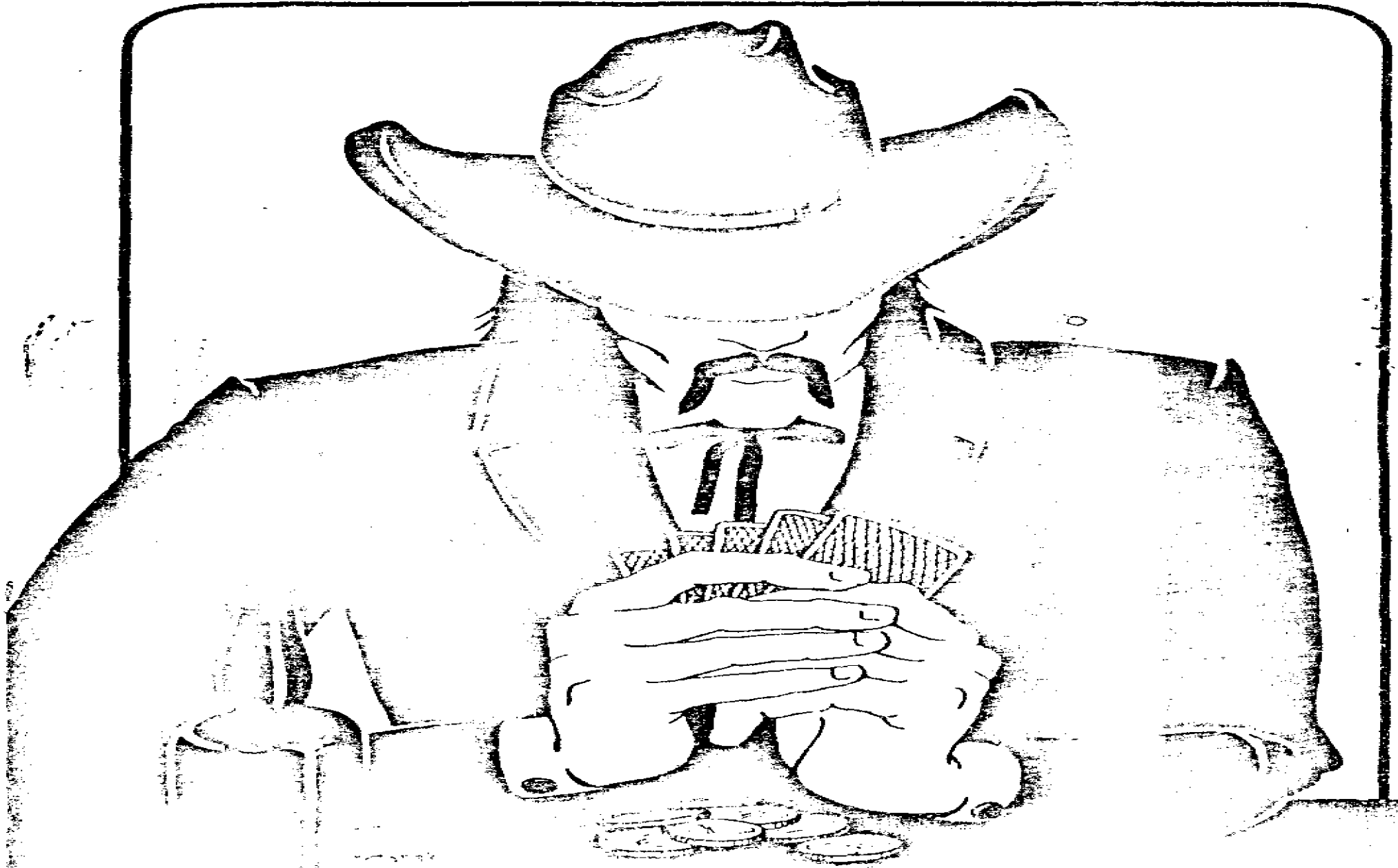


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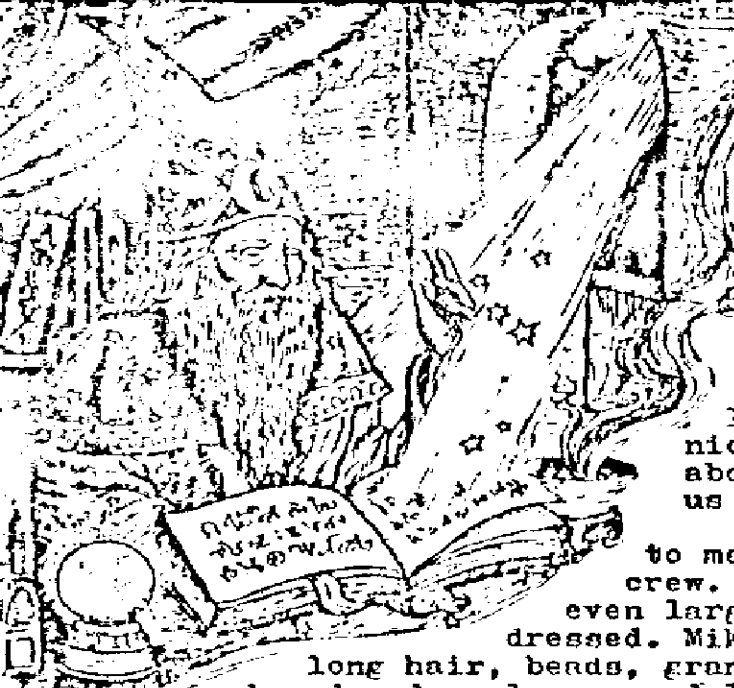
Yep, this is W, not Black Frog. W is a fun zine, unlike BF which is 77777 This is a mid-monthly, but it is #36, overlapping #35. #35 will come out on schedule in June. Since there are no games in this issue, except for S&L, I won't give any credits. I'll save the credit, for where the credit is due.

A number of people have been asking me why I haven't commented on any of the recent fakes. There were 3, a LOM fake and a Y\*All, both done by the same person. Let me say that they weren't as good as the real thing, in fact they were quite mediocre. Then there was Naval Orange. The picture were good, but the whole idea behind it (get it?) was dumb.

Kathy liked the new Black Frog cover so much that I just had to put it on the front of W. I like the little frog myself. Sort of reminds me of Little Bloodsucker Jr. Notice, I didn't use the heavy oard stock cover BF usually uses. I didn't want to fool anyone.

Below is a little story of our recent trip to MediocreCon. We had fun. Hope you enjoy our encounters as much as we did. See you at ByrneCon 6, June 28 Sunday, at about Noon. Whose coming?

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MEDIOCRECON- MINI REVIEW

After 12 hours of driving, we pulled up to Swider's Sweathouse. It was easy recognizable by a sign that was hanging outside by the front gate which read, "ESM Members stop here". The 6 of us exited my car, Kathy, Phyllis, Francine, Frank, Maureen and of course me. As we exited my car, we saw this awful looking heap of junk parked on Tommie boys front lawn. It had to be the broken down, Barno-mobile.

We entered Toms house via a secret door, and were greeted by Ma Swider. Ma looked more like Sis Swider. She was very nice and was very proud of her recent article about Tommie. She even thought that all of us with our jackets on inside out was cute.

We headed down into this dingy basement to meet our host, and came upon a motly looking crew. Tom Swider had many large pimples on his even larger nose, a broken foot and was mediocrally dressed. Mike Barno was made up like a '60s hippie,

long hair, beads, granny glasses, makeup, monks robe, a little beard and a glassy eyed look, and a smell of pot about him.

There were a few old (very old I might add) friends of ours also there, Rod Chaney and Dan Mathias, the US Nays's answer to Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian was there, and he later had to go buy an artificial leg and Tom Mainardi, who had to have an operation to remove a foot from his rear. Bruce Linsey didn't show. Guess he got lost, that or he was afraid to come to a Mediocre gathering. (he does think highly of himself) There were also a few Endwellian Mediocrates, whose names we won't mention for 2 reasons- No one knows them nor would anyone care to, and they were so mediocre that they didn't leave an impression on any of us. Barb Barno was also there, and looked like a fun person with feathers between her teeth, but Mike kept her chained in the corner.

All over the basement were signs, "Down With Crud". There was even a small stuffed monkey, hanging by its neck from the rafters with the name "Crud" pinned to its back.

During the course of the day, we played Dip, Lune and Nuclear War Card game and Shutes and Ladders. But the real highlight was right before we left. Mike Barno started chanting "Lets Burn Crud", and everyone got caught up in the fever. So we burned the hanging dummy. As we drove away, we could see hundreds of firefighters rushing towards Tommie's house. Obviously, we left none too soon, as Mikes atmosphere building vibes, must have gotten out of hand. The Swider Sweathouse was ablaze, and all its occupants were trapped inside. Thanks for the good time Tom and Mike, and you really must teach me that chant sometime. Seriously tho, we had a great time.

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Klass, Klass, Kathy, Kathy, Kornor, Kornor, \*\*\*\*\*

This month KK is being dedicated to Scott Hanson, for his donation to the hobby of wiping Dickie Crud Martin out of Maniacal!!!! See Toots - we finally got him!!!! Our first question this month was submitted by Woody, so that he would not miss a turn in S & L. I'm sure that you will all agree that it is a winner.....just like him!

Kath, is pot poisonous after it is dry cleaned?...Woody  
Dear Woody, If I was you, I really wouldn't worry about it, your mind is already so far gone, nothing else could possibly make it worse. I mean after all, I don't know anyone else who has a three room apartment, decorated by 11 (count 'em) 11 fish tanks.....me

Dear Kathy, is it true that John Michalski actually tried to masquerade as Claudine just to get into the Distaff Diplomacy Game (all female) with you in ENVOY?.....Marin County Maniac

Dear Dunn's Twin, So it was you who snitched on him, not bright, as a matter of fact, guess who goes next in the Maniacal game. X ally

KK: Did you know that in C-2, Steve refuses to sign a contract with me? I can't figure out why. Well, I guess it's you, me and the Saint against him. Are you ready? ..... Gruesome

Dear "Fat Chance", the last time you, me and the Saint went to kill one of your enemies, one of us was missing - YOU! I think I'll see if you go alone, so far you haven't had enough guts to attack one person - so I think you can take Steve all by your lonesome.....your invisible aide

Dear Kathy, I have a problem that only you can solve with your sagacious advice and words of wisdom. I recently gave an award in my zine to the best liar of 1980. It was opened to nominations from everyone. In fact, you almost won yourself! I realize that you would have considered this an award an honor and hobby achievement. I even heard Bruce Linsey was quite upset that he didn't even get nominated!

My problem, though, is that the winner does not look at winning the award as a compliment and has claimed to have several problems in games arise because of the nickname you have given him and the reinforcement of the name that the award has presented.

What should I do? This has upset me so much I am considering canning the award!....."You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore!"

Dear "Boy, did you gype me!" Of course, I tried hard to win that award, Fearson out maneuvered me though, it's tough finishing second. However, canning the award is totally impossible, Martin is nominating Bob Arnett next year, and I'm throwing all my support behind Keith Mercer. Should be another close finish, I even think those two are better than me & Al put together. As for the idiots, who believe in these nicknames, they're so stupid, who would want to ally with them. Do they really think that I go around sucking someones blood, or that Grabar is really Gruesome (ha, ha, ha, ha, that is the funniest thing I ever heard.) or is Martin really Crud (excuse me, that one is true). As for Al, I still give him credit for anyone to get me to give them my moves before hand is certainly an accomplishment. Keep the award, even if I did lose, I'll try and do better this year, the competition however is getting really tough, do I get a certificate if I finish second two years in a row, always the bridesmaid, never the bride. Signed "2nd best liar of '80."

And since you brought up the fact that Brux complained, he wasn't even nominated, you might like to know that he was also very upset that he didn't make my black list, as a matter of fact Brux, Keith Sherwood, and Norm Schwartz all want on. So here is the addition to my last list - Norm Schwartz - For making the dumbest moves I ever saw in a face to face, GAME!!!!

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Kathy's Kornor - I love Toots, Woody, Crud, Gruesome, Marian, & Pearson!!!

Back to the Black List:

Keith Sherwood - For causing another controversy, by writing Tro in VOD, and now that's all you read about.

I tried to avoid this, but don't say you didn't ask for it !!!!!!!

Bruce Lin sey - For joining the hobby, and making Houserules, an ENCYCLOPEDIA!!!!!!!

Anyone else want on!! All requests granted, even Norm's.

I'm really glad that everyone reads this slop, complaints this month, one mine - I know that I promised Gary that I wouldn't pick on him, but I lied (RON BROWN! NOTE THAT).....

Robert Wyatt, my long lost buddy, so here is what his predicament is: "In my last issue of Envoy I received a special press item in KM 11/80 (I won Percy, who just cleaned the Admiral's clock and captured King Henry) from the GM, Glenn Overby. This item instructed me to carefully read the press in 'Flague Times' Black Flague Dip game as there would be something there very relevant to me there. A close check revealed the message from Iroskin to Swider was indeed a code known to myself. The real meaning of that message was to check the first message from Germany in the game. Fgad! A young woman was going to be offered just so I could continue to get my hash stash. The grim reality of this situation soon hit home. I could not, would not allow this to happen ( a strong hint from Glenn concerning my future crown card draw in KM 11/80 was the clincher). I soon made the appropriate calls to local, state and Federal officials. The result is not as I pictured it. The drug ring was broken and Pam did not have to make the supreme (or any other) sacrifice(KK here: I spelt it just the way you did, did you go to the same school as Phyllis!). Since I am a target now for the remainder of the drug runners the police set me up with a new identity and home. From now on I am "Jim Bob Jones from Memphis, Tenn." The worst part is Coughlan who calls, visits, and generally harasses me constantly. Ye gods, doomed to a life of Southern living, a Southern name, and a Southerner who knowz me. All that for a little bit of hash and my sense of morality." Thanks for clearing the situation up, I'm glad you managed to get Elsie to smuggle this letter to me, at least this time she didn't bite me!

Here are some personal messages:

STOP TO SWIDER & MERCER: BRADY BUNCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS KEITH, TOM TURKEY IS GOING TO BE REAL UPSET!!!!!!

STOP TO CRUD: I'm having a real bad time lately, I was so depressed, and then into my mail box comes Retaliation, I never laughed so hard. Thanks for helping me get my sense of humor back!!!!

Stop to MY BEST FRIFND: Thanks, it's nice knowing that I can count on you, and it's even nicer knowing, that you are there.

And now that I have totally confused the rest of you. On to the hilarious adventures in Shutes & Ladders. If anyone is interested in playing in a Shutes & ladders game vs. Me, I will be playing in EM, where Woody will be GMing a game just so little Mike Mills and I can play, anyone interested contact Woody, address last issue.

Game #2 - no one has moves in yet. Game #4 is still waiting for Marian Bates to get moves in - I have moves for Barno & Mathias.

Game #1 (2nd turn) & Game #3 starting turn here. Phyllis gave me the numbers, so don't blame me. Both games Brux 6, Ieapo 5, Bloodsucker 2, Elsie 0, Cagey 1, Gruesome 4, Crud 3!!!!

GAME #3 Jeri Overby takes a fast lead!!!!!

Dave Manuel chooses Brux, and this means he takes Crud to visit Alice, so he is on Sq. #19. Mark Lew went with Ieapo so his 5, costs him a turn as he visits Jane! Pearson chooses Dr. Cagey, and he is off to a slow start.

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You can find him on Sq. #1. But cheer up your ahead of Swider, he chose Elsie, and is yet to get on the board. Keith Sherwood took Gruesome, and this put him on the slide to Mason/Dixon line so he's on Sq. #27. Jeri Overby hit it right, Bloodsucker sent her to see Masters Mason Dixon Line, and you can find her leading the pack on Sq. #47!!!!

GAME # 1! DICK MARTIN IS RUNNING AWAY WITH THIS ONE! GRABAR IS IN LAST PLACE! HANSON & GRABAR DECLARE WAR ON MARTIN! BERN PRESSES WOODY!!!!  
Crud is so helpful he said since Hason wants to play rough he can sit and let Calhamer teach him Dip. Bern sent Woody to Wilsons Mas/Dix line, which put him on top of Crud, and Crud sent him ahead, this means Hanson had to send him ahead as he couldn't send him back to Crus. So Woody is on Sq. #29, and he sent his ? to KK, Bern and Scott, no turn - but press. The other three are COPYCATS - they all chose leapo for a \$!  
So Grabar goes to sq. 8, where John Boardman, catches him playing S & L, so he must go back to sq. #1. Looks like he's going in the wrong direction. Dick Martin is caught between Dunn and Del Grande at Sq. #32, so he slides to safety and is on 40! Woody advances to Sq. #34, where he's stabbed by Lee Kendter so he climbs back to #26. And now there Iress:  
Irksume to Crud: Your fate in Maniacal is still negotiable - IF you sent me the right way. (KK - aren't you glad you wiped him out!!!!)  
Grabar: It is only with the deepest regret that I must stab Martin, It seems he was suppose to choose Bloodsucker and between us we would CRUSH Crud and Cagey. Boy, stabbing in the first move. Thus, I have to declare war. That is why I chose leapo - CHARGE!!(KK: Oh brother).  
Woody: How can Grabar ask for peace in such a vicious game? I'm out for BLOOD! My bookie just gave me the odds for our game. Scott Hanson is the favorite at 2 - 1. It seems his maturity is comparable to a 4 yrs. old and has the same attention span. Grabar's odds are 3 - 1 to win as he has a great ability in figuring out Milton Bradley games & 3 piece jig-saw puzzles. Bern Sampson is 9 - 1. It seems his best chance of victory is if he can sabotage the board by sneaking into Kathy's house.  
Martin is 97 - 1, since he can't get along with others he'll never find that game long ally so desparately needed. Woody forget it 250 - 1 already admitting he needs 108 turns to win and he never did master the art of rolling dice (well fortunately, Kathy is rolling the dice so I declare these odds null & void!). (KK: Phyllis is rolling the dice, and Martin is creaming the entire board, can you imagine if Martin wins!!!)  
Mr. X to Ms. B: Where's Masters? I want Masters? (KK: Masters quit when my 4 center Ita. refused to give his 17 center Fra. a win by walking out of my centers).  
Bern to Grabar: I also desire only peace. A peace of this, a peace of that.....  
Bern to Woody: She? I'm no She, you deviate? By the way, when you meet Kathy in Suite 100 at Cherry Hill, you want me to bring my Polariod?  
Bern to Dick: How did you ever get the nickname "CRUD"? I'm a native Marlander (Baltimore) also, we southerners should stick together.

Would you look at that someone wants to ally with Martin, Woody has probably enraged the entire board, and Cruesome wants to go back to 3 piece jigsaw puzzles!!! What a game, get moves back ASAP - if you NMR you might find Grabar passing you by! Since you're not doing to well here Dave, why don't you join Al Pearson's game of CANDYLAND and see if you can beat me!!!!

So there you have it friends, who will be the winners for the championship match of S & L!!!! I really can't wait to play in Woody's game, I loved his board. Looking at all the ladders, it should take 3 years to win!!!!

And now for my words of wisdom this month: If you don't want to get stabbed, don't walk the streets of N.Y., and never play diplomacy!!!!

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PAN CLUBS

So much has been made about "Black lists", that I did a little research and came up with, what I think, are certain hobby fan club that are not only alive, but are in full stride. It took alot of research and hard work on my part, so without further awo, in no particular order, here are the fan clubs I have uncovered to date:

**The Stan Johnson Fan Club**

Lelana Harmon  
Norm Schwartz  
Rick Shatto  
Keith Mercer  
Roland Straten  
Andy Meier  
Bob Berkeley  
Jerry Jones  
Roy Henricks  
Sun Chuang Fang

**The John Boardman Fan Club**

Rod Walker  
Dave Perlmutter  
Bruce Linsey  
Gary Coughlan  
John Masters  
Mark Lew  
Dick Martin  
Curtis Gibson  
Konrad Baumeister  
John Kelley

**The Glenn Overby Fan Club**

Dave Kingman  
Jack Palance  
Lynnon Johnson  
Albert Einstein  
Larry Peery  
Elsie  
Mr Peabody  
Poindexter  
Lawrence Walk  
Steve Heinowski

**The Jane Proskin Fan Club**

Nancy Pearson  
Arayce Masters  
Sudsie Henricks  
Rhonda Wyatt  
Sue Martin  
Jennifer Lerritte  
Sue Petrie  
Jean Marie Corfeld  
Pam Overby  
Jeri Overby

**The Bernie Oaklyn Fan Club**

Buday Tretick  
James Alan  
Brian Edwards  
Becky Coffman  
Tom Italo  
Eric Ozog  
John Michalski  
Mark Berch  
Alan Calhamer  
Bernard Sampson

**The Bruce Linsey Fan Club**

John Caruso  
Kathy Byrne  
Dave White  
Matt McKibbon  
Dave Barker  
Bob Osuch  
Keith Mercer  
Keith Sherwood  
Bob Arnett  
Tom Mainardi

Honorable mentions- Al Rodrigues and  
Mike Mills

Did you notice how Bruce Linsey's Fan Club is just a bit larger than the others? Thats due to good, hard work, and alot of effort. Next time around I'm going to see if I can look into other hobby notables' lives, and locate the names of all of their fans.

Before I forget, I did some research on one other item, "The List of Players that have been stabbed by Kathy Byrne". Below is what I came up with.

Al Pearson	Marion Bates	Keith Sherwood
Phil Cooper	Dick Martin	Mike Barno
Dave Grabar	Fred Smith	Tom Swider
Craig Yost	John Masters	John Sokol
Jim Brophy	Sun Chuang Fang	Fred Hyatt

Don Del Grande\*\*\* stabbed twice-the fool!

Below is the list of possible future stabs, with a short explanation. This list was a bit harder to do- its mostly guesswork.....???????

Dick Martin-again	Glenn Overby-like cake
John Masters-its in the mail	Don del Grande-forever
John "Toots" Michalski-highly unlikely	Scott Hansen-imminent
Steve "Woody" Arnawoodian- inevitable	Marion Bates-hahahahaha

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LETTERS

Dear John,

((Roy Henricks of Envoy))

I foolishly failed to write down my entry((meant guess)) in the masters contest. Would appreciate it if you could furnish me with a copy or the info ((The handicaps of being the favorite. To even out the game, I am not giving you a copy of your guesses. Call it my rules option for balancing the play of the game between the best, you, and the worst. Besides, your guesses were very funny indeed.))

((exerpts from))

Kathy and John((I don't like second billing young man)) ((Keith Sherwood of I If you think I'm going to write a cute message on the back, you're wrong I'm through with that high school sh.. Thanks for being my friends, and keep up the good work with W. I suppose you'll want 2 pictures- one for each of you I flatter myself.

((Keith, we do want 2 pictures of you, but not for each of us. You see, we ha 2 dart boards and need something to fill in both bulls-eyes....))

Dear John,

((Mark Lew of ?????????))

Have you looked up mediocre in a dictionary? Yeah! Nobody in this hobby is really mediocre. (Yay, our mascot!!!)

((I haven't looked up mediocre, but I have looked up dresses, enemies, etc))

An open letter to Steve Arnawoodian ((from Kathy????))

Dear Woody,

I was able to hide the truth until you came along. I guess that shoo fly pie gave me away. It took me 2 or 3 years to adjust to my new name. Before that when someone yelled Ethel I automatically turned thinking they were talking to me. I realize now that I'll never be able to go back to the Amish way of life. I also realize that a bag lady's life style is not all it's cracked up to be.

Once in awhile I yearn to breath that good old fresh Lancaster County air. This time of year is especially my favorite as the manure fertilizer is at peak smell! Of course I could also be helping pa in the fields by pulling our plow, it would help to keep me in shape and flatten my tummy. But the toughest thing for me to come to grips with is knowing someone else is tending our cow Bertha, milking her and cleaning up her manure.

Phylise says one day soon I'll have my freedom and she will even give me bus fare to Lancaster! But for now I'm simply taking one day at a time and keeping my sanity by writing Kathy's Korner. Of course being Shutes and Ladders Queen is my pride and joy!

take care

Kathy (Ethel Stolzfus)

((Thank you Kathy(?) for your candid comments. I always wondered what was wrong with you. Every time we walk down a street and someone yelled Ethel, or when we went to Shea Stadium and the peanut hawker yelled bags here, you'd either turn around or hide. Now I know why))

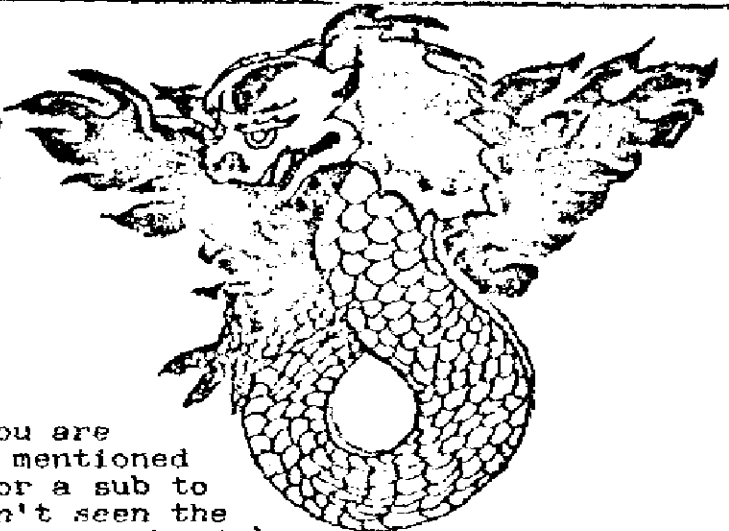
((Here's a quote from something Jack Masters said about me from another zine, and for the love of me, I can't remember the zine))

"That Caruso doesn't have the brains God gave a retarded goose!"

((All I can say is I hope noone out there is offended by the retarded remark. This man doesn't know where to draw the line between fun and serious hurt. I'm sure he meant it all in fun, so please don't take Jack serious.))

rom Mike Mitchell also of LA and one  
the new co-editors of the new, soon  
be released zine called Polithoro .))

By the way, as you can tell by reading  
a letter, Mike is the creator of this  
color (red, black, green, yellow) dragon.  
He prints it well.))



Dear John:

I have been informed by JP that you are  
impressed by my stationary and he mentioned  
something about a trade of some for a sub to  
W or something like that. (I havn't seen the  
letter from you, so all I know is second hand.) I think something  
like that would be great. John lets me read his Ws when he gets  
them, and his baby brother drools on them. - *Smiling* the ink.

I am in first year graphics (actually my last, being a senior), and  
I have done a number of projects this year which include T-shirts,  
business cards, and stationary (etc...). The hardest thing I have  
tried was this 4 color serpent. I currently have supplies of this  
kind of paper, paper with a unicorn on it (full sheet, but light),  
small Dippy maps, and Dippy paper (like Michalski uses--might be  
some of mine?). I am rather low on the Dippy paper (10-15) sheets.

What kind of idea did you have in mind? Wha' fur wha'? How many,  
what kind? (I have limited supplies--like about 250 sheets of each,  
and I don't think I am likly to repeat a run of the same thing.)  
All that I print goes to give me a grade (better be A+, nobody else  
does any work). In college I hope to have access to a offset press  
which I can use to work with (JP and I might get together and do  
a joint zine).

Well (don't let JP fool you that's my word), wha'cha say? Ima' lis'nen.

*M. Mitchell*

Mike Mitchell  
(The Printer, The Pope, The Spank, etc...)

John, ((exerpts from a Norm Schwartz conver.))  
I never stabbed anyone, however, I never worked with anyone either. Its  
the truth. My name hasn't been mentioned in W for a long time. And, I never  
stabbed Fred Ryatt. I was never mentioned on Kathy's Blacklist, how come?  
((Sure hope this doesn't get me into trouble. I did it to Gary Coughlan and  
Steve Arnawoodian too. Call it jotting down telephone notes for print. Aka  
Kathy why you aren't on her blacklist, not me. And as for your remarks about  
stabbing-actions speak louder than words))

John, ((exerpts from Steve Arnawoodian phone))  
I ain't never metted nobody that don't never talk badder than Kathy nor  
John. ((You don't say? My, you talk very correct English I might add))



MORE LETTERS(PHONE QUOTES)

John, ((exerpts from Gary Coughlan phone))  
Why don't y-all be home Tues or Wed night? A friend a mine works for this here company that has a watta line and can used it till 9PM. But they close up at 6PM. So they personally asked me to used the phone for them and since I have no one else I can call or talk to(only you 2 are my friends and can understand me), I would most appreciate your presence when I call. I hate wasting my time, even if it doesn't cost me my dime-hahahahaha.

Talk about teasing all the little guys in the hobby, Olsen is too big a target to miss-hahahahaha.

Do you know that everyone in the hobby either hates me, or I hate them, or they can't understand me on the phone. Only you and Kathy can understand me on the phone. You 2 are 2 of my 3 friends. The other friend, Elsie my girl, can't read-hahahahaha.

((5/30 4:30PM on Sat, remember Gary? Thanks for the words))((I think))

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Another of the original ideas of W.

"Brad Wilsons seen, Born To Fold is super late" from Dick Martin- thank you

HOBBY NEWS

LEADER POLL: You still have till June 30, 1981 to get your votes in. There have been many different ballots floating around. Pick one up and mail it in. Send all your votes to John Leader 121 19th Ave NE Calgary, Alta, Canada T2E 1N9. All votes for GM's should be separate from Zines, and all those separate from sub-zines(below par zines) and an attempt should be made to keep them in alphabetical order. Vote now and be heard. Say how much you like your favorite zines and GMs and how much you dislike a bad one.

BOARDMAN NUMBER CUSTODIAN: As of June 1 is Don Bitter 910 Hope St #12A Stamford, Conn 06907. If you need a number, send your request to Don. Good luck ole man, you're going to need it. And to Lee Kandter, our BNC who has just stepped down, we are sorry to see you go, but am sure you picked a most satisfactory replacement. Good luck in your future endeavours, you have done one heck of a job here.

DIPLOMACY WORLD: Jerry Jones 1854 Wegner St Pasadena, Cal 91107. Sub fees are \$5.00 for 4 issues in the USA and \$6.00(I believe) for Canadians. This is the premier zine of the hobby, worth getting if you are a hobby member. It comes out approx every 3 months.

ORPHAN SERVICE: John Daffy Rt2 Box 136-M5 Rockwell, NC 28138 is the last of the orphan placers. Like the old saying goes, then there was one.

HOOF AND MOUTH: Claw and Fang has folded, but it has left us a sub-zine turned fine. Don Sigwald 125 Hebard St Rochester, NY 14605 has only 14 numbers and readers. Its hard starting from scratch. Drop Don a line with a SASE for a sample. Looks very promising.

LEEFLESS KNIGHTS: Dave Carter 115 Horsham Ave Willowdale, Ont, Canada M2N 1Z9 looks great. I've only seen one issue, #2, but I like what I see. Send a SASE or a sample. You can put me on your standby list Dave. Oh yes, as most zines, K has a gimmick- its the only zine printed and published upside-down. Has good reading material, corny jokes, puzzles and all around entertaining and interesting stuff. Worth a sample. And a very complimentary pubber-he's no fool.

MARYLAND NUMBER CUSTODIAN:(FNC) Al Pearson Rt 1 Box 177 R5 Kearneysville, WVa 2430. If you are running a game of Uncle Wiggly, Candyland, Shutes and Ladders or any nursery game, Al is the newly appointed FNC to see about a number.

GHORS AWAY NUMBER CUSTODIAN:(AANC) Steve Hoinowski 1630 W28St Lorain, Ohio 052. Steve was elected unanimously by the other 2 new custodians. Steve will handle WSIM, FlatTop, or any other naval type war game. If you run a game and not it rated, contact Steve. Steve is also the AREA coordinator for multi-layer AREA rated games.

TELLECTUAL NUMBER CUSTODIAN:(INO) John Caruso 160-02 43 Ave Flushing, NY 350. If you are running a game of Mastermind, or any similar type all thinking game, contact me for a number. I, like Al was appointed, and participated in the election of Steve.

PROFILES

JOHN PACK, ESQ.

Well, I am a senior at Los Alamos High School in, of all places, Los Alamos, New Mexico. You know, the home of the Atomic Bomb. I used to be into computers but they threw me off the school's for mistreating the system so I took up Diplomacy. When I get thrown out of Diplomacy for mistreating my allies (which should not be long now since I just got me first ever game as a standby in Whitestonia in game 1900IT) then I'll find something else to waste my time on.

Well, I followed Keith Sherwood, another student at LAHS, into the national postal Diplomacy hobby. I started publishing a school Diplomacy zine one week after Keith started publishing one. I also put a subzine into my zine after Keith put one into his zine. I also took up a correspondence with John Caruso after he contacted Keith First. Hmmm... it seems that, come to think of it, Keith seems to come up with all my best ideas a week or two before I do. Curious....

Well, right now I rooking John Caruso by trading him my rag for his. There's one born every minute. If there any more of you out there, feel free to send for a sample of my zine. My address is in the last couple issues of Whitestonia. I have a fairly high circulation (24) because I palm off copies on my dear mother and all my brothers (I have 5). I am eminently qualified to give my opinions on all things to do with Dip, and I do so in my zine. Although in the recent LACON 80 Diplomacy tournament to crown the best LAHS Diplomacy player I came in 13th out of 19 people, I still have the highest regard for my opinions. The reason is I know that my poor showing in LACON was not my fault. I don't quite know whose fault it was yet, but I know it wasn't mine. It couldn't be.

Well, what else? I guess that I'll admit that Diplomacy is actually not even my favorite game. It comes in second to Dungeons and Dragons. I love D&D, especially with my hundreds of painted minatures. I especially like to play female Dwarf characters.

Well, time to stop. Enough about you, lets talk about me. I see that I can do profiles of other people and get paid free issues for it, so I am going to extend my sub credit by doing a profile now on my ol' friend

KEITH SHERWOOD

Gee, it sure will be hard trying to follow up that sterling profile of one of my greatest heroes, but here goes.

Yes, I'm a senior at LAHS, too. Right now my biggest worry in life is trying to decide whether collegé and postal Diplomacy can coexist. If they can't, then I'll quit college. There aren't any colleges that give Diplomacy scholarships, are there?

This year I GMed the traditional Diplomacy game at our school. The variant is Semi-postal Anonymous Kriegspiel with a twist: all diplomacy messages must be typed and they are delivered to lockers, not mail boxes. The game runs with week deadlines. I won the first game last school year, so I got the honor of GMing this year. I created my own zine that came out weekly to carry it and the other games I ran. I used it as an experiment to get a taste of zine publishing. Now that the games are over and I got kicked off the xerox machine, Ticket to Ride, my zine, has folded. But I will be back in a year or two when I know I can handle college and Dip simultaneously using my experience from TTR to publish a national zine. And no matter what everyone says, you can still send for a sample. I made some extra copies so I could send out samples, so just ask (and send a stamp). All those who ask for a TTR automatically get put on my free sample list when I send out issue #1 of my national zine in a few years. In my humble opinion, TTR is better than Pack's zine, so if you get his and don't like it, don't write me off, just write me. The converse is true also: if you don't like TTR ask for a copy of John's zine.

Size, by the way, is pronounced so it rhymes with 'fine.'

Thank you John for allowing me this space to make an unabashed advertisement for Los Alamos and its zines.

**LITBURO:** Is a zine that isn't out yet, but will be soon. It will be done by John Pack 240 Kimberly Lane Los Alamos, NM 87544 and Mike Mitchell 959 Alamos Alamos, NM 87544. I will let you know when #1 is expected and how much it'll be when I learn more about it. John used to pub "The Diplomat", a local Alamos school zine. He and Mike seem very reliable.

MICHAEL MITCHELL, EXTRAORDINARE

Hi! My name is Michael Mitchell, I'm 17 years old and I go to school at Los Alamos High School in Los Alamos, NM. I spend most of my spare time in scho refereeing fights between John Peck and Keith Sherwood. As I said in my letter I'm majoring in graphics, and I happen to be one of the best, if not the best in our school.

My hobbies include scubba diving, playing dip and girl hunting, with my 2 close friends-Mutt&Jeff, I mean John and Keith. Sure I go scubba diving; into. my swimming pool. I have to practice. You never know when NM will become an ocean. I'm an expert with a harpoon, dart gun and a blow gun.

When I graduate from LAHS I intend to make a dent in life. Thats why I'm taking up sky-diving. I have a drivers licence and own a 1964 VW, which has mor miles on it that rr tracks across this country.

My father is a doctor and he really knows how to operate, that how he and my mom(her name is Ma) had me. I have 2 sisters named Mary and Alate, a brother named Bobby and a dog named Killer(he's a poodle).

When I was a kid, me and my friends used to have tarsnchula races. My "T" always used to win, he'd eat the other "T" and win by default. One day my "T" died and rather than bury him, I ate him. I haven't been the same since. Not only do I run faster and draw better, but my bite is deadly.

Well(thats a word I picked up from my friend), guess I've said enough.

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I have a few things to say before closing. Last issue, I incorrecly listed Stuart Schoenberger as wishing to guest GM a game of Russian Campaign. In reality, I should have printed Russian Civil War. My mistake.(Gee, I'm making alot of those lately. Martin, Masters and Michalski must be rubbing off on me. The 3 M's, short for.....)

Speaking of Jack Masters, did you know that he resigned from Kathy's Dip Shutes and Ladders Game because she stabbed him in a dip game. And she didn't really stab him, it was more like he took 2 and she took 2, sort of a dual stab, only the 15 center stabber couldn't take it and the 3 center stabbee(Kathy couldn't care less.

Speaking of Dick Martin, do you know how slow dickiepo is? Well, he's still sending Retaliation to our saull St address. Sue, how do you put up with a slow brother like Crud? Speaking of slow, Dick is the only publisher that has to prepare and question his readers about folding. Most guys just fold, but Dick makes a big thing about it. Oh yes dick, I refuse to join any games in a zine that is going to fold, every issue, especially Vacation Dip, without Julie Glass. And its ZEEN, Mr Martin, not ZEIN!

Which reminds me, I have a new subber who just wrote a beautiful play for Retaliation(wasted it on Ret I might add). His name is Gregory Russell. I hope Greg puts as good an effort into writing something for W some day. Greg has asked to be on the standby list, and I have obliged.

One last thing, did you notice how I don't underline Ret when I type it? Thats in protest! Until Crud recognizes the ESM and Julie Glass, I will continue to follow this policy and others, which will be brought up next issue, after much discussion with my fellow Mediocrites.

On the 6th of June, we will be going to Atlantic City, the East Coasts version of Las Vegas. Wish us luck, we're going to need it. We will meet Tom and Woody there and watch them lose their shirts.

Speaking of shirts, Jack Masters seems to have lost his sense of funning. Ever since W picked on him, he hasn't put out a fake, or teased anyone. The way I understand it from Gary, Dick and a few others, we've all come to the conclusion that Jack can dish it out, but he can't take it. Right Jeri?

Guess I've said enough for one issue. Hope you all enjoyed this mid-monthly at least as much as I did. Its what you call the new W twist. See you in about 2 weeks with issue #35. Note, I put out issue #36 before #35. This way I don't confuse the simple ones from Philly area too much. See ya' later.....

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