

Where is Retaliation?

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WHITESTONIA

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This is W, the Fun-Zine of Dipdom. It is done by yours truly, John Caruso 160-02 43Ave Flushing, NY 11358 212 353-9695. Dipdom= a new word, coined by a friend. I think its a good new word, and sounds much better than the hobby. So lets all continue to use it. Will the Lousey one who came up with this word enter and sign in please.

This issue of W isn't dedicated to anyone. Why? Why not? Or why me? Besides theres a whole bunch of good things in here this month. We have the resurgence of the letter column, profiles, an article, an interview, some dipdom updates and much, much more. Also in these pages, as usual, Kathy's Korner, dipdoms #1 subzine and the pieces that make this rag the whole thing.

There's M-7, Whitestonias game zine. I have no more game openings for a while, but as soon as I do, you people will be the 1st to know. Abra Cada-bra isn't in this issue of M-7 due to the fact of a seperated season, and the possible merging of A with Tom Swiders other subzines into his own full fledged zine again.

There are a couple of things I'd like to bring up 1st. One is the fact that Klepto-Mania being done by Gerald Austin is folding. However, Gerald says he will be sending his games out on fliers to his players until the games completion. I'm sorry to see Gerry go, but I know what he's up against.

The 2nd bit of info is about 2 Mich zines that haven't shown up in anybody's mail box in a while. They are Jihad, by Glenn Overby and Plague Times by Marion Bates. I hear Marion is having health problems again, and that Glenn may just be overloaded. I hope both of these zines continue to go on as they are among 2 of my more favorite zines.

The next thing on the agenda is Field Of Fire done by Phil Fry of 5183 So. Cravenstein SLC, Utah 84107. Phil is running a contest. It seems that a few people are getting on Phil's case due to his poor pubbing timetable. To counter this, Phil is having a contest. In 100 words or less, you are supposed to tell why you think Phil Fry is an incompetent GM. Can you believe that contest? And heres the catch- the Grand Prize winner will receive a 15 issue extension to his sub of FOF, or if the runner up, a 5 issue extension.

Mike Mills is putting together his new zine directory. He needs the info, and he needs it fast. So get your info back to him by Feb 20. Also, Mike is taking ads for the upcoming issue. Contact Mike for more info. I seem to have misplaced Mike's address. Hes at 47 ??? Suffern, NY 109?? I'm sorry. Some plz!

Have you seen John Michalski's new subzine in Irkesome? Its called Mos Eisley. It looks good. Glad to see John back in the ranks of the pubbers, even if its an irregular subzine. Oh, Scott Hansen 701 15Ave SE Minn, Minn 55414 does Irk, and its fast becoming a good, 1st class zine. Send a SESA to Scott today and ask for his new issue with the music reviews in it.

W has not only been the forerunner in fun of late, but has also brought you new(????) ideas of regular coverage. Things like profiles, and recently quote of the month, not to mention KK. Now, I'm endeavoring into a new area, interviews. If you like this months interview, and think the idea is good, or even if you don't like it, I'd like to hear some feedback. So drop me a line and say whether you like our new, hopefully regular feature. I may even alternate roast issues with interview issues. Any ideas?

SUB FEE: \$5.00 for 10 issues

There are no game openings at the present

Articles, Profiles, Pictures will always be accepted and a sub ext is given

Quotes will be used, but no extension given

Game reviews, and other stuff will be rewarded like articles

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "The other night I put on my padded bra, shaping panty hose false eyelashes, fake fingernails, wig, high heeled shoes, blue toned contact lenses and makeup, and took a night on the town. But I came home early and alone. I just couldn't find a real man." ~~WAA WAA~~ Judy Winsome, Winsome Losesome #2 ((this quote was submitted by an anonymous reader))

MARK BERCH AT THE FLUSHING K-MART
by Mark L Berch

"May I help you?"

"Yes, I'd like to return this Head Shining Kit."

"Why? It looks like it worked extremely well. You couldn't have done a better job unless you had your head silvered and mirrored."

"No, you don't understand. I never used it. My head is self polishing."

"I don't believe that."

"No, it's true. Indeed, "Berch" is derived from the Russian word meaning "of or pertaining to those with self-polishing heads or noses" If you must know its a recessive gene on the left branch of the 16th chromosome."

"Bright alright. I believe you."

"I believe that? In that case, could I interest you in...."

"No. So where is the kit?"

"Oh, this seems to have taken an unexpected turn. Actually, I don't literally have the kit. Maybe I'll just leave now."

"You don't have it? Well, maybe I'll just call the guards unless I get a valid explanation of what this is all about."

"Oh, er, you see this Whitestonia? Its a game zine, or more specifically a dipzine. Actually, a funzine in the Diplomacy Hobby."

"In the what?"

"Actually, the less you know about this hobby, the happier you'll be. Anywhere there was this list of gifts, only he didn't really give these things away, as a form of humor, you understand. Anyway, He gives me this kit. Then I wrote this letter, I have it here, and at the bottom, I..."

"Let me see that. You wrote this letter to John Caruso?"

"Yes, and at the..."

"Oh. I don't mind saying so, Mr. Berch, but this is not the friendliest letter I've ever seen. What does..."

"Just look at the note on the bottom where I say "P.S. My head is self-polishing so I don't need the kit. And Merry Christmas to you too." See, I was..."

"You call that handwriting? Its just as well you stick to typing. Although what I look at it, your typing is not all that great."

"AS I was saying, then #43 came, and if you'll look here on page 5, you'll see that he misunderstood my comments and thought..."

"I'm looking at page 1. Was this gathering here held over the Jan 1 weekend?"

"Yes."

"Ah-ha. This is starting to seem a little familiar. This guy, "Brux" I remember the name. He was the guy who came in here and said, as I recall, "I just want to run off a spare copy of my HRS in case they're needed at the game." He damn near drained the Xerox machine of toner, and tried to negotiate a "volume discount" on the copying. And this "Julie Glass", I remember her too. She was the one who, who, oh..."

"Gosh, sir, I didn't know the human face could turn that particular color!"

"Never mind! Lets see. Robert Sacks, yes, that name is familiar. Er, I'm not sure what it means, but I think I got signed up for three committees. And about half the employees here signed some petition. Have you any idea what that was all about?"

"Not to worry. Nothing ever comes of it. Now, if we could just..."

"And there was another fellow, had this awful drawl, said he was a mailman from Tennessee, and he wanted me to..."

"That would be Gary Coughlan. What a minute, Gary Coughlan wasn't there? How did you know about him?"

"Haven't you guessed?"

"No. What's going on here?"

"Look down. No, not down at your feet, down the page. Still don't get it? Think: Have you ever actually been in the Flushing K-Mart? Of course not."

In fact, there is no such thing. You're not even here at all. This is just an article in a dipzine! Its totally under my control. You're trapped on this page. There's no escape, because I've got you pushed right into:

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Now for the insanity: KATHY'S KORNOR - WE'RE #1, Reruns' #2!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I have no idea what I am going to write this month, but I did get lots of things from you, so as usual you will write most of this Kolumn!

This month KK is dedicated to an unknown, why? because who else would dedicated anything to a Southerner who owns two cows and uses toilet paper for stationery! I asked him why he wrote on toilet paper and he said because I found it in the out house, but no one told me what to do with it, so I took out my crayon and guess what you actually write letters while sitting above a hole in the ground! So Steve Duke - KK is all yours this month! By the way I think this hillbilly also puts out a zine, no not on toilet paper, he uses recycled newspaper, it is called the Schemer (so he isn't too original). I personally don't read this zine, but John does and he says it's good (if anyone cares what John thinks). I do however read a sub zine there called Damn the Torpedos which has a column by Daphne Fritz which is also very good. If you want Duke's address, look it up somewhere, boy are you guys lazy!!!!

Now for a public service announcement, that just might save your country in a dip game if you are allied with or next door to Rerun Moon! Rerun called me up this month to tell me that some players are still calling him Alan, and he told me to warn everyone that calling him Alan could be dangerous to your health - he likes his real name - Rerun! I hope that helps Rerun, I'd do anything to help out a friend!

Guess what I got such a nice compliment from Dave Grabar that I thought I'd let you all read it!
KK: No questions this month. I just thought I'd like to give a compliment. I really admire and enjoy the wit that comes from Kathy's Korner. It is excellent! Dave.....Thanks Dave, but then again your famous ???'s are always good for a laugh, speaking of which.....Dave goes on: I can't resist. Just 1 question. I'm haveing a mini-con this weekend. About 10 guys will show. Tell me what I should do to win?...Dave
Dear Dave: Change your last name to Crockett!!!!!!.....Kathy

Kathy: Is it true that John is really 64 yrs. old and looks every day of it?....Lu Henry
Dear Lu: Acutually he's only 63, but he does look every day of 88! me

KK: When are you and John going to host a Byrne Con on the West Coast?
Dear Steve: The west coast? Are you crazy, a person could get killed out there, what with the floods and earthquakes, I think I'll stay in the safety of N.Y. At least here all I have to do is worry about muggers and killers!.....KK

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Byrne ConIX or Help Swider Give up Cartoons - will be held here on April 3rd, the very day that Tom Turkey turns 18 & we will all sit around and watch him go through withdrawal as he leaves the Brady Bunch and Capt. Kangaroo behind, and goes on to the Muppets & The Dukes of Hazzard!!!!!!!!!!

For a guy who wasn't going to write any questions:
What's going on? Ist someone uses my name and wins the River City Dip Tourney, then someone sends a picture to you and says it is me. When will it end?...Dave Grabar
Dear Dave: Hopefully very soon! Any day now I expect the ultimate joke - someone will mail you to me! And then expect me to teach you how to play dip - I'm really not into miracles..well not just yet, but I am working on it.....your friend, Bloodsucker

KK: What's all the fuss over how handsome Grabar is? He's below average for Calif., and certainly nothing special. Why, I see lots better looking people on TV all the time, and they are all Californians. There's something about Ca. that causes men to become handsome and women to

and still more Steve Jangley and Kathy Kornor's!!!!!!

become beautiful. At least that's one theory. Another theory is that someone in a high place deports all the physical losers to the East Coast. The theory I like is the one about how Hollywood attracts pretty people, and has done so for years, so there are more pretty people genes in Ca., per capita, than in the rest of the world. Whichever theory you go with, the facts remain the same, Grabar is at best below average. So what's all the fuss?.....Above average Steve Jangley

Dear Mr. Modesty, I'm sure Dave will be thrilled with your comments, and I'm sure all the East Coast pubbers will be thrilled with you too for calling them the "physical losers". You really do know how to win friends and influence people - figures you'd be a close friend of Woody's. If Grabar is considered below average for a Ca., then I might just consider risking those earthquakes and floods - but only if the men are really too!.....me

Dear AB: doesn't T on a zine's address label mean "trade"? That's what I had on a couple of recent Black Frogs, but I never got issue #56 (its obviously been out for at least a month), or issue #53 for that matter. Did I miss anything important? signed:Signed Up For The Leapo Stabo Galactic GMing school

Dear Del Monte: In the case of Black Frog the T stands for Trouble! I hear Jack is about to make a comeback, so hold on to your heads guys, you never know whose head he wants to see rolling next. Kath

And now for our last question, also from Don Del Grande, about...RERUN!

Dear Kathy, I've got just the person for Rerun, some guy from a place call Park Ridge, Ill. by the name of Max Zavanelli. He's probably a friend of your sister Jeri O, after all, he is the Michicon champ in VITP. For those of you who don't know the UNTOLD STORY, it all started back in the Mar/Apr 1981 issue of THE GENERAL when Max commented on Alan's recent TKO IN THREE "guaranteed strategy" for the Japanese in VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC. According to the next GENERAL, the match was held at CWA-CON in Chic., and Alan opened up with a 29 pt. lead (that's as high as he could get) through five turns(out of eight). At this point, the bet was cancelled because of a rules dispute. May I ask HOW CAN YOU HAVE A RULES DISPUTE IN A GAME THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SIMPLIER THAN DIP! I also heard that "the judge sided with Alan/" Speaking of rules disputes, WHERE'S BRUX LINSEY WHEN YOU NEED HIM? I have a feeling that this Zavanelli character is going to have his clock cleaned by somebody in the near future...one more thing: for those of you who still own VITP, can you tell me if it's possible for the American player to pick up 30 POC in the final three turns after picking up no POC in turn 5 (how else could the Japanese player have 29 POC)? signed Next Time Add Part 5: "Rules Disputes will be settled by Bruce Linsey's House Rules (they cover EVERYTHING).

I really have no idea what you are talking about but someone else might. However I do know where Brux is - he is home writing Amendments #80-109 for his HR's seems he wasn't covering everything and after a few trips to different Ombudsmen, he has now seen the light and will update his HR Book!!!your friend Kath!

Now for another public service announcement, I really should start charging you guys, but I think this will actually make Allen Wells dance in the street as Del Grande pointed out: WOODEN BLOCKS for Diplomacy ~~AVAILABLE~~ - from Avalon Hill, according to their latest price list, at \$10 for a complete set (no, you can't trade the plastic ones for the wood ones - cash only.) Thanks Don for that info.

Mark Berch Dept: Do you know why Endwell, N.Y. is the mediocre capital of the World? Because it has more overcast days then anywhere else!

Words of Wisdom: In China this is the year of the dog, in Dipdom this is the year of Mark Berch's shiny head!....Mark Lazalere

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And still more of KK, oh, what to talk about next...no who to talk about next - I'm sure I'll find someone!!!!!!...Next Victim:
Toots has written and demanded that we have a run off. He claims that he has the shiniest head in dipdom and that Greedy Mark Berch puts credit for everything.....well Toots - I'm with you, lets find out what the readers think! Everyone is asked to vote on this very important issue: Who will it be, for the outstanding head of the year - Toots or Mark? Every vote will count, and no Toots you can't vote for your own head. And for all you hairy people out there, remember, Bald is beautiful, God only made so many perfect heads, the rest have hair - so who will have the most perfect head - Toots or Mark.

How so you lazy people don't have to go out of your way to do anything and so that Steve Duke, doesn't think I'm real mean, here is his address & do write and ask for a sample of the Schemer: Rte.3, Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville, Tenn. 37169.....did I have you going there - Steve!

Now for serious stuff, the orphan game with the no standbys! Believe it or not this sought of split 50/50. Doug Beyerlein who only runs orphans says he uses only his HR's, and that he would call standby's, the objecting players can resign in protest or ask for the game to be rehoused. I personally agree with Doug, and I think Bob Osuch stated it the way I would, he commented " On the orphaned game with 6 players and 1 CD in 1901, I would call for a standby anyway. I feel that if a GM picks up an orphan, he should use his own HR's, and to hell with the GM that dropped the game. Now for some comments for the other side: Luscious on the orphan placement issue: The players signed up for a no-standby game, and that's how 1901 was played, so the position should go CD. J. Michalcki Dave Carter: If I took over an orphan game that was a no standby game then I would leave it that way. If some of the other houserules were different then I would have to look them over one at a time. I mean, if another GM allows phone calls at 2:00 a.m. it does not mean that I will if I take over from him. Mark Berch says he can also be quoted so here is some of what he said (taken in context): In this case, the Game should not have been transferred to a GM who was not willing to run a no-standby game in the first place. Now that the game has, the GM must either run the game without standbys, or ask you to have the game rehoused. The players presumably wanted a no - standby game when they signed up for it and they are entitled to have that even if its just one player. The wishes of the new GM are not controlling. I doubt you will have much trouble finding a GM willing to take such a game. My only comment is, the game in question was resolved and will continue with standby's. For Mark's info it is just not as easy as you think, we've placed so many orphans recently that we have hit our list of GM's very hard. Don Ditter and I have discussed the fact that the orphan service should really write up some guidelines for the new GM to follow, and I am sure that John Daly and myself (you too Don) will follow through on this, it really is necessary. Anyway thanks to everyone for their opinions, and with a little luck, the Orphan Service will get even more organized then we are now, and come out with those guidelines, what do you say John, if we slow down with orphans (hopefully, the worst is over) can this be our next project! Thanks to everyone for their comments and views. See every now and then KK is serious!

Now Dave Grabar snaps us back to insanity with his end of game statement for S & L:

This was a hard fought game. It took hours of convincing negotiations and strategy to pull this off. I had to use the ultimate resource - time and thought. But, it all paid off. A satisfying, strategic, well played victory.

I'm really sorry for all the dirty stabs but, that's the way of the game. You just can't beat a pro.

By the way, I would have won mastermind if John would have told me, we were not using orange. That was dirty to let me keep guessing Orange over

and over. What some guys will do to prevent a win!
Well, congrats to A real trooper - Dave on his win. And now for the end
of KK! Booooooooooooo!

Now for some gossip: Is it true now that Gary Hamill has become Doogie
of the year, that Brux will no longer look forward to Suite #100 and
the Woodpecker? Boy, I bet that is just going to break Woody's heart!

Is it true that if you ignore someone they just go away - absolutely not!!
I've been ignoring a certain zine and its' publisher, and all his snide
remarks about me, and guess what not only does he refuse to go away, he
keeps writing about me, and trying to get a response from me - you know
that I just might give him a response, I'm sure it will not be exactly
what he wants - but he's really asking for it!!!!

Is it true Jihad has gone to Dipdom in the sky? I sure hope not, because
I don't want to see 26 orphans on my kitchen table. So lets all write
to Glenn and tell him to shape up, but don't ship out! How about a copy
of Jihad for old times sake!

Someone wrote and said boy is W getting political - huh? But just so
we can be let me make this perfectly clear - I am backing the movement
to have Mayor Koch run for Gov. and with any luck at all he'll be in
the White house shortly. Boy, now that was real political, even for me!

"When God made man, She was only JOKING", but when she made Southerners
she almost split her sides laughing! You'd laugh too if you ever saw
Duke running to the outhouse, trying to jump over all the cow sh__, and
then only to find the outhouse was out of order, and he'd have to use
the inside facilities even if it was against his religion!

Rev. Moon has denied that Rerun is his son, and that Rerun is on a
mission to sucker in unsuspecting Dip players for his congregation. How-
ever this cornor doubts that as Tro Sherwood, has just left his family
a good bye note, and said he will be meeting Del Grande to join the Moons!

Humor also has it, that another female player will be moving to the
East Coast - yeah, Daphne! Daphne Fritz a novice has already had an
experience to turn her off to the Hobby self appointed jerks - it seems
she was in a game, and made her share of mistakes - haven't we all as
novices, and one player (?), I'd say jerk, has publicly pointed out what
a fool she was in that game. Well, Daph, you just come right out to the
East Coast and we will show you, that this game is for fun, and you will
meet the hobbiest finest! We might not be the smartest, or the best,
but you'll never meet a better bunch of down to earth people - not like
some of the hobby's self appointed "I know best"! And you better be
here on Apr. 3rd, Groton is about an 1 1/2 hr. away! So now we're neighbors!

One publisher has taken up farming (against his will), and the effect
has been devastating on his brain. He has called Caruso to stand by in
a game I'm in, and then to top that off the following month, he called
Woody to stand by in a game he is already in (not that 2 positions could
help Woody). So take my advice and stick to the city way of life, senilit
came fast to the city boy turned hick!

And a personal congrats to Bob Forman (from Los Alamos) for pulling off
one of the best stabs, i have seen in the hobby in Gopher Hole in Irk by
Scott Hanson! Nice show Bob, I guess you'll have to leave Los Alamos
now and come live with the rest of us on the East Coast. And speaking
of Irksome published by Scott Hanson, make sure you check out his music
reviews this month, because they will be better then the trashy ones
he has printed in the past. These are from the real music critics -
me, Caruso & Woody!!!!!!!

Life

1981 II Demo/Invitational

end of game statements:

Bob Osuch France: It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

ENGLAND Steve Langley: I truly enjoyed playing in my 1st Demo game, especially with Konrad as Turkey. The 2 of us had worked out a tight alliance from the start (our press was purely smoke to confuse and amuse)). My FOL I jokingly promised to support him into Kiel if he could get a unit close enough. Once he got his army all the way to Constantinople, we knew it was in the bag. The rest is history.

TURKEY Konrad Baumeister: Woody has got to be the worse player I've ever played against. Not only does he write, call or anything, but he lies as well. I had to do it to him.

GERMANY Steve Arnawoodian: This was clearly a way to try and force me to join that notorious W click. 6 of the "hard core" members were placed strategically about my Germany. When I refused to bow to their demands they became more organized than probably any previous dip game.

So these W 6, no make that the W 8 and include the GM and 'neutral' guest commentator, proceeded to destroy me in a 'classic' example of cross-gaming. Next this W click called for and passed a 6 way draw. I suppose this was to be the final humiliation for not being a member of their elite group. Well I still have my freedom. Never! Never will I bow to their demands. I prefer to remain part of the Europan Express gang. Nothing that John Michalski or Boob Osuch does can change my mind.

John Caruso: This was an excellent, hard fought game, with the better players coming out victorious. I will not listen to, nor let my readers be subject to your "sour grapes" attitude. Furthermore, if you persist upon trying to make his game irregular, I will not only remove and replace you in your other games, but I will "THROW" you out of W and confiscate your sub money. I do all this under the house rule that the GM is right and that the players don't have the right to question anything, or say anything bad about the GM/pubber in that zine. Go back to your EE gang, all 2 of you.

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981PmmW Still 7, still 3 NMR's and a Gary Coughlan statement

elGrande	x,x,o,o,o,o	2 right 4 wrong place
challer	x,x,x,-,-,-	3 right
ilson	o,o,o,o,-,-	4 wrong place
angley	x,o,-,-,-,-	1 right 1 wrong place

yatt, Grabar, Bates all NMR

W: Our defending champ has NMRed, and it looks like we are about to have a new champ. I didn't think DDG had it in him. He's a real longshot.

ern Schaller: One point that isn't quite clear to me- how many builds do I get for 3 X's? ((You get 1 build per center, not per X. How many centers do you have?))

GG to GM: Didn't I say to mail to Greenbrae after 12/1? And you ask me why I NMRed? ((We all make mistakes, none of us are perfect. I just can't keep it straight where people are nowadays. I only change my records for COA, not a champ change like school recess. I leave that to memory, and as you can see, memory isn't what it used to be. What the heck, you're not doing so bad, under the circumstances.))

angley: Gnash, grr. NMR: I deserved no less, trying to get my mail to you by sending it 3 weeks and 4 days prior to the deadline. I gave the postal service together, too big a chance to screw up. ((And they did!))((I still haven't received them))

: Cary's letter is on the next page with the letter column. Gary's case is just the reason I don't want to take anything over the phone. From now on, if you want into a game, put it in writing.

OTE OF THE MOUTH: Dick Martin "John, you gutless chicken. I told you Gary had 'Look at Bruce Linsey, that's why I don't wear glasses'"

Dear John,

It is impossible for anyone to "step down" from a game that they are not in. It is also impossible for anyone to NMR in a game that they are not in. This is twice that you have done this to me in Mastermind. I overlooked it the first time and made the best of it but not anymore.

For the record, I signed up for only one of your Mastermind games--ONE. That game ended in W #31 in February, 1981. In W #33 (April, 1981), you listed people who might be interested in the next Mastermind and said the fee was 50 cents. You had me as one of 3 people with question marks by their name. I did not send in a 50 cent fee.

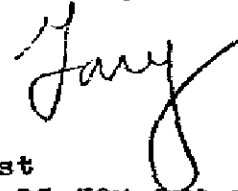
Yet in W #34 (May, 1981), you listed me as an NMR. Your response was that I didn't have to pay the 50 cents since I was eligible to play since I was a co-winner in the previous Mastermind game which ended in W #31. I made the best of it and decided to join the game, without benefit of the first round guess, and submitted press in W #35 and played that game out to its conclusion in W #40 (October, 1981). I even paid 50 cents.

When that game ended I did not sign up for nor pay a entrance fee for a new Mastermind game and I didn't win or co-win the game that ended in W #40. Yet in W #42 (December, 1981) you not only list me as a player but you NMR me as well. When I brought this to your attention, you said you would straighten it out in W #43.

In stead, you merely say that "Gary Has stepped down" in response to a Brad Wilson jibe (of all obnoxious twerps) about me NMRing. For the record, I have never NMRed in any game, diplomacy or non-diplomacy, regular or variant. I value that reputation of reliability and I greatly resent people who falsely portray me as an NMR--especially when I did not sign up nor pay a game fee nor wanted to be in the game. And I would appreciate this matter being unmistakably cleared up just as publicly as you advertised a Coughlan NMR that never happened.

((My statement: Gary, you requested the game start over the phone. I have no written proof to back me up. Your game fee was paid the game before. Your game #2 fee was paid by your winning game #1. I'm truly sorry for the mixup, but all it would have taken was an initial, written request to be removed. I will not argue with you Gary, as you are my friend. As far as I'm concerned you were never in the game. I think this whole thing is rather silly if you ask me. Your request to come out of the game from last turn is to remove you from the game. It didn't state how you wanted it stated as. I say, from now on, if you (anybody) want to join a game, do it in writing

Sincerely,



Dear John (from Steve Langley))

I have no idea who voted for me in your Diplomacy Player Poll, but it is good to see my name on the list. Thank you all.

((Steve, it isn't my DPP, its the hobby's. And, I'm sure, you are welcome.

Dear John (from John Michalski- excerpts)

Thanks for the card. Yes, I try to keep GMs and long time correspondents interested with my mail. Usually the contents aren't much, so I figure maybe the wrapper should be.

I almost called New Years Day myself, I wish now I had. I'm hardly men any more it seems, whereas in the BB days, I was disappointed to get ANY without at least some mention, good or bad. Ah, for the good old days.

((The good old days? That was only a few months ago. What will you do in years when you'll only be a memory to a few people? That's what happens when you burn yourself up, and out.))

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Steven Duke- "Gary is no southerner. He is a Memphisian and you know what they are. They're the closest thing there is to a Mississippian."

CONTEST RESULTS

As much as I hate to do this, I can't believe you guys let "Tro" win this. I had 7 entries. The following is the correct guess score of each player: Brad Wilson-31; Don Del Grande-25; Dave Carter-24; Steve Langley-24; Dave Graber-15; Mark Berch-0; Bill Smith-0; and Keith Sherwood-33;

1- Bloodsucker	Kathy Byrne	27- Hoss	Al Pearson
2- Pops	Bob Osuch	28- Grizzly	John Caruso
3- Crud	Dick Martin	29- Ralph The Gnome	Tom Hurst
4- Tro	Keith Sherwood	30- Wild Bill	Bill Smith
5- Dippy Don	Don Ditter	31- Phydoux	Scott Hansen
6- Brux	Bruce Linsey	32- Smiley	Konrad Baumeister
7- Snake	Keith Mercer	33- Lucky Legs	Nancy Pearson
8- Sweetie	Norm Schwartz	34- Glum	Glenn Overby
9- Dirty Dave	Dave Marshall	35- Main Minister	Ron Brown
10- Del Monty	Don Del Grande	36- Brainless	Tom Swider
11- Smokey	Allen Wells	37- Luscious	Kathy Byrne
12- Philly	Phyllis Byrne	38- Nanook	Mark Lew
13- Nukem	Fred Smith	39- Fast Fingers	Tom Mainardi
14- Bear	Richard Dumm	40- Slime	Steve Heinowski
15- Deperate One	Gregory Stewart	41- Liar	Al Pearson
16- Sleeze	Dan Stafford	42- Slick	Roy Henricks
17- White Shoes	Dave Perlmutter	43- Mr X	Bern Sampson
18- Black Jack	John Masters	44- Rerun	Alan Moon
19- Pudge	Bob Olsen	45- Sis	Jeri Overby
20- Toots	John Michalski	46- Mistress	Julie Glass
21- Kissy Face	Sue Petrie	47- Cuddles	Michel Liesnerd
22- Woody	Steve Arnawoodian	48- Fazwho	Mark Fassio
23- Y'all	Gary Coughlan	49- Poison Ivy	Mary Beck
24- Gruesome	Dave Graber	50- The Blade	Bill Stone
25- The Saint	Jerry St Germain	51- Lousey	Mark Larzelere
26- Bozo	Brad Wilson		

The answers that everyone got right were: 1,2,3,6,10,12,18,20,22,23
The answers that everyone got wrong were: 8,11,13,21,32,33,34,45,47,49,50
Almost everyone guessed Sue Martin for #45.

Some of the more unusual answers I received were:

- 8- John Caruso- I wouldn't call him that, but thats besides the point
- 11- Al Pearson- He's a chief of police, isn't he?
- 16- Mike Barno
- 21- The girl across the hall
- 25- The other girl across the hall
- 24- Scott Hansen
- 30- Bob Olsen (How did you know about LOM Source of the Nile)
- 32- Jimmy Carter
- 26- Me really! (Dave Carter)
- 49- Dave Carter
- 21- Dave Graber
- 25- I used to be, honest (Steve Langley)
- 34- Robert Sacks
- 33- John Michalski
- 36- Gotta be Linsey
- 50- Zorro
- 50- Brad Wilson

That about does it, oh wait, I forgot. I have 2 more comments:

Sorry. I know almost zilch about nicknames, in the hobby. I think you made some of them up. ((Don't we all make all of them up?))

I know Nick Names. Heck Of a guy, I once allied with him in.....

Now that should wrap it up. Keith "Tro" Sherwood gets a 6 issue extension to his W sub, Brad "Bozo" Wilson gets 3 issues, and Don Del Grande, our Calif pie in the sky, aka the West Coast W pubber gets 1 issue. What are you going to do with a 1 issue extension to your trade Don?

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Woody "Postmaster, could I please have a page of those classy looking 'C' stamps?"

You've heard about Job Interviews and The Playboy Interviews and even the Dead General Interviews. Hold on to your hats, for now you are about to read....

THE WHITESTONIA INTERVIEWS

This is going to be a regular or semi regular (bi regular, whatever) piece in W. All I have to do is find a ~~xxxx~~ volunteer every month or so. This month our ~~xxxx~~ celebrity is Steve G "Woody" Arnawoodian, aka Fuddybicker.

Kathy, the kids and I travelled to Lansdale, Pa for a personal and indepth interview with one of dipdoms most influential people from the past. But alas Woody wasn't home. So we left a note on his door for him to take a ride to NYC to see us, and that it was a matter of life and death. Thru a blizzardy snow- and ice storm, a 2 hour trip taking 6 1/2 hours, Woody shows up- a shaken and very fatigued traveller. After drinking a quart of scotch, Woody unwound enough for the interview. ((JC=me; W=Woody; KB=Kathy; DM=Dick Martin; JG=Julie Glass))

JC: How do you feel?

W: I could use another quart of scotch.

KB: Do you think that'll help you play dip?

W: It can't hurt.

JC: Were the roads that bad?

W: Lets just say I need more scotch.

KB: I can tell these questions are too hard for you Woody. So I'll give you an easy one- How many fingers do I have up? ((As she holds up 3 fingers))

W: Seven!

JC: Get him another drink. He's almost ready.

Twins: Mommy, can we play "Blarf" with Woody?

KB: No this is really an important interview for dipdom and to combat the force of evil. Go put on your old sweatpants and go to bed.

W: I thought this was life or death?

JC: It is- your life or your death!

KB: Get on with it already John.

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

W: I'm getting thirsty for a question.

JC: You're always thirsty Woodpecker! Go answer the door.

As Woody walks to the door

W: Knock Knock!

Door: Who's there?

W: Woody!

Door: Yes, I would!

W: Would what?

Door: Would he?

W: Are you one of Berch's cronies? Did you come here to spy and ruin my interview?

Door: No, I brought the back up tape recorder so we don't miss a word from this great man.

W: In that case, come in.

JC: Who the hell is it Woody, you babling speed freak?

W: Its a moron.

JC: Oh, Crud is here.

We all proceed to sit in the livingroom. Kathy and I on the love seat, DM is running around the room with his camera taking pictures from every possible angle, even from the ceiling like Spiderman. Woody is running away from Dick. Julie is there too, sleeping on the couch. Phyllis is at a movie, the twins are fast asleep.

KB: What do you think of DIAS? ((thats draws include all survivors))

W: I think Gary Coughlan is a God sent to this dipdom, and Dick Martin can go to hell, and take Jack Masters with him.

DM: Gary is trying very hard.

JC: Gary always tries hard! Woody, what new opinions have you formed in the last year about dipdom?

W: Uh, uh, uh, uh,.....

JC: That many eh?

W: Can we come back to this one. Its a tough question and too early to answer it.

DM: How do you feel about cross-clicking?

W: Thats going to save dipdom.

KB: God help us!

Brrng Brrng Brrng Kathy flies thø phone thinking its Toots, or another mindless drone

KB: Hello who is it?

RW: Its Rod Walker!

KB: No I'm sorry, Brian Lorber isn't here today. Would you like to speak to DM?

RW: Who's he?

KB: How about Woody?

The phone goes dead

JC: Who was it this time?

KB: Scott Hansen

JC: Oh, it was a wrong number.

W: I want another question

DM: Shut up! We'll get back to you.

JC: Calm down you Turkeys

DM: How do you feel about betting supply centers?

W: Without a doubt, this is the most significant innovation to come along since the "Beyerlein Interview"

JC: Hey youse guys- this is my interview. You are only here to advise.

DM and KB: Its not our fault you can't think of questions fast enough.

W: I'm still thirsty- Boy do you eat fast John!

JC: I have to. Its hard to conduct an interview, run a taperecorder, write, eat, and guard my salami, all while thinking of questions.

W: Oh!

JC: What has changed in dipdom since you 1st entered it many moons ago?

W: That beautiful, precious Deb Osborne hates my guts. The 1st female in dipdom since Kathy Byrne, Mary Beck, Jeri Overby, Julie Glass, Aunt Tillie, Sue Martin, Judy Winsome, Jane Proskin to do so. Now I'm working on Katie Schilling.

JC: No, I mean what structural or game changes have you noticed?

W: Russia starts out with 4 supply centers and doesn't get a fleet in Moscow.

Crud threw away his orange pen but bought 10 more.

JC: Anything else, brighteyes?

W: Is this going into Diplomacy Digest?

JC: Not that I know of. Why?

W: Whew!

JC: What do you think of Diplomacy World?

W: Its so pretty

JC: And Europa Express?

DM: I think my contact lens is stuck in my left eye.

W: Wheres that scotch?

JC: What do you think of EE? (getting impatient)

W: Its not as pretty as DW but it does use funny foreign languages, which I think are Korean, and I don't understand Korean.

DM: No! Thats Joisey.

JC: What do you think of the hobby mainstay-Diplomacy Digest?

DM: Its almost as pretty as Born To Dip.

JC: Not you Crud! You Woodpecker!

W: I never heard of it.

JC: You mean, all this time you're in dipdom and you never read DD by the infamous Mark Berch or any of his other writing in Brutus Bulletin, Dragon and Lamb, DW, Fol Sie Fie, Passchendaele, Claw and Fang, Murdring Ministers, EE, Appalling Greed, Fall of Eagles, Dot Happy, Voice of Doom, Why Me?, Maximaxu Gazette, or that famous, world renowned zine, Diman, among many others?

W: I never said I never read it. I just never heard of it. Is Berch the "Pandor of dipdom, or is he the man who made shiny heads famous?

JC: You and Mark have obviously had contact before, haven't you?

W: No, not like the coat of arms going to have the neck after this gets published. I have nothing to fear tho. Everyone knows Mark Burch has a fantastic sense of humor- the ability to shake anything off and smile- the ability to laugh in the face of death- to sneer at evil- to.....

KB: (interrupting) What do you think of Voice of Boom folding?

W: Can I have another scotch?

JC: You lush! You drink more than a whale. You're drinking me out of house and home.

W: Well you're the fool who invited me here.

KB: Answer the question.

W: That's just a rumor put out by that fanatic, Irish Mike Mills, Tip O'Neills sole supporter for Pres in 1984

DM: Is he that tall black fellow?

W: Mike is to the Demo party what Bozo is to the R p party. Tho cares what he looks like.

KB: What did you think of ReBozo To Dip? (just then woody spits out his mouth full of scotch)

W: No one ever mailed me a copy.

JC: Here read mine. (5 minutes later) How what do you think?

W: Some people think I did it, but that's just a rumor started by Ron Brown. Its not a fake. After reading it, it has all the qualifications of a normal issue of DDP.

JC: Have you any opinions on organizations?

W: I would like to nominate Mark Burch for "Corresponding Schmauck" of Wigadoo.

KB: Is it true that you're moving to Alexandria, Va soon?

DM: Are you trying to move closer to the hub of dipdom?

W: Alexandria could be the hub of dipdom. It could have me as a resident, but I want Phila to remain the hub of dipdom, so I'll remain there with the Mainard's, and the Kondter's and the other Bozo's.

JC: What do you think about the Walker-Sacks debates?

W: A question of that magnitude can only be answered in the presence of my attorney- Moss Peterson.

JC: Gee, I thought he was a pig, not a horse?

W: You stenderous SOB. Everyone knows Peterson is a Horse.

DM: Where's Jack Masters?

W: Who cares?

JC: He co!

W: Who are you? Only Mark Burch cares. ((DM- Mark Burch))

KB: Do you plan to mention KB's name enough times in COA (Cost Of Arms) to get a plug in DD?

W: No! With plugs like that, who needs enemies. We are all going to get alot of letters tho.

DM: Not me! He always ignores me. Writes me off as crazy.

W: You mean a Bozo Clone?

DM: Bozo is my Clone.

W: Not the way I see it.

As DM approaches W with anger in his eyes

DM: Just keep quiet Woody.

JC: Beat him to a pulp, Crud!

Crud smacks Woody in the head with an empty scotch bottle- Woody doesn't bleed, he leaks

DM: hehehe- Take that you fool.

KB: Kick him in the

JC: hehehe- Now everybody in dipdom gets a free laugh on Woody.

After a 1/2 hour of frolicking

JC: Woody, its getting late. A few more questions and we have to call it an interview.

DM: Gee- this is the 1st time I've heard this thing called an interview.

JC: Just ask him a question Crud.

DM: How cruelly do you think Brux abused Matt McKibbon, that nice novice in the covers up Black Hole Affair?

W: Only Jack Masters and Thurber know for sure.

KB: Is it true you serox all of Carys lip letters and mail them out to the players and pubbers?

W: Why should I do Garys zeroxing and mailing for him. He has a job, a zerox machine, I really don't think he needs my help, nor do I believe he'd want it.

KB: Can you explain why Steve Heikowski received them from you?

W: More rumors spread by the evil Ron Brown (as Woody mumbles something about Kathy being a bit..)

JC: Hey guys, read Rod Walkers folders full of mail to me. What do you think?

DM: Talk to my west coast agent- Brian Lorber.

W: Its all on par with Robert Sacks material, which I don't think much of either

JC: So you guys aren't impressed either?

DM: Nothing RW does impresses me. Now Julie (pointing to the sleeping body on the sofa), theres something that effects me.

JC: How did you manage to get wiped out by 1902 in a Demo game, by losing all 4 centers on the FO2 move to Annihilation?

W: Deb Osborne and Greg Stebbins coached me.

KB: Debbie won't think thats funny Woody.

DM: Neather did Woody-hahaha

JC: Woody, do you like to be made a fool of?

W: Who ever made a fool of me? Tell me and I'll sick Falter on them.

JC: Which is better, Tom Mainardi's Italian, or Scott Hansens German?

DM: Gary Coughlan's Korean.

W: Definitely Scott's girlfriend Frauke. I didn't even know Tom had an Italian girlfriend.

DM: What do you think about Lepercy?

W: Steve Langley is the Leper authority (as he mumbles- by experience)

JC: The way Mainardi writes, I thought he was a leper for sure.

W: Mainardi doesn't write.

JC: Then who wrote that statement "Who cares about the IDA and by the way, what was it?"

W: It was probably Ron Brown again. He's been doing alot of things like that

KB: How does it feel to lose out and not be "Doomie of the Year"? lately

As Julie finally wakes up

W: I didn't know I lost. Who won, Brux?

DM: Sure. He was the judge, jury and executioner, as usual.

KB: If you had known that before, would you have still bought him a bottle of cologne for Christmas?

W: I'd have bought him 200 bottles.

KB: Why?

W: Why not? I'm starting to sober up. Give me another scotch.

JC: Good answer. (Julie gets up and gets Woody another drink)

DM: How do you qualify to be a group leader?

W: First you have to pub a very pretty zine, eat colored grits, marry a cow, play Elvis records and make sure you know how to cross game.

JC: Have you ever seen the inside of Garys house?

W: No, he shuffled me to a trailer that looked like a burnt out garage, while his mansion "Graceland" was being dusted.

KB: Is it true that Alan Rerun Moon once sat on your lap?

W: No, I think you have him mixed up with Rod Walker.

DM: Did Bob Sacks get jealous?

W: Of course. I wanted them fighting over me the way they fight over DW, vari-
ants, conventions, lists, etc.

JC: Heres an important question- Do you smoke?

W: Only in the presence of Allen Wells, and only smelly old cigars.

JC: You seem to have had contact with Allen Wells also.

W: No, I never heard of him.

JC: But you just mentioned his name..

W: What the hell do you want out of my life? I just had 2½ quarts of scotch. You can't expect me to remember small details. By the way, this is more important to dipdom than the "Beyerlein" interview, isn't it?

JC: You bet.

KB: Whitestonia has a much larger readership

DM: What with Mark Berch reproducing Whitestonia's and mailing them as samples, what can you expect?

KB: What do you think the qualification of a good BMC should be?
 W: They have to talk to the little red wooden blocks, just like Dippy Don.
 DM: Wait a minute. I want to take that to an Ombudsman. Do you know any good ones? I can never find them.
 JC: You have enough problems with Gary Coughlan and Ombudsmen, Mr Martin. Don't push your luck.
 DM: If Don Del Grande can do it, so can I.
 Woody a little slow at reacting finally answers
 W: Eric Ozog, Brad Wilson, Bernie Oaklyn, would all make good ombudsmen. But the very best choice would be that self, professed, #1 superman of an ombudsman the 1, the only, Mark Berch, Corresponding Schmuck of Wigadoo.
 JG: Ooo! Ooo! Can I ask a question too?
 JC: Nope- the interview is over.
 W: Did I come out smelling like a rose?
 JG: I'll bet you came out smelling alright.

As everyone leaves, this reporter concludes that this interview was a complete success. Do I have any other ~~Asylex~~ volunteers for future interviews? Scott Hansen, Gary Coughlan, or perhaps even Doug Beyerlein?

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Below is some info courtesy of Robert Sacks. The only thing omitted is July 23-25: Origins/Dipcon will be held at the Univ of Maryland, Balt campus. For info write to Origins 1982 PO Box 15405 Balt, Md 21220 or write about dip to Mark Berch 492 Haylor Pl Alexandria, Va 22304. We will be at the big "O"
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After a gap of 17 months I have decided to start up a dip'zine.

I will use HANSARD as the name for this monthly.

Subscriptions will cost \$6 for a year of 12 issues.

Gamefees will be \$12. Initial openings will be in Diplomacy and Parlement (now, yet, and forever), and after I study the matter and figure out appropriate houserules, Empires of the Middle Ages.

- May 7-9 Kubla Khan Tenuum
 \$10 Executive Inn, Nashville
 \$15 at door
 Ken Moore, 647 Devon Dr, Nashville Tn 37220
- May 21-23 Torque 3 - SF Con
 \$10 in advance Muir Park Hotel, Toronto
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 1812-415 Willowdale Ave, Willowdale Ontario CANADA M2N 5B4
- May 28-30 Disclave - SF Con
 Sheraton National, Arlington Va
- May 30 MICS III - Game Con
 Free, 10 am-10 pm Kitchener-Waterloo Regional Police
 Association Recreation Center, Ontario
 Les Scanlon, 473 Upper Wentworth St, Hamilton Ontario CANADA L9A 4T6
- June 10-13 MichiCon 11 - Game Con
 Cobo Hall, Detroit
 MBG, 2616 Kenwyck, Troy Mi 48098
- June 11-13 DeepSouthCon 20 - SF Con
 \$8 North Lake Hilton, Atlanta
 Cliff Biggers, 6045 Summit Wood Dr, Kennesaw Ga 30144
- June 24-27 GenCon East 82 - Game Con
 Rickshaw & Holiday Inns, Cherry Hill NJ
 PO Box 139, Middletown NJ 07748
- July 2-5 Westecon 35 - SF Con
 Phoenix Hilton
 PO Box 11644, Phoenix Az 85064

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PROFILES

Keith "Tro" Sherwood as submitted by ????????

George Leritte

My name is George Leritte. I'm 27 years old and I just celebrated my 2nd anniversary in postal diplomacy. I entered postal diplomacy because I was spectacularly unsuccessful in FTF. You see, I'm 5ft 2 in tall, weigh about 220 lbs, have a 12inch hunchback and a face that would stop an atomic clock. ((You could be our new secret weapon)) Ask Linsey for verification, he's the only one to see a picture of me (the hunchback figures prominently). This makes it uncomfortable to write, altho I occasionally manage to do so. I managed to finally find a woman to take pity on me and marry me. It must have been my IQ of 195 and paycheck of \$75,000/year. She is a stunning beauty tho. Jennifer is 5ft 9inch tall, weighs about 120lbs and is 37-22-36, with silky auburn hair. I thank Brux for my luck. He didn't have anything to do with it, but I had to thank someone. I

I was born in La, and stayed there most of my life. I've got a BS in physics and math, MS in electrical engineering and a PhD in computer science, and currently own my own computer programing consultation service. I travel quite a bit because of my work, which also puts a dent into my writing.

This ought to be enough to totally sicken you, so I'll sign off.

so we have 2 very interesting profiles. I especially like all the detail in Tro's profile. He must be a real interesting person.

As for George's profile- doesn't your hunch back get in the way of your travelling? I mean it must be hard to drive a car- no wonder you were in a car accident last year.

You too can have your name appear in the profile section. All you have to do is submit a profile of any lenth(length), and you will see it printed. You will also have earned yourself a token sub extension, depending on how long and if you typed the profile. Typees get a little more for saving me a little work.

We are to that part of W that we hate to see, the ending. Every issue has to end somewhere, it just seems that W's end faster than some of the other zines. Look at it this way, the faster this one ends, the faster I begin to put together the next thrill packed, fun issue of this publication. At least I'm not going to burn out like some of those others have. Just think, its 3 years and 1 month since I started pubbing. Boy does time fly when you're having fun. It seems like only yesterday I started. No I'm not interested in breaking any records, so with the exception of a mid-monthly here and there, this issue comes out every 4 weeks. I will not reach 100 for 4 more years. When I reach it, it will truly be a mile stone. More zines seem to reach 100 than 7 years pubbing. They all rush to get to the big 100, then get bored.

On that note I will say goodbye for now. See you next month.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

I wish Grabar would write (aka Lie) so I could guess what he's up to.



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