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This is Kathy's Korner, Bostonia, a FUN-ZINE, full of gossipy silliness, put out by us, John Caruso and Kathy Byrne 160-02 43Ave Flushing, NY 11358 212 353-9695. We work our tails off for you peoples enjoyment, (not really, but it sounds good), so have a good time and do try to participate every now and then.

I have been seeing something I consider humorous, printed in another publication, and I thought I'd do a parity of it here. How about it....

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Oh boy, am I in trouble now!

Anyway, what do we have in here this issue. There's a few poll announcements, and if you publish, please, reprint the announcements. More accurately than me, I hope. There's a sub-zine, an article, another Jano's journey, 3 profiles (2 in KK), letters, dipdom, an end of game statement, 1982AB Demo/Showcase highlights(hahahaha), and tons of other good, and bad stuff. Its up to you to find the good stuff. Leave the bad to Mr Berch.

Another reminder, please, send in your survey answers, it really is important to me. And don't forget, if you want a copy of the DipCon Final Newsletter, it is 50¢, of which I can deduct it from your sub. They look to be very interesting and worth collecting. Lots of good reading too.

So much for the introduction into the zine. I'll not bore you any longer. W is bigger than KK this month and rightly so. Oh yes, Welcome back to Car pughlan. Our problems, I hope, are behind. And congrads to Mr Berch, he had a bar scientific miracle. Guess why its called the Rainbow Revue issue?

END GAME STATEMENTS

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SILIA Dick Martin (winner): This was a decent game. Lee Kendler Sr left me an excellent position and I just made the most of it. This wasn't a particularly easy win, it just seemed inevitable once I decided to go for it. Thanks to Al, Roy, Mike, and David Mendalis for sticking it out, and to John for saving the game from oblivion. Lets do it again sometime.

John Caruso: This game was unusual. At no time did the GM's fingers leave his hands. He almost screwed up the game, but never lost his fingers. Sorry for the flubb guys.

Other than that, this game was interesting. I had fun running it and watching it develop. Nice game to all the players, and congrats on the win Dick. Whats this- number??

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1982AB Showcase/Demo Fall 1907 E-F draw fails 3yes lno labstain

Tur F Ion ret Adr; Ita A ~~Tri~~ Tri ret Ven;

ENGLAND 187-46-8103: A stp-Liv; A Nwy-Stp; F Hwg-Bar; F Swe-Bot; F Nth-Hol; A Kie-Mun; A Den-Pru; (F Bel C);

FRANCE Wimp Olsen: F Ion-Eas; F Tyr-Ion; F Lyo-Tyr; A Tus-Pie; A Sil-Ga; A Tyo S Ita A Boh-Vie; A Ber S Eng A Den-Pru; A Bel-Hol;

ITALY Grabar: A Boh-Vie; A Ven-Rom; F Nap-Tyr; F Anu-Ion; F Tun S Fre F

RUSSIA McCloud: F Rom-H; A Vie-H; (A Bud S); A War-Ios; A Pru-War; (AGa

TURKEY Wilson: F Adr-Ven; (A Tri S); (F Alb S); F Aeg-Gre; A Bul-Gre; F Eas-Ion;

ENGLAND: Home, Den, Hol, Kie, Nwy, Swe, stp, Mun	10 +2
FRANCE: hHome, Spa, Por, Bel, Ber	7 -1
ITALY: Rom, Nap, Tun	3 -2
RUSSIA: Nos, War, Sev, Rum, Vie, Bud	6 even
TURKEY: Home, Gre, Bul, Ser, Tri, Ven	8 +2

There are 2 calls for a E-F draw and 2 calls for a E-F-I draw. Vote with your next turn, which a combined Winter 1907/Spring 1908 is called for and due Sept.24,1983 (or LAB)

PRESS: Rome: I think I feel the knife. I hope I'm just dreaming. ((More like a nightmare if you ask me))

Woody-GM: You must have been deathly ill! You made no errors last season

GM-Woody: Not ill, full of Kill!

Woody-GM: I thought you always gave the player the benefit of the doubt. (At least thats what you say) But Grizzley, this is the 12th time you knew what I meant but disqualified my order. IT's funny how I have no GM troubles except for you and your pal Linsey.

GM-Woody: ((Who can't even spell his own name) I do give you the benefit of the doubt. Have I thrown you out for deception yet? Have I thrown you out for sending your henchmen, Scooper Berch after me? I don't know about YOUR PAL Linsey, but I am not afraid to stand up to you. Funny thing, this is the ONLY game I've ever run where the players miswrite their orders everyturn, and attack the GM, instead of each other. This is just like the FUDGE DON'T EUDGE variant I created.

Woody-GM: ((I see, practice makes perfect- you spelled it right this time Sawdusthead)) I need a copy of your HR's. The maid found the old set, took them for shit and tossed them down the toilet.

GM-Woody: Couldn't have been my houserules. They fight back.

Woody-GM: ((Again? Don't you have anyone else with brains to write to?))

Blad to see you're opening up another dip game. Sign me up. My player fee is \$10 (US)

Results of the Second Annual Eminent Awards Poll.

Best Zine

1- Europa Express	13
2- Whitestonia	4
3- Coat of Arms	3
Others	11
Total	31

Best New Zine

1- No Fixed Address	8
2- The Prince	6
3- Magus	4
30 Miles...Road	5
Others	5
Total	27

Best Zine For News

1- Diplomacy World	8
Whitestonia/KK	7
3- Europa Express	7
Others	8
Total	31

Best Zine Letter Column

1- Europa Express	11
2- Whitestonia/KK	7
3- Voice of Doom	6
Others	7
Total	31

Most Improved Zine

1- Anduin	8
2- Retaliation	6
Others	4
Total	18

Best Looking Zine

1- Diplomacy World	9
2- Snafu!	8
3- Europa Express	3
Others	9
Total	29

Best Zine for "DIPLOMACY"

1- Dogs of War	10
2- Cheesecake	8
3- Appalling Greed	5
Others	6
Total	29

Best For Games Other Than Dip.

1- Envoy	15
2- Bushwacker	4
Enhain Macha	5
Others	3
Total	30

Best GM

1- Gary Coughlan	7
2- Andy Lischett	5
3- Bob Sergeant	4
Others	15
Total	31

Distinguished Service Award

1- Don Ditter (ex-BNC)	12
2- John Daly (orphans)	9
3- Lee Kendler Sr.	7
Others	1
Total	29

Total number of votes cast for a zine without regard to category: EE, 34; DD, 1; NWSG, 1; COA, 5; SK, 5; Magus, 8; AG, 8; Whitestonia, 19; MM, 5; DoW, 13; Prince, 7; Envoy, 16; 30 Miles, 4; NFA, 11; Midlife, 3; Herald, 3; Politesse, 1; DW, 17; Anduin, 11; MP, 2; Retaliation, 6; VOD, 8; Irksome, 1; EM, 5; LSB, 2; DTT, 1; DEM, 1; Ter-ran, 4; Bushwacker, 4; Cheesecake, 8; Gamers' Zine, 1; Snafu!, 10. Total ballots received by deadline 34.

Congradulations to the winners and the strong-seconds. Thanks to those helpful publishers who re-printed the Ballot or made it known that the awards were being conducted. Those nominated walked off with the big votes. Next year the nominating procedure will include EM's subbers plus 20 publishers. Both groups will have nominations tallied separately with the two top nominees for each going on the ballot, along with the strongest 3d place nominee.

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JANO'S JOURNIES

EPISODE #2 TABLE TALK

In our last episode, JANO, a female member of the species WEBFOOTUS OREGONUS, and her porcine sidekick ROTUNDA set off on a QUEST to find a REAL MAN. After a futile visit to Southern California (what in the world did they expect to find there, anyway?) they head east, being the only direction in which they can go without ending up in the Pacific Ocean, in Mexico, or back where they started.

As we join JANO and Rotunda, they are sitting down to a meal with Rotunda's sister Petunia, brother-in-law Porky, and assorted nieces and nephews in a comfortable sty somewhere in the Sun Belt.

"It was nice of you to invite us to dinner," JANO said to Petunia. "You certainly have a nice family."

"Thank you," Petunia replied. "We're especially proud of our two oldest. This little piggy goes to Marquette, while this little piggy stays home and attends the local collage, Pork U."

Two more little piggies interrupted. "I want more roast beef!" shouted the middle boy.

"No! I haven't had any!" protested his little sister.

"Now children, remember our guests," reprimanded Petunia.

Meanwhile the littlest piggy bounced up and down in his chair crying, "Wee! Wee! Wee!"

"Oh, all right, Mortimer, you may be excused. But don't dawdle."

JANO turned to her cohort. "Say, Rotunda, do you think we should go back to Seattle and check out that tall man again? You remember him--the 6 foot 8 blond."

((Jano's Journey continues))

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"Him? Hah!" snorted Rotunda scornfully. "All he ever did was sit in the backyard with a six-pork, talking to the squirrels. You know you've always had a weakness for hairy chests. What about the time he kidnapped you and dragged you to the top of the Space Needle? You call that romantic?"

"Well, it would have been if all the newspapers hadn't sent their reporters out in planes, buzzing around our heads. It was a clear-cut invasion of privacy!"

"You'll find a REAL MAN eventually," assured Petunia. "We certainly wish you the best of luck."

"Daddy, I'm still hungry. Are we having dessert?" asked Mortimer, who had returned to the table.

"Nope," Porky replied as he pushed back his chair, "th-th-tha-that's all, folks."

After a restful night, JANO and Rotunda reluctantly bade farewell to all the piggies and set out once more, in search of a REAL MAN.

((Thank you Jano for another, ~~final~~ indepth look at the journeys of a Tebfootus Oregonus.))

NAVAL WAR

I recently, at EastCon this summer, picked up a copy of Avalon Hill's newest war, card game called NAVAL WAR. The game is basically simple and fun. Each player gets to pick 7 ships and 5 action cards and the object is to zap all your opponents, or as many as possible. The winner is the one with the most points. Each ship counts a different amount of points, the harder it is to kill, the more its worth. And there are some nasty cards in the deck, such as the Torpedo boats and subs which sink 1 ship on a certain die roll, minefields that have accumulative damage on ALL the ships in your fleet, and the hated Destroyer card, which can kill up to 6 ships on one turn.

This game reminds me of a WWII naval card game, modeled after FLYING BUFFALO'S card game NUCLEAR WAR. The game is fun, but takes a bit longer than the Nuke game. If I'm not mistaken, I picked it up for \$6 which makes it comparably priced to the FE game. For the money, it is worth the buy, for realism, it isn't, but just to be able to say- The Bismark is my ship, you can really get into this game. The rules are such that it can be played with from 3-7 players, enjoyably. So if you're near an AH booth at a convention, or you have an AH order catalog, buy one and give it a try.

WHITESTONIA SURVEY

I wish to kindly ask you people to please take the time to answer these questions so I can better provide you with the kind of zine you wish to receive. Its been a while since I had one of these, and they were not of the serious nature, but I would hope that most of you will answer these and in a serious tone so I can get a better idea of what you want from W/KK and what you think of this product. Please use a separate sheet of paper for this survey. Thank you for being cooperative and a free issue to everyone who answers this survey.

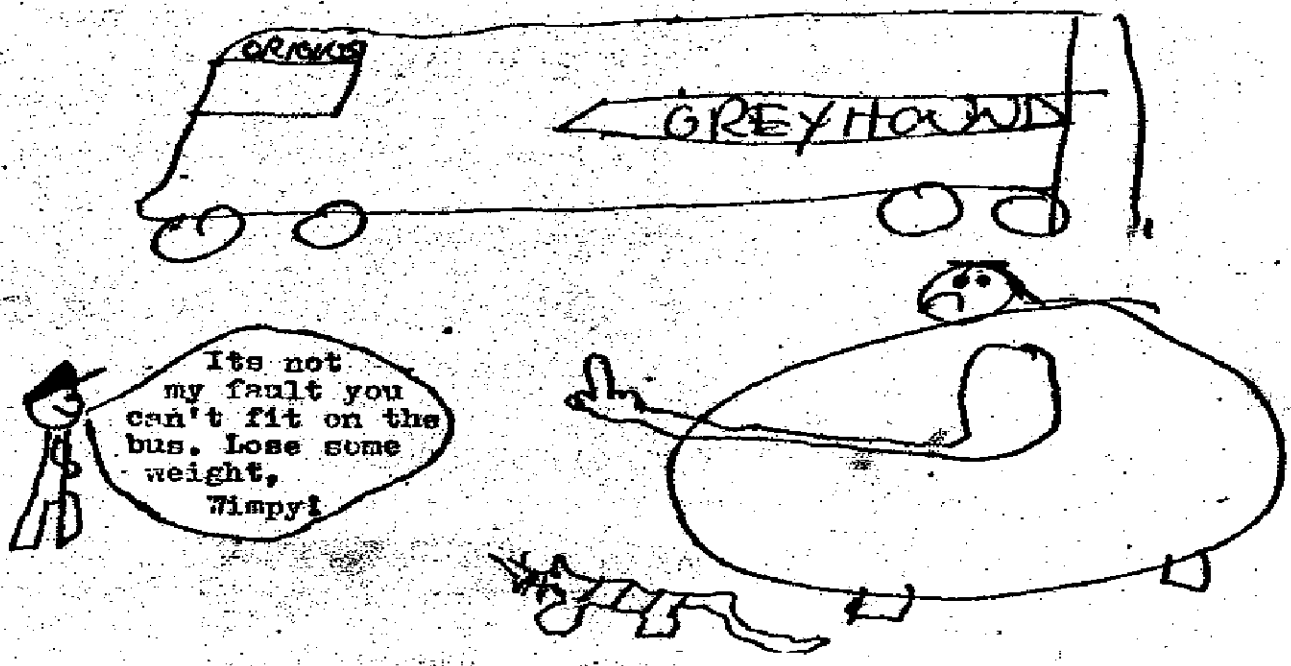
- 1- What is the best part of this zine?
- 2- What is the worst part of this zine?
- 3- Why do you sub to this zine?
- 4- If you had to do it over again, would you sub here?
- 5- Is there anything you would like to see more of or is there anything new you'd like added to this zine?
- 6- Is there anything that used to appear in this zine that you'd like to see again?
- 7- What one item would you not want to remain or ever see in this zine?
- 8- Do you consider the double issues to be worth the money or would you prefer single issues instead?
- 9- Who is the sexiest person in this zine?
- 10- In your opinion, over the last year, has the overall quality of repro and content of this zine, gotten better, gotten worse, or remained the same?

OPTIONAL- On a scale of 0-10 with 0= terrible and 10= the best, what would you honestly rate this issue of W/KK

Answers to this survey are due by Sept.24,1983.

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WHY BOB OLSEN WONT BE AT ORIGINS '83



Diplomacy Players Poll and Harco Poll: Its that time of the year again. There is a preprinted Ballot enclosed for all of you to vote, and the same trend as last year applies. If you'd rather not mail the ballots separately, you can mail both to either of us and we will forward it to the other. You may also notice that this year there is no verisimilitude player part of the DEP. That's because of lack of interest last year, and due to popular request. Don't forget, you have until Nov. 22, 1983 to get your votes in. One last thing, if you are a publisher, you are asked to please plug these 2 polls, at least once in your zine. Thanks.

Tacky: As some of you may have noticed, Lu hasn't come out lately. Truth of the matter is that Lu is having some personal problems-- a very ill close, relative. As soon as he possibly can, he assured me, his zine and games will come out. Please bear with him in this time of crisis.

Census: Dick Martin 26 Orchard Way N Rockville, Md 20854 is once again doing the census. You are asked to send him a copy of your sub list, or your address if you don't sub to anyone, sometime in the months of Aug or Sept. May I suggest the ladder as Aug is over. The census will cost between \$1-\$3 for those who don't submit a list and about \$1 for those who do. Cost depends on how much material he has to print. Fred Davis has agreed to do some of the statistical work that was missing in the last census, so there ought to be more content. If you publish, you are kindly asked to pass the word, and to mail in your list.

Toad/Toady Poll: (aka Tedpole) is being done this year by Mark Luedi PO Box 2424 Bloomington, Ind 47402. You are asked to vote for the 5 most probable in each category of Toad and Toady. A Toad is someone who leads, a Toady follows, blindly. Mark didn't write to ask any of us to plug this poll, but we may as well try to push it too. Due date is mid-Sept, so hurry with your votes. I know who I'm voting for. And you may accompany your top choice with a small essay if you like.

Line Register: Formerly known as the Zine Directory, this worthwhile piece of hobby literature is put out by Roy Henricks, also a new custodian, 128 Deerfield Dr Pitt, Pa 15235. The cost is \$2 US currency, more if you are a sub-human, foreigner. Included in this booklet, is just about every zine, poll, service, flyer, organization and available collectors item in the hobby today, or from yesteryear as they used to say on The Lone Ranger. (Not all the old stuff, but some) Cathy Cuning did extensive work for Roy in accumulating the most extensive collection of ~~European~~ European material. Write to Roy today and don't forget the \$2. Its well worth the money.

House Of Lords: Dick Martin 26 Orchard Way N Rockville, Md 20854 is putting out a new zine, which he hopes will catch on, and so do I, for the prime purpose of being a discussion magazine for pubber's and GM's alike. He will try to keep himself neutral on subject matters, and make his comments before the parties discuss the matter. This months subject is "Hobby Polls". If you are interested in joining this zine or participating in the discussion, contact Dick today. This is a similar idea to the Peery Round Table, except this zine is supposed to come out more frequently, and will be more reasonable in price (the cost of the postage only), and is available and open to GMs and pubbers, active or recently retired only. This "non-partisan" publication, is a follow up to the old PEERLESS, for some of you oldtimers. It is meant to discuss hobby topics, and hopefully, will avoid feuds, even tho the topic of feuds may be and probbly will, some day, be discussed.

Norfolk, Va: Did you people read about the judge who sentenced a dog to death, for excessive barking. The dog barked at least 3 days a week for at least 1/2 hour each day. Tell me this countries judiciary system isn't all screwed up. Criminals walk the streets and a noisy dog has to be put down. The owner is appealing, but the way the courts are run now-a-days, I wouldn't be surprised if they execute the owner to for arguing to strenuously. Maybe this judge would like to hear Mark Berhh's case?

Football season is almost here, and I can't wait for the Jets to play in the Super Bowl. Roy Henricks is an avid Steel Curtain fan. I wonder if we can get a football pool going. You know, like Kathie's baseball and hockey pools. I'll take my NY Jets. Anybody interested? Ron Brown? Roy? Woody? Dick? Toots? Little Piggy? Pumpkin? Veggy? DDG?

Baseball is winding down, and the Mets rot. I can't believe I actually bet on them. Can I get a rebate? One bright spot, they are looking better, even if they don't win more games. Funny thing, thats the same place they were before Bambi-dumbo, took over. At least Torre kept them competitive. Howard has them back in Torres groove. How if only they hired a real manager, like Michalski (and hes unemployed too). I'll negociate for you. We take no less than \$50,000, but will not DEMAND \$100,000 either.

Speaking of John "I'd rather blow your brains out than talk" Michalski, (watch out Woody, he may blow you too), have you seen all the NES's lately, you know, his roving recipe column. Seems John is trying to change the country thru Berchian-type, brainwashing tactics, or so it appears. What happened to the good old days John when you would beat someone into submission. Now you soothe them into it.

I miss the old Retaliation surveys. You know, that is one way for a rubber to keep in touch with his readers to find out what they like and dislike about his zine. Well, we used to run one here too, but haven't for over a year(almost 2 years). So this issue, we also have a survey of interest for you to answer. It may help me put out a better product, one you people want to see. So please, take the time to answer it, and a free issue of W to everyone who answers the survey.

My apologies to Robert Sacks. A few months ago he said the BHC was being challenged. It now turns out, she was challenged. Gee, you were right again Robert, whose ahead now, you or Mark?

Don Del Grande is in the news again too. It seems Don is dissatisfied with the ECC and has rebelled and set up his own clique, the West Coast Clique. He is, at present, the only member. The requirements are very simple- you must be a westerner, punchy, glassy-eyed and blase. Sounds like everyone west of the Mississippi to me.

Do you people know what the Creek National Anthem is called? "Love will turn you around".

Recently, John Michalski was overheard telling Claudine to not forget to "pine tar", his Louisville slugger.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Oh, God! Another Rod Walker letter. Get out the Peptol-Dismol!!"

IMPORTANT: As of August 31, 1983, I will be changing its free issue policy for submitted articles. Kathy says I'm tooooooo generous. So, from now on, if you submit anything, you will only get a 2 issue extension for every typed page you submit, instead of the old policy that was 4 issues. Pictures and profiles still get 1 issue, and written out articles will be at least 1 issue, but as much as 4, depending on the length. No wonder I'm not a millionaire yet!

WOODY WIMP AWARD: This is an award for, well, need I say more. Send your nominations of Bob Olsen to Don Swartz 6703 Strawberry Lane Louisville, Ky. 40214 Apt 409. Deadline is next month. Lets put Bob in his rightful place. A vote for Fudge, is a vote for humanitarianism!

DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD: I don't know how I forgot to announce this last month, thank Berch, Kathy did. Congratulations to Rod Walker on winning the 1st DMIA for hobby service, above and beyond the call.

DIPLOMACY CALENDAR: Eric Kane 109 Nicks Lane Great Neck, NY 11024 is doing a diplomacy calendar, which is intended to list all the FTF dip going on in 1984. It is hoped Eric will expand this, to not only cover dip events after 1984, but possibly, other major gaming events as well. Eric, if you run your 1st issue in Nov/Dec, you can plug the "1st Stab Of The Year", ByrneCon, Dec.31-Jan.1. If you are planning to hold a FTF and know a few months ahead of time, drop Eric a line so he can get the news printed. Finally, a dipdom list of FTF diplomacy for the entire tho we do have a NY Pandora Calendar, but it rarely covers anything outside of the metro NY area.

Hey, has anybody heard anything yet? Was it a Little Scooper, or a Little Scoopette? I have money riding on this, and I don't want to get hustled by DDG, by his letting Kathy win, like he does when they join dip games together.

EASTCON WINNERS CERTIFICATES: I have heard some disheartening news that some of the winners at this years diplomacy convention at EastCon have yet to receive their certificates, Kathy included. Robert, are you there? What's the hold up?

Bowie Kuhn, Commissioner of Baseball has finally retired, after over 10 years of fruitless toil and troublemaking. Next stop, Moore, Okla, home of the other old foggies.

I would like to thank Melinda for the stamps she sent me. But its John Michalski who is unemployed and needs the stamps. So I will just add it to your sub. Oh, by the way, lover-boy, Cochise, (Steve Courtmanche) is the one who got you started.

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QUOTE OF THE YEAR: Cory Coughlan: "You and I had some differences in the past."

This is page 1 of KK, the zine that demands you do something!!!!

This issue is dedicated to Ed Wrobel, who has decided to bring some class and very big words into this zine. Thanks Ed for opening up a whole new world to me, I actually learned to use a dictionary while reading this masterpiece!!!! So, Ed if you can try and have fun with the rest of us, and can put up with my slang and horrible use of the English language, you're more than welcome as our latest funny!!!! Enjoy!!!

So just to show you that someone intellectual does read my trash, we will start this month off with Ed's letter and then go on to the ????????'s

My dear Byrne, Upon perusing your discussion of the responsibilities of subbers to the pubber, I felt that I, as a new "funny", would be well-advised to make at least a token effort to fulfill what you apparently view as my obligation to you. Hence, this letter. May I say, firstly, that the concept of subber responsibility is, at the very least, novel, and, at the most, ludicrous. Thus, it is wholly consistent with the widely publicized characterization of KK as "gossippy silliness" (a much more apropos label than, for example, "silly gossip," which, I presume, Mr. Kador would prefer for purposes of standardization of the language and, consequently, - of thought.) If we consider the actions of many pubbers - and now you must agree that the concept of pubber responsibility is well-established-then how silly can we be to expect mere subbers to behave in a responsible manner? Of course, it may be argued that your intimate family of abuse-seeking readers are of a much more pristine quality than the average Dipster. But it would be difficult to support such an argument in a hobby brimming with aspiring barristers. I would suggest that you carefully study the "Greetings" in the last issue of Politesse, but I believe it is far too late for such casual advice to have any ameliorating effect on your actions.

((KK: What do you mean novel - ludicrous? Around here we are UNIQUE!!!

My subbers and I understand each other. Of course, it is silly to expect my subbers to participate, but that is no sillier than expecting them to enter my dumb contests or write in to get abused. You have to admit that I have a truly rare breed of subbers. Mine are the best! They know what happens if they don't participate, so they decide that they would rather be abused - than suffer the wrath of Byrne. Think about it, I got you to write, didn't I.))

Do catch the October Xenogogic. I understand you are mentioned in an unflattering context.

((KK: How could you possibly know what he is printing in October, if it is only August? Don't worry though a little zine like Xeno won't bother me, remember I've been attacked by much bigger and better!!!)) As I have written to Mr. Kane of Anduin, I do object to repeated references to "the Wrobel incident" or "The Wrobel Situation". From my viewpoint, it has, all along been simply the Linsey Affair and nothing else. I would not wish to be immortalized in Mr. Berch's lexicon! In any event, I'll take a Calhamer, a Walker, a Kane, Byrne/Caruso, et. al. over one Linsey, a couple of Doomies and a half-a-Berch any day of the week. Mr. Berch's clarification of the ombudsman rule in W was quite welcome to me. It is a significant distancing from Linsey's position. And quite reasonable in itself, I might add. A ruling should not be overturned if there is some precedent or support (snicker) for it. My disagreement has always been with Linsey, not Berch, personalities notwithstanding.

((KK: I can understand your not wanting to be written up in the lexicon as some kind of freak, so from now on I will dub it the "Linsey Affair", not that anyone listens to me. For this to catch on, I suggest that you write Mark Berch, you will have to get his official

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blessing. After all it's not truth, until God says so! I was glad to read that you'd rather have a me, then half-a-Berch! How that is a classic line.))

May I publicize and/or reprint reports of Byrne Cons in Politesse? ((KK: Ed, feel free to reprint, publicize, etc. any reports on any Cons found within these pages. Write again, I need someone with a brain or at least half-a-brain, to spice up my trash!!!))

Now for the questions and first up, the poor women who has to put up with the pathetic ones:

Dear Kathy, From 1972 to the night-marish times of 1983, I have found I have a problem. It seems when I go to bed, during a game night, some gamer sneaks in the kitchen and eats all of the food up. My children are starving. Please solve!...Grabar's Insane wife - Evon
Dear Evon, Thanks for an easy question, the obvious answer is just divorce the bum, that way his mooching friends will have to go else where!!!!.....your friend, Kathy

Dear Kathy: How come you can always find a sucker to stab? How do you do that?....Evon's other half

Dear Dave, All you have to do is join a game with someone like you, or Woody, or Caruso, or Cochise or any of your male relatives! As they say There is a sucker born every minute, and I have a way of finding them - I found you didn't I???.....Bloodsucker

Dear Kathy: I would like to give John a name in the hobby. How about Macho Nacho!.....Gruesome

Dear Jerky, He already has a name in this hobby - it is called MUD!..me

Dear Kathy, How about this. I'm ranked #60 on the Top 100 stars. Isn't that great?....Dave

Dear Dave, Don't tell me about it, I don't want to hear from inferior males. You write to me about your rating when you are closer to my ranking, or when you become a member of the In Six!!!! I already gave you lessons, on how to find the suckers! Do I have to teach you everything? Also for some reason, I find it amusing that there are only 40 players worse than you, or that you play better than 40 other people (something must be wrong, with that rating system!....ME

Kathy, why doesn't some GM make every player in his/her game(s) draw their moves on a Diplomacy map (like the ones used in EE or SS) so there won't be any more confusion about orders?...signed Keep Your Mouth Shut and You'll make a fine GNC

Dear Del Monte, I have enough trouble drawing a straight line, how could I draw my moves. I mean after all, my moves are all crooked!..KK

KK: What was the answer to John's Joke puzzle last month? I'd ask John but I doubt th t he knows since he said he'd print the answers and didn't, it can only mean he wasn't smart enough to figure it out. Right?.....Flowerchild

Dear Steve, I asked John the answer and he said, that sure is a good question! The nationalities were Greek, Russian, Polish, and German. If anyone can supply John with the reasons for these nationalities, please do so, as he can't remember them. Well, what do you expect from a senile Italian!!!!.....Kathy

Dear KK: I read somewhere that you consider Woody to be the best Dippy player in the country (maybe the world?). Could you confirm or deny this & report?.....DIPSHIT DIP PLAYER

Dear Calif. representative, Of course, you read that out right lie

Page 3 of the zine that has tons of ???'s from the CA. Crowd!!!!

somewhere. You read where you published it - in MM!!! Just like you to put words in my mouth, watch out you might be the next Mr. Nixon.....Kathy

Dear KK: I thought Dave "Gruesome" Grabar was the definitive expert on playing ITALY? So, how come in this new game I'm watching in MM, Woody's Italy open army Ven-ya, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Ion, patterned after your famous style of play? You mean Woody would choose your strategy with Italy instead of the accomplished Grabar's concept of "Italiano Fribe"?.....Richard Sharp

Dear Fish, There is hope for Woody yet, but I really wouldn't bet on it. Next move he'll probably go Tyr-Boh, Ven-Fied and F Ion-Tyrr, that way he can even make more friends! Eoy, is the Mr. Potatoe Head, Good Friends of Woody's fan club growing!!!!.....me

Dear KK, I understand Woody came up with a diet that got rid of 20 lbs. of ugly fat in 20 mins. He cut off his head. My question is-is that why he seems so much more intelligent than he use to?...Magus maker
Dear Long hair, My answer is no, the reason he seems more intelligent than he use to is because, he has been standing up more lately, and therefore not sitting on his brains as much, you must remember that sure is a lot of weight to put on one small peaf!!!...KK

Dear KK: Why does Bob (Draws Flies) Olsen write so many questions and sign my name? Is he shy?.....Steve Langley

Dear Steve, No just smart, that way when he gets in trouble, everyone blames you! Just think someday, you may become the next hobby scape goat -kk

Dear KK: Ooh, honey, you didn't show up for Fudgecon! Is this a stab, or what?.....Weeping in Wichita

Dear Cutie, Dry those beautiful eyes of yours, it was a test to see if you are indeed my one true love. I wanted to see if you would choose to dump me for one of the younger females in the hobby! I can't stand rejection! But, I heard you were faithful to me, and even refused anyone the use of my bed! Also, Woody held me hostage in Philly as he said, if he couldn't go to Wichita neither could I, as he didn't trust me around his boots!.....your muffin

KK: Why can't Flowerchild Langley spell the name "Phyllis"? Also why can't he spell the name "Langely".....Kador Klone

Dear Honey, It's even worse than you think, he can't even read. I think the problem is that his hair keeps falling in his eyes, causing him to misread, misspell and misorder!!!!.....Get the scissors

KK: Is it true that Krishna Consciousness literature has now dropped to a price as low as 71¢? But for that you don't get the amendments?...
Spare Change

Dear Nickel & Dimer: Yes, it is true, but for that price, not only don't you get the amendments, you don't get the covenant either! Imagine that 71 pennies, and you don't get the required reading material for the John!!!.....kissy, kissy, me

Dear KK: Can I molester Joan while Woody molests his hampster? A hampster might be too fast for Woody, but he has to learn somewhere. Me- I need a real woman.....Anticipation

Dear Pipe Dream, You'd no more know what to do with a real woman than Woody does! You both have the same affliction - it's called sub par male specimen! When you get to the level of a Dave Grabar or a Robert Blake, then you can molest all the women you always wanted, but until then - live with your fantasies!.....me

Page 4 of the zine, that says we abuse equally! Now, that's fair!!!!

Dear KK: I know why you never have a "Why is Caruso such a loser" contest. That's because he threatens and beats you up. Who said you were the "better" sex....#1

Dear Don't you ever give up: If your #1, this hobby is really in trouble. And I thought it was bad enough when Berch was in charge..KK

Dear KK: I am surprised that nobody has initiated the practice of telling Woody jokes. Here's one for you: How many Woodys does it take to win a Diplomacy game?.....Mr. Ree
Dear Frady Punch Lover, Fighteen, it takes one to control each center, then if he's real lucky, all the Woody;s won't attack each other!..Me

Now for the complain! department, yes, some of the jokers around here, actually try to complain about the way, I do things! This month we have Honey Olsen, Langley, and of course, Mr. Every Month Berch!!!!

KK: God, it's hot here! (Please forward this to Scoop---it's a complaint!!!!).....Honey
Berchie, please take note, that your heat wave is ruining the midwest crops, please lay off these poor people, they promise to be good little disciples and do everything you say! So, give them some cool weather!!!

Next up a real jerk - you got it - Steve Langley!
How come you didn't include my very important question about Bob (Draw Flies) Olsen last time? In fact, it looks as if you skipped all of the second side of the letter I wrote. I'll make it simpler for you this time and only write on one side of the paper. I'll leave it to you to figure out which side.

Dear Berch Clone or constant complainer: Yes, I did skip some of your questions, I had to print some of the others too. But, I hold them over and as you will see, they appear this month. I also found it very easy to know which side of the paper you wrote on, obviously it was on the side with the crayon scratchings!

Dear Kathy, On page 7 of KK you refer to "two publishers who have attacked me as the BMC", in a paragraph which does not name me as a critic but does name my zine. At no time have I attacked you as the BMC....Mark Berch

Dear Mr. Berch, Thank you for your complaint this month, it is always a pleasure to make you eat your words!As for your comment that you have not attacked me as EnC, may I refer you to issue #72 of Diplomacy Digest, turn to page 10, you can find that between pages #9 & #11, then proceed to read what the editor of that zine wrote about me. Maybe you didn't do it, maybe Mona did, or little Scooper, or someone out to sabotage DD (I bet Woody was in Alexandria!). Seriously, you wrote and I quote "Kathy Byrne will indeed be the new Boardman Number Custodian. I hope that all GEs will give her their complete cooperation in providing information on gamestarts, etc. However, I urge my readers to exercise caution when writing Kathy, particularly on a matter of some sensitivity. I base this on two or three recent incidents." Now Mr. Berch, you have just warned your readers that they have to deal with me cautiously, three of your readers, mentioned to me, that they hoped I would not "Scoop" them, by taking confidential material which they sent me on their game, and make it public. They said, they would trust me, even though you had warned them otherwise! So, if your very own readers, saw it as a warning about me as BMC, I don't see how I could hardly take it as anything else. Feel free to complain again next month! I really don't mind! And please feel free to tell me if I misquoted DD, maybe my copy was different from every-one else's!!!!!!

Page 6 of the zine that lets you know - the three wise men are on their way to Alexandria, Va. guided by the light of the shining bald head

Hello. My name is Steve Arnawoodian, but that's hard to spell, so I usually go by "Woody" instead.

I've been around the hobby a long time (too long, some people say) but even so, I bet there are lots of things you don't know about me.

For instance, when I was born, my mother tried to leave the hospital without me.

When I was little, the Humane Society kept picking me up until I was old enough to talk and tell them I was a little boy.

In school, I graduated with highest honors. The principal said he'd never forget the six years I spent in first grade.

As a teenager, I tried to set a world record for not taking a bath, but when the little old lady next door died from the fumes, the police made me quit.

Now I'm running for "Most Obnoxious Person Who Ever Lived". Send your votes in to Kathy Byrne soon!

Recently, I found a good way to make lots of money. I hire out as a male stripper and the women pay me to leave my clothes on.

By the way, if you hear a vicious rumour about me and my hamster, don't believe a word of it. The hamster was of age, so whatever went on was between consenting adults.

((KK: Thank you for your profile Woody! Somehow I don't think that you wrote this one either. Hmm, I wonder who did write these two profiles, Maybe Joan wrote Woody's and Woody wrote Joan's!!!! Think about it!!!!))

Next up a paid political announcement, please read it carefully. Send all dimes to Tom Swider, 1183 Robinson Hill Rd., Endwell, N.Y. 13760

- 2) I have a bunch of tickets to use for the next Byrnecon raffle. I wouldn't mind being the Chief of the Byrnecon Raffle Bureau (ala P.D.O.), so in the next ish of KK, be sure to tell everyone that they can send their money to me for the raffle tickets. They will go for 10¢ each. Those who won't make the next Byrnecon will have their claim stubbs kept with me and the money collected; be sure to advertise that "You don't have to be present to claim your prize". Phyllis will have the honor of drawing the winning tickets.

Page 7 of the zine, that says boy is Dave Grabar in trouble now!!!!

Searching into the darkest corners of the mind, pulling through the mire of reality in the the creative depths, one can find the imagative wit and satire of Grabar's mind whirling its ugly head into a vast spurge of spurting, swishing, outpouring intellectual mush and stuff!
And once again, here is.....

GRABAR'S GARBAGE

by David Grabar

I had no intention of writing anything this time. But, as I read through the Whitestonia this time, I became aware of something that I had never noticed before. Did you know that there are women in this hobby? Where did they come from? Who let them in? Who wants them? I hate the thought of women entering a MANS sport. Why is it that women always want to compete with us MACHO type guys anyway? I just hate it. When will women learn that it is their place to be Bare Foot and pregnant, and not behind a Diplomacy board.

The only reason any women make a showing is that they inspire the motherly instinct in certain fools. Anyone who allies with a woman is doing so because he thinks of that person as his mother surrogate. How could anyone stab their mother? So, they go along in their dream world until this mother surrogate turns into a mother-in-law surrogate. By the time they realize what has happened, they have been stabbed.

I will tell all the men how to handle women in the hobby. The first thing you should do is write everyone on the board and ask them what their favorite color is. If they say pink, you know they are a woman. (After all, I have never know any women that didn't have pink as their favorite color--what sissis they are). Anyway, getting back to the subject. If you find that you are in a game with a woman, you should immediately ask for a 6-way draw among the other MACHO players. If ya she doesn't agree, kill hers. (Be sure you know let all the players know that there is a woman in the game.)

Women should not be allowed in the hobby. If they wanted to prove their name, they should come into the hobby with a male name (something like Butch or Thor) and then compete. Any true woman worth here salt that wanted to compete in Diplomacy should assume a pseudoname. Names of girls are always so sissy (things like Kathy, Joan or Phillis).

When dealing with a woman in Diplomacy, just keep one thing on your mind----THEY ARE ALL #1 IN THE RANKINGS. DEATH TO THE WOMEN!!! (That's because the ones who didn't make #1 dropped out (smart little things aren't they)). MEN UNITE! MID THE HOBBY OF THE INFESTING THREAT THAT IS UPON US! KILL A WOMAN TODAY! (I think I'm getting a little carried away.)

I'm going to do MY part. From here on out, I'm going to request games with ONLY male players in it. If the GM won't let me, I will resign from his zine. That will teach him.

I feel much better now that that is off my chest. (Have a woman make that statement.)

Page 8 (that's an 8 for the Uncle Berchie's among us)!!!!!!!

Grabar as usual has opened mouth and inserted Foot!!!!!!!
The man must be insane to send that kind of article to KK!!!!!!
Well, true to form, I can make mince meat out of him, just like I
can do to Mark Berch! I'm not afraid of macho types or short bald
men!!!!!! So, Dave, let me tear you apart piece by piece! I already
took care of Uncle Berchie this issue!

1. If you had no intention of writing anything this time - why didn't you just keep your mouth shut!!!! That way your smelly foot would still be in your shoe-instead you are now sucking on your big toe!!!!
2. I'll Barefoot and pregant you - and just what Macho Types are you talking about! I don't see Robert Blake, Robert Redford or Paul Newman in this hobby - are you capable of lying enough to actually tell me that a bunch of jerks like - Dave Grabar, John Caruso and Mark Berch are as macho as those three. I rather see you as the three stooges myself! Guess which one is Curly?!!!!
3. Who could stab their own mother? Cut me some slack will you - the meanest of those among us could - Berch, Caruso, Grabar!!!!
4. What a sexist you are! Pink as a favorite color - are you nuts! Pink is boring! Pink is for sissies, Woody loves the color Pink. Elsie, Dick Martin, Scott Hanson & myself all love orange! So, what does your color theory prove! Absolutely nothing, except that you probably like Blue and that is phyllis' favorite color. Phil's no sissy!!!!
5. As for women using men's names - give me a break. It seems that all the men would rather use female alias' - just goes to show you that they know that we are better players! Otherwise, why choose a name like Jane Proskin, Dixie Grey, or Judy Winsome. I dare you to come up with three women who have been so stupid as to use a male name. Everything is exactly the opposite of what you say, have you been taking lessons from the word twister!
6. No, Dave they have not carried you away as far as they can! You'll be fine, once the guys in the white jackets take you away! Or maybe we can ~~thx~~ get the ASPCA to put a muzzle on you!
7. Of course, we're #1 - we're no slouches! Does this mean men try harder!
8. Finally, we agree on something. From here on out I'm only going to request games with all male players myself - they are so easy to sucker! Females are just too much competition!

Now before all you Macho? men scream let me say that Dave and I go back a long way & we love to tease each other! So, take everything that Dave says with a grain of salt - but everything I say is serious!!!! By the way, how did I inherit Dave! Maybe Evon could send me a profile for Dave next month! I'm sure she doesn't believe his trash anymore then I do!

By the way Dave, you will have two free issues deducted from your sub for submitting your trash - er, I mean, Garbage!!!!

And now by request a new gory contest, you can tell Mark Lazalere is here - he was the guy whose biggest thrill was looking at a dead cat

for six weeks! Friday when I was at work, two guys were killed in a construction accident! This always hits close to home for me, as I know many of these guys. And this is my industry. Anyway Friday, Dennis calls me up, and says don't worry sugar, none of us went down. I said what happened? He proceeds to tell me that the building, he is working on is now filled with police and paramedics - they are spending their time, taking out pieces of bodies, and scraping the rest of the bodies off the cement! Two steel workers, who were putting in the elevator fell down the elevator shaft- I mean they went down 27 flights! Well, Mark was here when I got home, and true to his morbid form, he asked me to run a contest - best answer receives two free issues - what goes through your mind, when you are falling 27 flights and you know death is only a matter of seconds away! If you want to use a Dip person and tell me what he would think about - I'd be thrilled! Please make these funny as I hate this stuff! So, I'll start you off.

Robert Sacks: They promised me that my covenant would live on, after I'm gone, it's in my will they have to do it!!!!

That's all the help you get!!!! So, lets get too it!

NOT QUITE: Bruce Linsey - If only I could live long enough to read my houserules one more time.... I'd die a happy man at age 93!

Now for the why is Steve Langley such a jerk contest!!!!!!

First up is Honey Olsen, Steve Langley is a jerk because:

...he spent four hours Monday afternoon helping me think up reasons why he's a jerk - come to think of it, he spent four days giving me reasons!

...he drove 1700 miles to Wichita, just to meet Jim-Ebob Burgess.

...he pulled out a lock of his hair for Olga to play with

...he stands up for Don Williams and says Roach is an honest man

...Because Olga says so!

Next up Daphne takes her pot shot:

... Steve Langley is a jerk because he doesn't let me proofread his letters for spelling errors before he sends them out.

Next up a new funnie - James Woodson

Steve Langley is a jerk because he looks like a lost soul out of the 60's but is totally lost without his 80's computer console!

Jim says, Don't worry, this is my first stab at one of your abuse contests. I'll get better. ((KK: You better because your answer rates right up there with the ones that John Caruso sends in))

Speaking of which here is John Boys losing answers now:

Steve Langley is such a jerk because:

...if he changed his name he wouldn't be Steve Langley and therefore invulnerable to this abuse.

...he lives in Calif.

...he thinks "Paying the Piper" is monthly installments to his plumber.

...he thinks the land of "fruit and nuts" is where vegetarians (Leudi) lives.

Steve Langley is such a jerk because (according to Codhise):

... he lets his subbers run all over him with their press.

...His subzine "Fiat Bellum" has as many pages as his parent zine Magus

...he depends on Daphne to censure submissions so his zine doesn't blimp out to 62 pa ges.

...to become so dependent on a word processor that it affects his zine.

Next up the jerk himself, take it away Steve Langley:

I am a jerk because who else but a jerk would ally with you month

Page 10 of KK, somehow I think this torture should be over soon!
after month only to be stabbed even yet one more time!

And now just when you thought that there was no hope for him to do anything right - Grabar manages to win a contest, so take it away Dave.
Steve Langley is such a jerk that he allied with me at the River City Diplomacy tournament. (And we weren't even on the same board)

Well, Dave that earns you two free issues, and you do get the chance you wanted to abuse John Caruso next month - yes, that is right it is now open season on my co-publisher. Two free issues to the person who best finishes this ~~next~~ "Why is John Caruso such a LOSER!" So since may be the only chance you ever get like this - take your best shot!!!!

And now for the letter column!!! First up, areal Bozo!!!!
Kathy, Thanks for the invitation to Byrne Con but I can't get free. It would probably be like walking into a den of insane lions anyway. You would probably have me mugged by the baglady's anyway. Why don't you and John come to the convention at UMass in Amherst on the 24 & 25? Also you have just been ousted from my ABC's and replaced by Boardman. And Phyllis sounds just horrible, I think you can keep her. I'll try to make it to next years con if you have it in mid August. Eat Some Decon ... Jim Makuc
Dear Fool, So, you still can't get free, I thought your 60 days in the psycho ward was finished. Oh, well, maybe next time! I don't have a yearly convention - I have them year round whenever I get the urge. Oh, please come to one - I really need someone to pawn Phyllis off on! You seem dumb enough to bite. Write anytime, this is an equal opportunity zine - I pick on everyone! Even the most rejected among us - like you...Kathy

Kathy, Enclosed instead is a check for \$10.00 to be applied as follows: \$5 - BNC contribution and \$5.00 - W/KK sub. (I stole a check from Char's book! Don't tell her!...Ron Brown
Dear Thief, Boy, you Calif. guys, sure are a bunch of crooks, first rip off artist Williams, then Langley trying to steal my centers, and now you taking Char's check, well, I sure won't tell her - but one of the other big mouths reading this might.

Kathy, Sorry I didn't write last issue, but being suddenly downgraded from "Mr. Daly, Sir" to "Dingleberry" has left me in a state of shock. Couldn't we compromise with a simple "Ding Dong"? After all, how many years will it take me to teach little Kathy to say her daddy's nickname if it remains "Dingleberry"? But I could have her saying "Ding Dong" by Marycon '84! BNC, eh? I bet your mailman really loves you now!.....John

(~~John~~: Okay, Ding Dong you've got it! See how easy it is to get me to agree! You can be a ding dong, I think that I like that even better than Dingleberry. Little Kathy, eh? Are you trying to bribe me!? Well, feel free, cause I'm as crooked as Ron Brown, and I accept all bribes. Now make sure you write this month or I'll just go back to calling you Dingleberry!.....))

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE - Congrats to Mark & Monal
I wonder who did the artwork on this announcement - I bet Rod Walker would like to know also!!!!!!

A special page 11 of KK - the announcement of the arrival of:

JOSHUA

HERSHEL

BERCH

DATE

August 15, 1983

WEIGHT

6 pounds 15 ounces

LENGTH

19½ inches

VOLUME

62 decibels

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Page 12 of the zine that welcomes back Elsie & Gary Coughlan!!!

Dear Kathy, YOU blew it! You didn't go to PudgeCon so the hushpuppies I brought for you went to "others". The last 4 of us there went out to breakfast on Monday and I broke down and ordered grits (which I despise!) so Daf, Langley and Olsen could see what it was like. They seemed to like this Southern "delicacy"---yuck! Anyway, they then decided to go whole-hog because Steve and Daf took some hushpuppies and Olsen kept the rest. Does this make them "hushpuppy thieves", KK? P.S. I think I will put up some grits and hushpuppies for auction in Mike Mills' big hobby auction. If you bid on the hushpuppies, you might even get your money back since all money raised will go to hobby services. P.S. #2, Frauke taught me a lot of German in Wichita. Did you know that "Pompelmuse" means "Grapefruit"?!. ((KK: Dear Gary thanks for returning I really am short on Southerners in KK! Maybe I should try and auction off some of my Calif. guys, I seem to be over run by them. Who says this is the East Coast Clique Zine! They liked Grits! How could anyone admit to that - they are gross! As for my hushpuppies, if I had known they were going to be in Wichita - I'd have made a very special effort to get there! As for Langley & Olsen stealing mah food - in a way that might be good - they might finally get some class and realize what good food is! Now if you send Hushpuppies into the P.D.O. auction, I can guarantee that Mike will get a great price for them! The money he gets just from that item will help support a hobby service! But, no way will I bid on grits!!!! I'll leave that to the senile among us - humm, maybe Fred Davis will bid on them! As for Frauke teaching you German, sure she was, the way I heard it told, Scott was lucky she returned to Minn., a few people thought that she might end up in Memphis!!! Oh, the rumors, the scandal, the juicy gossip that comes out of one of those cons, not to mention how jealous Elsie must be. Is that the reason, she is making you sleep on the porch?))

And that looks like about it for this issue - I had hoped to start the music trivia quiz this month, but I ran out of room, so start getting ready - we are going to have a Golden Oldies trivia quiz which will start next month and run for three months, the winner will be the person who accumulates the most points for the entire quiz, and what will the prize be - one never knows when it comes to me handing out the prizes!!! Caruso says that he can put Jim Williams away on this one, but Don Swartz claims that Jim is super hard to beat at naming the golden oldies, so it should be a good contest! The contest was supplied by none other than the Kentucky Kernel himself. Notice how us KK's stick together. So next month, you will get your big chance to see if you are into the right type of music.

Don't forget to send Dick Martin your subber lists, so that he can get the hobby census together. Dick is also going to work with Scott Hanson on Orphans. Dick and I have already started to track down some of the missing games that I know of. So if the three of us work together along with some help from the rest of you, we just might be able to cut down the number of games which are missing in action or without action. Much more to follow on this, not only here, but elsewhere.
Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way N., Rockville, Md. 20854



Again, please, don't forget to vote in the Marco and Diplomacy Players polls, and the Todd/Tordy poll. And please, don't forget to answer the survey included in this issue. Its the only way I can better get to know what you people like and want from your zine.

Have you ever been wire-tapped? To have, by the secret service of Mark Berchian. Everytime we have a ByrneCon, it seems there is either a stray receiver, or an undercover person sneaking around in a trenchcoat, reporting back to their LEADER. And when the spies are found sneaking in and out of the shadows, the LEADER resorts to calling up potential informants to find out what happened at the SOG meetings. All you have to do, Mr Espionage, is wait for W/IK to come out and read about it.

Due to being busier than I had expected, the final newsletter is yet, incomplete. I hope to have it done in 2 weeks. For those of you interested in it, the cost is 50¢. I can take the cost from your sub if you wish. Also, if you publish, could you please plug this item in your zine. It would be appreciated.

PDO: The Peoples Diplomacy Organization Mike Mills 26 Laurel Rd Sloatsburgh, NY 10974 The organization of the future. No feuds, no committees, no covenants, no trouble-makers, only good, pure fun.

Late breaking news, Little Scooper was born, Aug.15.

Don't forget, Sept 10-11, ByrneCon 1977? It is a must. The topic on the agenda will be fun, fun and more fun, plus an added bonus, but we can't tell you what it will be just yet.

ORPHAN SERVICE: Dick Martin 26 Orchard Way N Rockville, Md 20854 is the new co-director with Scott Hansen. He was picked by the recently departed Kathy Byrne as her successor. Already, Dick is looking into numerous GMs who haven't come out in a while. We wish Dick, and Scott all the luck in the world, and if any of you out there have any info about a GM who hasn't come out in a while, send it to either of them.

Guess who still sends me OTR and DNO letters? Yep, you got it. Funny thing is he writes DNO/OTR regarding what I've printed or written publically and wishes me to explain myself, on the record, while he conducts OTR statements. I refuse to discuss anything with him until we talk in the same strain- either publically on the matters or privately. Nice try El. Polado! (Thats like Scoop in Espanol)

Americans are dying in Lebanon now. Too bad. Its all Ronnies fault. Don't think so? Listen to Kennedy and O'Neill. Mark my words, they will be bleming him for that too. May as well blame him for the weather as well. Almost forgot, Berch is responsible for the poor weather. ((I can just hear him now-"There you go again Caruso"))

Apology: For last issue, which some of you received in a little less than fair shape. The copy was so-so, but the real problem was I changed FO's. I went back to Flushing, So much for Flushing mail service. I'll stick with LIC, where I work. They know me already and rarely chop up the issues in the cancelling machines, or heavy-black cancel them.

you will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy"

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THE MOS EISLEY REPORT

IRBM PAGE ONE

MOS EISLEY is a roving subzine of assorted crud put out for sub credit and general bullshitting by John Michalski, Rt 10 Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165. Comments and contributions are welcome.

JUDGECON II REPORT Well, the weekend is over now, and so the appraisals begin. The big news was that Kathy BNC had to opt out due to need for time and money elsewhere. In a terribly insulting slap at PudgeCon, all the East Coast ~~IRBM~~ Cliquers went to WOODY'S house instead. What a slur: to be told someone is passing up PudgeCon, but is willing to instead go to Woody's place. Kind of like declining a Bar Mitzvah invitation due to conflicts with this month's Nazi party rally you just can't afford not to attend.

Speaking of Bar Mitzvahs, neither Berch nor Brux attended, although I had secretly hoped one of them might be Olsen's "mystery guest". ~~As it was~~ As it was, Russ Rusnak was the only barmitzvad person I noticed there. There might have been some others there of course, but Rusnak is the only person really noticeable: I was asleep until he arrived, and like Kathy last year, his presence is always detectable anywhere nearby (or farby) due to his ~~IRBM~~ prominent presence. Rusnak is more raucous than our BNC, but notch below a drunken Al Giddings, if you've ever heard one of those. Oh, and, as a real surprise, "Dixie Grey" was somehow again just not quite able to make the 90 minute drive to Wichita from "her" home in Enid. Maybe next year Al?

Other prominent hobbyists not in attendance were the Martins, Tallman, Cathy Cunning, Bob Osuch, Tro Sherwood, Paul Rauterberg, Konrad Baumeister, Al Pearson, and John Caruso. Everyone else of any importance within IRBM range did show up, except for Fluff Shaffer, and there it was a close thing. When I got back, I found that his computer deal for Saturday fell through at the last minute, and he might have been able to make it if he had known who or what, etc., but I had already left, and the other deadbeat locals hadn't any idea even what Bob Olsen's name was, let alone how to get there. Too bad, for had Fluff made it, maybe he could have tried out his negotiating techniques on Frauke that he suggested I try with Julie Martin: Drop to your knees, open your mouth, and wildly wiggle your tongue. Would have made a different type of cover shot for the next DIPLOMACY WORLD, wouldn't it?

Friday night (well, early Sat morning then) Jim Williams and I were discussing the EllisCon in KC that didn't come off. In retrospect, perhaps it was best that they didn't have it after all. It is one thing if you have a big house all to yourself like Bob does, where mess and damage is no problem. But if you are living at home with a family, what happens when dad finds someone sleeping under the bathroom sink, or somebody bars on the carpet, molests the cat, or propositions your neighbor's wife? Or neighbor himself? What if the minister comes to the door, and is greeted by a squirtgun blast to the face, and has Frauke expound to him on the evils of criminal capitalism? Probably wouldn't encourage them to invite everyone back next year, would it? Good thing Bob Olsen isn't like that!

All in all it was pretty decent. I should have left the Gunboat game Sunday and gone home earlier to catch some football I thought, but when I got home, I found a potload of assorted inlaws just leaving, so waved as I went by, taking in an armload of junk from the car, then stayed in and ignored them. Had I arrived back in town sooner, I'd have had to pay them some heed. It is good that we are back to football season again, so that there are some sports going on worthy of comment. Not much else is.

One odd thing about the Con was that once you got there and met people you were curious about, all the aura vanished instantly and it was back to the mundane atmosphere of piddling with dip or Bob's elaborate video games or watching Gary wrap himself around Frauke's lean and lustible bod. I saw Jim-Bob Burgess and thought he was Rod Walker Jr, when someone said he'd been there last year, "Don't you remember?" Frankly, no. Then there was Jim Williams who I thought was Al Giddings, and only later made the correction. I'd been eager to meet Steve Langley and Daphne Fritz, but once there, you feel instantly, a sort of oh-here-I-am, and there is a sort of instant mental lapse into a more relaxed mode, and its all over. The whole atmosphere was more relaxed this year, because we knew what, and largely who, to expect; Kathy wasn't there, and Russnak is only a poor substitute; Sambos is now Seasons, with a smaller menu and larger prices; and there was less normal gaming overall, as the video stuff really grabbed hold of a few, on top of slightly lower attendance overall than last year. Fortunately the house is still pretty barren, and the orange fuzzballs were hardly noticeable this year. Next year we'll take some folding chairs badly needed, and maybe donate a shower curtain to Bob (also badly needed).

As a few of you know, I was fortunate enough to get a call from the State Tax Commission the week after my unemployment ran out, and am now a "Senior Tax Auditor" in the Unclaimed Property Division. It's pretty decent, even when I was more than ready to take a state job spreading asphalt on the streets if they had offered that to me. No one else gave me a nibble, except Arby's 13 miles out, which at least was ready to talk to me about a window or cleanup job. I was ready to take it too. There's nothing else. But now I am again a sort of accounting type, reading court cases about how states lay claim to abandoned and forgotten monies wherever they can find them. Finding them is our job. I'll take it. This is the only place I've been in many years that will still be around when I am ready to retire. Er, let me make that, "eligible" to retire. I am "ready" to retire right now.

Uh oh! Running low on space and I have yet to do Letters! So here's a quickie excerpt from

GATHY CURNING

DipCon next year will be at Dallas! Will you go?

((Definitely! No one else is going, so I want to be in on something that exclusive!))

DUCK WILLIAMS (Fiat Boring) (Excerpt)

I kind of agree with you about Peery et. al. (EE MES 36) but they're still "fun".

((You bet. I mean, who else in this hobby would charge \$8/head to come through his door? This guy is having more laughs on the hobby than Tretick, and at a profit too!))

Finally, The Fluff Shaffer Dept.:

Kathy Byrne was driving along the NY Thruway when a highway patrolman pulls her over to the side. He walks around to the front of her car, opens his fly, and flops out his tool. Kathy looks out the window and says, "Uh-oh, another breathalyzer test!"

VIEWS OF A GAMER'S WIFE by Evon Grabar
(edited by David Grabar)

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THE ARRIVAL:

As I peer at the cars pulling up, my heart fills with dread. I know what is to come. A hellish weekend of loud noises, sloppy counters, stinky men, and incessant laughing. If at all possible, I leave!

THE GREETING:

"Oh, Hi Evon. Your hair looks great." says one grinning from ear-to-ear.

"Hey. Have you lost weight." states another.

"Your house looks great and so do you." says a third as he pushes past me quickly at the door.

All the time, the guys are glancing towards the game room, really trying to get away from me. They attempt to do so as politely as possible so they can enter their Gamer's world!

THE BEGINNING

Everyone sits down and talks for an hour or two about some totally meaningless game they were/are in. Everyone listens politely so they can have their turn to pour out their little meaningless story that no one wants to listen to. Finally they break out the games.

THE GAMES

It seems that everyone wants to play something different. They argue for a 1/2 hour to decide on which game they want to play. They always end up with the same thing.

FOOD

About 10 hours after they arrive, the first game ends. It is now time to eat. They pour into my kitchen and grab at anything that moves. It is as if they have 1 minute to put their foods together. They crowd each other and grab everything. Then they rush back to their seats. The kitchen is totally destroyed. Who cleans it?--Guess.

NIGHT

THE RULE--Don't wake me up or else!

I finally get to bed around 11:00. The noise continues until dawn. The incessant laughing, sushing, talking, screaming, etc continue. Everytime I hear one tell another "Don't wake Evon up (after I have woke up)."

MORNING

Stinky Men everywhere. They have set in the same place through the night. (I think they didn't even use the rest room). The house reeks with an absolutely putrid smell.

THE NEXT DAY

Everyone one of them is a walking zombie. They just sit at the table and go through the motions. They don't know who is winning. They just continue to go through the motions.

EVENING OF THE NEXT DAY

Slowly but surely they begin to drop off. Men everywhere. On the couch, the floor, the hall--EVERYWHERE! My house is upside down full of sleeping men.

MORNING OF THE 2nd DAY

Wide awake and ready to game.--FOOD--Eat anything that is left. ANYTHING! They game until the very minute they must leave (Then stay an extra 6 hours).

GOOD BYES (READ THE AXXIVAK) GREETING)

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Here's a little something I saw a few weeks ago that I thought was appropriate to print. Makes you think a bit, doesn't it?

How To Get Along With People

GIVE & TAKE

~ it's good sportsmanship.

ACCEPT CRITICISM

~ even if it's tough.

KEEP YOUR TEMPER

~ no one else wants it.

YOU HAVE PROBLEMS?

~ everyone has.

SPEAK ONLY GOOD OF OTHERS

~ or don't talk.

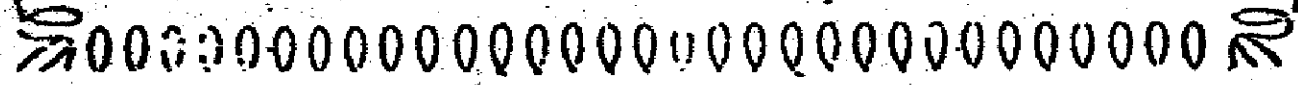
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

~ don't pass the buck.

ASK GOD FOR HELP

~ we all need it to succeed.

9c2c - St. Matthew 16:13-20 2. Exodus 3:13-14 St. John 14:1-4 Proverbs 3:5-6



BARROOM BABLE

John, ((from John Michalski))

How about if I let Claudine pick Kathy up, instead of the Fluff?
((How about you let Fluff pick you up, and Claudine pick up me?))

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horns, duck lures, and kazoos)

SUB CHECK!!

Her Holiness the Pope wishes to note that every editor is in fact God and can cut articles as he pleases. However, the Editor should be aware of the consequences of deleting even so much as a syllable of the Holy Writ emanating from Pandemonium Press. Her Holiness always takes care of Her friends...and of Her enemies. Said consequences include (but are not necessarily limited to):

1. A visit from the Spanish Inquisition.
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4. Grape jelly in your Xerox (if out of stock, guava jelly is substituted...very nasty).
5. Being forced to listen to 1,000,000 playbacks of Mark Berch singing, "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier".
6. Being forced to attend 1000 garden parties given by the Dowager Duchess of Denver, and spilling your soup in your lap at every one of them.
7. The penguin on top of your TV will explode.

You have been warned.

Sincerely,

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Vissarion d'Arte
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VdA/rw

Dear John, ((from Stuart Schoenberger))

((excerpts)) I will not be able to attend Sept ByrneCon. ((Gonna miss you)) What Civil War Game did you buy? What one will you be playing? ((May as well plug it here. Steve Heinowski 12034 Pyle Oberlin, Ohio 44074 will be GMing a Civil War game. If interested, contact Steve ASAP. Any YOU-ALLS out there want to try and get whipped by the Yanks?

((Thank you Rod for the letter on the right. You are the 1st hobby big name to write to me in weeks. Congrats on winning the D&IA. I'm not too sure what most of your letter means. I did find the sub check this time though, which for me, Kathy says, is an accomplishment.))

((I forgot to put it on the Dipdom pages, but, do you remember that contest I ran last month? Not only don't I remember the answers, but I no longer have them. Please help! Little Piggy! Are you going to let them take advantage of me. Unfair advantage at that))

MORE BARROOM BABELLE

Dear Cathy's Dad, you, ((From Nancy something or another- you know, my daughters' pseudo-alias, supposedly roommate))

Since you stand as a father to this dear person we are both acquainted with, now let me be frank with you, I must tell you of one of her deepest problems. For quite some time it has had me worried, and now this problem has reached an extreme that few people would ever recognize, or be able to offer any assistance to. But you, a father to her, I am hoping will be able to confront this or deal head-on and not be embarrassed- and hopefully offer her some advice. Now, about the problem. I have been rather concerned about her addiction for months now, and only recently after meeting Eric-The Handsome(ETH), have I believed there to be a serious problem. Let me clue you in on that, that Cathy spends more time and money on this addiction than any other single thing in her life. She wakes with it, takes a hit at lunch, several times throughout the day, and at night before she goes to bed. Such a downfall has she, for this. My fear? That her addiction will come between she and ETH. Why? Because she has more devotion for this than any other thing in her life. Even more than Eric TH. It was pitiful. You should have seen it. No morning kiss until her habit was taken care of. Limitations on travel set by the distance from suppliers. And a good night kiss? I doubt it. Too busy was she satisfying her deeper (yes deeper, please understand), cravings. Her problem? Coke-Cola. Yes, to her it truly is "the real thing". Please, you as her father, I beg of you, please send her some fatherly advice. She won't listen to me. She won't face the problem. But I feel certain that to you she will listen. So send advice. Ask her to ask herself whether Coke is "it", or mirror and ask herself if she really wants to dissolve the rest of her nasal cavity away (didn't you wonder why she talks so funny?). If it's really worth it. There's so much more to life. Help her face the facts. We both know she deserves more than a warm, sticky, empty can of addiction.

Desperate to save one who deserves better..... Nancy

((Well Nancy, (sure you exist), I am desperate too. What I don't understand is why you are soooooo concerned about my little girl. Sounds a little fishy to me. You wouldn't be jealous about her drinking all of you "real thing" juices, now would you? Anyway, would you suggest to my daughter to talk to herself? People who talk to themselves are a little, shall we say, unstable. WHACKO. Michalski-ish! If she wants to drink "the real thing", or anything else, let her. So by the time she is 30 her teeth have rotted away. That's her problem, not mine. She has to chew, her food, not me. What do I care if her co-workers call her "Crater Face" because she breaks out in acne. The problem, the real problem is her relationship with ETH. (I just had to use that). He likes Strawberry, diet Shasta. A conflict. And you wonder why they don't kiss? Have you ever kissed a guy with a small cherry? I have brought up my daughter to think for herself, take care of herself, and execute for herself. If she wants to throw her life away drinking Coke, that's her business. She is not being threatened, so why do I have to protect her? Now about your problem- those loooooong, loooooonely knights you have.....))

I enjoyed the various "in person" accounts in W 74/75 (even Sacks'). That always been one of my most favorite parts of the zine. I think you should have included the author of the Jul8 article. I got the impression that it was Joan Extrom, but I can't really be sure.

The IP score in the Sunstone poll was 3.00; it didn't make the main list -- not enuf votes.

((Thanks for writing in. Can't use your score for IP tho. It wouldn't be fair, it gives you the win. I'll wait till I hear from Randolph. I mailed him some Canadian Grey-fronts.))

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