AND GUNBOAT DIP. I DON' HAVE HER MAILING ADDRESS HANDY BUT WILL TRY TO INCLUDE IT IN THE SZINE SOMEWHERE TOWARDS THE BACK.

THE SZINE SPORTED A REALLY NIFTY COVER, REMINISCENT OF THE ONES SEEN HERE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT. JUST GOES TO SHOW THE IMPACT OF THE NORTHWEST CLIQUE.

SHE ALLUDES MINIMALLY TO HER PROBLEMS WITH UNSIGHTLY ORCS AND TALKS ABOUT BOTH ORIGINS AND DRAGONFLIGHT. THE SZINE HAS A DEFINITE VALLEY FEEL ALTHOUGH SHE MANAGES TO KEEP MOST OF THE VAL SPEECH MANNERISMS OUT OF HER WRITING. THE PRICE WILL BE 60¢ PER ISSUE. THE FIRST ISSUE WAS OPEN FACE LIKE NSWG BUT WITHOUT THE REDUCTION. SHE IS CONSIDERING BOTH REDUCTION AND DIGEST FORMAT AS A MEANS TO KEEP COSTS DOWN. SHE'S USING THE SAME PRINTER I DO WHICH MEANS YOU HAND THEM THE ORIGINALS AND COME BACK AN HOUR LATER AND THE SZINE IS COLLATED AND STAPLED, READY FOR MAILING. AND THEY DON'T CHARGE EXTRA FOR THE COLLATING. REAL NICE FOLKS.

I'M SITTING HERE WATCHING MICHIGAN PLAYING THE HUSKIES, AND THE DAWGS ARE DOWN 24-17 WITH ABOUT TWO MINUTES LEFT AND WE'VE GOT THE BALL. SECOND AND TWELVE ON THE MICHIGAN 44. PELEUR PASSES TO THE FORTY AND IT'S OUT OF BOUND. THIRD AND SEVEN AND COMPLETE TO STRANSKY ON THE 28. A RUN FOR THREE YARDS AND OUT TO STOP THE CLOCK. PASS TO GREEN ON THE SEVEN FOR THE FIRST DOWN (ARE YOU SWEATING? MY STOMACH.....) AND A TOUCHDOWN PASS TO PATTESON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NOW WILL THEY GO FOR TWO?? FORTY TWO SECONDS ON THE CLOCK, AND THEY GO FOR IT. A PASS TO MIACHEL IN THE END ZONE!!!!!!!!!! 25-24!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THIRTY FIVE SECONDS LEFT, THEY KICK AND STOP THE RUN BACK ON THE SEVEN. MICHIGAN TRYS TO PASS AND PASS YET AGAIN, FOUR SECONDS AND TWO MICHIGAN TIME OUTS LEFT. THE GUN GOES OF AND I CAN START BREATHING AGAIN. REMIND ME NOT TO WORK ON THIS DURING HUSKY FOOTBALL.

OKAY WHO WANTS TO TALK RANKINGS IN THE POLLS? PENN GOT BEAT I THINK, MICHIGAN STATE BEAT OKLAHOMA, IF A FEW BIGGIES GOT BEAT THE DAWGS COULD TAKE A BIG JUMP IN THE POLLS. NOW IF THE SEAHAWKS CAN JUSTKEEP IT TOGETHER. THEY BEAT SOME CLOWNS FROM FLUSHING LAST WEEKEND BUT IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED. THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN BEATEN BY THAT PARTICULAR EAST COAST WEAKY.

LAST WEEKEND CATHY, CHET AND I TRAVELED TOTHE SUBURBS TO SEE STRANGE BREW. REVIEWS IN THE PAPER WERE MIXED. ONE REVIEWER HAD NEVER SEEN DOUG AND BOB OR SCTV. MUST HAVE BEEN LIVING IN A CAVE. IF LAUREL AND HARDY HAD BEEN INTO BEER ONE WOULD MISTAKE DOUG AND BOB FOR THEM. THE HUMOR GETS A WEE BIT RAUNCHY, A LOT OF JOKES ABOUT BEERS AND PISSING AND FARTING BUT THE TWO CHARACTERS ARE BASICLY VERY GENTLE AND NAIVE. THE WORLD MAY BE COMING DOWN AROUND THEIR EARS BUT BEERS MAKE IT OKAY. AN AWFUL LOT LIKE LIVING WITH MY BROTHER CHET.

SOME PARTS ARE KIND OF SILLY BUT THERE IS A BRIEF SCENE WHERE THEY DO A BIT FROM STAR WARS THAT IS VERY FUNNY. THE MOVIE WAS LIKE THAT THROUGHOUT, A GENERAL STORY ABOUT THE EVIL BREWMASTER TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD, THE YOUNG GIRL WHO OWNS THE BREWERY, THE HOCKY PLAYER WHO HAS TO BREAK FROM THE CONTROL OF THE BREWMASTER TO WIN THE GIRL, SOME REALLY SWELL SPECIAL EFFECTS AND DOUG AND BOB'S DOG HOSER, ONE VERY HARD-CORE BEER DRINKING HOUND.

THE ENDING WAS A TEENY TINY BIT WEAK BUT THEN WHAT MOVIE ENDING ISN'T.

THE ONLY OTHER MOVIE WE'VE SEEN LATELY WAS KRULL, OKAY BUT NOT REAL EXCITING.

I'VE GOT THE TUBE ON AND DRAGONSLAYER IS ON CABLE FOR THE UMPTENTH TIME. GOOD SPECIAL EFFECTS AND I RATHER LIKE THE ENDING, VERY MUCH THE WAY I PICTURED THE DRAGON IN "THE HOBBIT" FINISHING.

WHAT I'M REALLY TRYING TO DO IS GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. I HATE TO PULL THE PAPER OUT OF THE MACHINE AND TRY TO PUT IT BACK LATER, ALTHOUGH THIS MACHINE ISN'TOO BAD.

IABHOR WHITE SPACE!

My brother, Chet, was looking at the first part of this and said all caps really sucks so in as much as I've never claimed to be a fanatic about consistency we'll try this way for a little bit and see how it all comes out. So here are excerpts from two of the 1983 Hobby Demo Feud players. These are both toady letters and bump each other. p. 8
From super groupie Daf:

The lettering was great as usual. I'm wondering if the misspellings are deliberate or if you get going fast and jettison your mental dictionary.

About the demo feud game, I love it! Would you do me a favor and send me a list of the szines you receive? I'm going to try and work out an alliance with ????????? and ??????. If we work together the rest are doomed. Please say you get Voice of Doom![[Of all the things I've said or might say here that is not one of them, boring letter column, shy pubber, shoddy schedule-who needs it?]] I am looking forward to wreaking havoc in his letter column.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you down for New Years Eve. I know the sex ghods are in great demand on that night. It would give my life new meaning [[!]] to the words "awesome body" and "magnificenttush". In fact IF YOU SHOW UP I will write Kathy Byrne a two page missive entitled "The Hobby Sex Ghod Visited me!" It will include glowing reports on your height and hair color.

[[What can I say, she also mentions in this monthes Magus that I'm entered in the Wet T-Shirt contest. Anyway I have New Years on my calendar marked Sacramento in big glow in the dark letters. Be there or be square.

From Jim Meinel (Who writes almost as well as Jim-Bob)

Got NSWG tonight just as I was stuffing envelopes full of The Prince. Photo reduction is the only way to go up here, I'd get eaten alive any other way. And I'm sure we both agree my szine is not worth a buck a throw.

Consider this a toady letter to you-to bump Peery maybe.

Did I tell you I'll be in San Diego first weekend in December just in time for his((something illegible)) Con? So I'll get to meet him and Walker-want pictures? Or autographs?

[[He continues to wrap up the letter with a Michalskiesque comment about the cold mixing the men and the boys that I couldn't make out. Jim's szine, The Prince, finished in the seventh position in this years North American Szine Poll, a position I feel it deserved. I rated one szine higher and one equal.

Perhaps a comment on how I feel about polls is in order. While the results make it very clear that it is nothing more than a popularity contest there are some valid observations that can be made. The szines that did very poorly but have generally good production and well run games simply don't promote the polls to their own readers. The szines that do very well but have major flaws either in gming, production, or their ability to remain neutral politically go out of their way to promote polls and thus get more votes than some szines that are superior in some or all areas.

Jim's szine is fairly small but he has spent the money on good repro and he usually publishes within a day of his deadline. He has a light writing style and let's just enough of himself into the szine so that it's not strictly classifiable as a warehouse. He also runs a peculiar sub-szine by Kevin Tighe. In short it's not flashy, just well run. If you're looking for a szine to ad sign up as a standby with Jim.]]

More Things on the Mat-New Szines

Battle Stations by Bob Albrecht, 1001-1239-12th Ave SW; Calgary, Alberta Canada T3C 3R8.

Bob sent me a sample with the request that I plug him. Before going into the szine-proper I feel obliged to quote from a letter he printed from Ron Canada Brown: "Goodluck with Battle Stations... Re your former fold, already Rod Walker and Dave Carter have expressed concern about your intentions to compensate those burned. Rod will not list your szine in his games openings column unless that is taken care of. In the name of hobby goodwill, on which we all thrive, I would like to suggest that you give subscription credits to former subbers of Kobold. That would go a long way towards getting you established and erase any doubt anyone might have."

Bob responds: "I absolutely agree, Ron. All former subbers to Kobold who can prove they received it, either a letter from me or a copy of the front page of an issue, will receive double the cash they invested, either as game fees or as subcredits towards battle stations."

I am new enough that I had never heard of Kobold, Bob's earlier szine. Apparently he was a subszine in John Kelly's beholder and John folded, quite honorably I'm told, Bob tried to continue on under his on title but folded after one issue. No returns were made of money for sub fees, game fees I don't know about. I talked to several people who were familiar with the situation but only Sherwood had an actual copy of the szine.

I am not saying that Bob is or is not going to do a good job with his new szine but I do not feel that I can simply tell you, "New szine, game openings, send money."

The szine itself is ditto, fair quality. I'm not real crazy about ditto myself. He is offering regular dip, and pubbed a map and rules for a variant based on Australia in the late 1800's. Also an article on censorship in Canada. Your all adults. Go for it.

Jim Briggs, PO Box 6243, El Paso, Texas 79906 puts out the only new szine that has come out recently that I've agreed to trade for. A good offering of games, good repro and some interesting comments on this and that. He's a ROTC type but more in the Pat Conlon mode than the Highthumper type. I think I'm in his first game with a cast of unknowns but I may get a chance to sharpen my blade on Woody. I can't find the szine right now but I bet if you send a couple of stamps you'll probably get a sample.

A side note on sending for samples, always send at least two stamps. Three is nice but two makes sure that the GM doesn't have to add a stamp if he puts out a larger szine. A lot of pubbers who have reasonably stable subber lists will publish the number they need for that month plus a couple of sample copies. Someone who has just been plugged may be out of copies and will have to run more or wait until the next issue is due. I normally run about 10 copies extra and send them to non-dip friends during the course of the month with letters so they can see how the other half lives. By the middle of the month I don't have any left and we all know how long the wait can be til I publish again.

As I type this I am a day away from deadline, have a very small percentage of the orders in. However my Canadian players had their orders in a week ago so I know that while the deadline was a little short it wasn't that short. My non-existent standby list will take a beating or the phone will ring off the hook tomorrow night.

For those of you who keep track this should be earlier than usual. The typewriter really helps. It should be noted that I have never put out an issue that cost less than or even equaled my sub fee so there is no massive bank account to pay the printer. If the deadline falls between deadlines or right before then the szine has to wait. I am not of the school that says the szine must pay for itself. Like so many pubbers the szine is a form of mental masturbation. I do it because it feels good but I don't believe the majority of you would pay what it actually costs to produce this. I could go to a lesser quality paper and xeroxing but I know how discouraging it is to me when

I have to guess what is going on because half the words are illegible. I wouldn't be comfortable. Schlock gming on the other hand is like paintings or bowling or chess or sex. Some we are naturally good at and we all have some areas that ain't so hot in. Thank ghod I am so good at sex (which almost blows my cover for next issue).

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The preceding is to acknowledge that there are some problems with the games. Several people have kidded me which I enjoy, several have very pointedly made suggestions that I accept and appreciate because it show that they care about the szine and the gm as much as their own positions in the various games. Anyone who has a complaint or problem should let me know and if there is something specific that you want to see done in a game or with a game don't hesitate to say so. My friend Stan Johnson said my gming sucks and the game, NSWG 4 should be reorphaned. I said okay and brought Biffy in as guest gm. Stan also was visited by two of my grandmothers nephews, Vito and Jimmy the Shiv. He is currently nursing bruised ribs from a 'fall', get well soon Stan.

But enough of the fun stuff-let's play.....

The Games

Postal Monopoly NSWG 6

Eric Galvanized (Zinc) Garbage Can Ozog bids \$355 for the Reading Railroad.
Kurt Traffic Light Ozog buys Vermont for \$100.
Carline Fire Hydrant Ozog bids \$200 on Baltic.
Some friend of Eric's Metal Tape Deck bids \$375 for St. Chuck's Place
Jim-Bob Iron Pud Zooter Burges pays \$120 for Connecticut, not Oriental as I typoed last time.
Stephen Mercury Velvet Lee and bids \$456 for St. Chuck's
Mark Rusty Carrot Luedi NMR's, will Mark Freuh please submit standby orders and a new marker designation.
Mary Tea Cup full of Poodle bids \$302 for the Reading choochoo (Lowe)
Karyn Siamese Cat Helgeson bids \$309 on the Penn Railroad
Ruth Broken Mirror Glaspey NMR's, ~~will Larry Peery please standby?~~ see below
John Red Brick Post Office Bauer bids \$72 on Baltic Avenue.
Jabba the Osmium Doorstob bids \$5 on the Penn. Railroad

Galvanized Garbage can owns the Reading Railroad.
Traffic Light owns Vermont Ave
Fire Hydrant owns Baltic
Iron Pud Zooter owns Connecticut
Mercury Velvet owns St Chuck's
Siamese Cat owns the Penn Railroad
~~BROKEN MIRROR OWNS~~ Electric COMPANY

Galvaniized Garbage can rolls a 4(doubles) and a 9, pays rent at Conn. and can bid on New York Ave, has \$1245
Traffic Light rolls a 5, can bid on States Ave, has \$1406
Fire Hydrant rolls a 5, pays rent at Vermmont, has \$1296
Metal Tape Deck rolls a 7, can bid on Tennessee, has \$1500
Iron Pud Zooter rolls a 6, Pays for a ride on the Penn. RR, has \$1355
Mercury Velvet rolls a 2 (doubles) and a 12(doubles) and a 7, can bid on States Ave, can buy B&O RR and North Carolina, has \$894
Rusty Carrot rolls a 8, can bid on States Avenue, has \$1500
Tea cup full of Poodles rolls a 2 (doubles) and a 8, chance-Advance token to Boardwalk, can buy, pass go, chance Poor Tax \$15
Siamese Cat rolls a 7, Chance Bank Dividind \$50, has \$1241 Has \$1675
Broken Mirror rolls a 7, can buy New York, has \$1350
Brick Post Office rolls a 3, can buy Oriental Ave. has \$1500
Jabba the Doorstop rolls a 6 (doubles) and a 8, can buy Kentucky Avenue and Marvins Garden, has \$1500

Free parking has \$315 in it.

Mercury Velvet has propped a change to rule number six. If he can get one more than half of all the players who submit turns nest time to agree to his suggested change it will be incorporated. I'm assuming it concerns the part about stab- bing. The section on selling properties without their improvements is part of the published rules. Mr. Velvet will, hopefully layout his proposal to you all and encourage you to support it.

If someone would like to get a Miller Number from the MNC or tell me how to go about it feel free.

Eric's friends address is 1652 N Linder, Chicago, Illinois 60639
John Bauer's address is Box 7582, Van Nuys, California 91409
Larry Peery's address is Box 8416, San Diego, California 92101
Mark Freuh's address is 1013 Milton Street #304, Madison, Wisconsin 53715

Anyone wishing to join the game may do so and will be rolled next turn from Go.

Monopoly Press:

Iron Pudzooter to Jabba the Osmium Doorstop: I am at your service, just let me know anytime you need me.
Iron Pudzooter to the Elf in Garbage can clothing: You too, I know Cathy's far away but you never know.
GM to Iron Pudzooter: Your name was the best I could make out of that mess you call handwriting.
Iron Pudzooter to G.M.: I leave it to you to let CC know of my gallant offer. Does she like it like that? I'll let you explain to the game what I am...
GM: Ah, the temptaion.....

Note that if you can get the landlord to waive rent for either that turn or for a fixed period of time the rent will be given back but only the owner can tell me that the rent isn't charged. I will then return it on the next turn.

Ruth's turn got here just in the nick of time, she buys the Electric Company and has \$1200 left.

Regarding deadlines, publishing schedules and so forth. The advent of the typewriter makes deadlines look a little more realistic. However the use of guest gm's makes another problem. If I publish every four weeks you get less than 3 weeks for diplomacy. But if I make a 4 week deadline for games, and a five week schedule for pubbing that gives the players four weeks, and me and the gm's a week to finish the games and get them printed. So that's the plan. p.18

So I'm looking for a good guest gm or two. Guest gm's will be reputable, good folk who will get game results, TYPED, and in the mail to me within three or four days, has to be to me by the Friday following the deadline-7 days. Piece of cake. Guest gm's get the szine free and the appreciation of the players if they are lucky. I choose the game you get. I reserve the right to not turn just anyone loose here. GM does not need to be a current subscriber but would be preferred.

This is in response to whining, cajoling, threats on my life, Kathy's life, Scooter's virtue and arms talks in Geneva. This is all open for discussion of course.

Das Games de Dip

NSWG 1 1982 HS The Hot Shit Game-The Coming of an Austro-Wop
Spr.05 Empire?

Austria- Bassett: Bulls A Tri, A Vie; A Tri S A Vie-Tyo,
A Bud S A Bul-Rum, A Gal-Boh, F Con-Bla, A Ank-Arm, A Bul-Rum, A Vie- Tyo

England-Rauterberg: A Edi-Yor, A Lvp H, A Wal S A Lvp

France-Cavins: F Nao U, F Iri U, F Mao U, A Mar U, A Bur U

Germany Stafford: B A Mun; A Nwy H, F Swe-Den, F Nwg-S Rus:

F Nth-Edj, A Boh-Vie, A Mun-Sil, A Kie-Mun, F Ska-Nth,
A Bel H

Italy-Bumpas: F Ion-Tun, A Smy H, A Pie-Mar, F Glyo-S F Wes-Spa
(sc), F Nap-Tyn, F Wes-Spa(sc)

Russia-Quirk: R F Stp(nc)OTB; A Cly S Fre F Nao-LvpNSO,

F Nth-Edi, F Rum-Bla, A War MS A Ukr F Rum Retreat
Sev, OTB

The Italian and frog both pointed out to me that Italy actually hadn't had Tunis in the fall so no wop build last time. Cavins NMR'd and is pouting because of my deadline, he's somewhat justified and has promised a disertation on scumbags who juggle deadlines. In any evert will John Mirasou submit orders for this game. Everyone has there address in the subscriber list this issue.

Press:

Vienna: Austrians invite Germans to Viennese Waltz.

Rome London: Do not stop writing. Your letters have always been very interesting. I could offer you scant hope of Italian help before now.

NSWG 2 1982 IAThe Barely Terrestrial Game-The Wop Demonstrates
How to Rape yourself with Two Easy Removals Spr.05

Austria-Keither: B F Tri, A Vie; F Tri-Adr, A Rom-Nap, A Ven-Apu, F Gre S Tur F Aeg-Ion, A Tyo S A Vie-Boh, A Vie-Boh, A War S A Gal-Sil, A Gal-Sil

England-Jabba the Pudge: A Mos R Lvn; A Liv S Ger A Ber- PruNSO,
F Stp(nc) H, F Nwy S F Stp(nc), A Lvp-Yor, F Mao-Por, F Nao-Mao, F Bre H

France-Mickaulsky: F Spa(sc) R Por; F Por S A Mar-Spa, A Mar-Spa

Germany-Orczog: Build A Kiel, A Mun; A Bur S Wop A Gas-Mar, A Par-Gas, F Bel H, A Hol-Ruh, A Mun S A Ber-Sil, A Ber-Sil, A Kie-Ber

Italy-Jim-Bob: R F Eas, F Wes OTB; A Gas Mar, A Spa S Eng F Mid-Por(A Spa snuffed), F Ion H R Alb, Tun, Tyn

Turkey Lt. Dave: B F Con; F Con-Aeg, F Aeg-Ion, F Smy-Eas, A Syr-Smy, F Bla-Con, A Mos H A Sev Ukr

We have a proposal for a EGAT draw. A No Vote Received=Yes

Berlin to World: This game looks like a four-way to me unless the Turk stabs Tro. Olsen won't stab me and I won't stab him.

The Elf ((?)) encourages all to vote for the EGAT draw.

Aus to Ger: I don't trust the second place diplomat at dipcon as far as I can throw Olsen. You're too shifty and conniving. Ive played you at Pudgecon-remember? Your deceipts make my feeble attempt at Mazzerhood with my attack on Italy look like child's play.

GM: Or Jim-Bob play.

Boob: Do I get a subszine? Both our gorgeous hands featured in every issue? I can hardly wait!!

GM: Everyone was awfully polite this month. The threat may be working.

Wop Burger to Forest Fire: I guess you fried me. You could have told me you were spreading that fast.

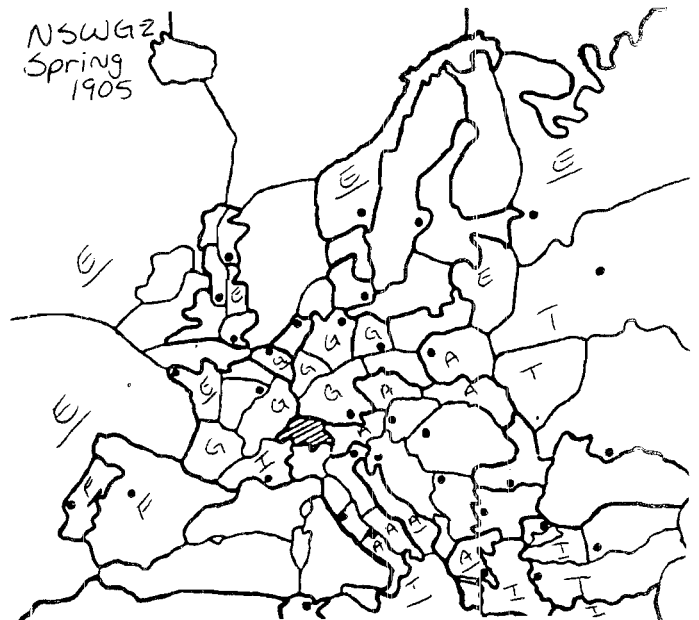
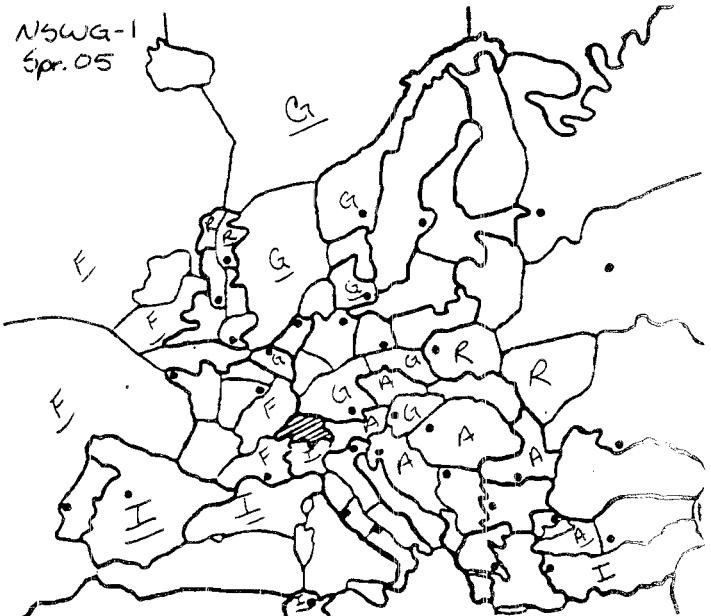
Boob to Byrne: Sorry to see you go so soon. I may join you.

Trivia Question: Just who was the Barely Terrestrial? Does anyone know if he's still terrestrial at all? Just what was this game named after anyway?

GM to Bernie: Any comment?

Boob to GM: Howcome you can't have nice maps like Biffy? ((He won't share)) I seem to have lost some of my centers, I can only find 3. Is that fair?

Jim Boob to Fueder: Is this game for real? If anyone enters for real count me in. I want 1. NSWG, 2. 30MoBR, 3. Xeonog



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AUTUMN 1908: FRANCE F den R SKA
TURKEY F ion R GRE
AUSTRIA A rum R SER

WINTER 1908: FRANCE build F BRE
TURKEY NRR! GM removes a tyo

SPRING 1909: Lots of Maneuvering in the North!

FRANCE(Diamond): A RUH S + A BUR S A kie-MUN,
F SKA S F eng-NTH, A pie-TYO, F bre-ENG,
F TYS S F ION M₂ F NAP, F mid-NAO, A BEL H,
A yor-EDI;

GERMANY(Wiggers): A BOH S A mun 2 D (R sil,otb)
+ F nth 2 D (R lon,yor,nwg,nwy,hol,hel,otb)
A DEN S + F BAL S A ber-KIE, A pru-BER,
A stp-PIN, A VEN 2 turkish A vie-tri;

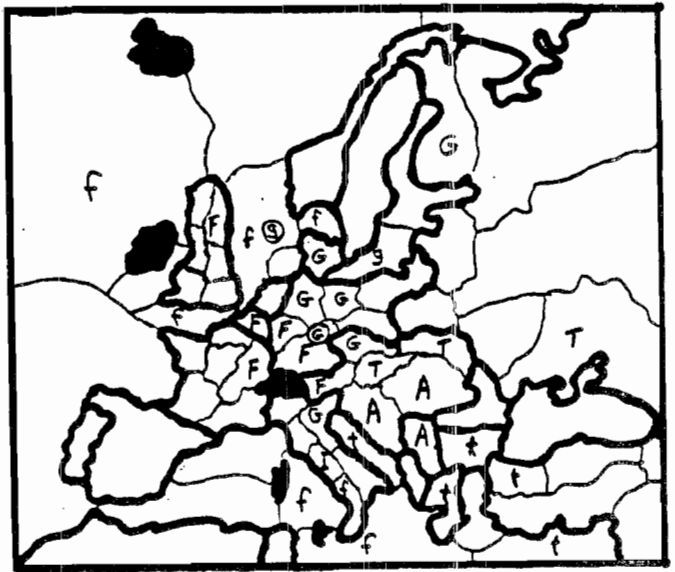
TURKEY(Finley): A rum-GAL, F BUL/E S A SEV-rum,
a tyo (NSU) 2 A VIE-tri, F bla-CON,
F apu-ADR, F aeg-EAS, F GRE-ion;

AUSTRIA(Luedi): A TRI-ven, A SER S A BUD-rum;

ITALY(Bassett): A ROM-ven;

Deadline is the same as for the other NSWG games. PRESS:

ARCHDUKE-SULTANESS: Please, can't we be friends? But so long as you remain my enemy,
I must remain in the allegiance of the French. En garde, fair sultaness!!



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WINTER 1900: Europe Prepares For More Sillyness!

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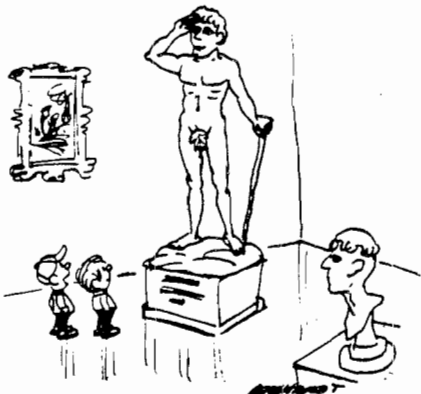
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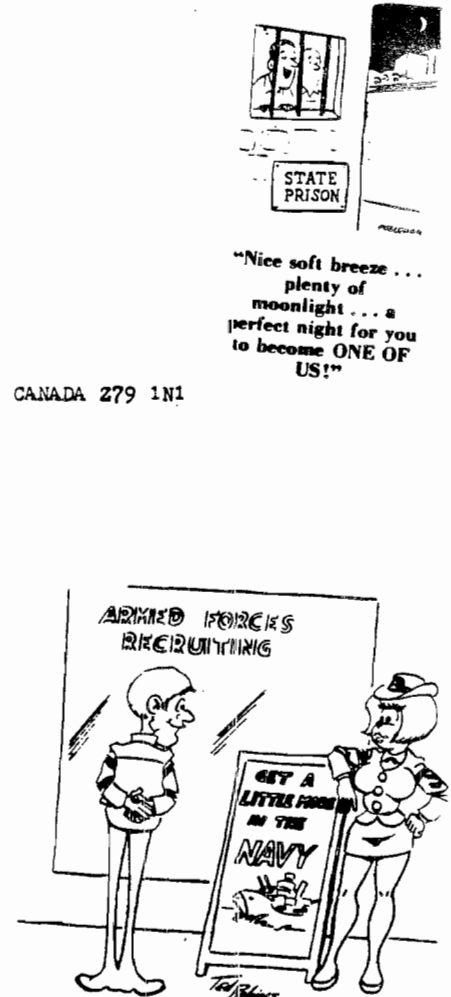
SPECIAL FEATURE: THE SLEAZOID COMEDY PAGE



"We've just got the stem ... I guess that grows on later."



"You ask do I practice abnormal sex? Be specific, man, with what kinda animal?"



"Nice soft breeze ...
plenty of
moonlight ... a
perfect night for you
to become ONE OF
US!"

An odd number of pages, so rather than run cartoons, because I don't have any ready, or Sack's listing of GM's with openings—two of whom I'd be willing to play under—and we all know how fussy I am— I think I'll just sort of ramble for a few lines.

Got the new Dip World and was terribly inspired by something I saw. First to explain that I have what amounts to a passion for making up appropriate seeming nicknames. Thus when I noticed that Mark and Mona Berch had a baby with a brand new name, a name that hasn't even hardened yet I thought to myself, "Self, thank ghod they didn't name it Brux."

But Joshua Hershel Berch is a heck of a mouth full for a junior member of the hobby and it doesn't 'feel' dipish if you will. Who would believe a letter explaining why your opening is invalid signed by 'Josh Berch.'

How can 'Josh' be corrupted and ridiculed in the press? "Just Joshing?" I don't think so.

Therefore in my role as Hobby Nickname Custodian (HNC) I submit that henceforth and forever more the young Berch shall be known as (a drum roll please)..... "DOODLES BERCH." Yes, yes, I know—it sings for me too. A good nickname is a blessing that some people never receive, many go through their entire lives without an adequate nickname. They are called "Hey,You!" or "Buddy" or "Pal", or less kindly terms.

But Doodles will never have to go through that trauma. He will always know that in the roll call of life he'll be good for a giggle.

Towards that end I offer a "Guest Cover" to the szine that uses the name "Doodles" most in the next two monthes. You can choose the topic or I will. If I don't get your szine make sure I get a copy.

Other than that Dip World was the same collage of hobby trivia and interesting stuff. A history of the hobby reminds us that some dip personalities never die, they simply quit playing and start organizing things. Did you know that in 1966 the International Diplomacy Federation never got off the ground? Or that Jeff Key hosted Dip Con III in Oklahoma City in 1970?

Titled "A Diplomacy Chronology" and written by Fred Davis it looks like a simple chronological listing of significant events in the hobby but if you are familiar with hobby history it's more like reading old obituaries. Here and there are death notices of hobby organizations that have come and gone, szines that had or have an impact, people who made some noise and went away. All are ripples on the surface of a deep, quiet pond.

And finally something for Susan McAronstein

You seem a song heard from a great distance
 or only captured in memory.
 I hum you in moments when I'm not even aware that it is you, once again,
 that underlies my thought.
 I don't hum you aloud anymore than I would break into song
 in a crowd.
 But you are there, a melody I repeat over and over,
 just under my breath,
 not even quite aware.

Sept. 13th, 1983—about 9:30p.m.

Next issue will be the "Hey, I'm Konrad and I'm scoring so often it makes me tired, just thought you'd be interested" issue.

Or it might be about something else.

I had more slug stuff but I misplaced it. A very nice article from Larry Peery on California slugs, another article relating Seattle's climate to slugs. But lost in the maze of my office.

Just enough space left to ridicule Highfield, Jim-Bob, Givar, Meinel, Cunning,

but I just want to put this thing to bed.

Keep 'em flying.

You are a stand by _____
Your sub is about to run out. _____

Notices: When your sub runs out it's up to you to either renew or get a friend to send you the moves, and maybe he won't lie. Lot's of folks about to expire. No freebies, I'm trimming my dead wood.

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Next issue's topic "WAR Stories", typed articles get sub credit, use the 11" side as your paper width. My masters are 11" x 14³/₈". Call if in doubt.

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