



# Winsome Losesome



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## INTRODUCTION

WINSOME LOSESOME is a gaming publication dedicated to the play of Postal DIPLOMACY. DIPLOMACY is a multi-player political conflict game invented by Allan Calhamer and currently owned by the Avalon Hill Game Co. This 'zine is currently devoted exclusively to Postal DIPLOMACY in either its "pure" or many variant forms and the gossip and general brouhaha that accompanies it. WINSOME LOSESOME is published by me, Judy Winsome, at 749 21st Ave., Apt #3, San Francisco, CA 94121. Subscriptions are 40 cents an issue. I suggest you send a check for \$5.00 and I will credit your account accordingly. There are no game fees, you can play as long as you maintain a subscription. I plan to publish with a five week deadline.

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I had incredible time and mechanical problems putting out issue #6 last month. I sent advance pages for the game to players in 1982 AF and the announcement of the new game and houserules to those in 1982 CA about a week before the issue was mailed so that scheduled deadlines could be maintained. I hope that this practice created no problems.

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## NOTABLE QUOTES

Rod "Alcala" Walker tries to do Mike Barno's issue #6 contribution one better by sending me the following:

"She is a winsome wee thing,  
 She is a handsome wee thing,  
 She is a lo'esome wee thing,  
 This sweet wee wife o' mine."  
 Robert Burns (1792)

"For the Colonel's Lady an' Judy O'Grady  
 Are sisters under their skins!"  
 Rudyard Kipling (1892)

Both names, and both sexist quotes, a double blow! Rod tells me the Churchill quote on ending sentences with prepositions was not entirely correct. He says the exact words were,

"This is the sort of impertinence up with which I will not put."

and that it was directed at a printer's proof of his memoirs, in which a sentence of his had been "corrected" to insert the preposition into the interior of the sentence.

Finally, 50 cents credit to David Perlmutter for:

"Women are usually more patient in working at unexciting repetitive tasks."  
 Dr. Spock, deleted passage from 1946 edition of The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care.

1982 AF

AUSTRIA - - - Windy Windblad, Box B 43816, Florence, AZ 85232  
ENGLAND - - - Mark Duarte, 4738 E. McKenzie, Fresno, CA 93702  
FRANCE - - - David Perlmutter, 773 Millbrook Ln, Haverford, PA 19041  
GERMANY - - - Robyn Finley, 1716 Nisson Apt C, Tustin, CA 92680  
ITALY - - - John Michalski, RT 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK 73165  
RUSSIA - - - Larry McCloud, 520 Geary, San Francisco, CA 94102  
TURKEY - - - Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662

1982 AF

WINTER 1901

Austria (Windblad)	Build Army Vienna
England (Duarte)	Build Fleet Liverpool
France (Perlmutter)	Build Army Paris, Fleet Brest
Germany (Finley)	Build Army Berlin, Fleet Kiel
Italy (Michalski)	Build Fleet Naples
Russia (McCloud)	Build Army Moscow, Army St. Pete, Army Warsaw
Turkey (Keller)	Build Fleet Smyrna

Deadline for Spring 1902: Friday, August 20, 1982

PRESS:-----

Paris-Berlin: Yeah, but remember, God is on my side.

Paris-:Barad the Dirty Arab": Huh, only one person in the diplomacy hobby would know all that trivia. It must be the \_\_\_\_\_ ass \_\_\_\_\_.

Paris-Mike Mills: Wrong! WL does not come in perfumed, pink envelopes!

WL - Paris: Does Mike Mills come in pink envelopes?

Paris-Imperial Kleagle of the Knights of the KKK: Of course, John, I plan to attack Turkey. But why not do it through England? Hey, I'm Jewish, that means I believe in the value of pre-emptive strikes. See you in Damascus.

PARIS CABARET PRESENTS: THE WIT AND WISDOM OF JOHN MICHALSKI

Once upon a time John decided to attend the 20th anniversary of his WW II combat unit, the 56 "Das Reich" Panzer division. Well the schnapps was flowing and the conversation got around to the subject of women. One of John's buddies nudged him, and said "Hey Yohan, remember that Slav girl. You know, in the village outside Minsk. I think every guy in the outfit got her once. Whatever happened to her?"

John took a sip from his drink, curled his lip in his famous half smile, and dryly replied "She was executed."

Paris-Emigration Authorities: Not bad, two illegals in one game. A border-jumper playing England, and a "whereabouts prior to 1945 unknown" playing Italy.

PARIS CABARET PRESENTS: GREAT MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF J. MICHALSKI

It was the summer of 1943, and the Wermacht was in head-long flight on all fronts in Russia. Hitler pinned his hopes on holding Germany's "Eastern Rampart", a main section of which was based along the Dniepr river. John was stationed here, just south of Kiev. Everyone was nervous, Adolph Hitler has promised an Iron Cross, first class, to each man, if the river line held. Stalin countered with an "Hero of the Soviet Union" to the first Russian to cross the river.

Well, soon the attack began. Russian artillery pounded German positions. John waited in his Elefant tank-destroyer. Sure enough, the Russians stormed the whole river. John did not fire a shot. Germany lost the war.

Switz-Rome: OK, you got it.

1982 AF Press continued---

Moore-timer Snerd to Bare-assed Alcalá: Loved that press! You and Pearl make it all worthwhile. (Who else even knows who Mortimer or Ernst R. was? That Tretick sure gets around...)

Moore-San Francisco: Let's see: This game began March 17, S01 came out April 23, Fall 01 June 3, W01 is due July 9, so S02 won't be out before mid-August. Do you think the California players can take this pace? 3 1/2 seasons in 5 months must be straining their capacities.

Judy-Moore: I'll let the Californians answer for themselves. For me, I feel glad each time I get an edition out. I don't think I can do it any more frequently. Thanks again for the suggestion on the Supply Center Chart.

Turkey-Judy: Bourse is a financial skill/gambling game that is played parallel to a DIP game. The Bourse players buy and sell currencies of the seven major powers. As the game progresses the value of the currencies change. For example, there are Bourse games in Paranoic's Monthly and Snafu.

Paris-Rome: Thank you for the greetings card. I wasn't aware, Hallmark made "Happy Hitler's Birthday" cards.

Paris-Moore: I agree, but I wouldn't quite use those words. Our GM is "one hell of a classy broad".

Judy-Paris: Thanks, I think.

GM-Turkey and Italy: I saw that Turkey called for an EGRT draw hoping to inflame the non-Californians and that Italy called for an RT draw. According to Houserule VIII Draws and Concessions, a vote for a draw will be called for when nominated by at least two players. I am interpreting this as not the same draw even though the same two countries appear on both lists, and I am not calling for a vote.

Guest Press:

PALERMO (15 January 1902): Her Highness, Princess Rodriga Borgia, today granted an interview for the first time since she became reigning Princess of this warm Mediterranean isle. Interviewed by the infamous Barbara Wa-Wa (of whom the less said the better), Princess Rodriga discussed the current state of affairs in Italy and her plans for a Family Comeback in this timeline. Here are some excerpts from that history-making interview (leaving out, of course, the chit-chat of Barbara Wa-Wa, of whom the less said the better). By way of background, it should be mentioned that the Princess is the daughter of Her Holiness, Pope Joan II, nee Princess-Lucrezia Borgia, by Kaiser Wormtongue of timeline 1966AA. Quoth Her Highness:

"It is obvious to me that all Italy is crying out for liberation from the despotism of Pope John XXIV. It's bad enough to have a Pope who's a Polack, but to have one that's an Okie too.... Well, I shudder to think. After all, it's sufficient evil unto the day that he is a man...and everyone knows what insensitive brutes they are. When Mummy was Pope, She had the Vatican all redecorated and the Swiss Guard whipped into shape. Now the SGs are just a bunch of goose-stepping old men. What good is that? Mummy, I'll admit, always had a preoccupation with...well, with certain things She had the Swiss Guards do for Her. But what else are men good for, really? Chores, church, and children; that's what I always say. But Mummy was, as I said, always a bit preoccupied with the one thing that men seem to have gotten the hang of in all the millenia since the dawn of civilization. Some men, anyway; and you can always teach the poor, retarded things. Speaking of retarded, I guess it's time we did something about the Aggie who thinks he can run Italy."

With that, Her Highness called into session a meeting of the College of Cardinals (or at least those Cardinals who would dare the well-known nasty wrath of Pope John XXIV to conduct an honest Papal election). Attending the meeting were  
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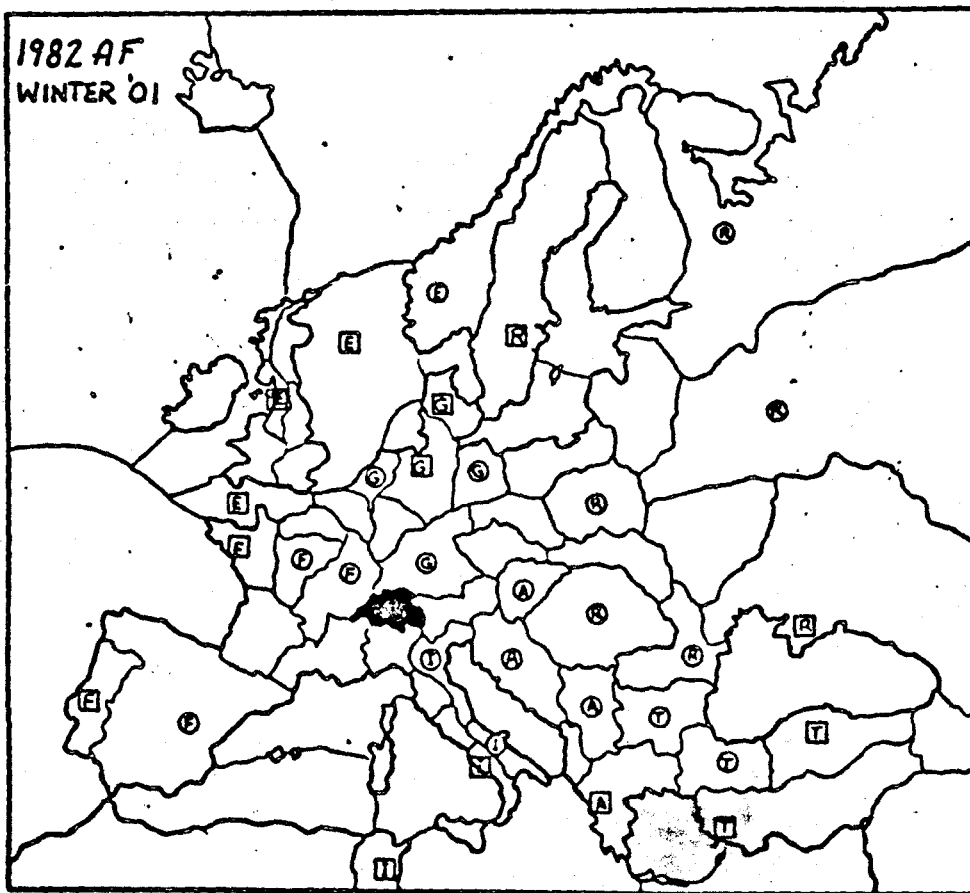
1982 AF Press continued---

Lorenzo, Cardinal Peericelli, the Inquisitor-Universal; Vissarion, Count-Cardinal d'Arte, formerly High Holy Ecumenical Pimp to Pope Joan II; Flagello, Cardinal-Abbot Spumoni, Father Superior of the Order of St. Feghoot; Cesare, Prince-Cardinal Borgia, Sovereign of Sardinia and uncle to Her Highness; Fifi, Cardinal-Madame LaRue, Mother Superior of the Order of St. Lola Montez; as well as others.

The College remained in session for 3 1/2 minutes and unanimously elected a Pope (with only one dissenting vote). The new Pope was none other than Her Highness the Princess Rodriga! Surprise, surprise. As Her first official act, Her Holiness condemned to death the one Cardinal who had cast a vote against Her in the secret balloting. (As She remarked later, "We conduct Our secret balloting using the well-know Boardman Method.") Her Holiness then took the style Joan III and declared war on "the usurper, the so-called John XXIV, who currently warms the Papal Throne in Rome".

PALERMO (26 January 1902): Her Holiness Joan III today announced that She had joined the so-called "California Alliance", and was therefore at war not only with "the Mad-Dog Usurper of Rome", but also with Austria and England.

PALERMO (3 February 1902): The Papal Curia released an announcement today. It read: "At about noon or so today, after their third or fourth expresso-break, the staunch and loyal forces of Her Holiness the Pope captured Reggio and Otranto from the surprised and still-sleeping garrisons of the Rabid Reptile of Rome. With these two beachheads now secured, the armies of Pope Joan III will sweep Mother Italy free from the infestations of the Usurper. All hail the True Pope! All Power to Joan III!! Stay tuned to this press agency for the latest news and All Truth."



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OPENINGS

I have three openings for my third, and last regular Diplomacy game for the time being. I intend to run only three at a time. Since I have only two players for my Terrorism II Variant (rn10/07), I have decided not to solicit further players since there seems to be more interest in regular DIP. Will Bart Riggs and Scott Lucas please submit country preference lists?

Regular Diplomacy: James Wall, William Wood, Scott Lucas, Bart Riggs

Standbys get free subscriptions for as long as they are playing a standby position. Any other standbys out there?

Standbys: Mike Barno, Jim Finley, Terry Tallman, Mark Keller, Steve Knight

Larry McCloud who previously headed the standby list has been called upon to submit standby orders for France in 1982 CA. So this issue is free for Larry.

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EMPLOYEE BULLETINS

For those of you who missed it in the last issue, this is the second of a seven part series of Employee Bulletins prepared by a friend of mine who works for a company that is preparing to close shop. In the last Bulletin, U. R. Hurtin, Manager, Employee Displacement announced the availability of employee opportunities at a subsidiary company. Because of the great competition for a dwindling number of jobs, clues were given as to the whereabouts of the advertisement for the vacancies. Since computer backgrounds were desired, the notices were printed in octal, and the clue to their location was a core dump.

April 16, 1982

No. 12

TO: All Employees
California

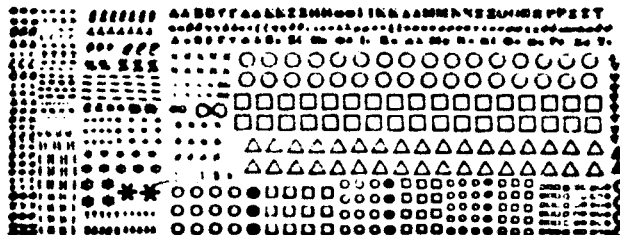
This is hoping that the new way of looking for the Posting Bulletins has been as much fun for you as it has for us here at Employee Displacement.

To make sure everyone has an equal chance in the "Find the Display" R challenge, we have changed the clues to make it easier for all the Program Managers.

Remember holding this up to a mirror is cheating.

SOURCE: I. M. Luvinit, Specialist
Employee Displacement

Clue Number 2



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1982 CA

- AUSTRIA - Joe Lammers, P. O. Box 581, Helen, GA 30545
- ENGLAND - Terry Tallman, 16047 28th NE, Seattle WA 98155
- FRANCE - John Rutherford, 3410 26th St SE, Puyallup, WA 98373
- GERMANY - Jay Neuharth, Box 6156, USAFA, CO 80841
- ITALY - Guy Hail, 1103 B Lorrain St., Austin, TX 78703
- \* RUSSIA - Jack Jung, 1234 Richmond Street, London, Ontario,  
CANADA N6A 3M3
- TURKEY - Roland Louie, 322 Larkspur Plaza, Larkspur, CA 94939

\* Please note the change in Jack Jung's address!!!

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1982 CA  
CONFLICT IN THE BLACK SEA  
SPRING 1901

- Austria (Lammers) A Bud-SER, A Vie-TRI, F Tri-ALB
- England (Tallman) A Liv-EDI, F Edi-NWG, F Lon-NTH
- \* France (Rutherford) NMR! F Bre-MAO, A Mar-SPA, A Par-PIC
- Germany (Neuharth) A Ber-KIE, F Kie-DEN, A Mun-RUH
- Italy (Hail) F Nap-ION, A Ven-PIE, A Rom-VEN
- Russia (Jung) F Stp(sc)-BOT, A MOS-Sev, A War-UKR, F SEV-Bla
- Turkey (Louie) F ANK-Bla, A Con-BUL, A Smy-CON

\* I received no orders for France, so used the standard Spring '01 orders in the houserules. Will Larry McCloud, 520 Geary Ave, San Francisco, CA 94102 please submit standby orders for France?

Deadline for Fall 1901: Friday, August 20, 1982

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PRESS-----

Rome: Italy believes war will soon come and does not intend to participate in 1901. We claim only our rights of occupation in Tunisia, and claim nothing else. To promote our neutrality we have refrained from excessive pre-game correspondence, this will not continue. In effect, the Italian nation is for sale to the highest bidder with the most reasonable offer. Should ya'll abstain from bidding Italy claims a center to two from all nations which are declining. Long live the Italian vultures!

London-Paris: Should we propose a concession vote to the Washingtonians?

Berne, N.Y. (oops, SWITZ): I like to negotiate from a position of strength!

London-Argentina: We can only assume your infatuation with sheep and other small furry animals caused you to put yourself in this "position".

London-Germany: Red sails in the sunrise?

Udine: Tunis begs for invasion. Damn masochists. Let us do it, please.

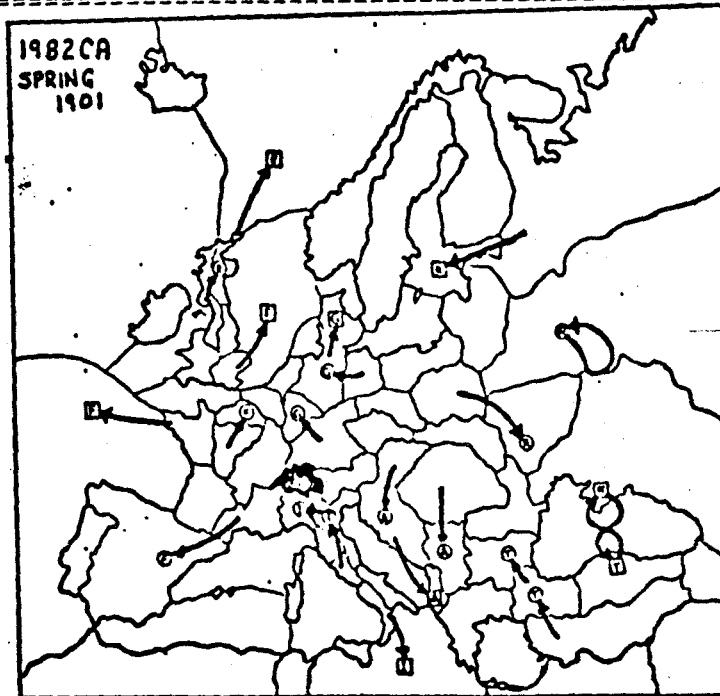
Holland: Resist tyranny! Stamp out the Kaiser's Death Camps. Join the French-English alliance to wipe-out Prussian militarism.

GH-GM: What's a Windblad?

GM-GH: I'm surprised your parents didn't read to you the story of the Windblad when you were very young. You probably can find it in your library. There is a synopsis of it in the Epilogue of this issue.

Rome to Whomever: Who sent me a tape I can't play with no return address inside the envelope?

GM to Rome: Maybe the return address is on the tape?



SOME CHEAP ANSWERS

Mark Duarte: Thanks for the vote on the zine/GM poll. I'm not experiencing any anxiety regarding the poll because my previous notoriety as a mystery woman may tend to color the outcome and make it difficult to interpret. Besides, even if I do well men will only say that it proves that pubbing is women's work. Thanks anyway, I appreciate your appreciation. I'm not planning to attend Peericon II or DIPCON XV, but we'll see what happens. Good luck at Peericon II.

Brenton Ver Ploeg (From Windy): Welcome back to the world from hibernation. Write and tell all. Judy, what's this knock on redheads? We are all very fine people - perhaps with exceptions, but fewer than most.

Windy Windblad: I have nothing against redheads. Every redhead I know is a fine person. It's a bum rap.

Steve Knight: Thanks for joining the standby list. What happens with standbys is whenever a player fails to submit orders (not just late arrival of orders), I ask the next person on the standby list to submit standby orders for the next season for that country. I also send the standby player a copy of the house rules with that issue. If the original player ~~NMRs~~ the next turn too, then the standby's moves take effect and the original player is out. For as long as the standby player is submitting orders (even standby orders) the subscription is free.

John Michalski: Thanks for the suggestion on the Supply Center Chart. I'll use it. Listing neutral supply centers so they total to 34 is a good idea. What's this, a letter from you in a plain white envelope? - must be a fake. If it weren't for the fact the letter inside was on a check reorder flier, I would have known it was a fake.

Mike Barno: I appreciate your liquor recommendation - Giacobazzi lambrusco is a familiar libation. Thanks you for telling me about the meaning of an upside down stamp - I had never heard it used to mean "I love you".

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MORE CHEAP ANSWERS

Rod Walker: I am sending Larry Peery a sample copy of WL to see if he will instantly know who I am. But, I don't think I can afford any more trades. I'm having a difficult time giving the zines I trade with now the attention they deserve. I think I would always send copies of WL to you with all the support you give to me. Thanks! Just got the July PONTEVERDIA. Please note in the next issue that I've shelved the Terrorism II game and have a third and final regular DIP game open.

Fred Davis: I just finished reading The Parasite by Ramsey Campbell. Maybe like Peter Grace in that book, Edi Birsan has entered my brain and is actually doing the pubbing, not me. So while I'm a real live lady, I may not be a real live lady publisher in the real sense of the term. I recommend the book for its poetic descriptions.

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THE MARK BERCH DEPARTMENT

Had a few days of overcast and a few days of warm sunshine. I think the San Francisco Bay Area has the best weather in the country. Traveled to New York last week on business (on the same plane with Gene Upshaw who was heading East for union negotiations) and found the humidity uncomfortable. But San Francisco can be uncomfortably cool. I spend a lot of time down the Peninsula where there isn't as much fog and wind because of the coastal hills (you would call them mountains). My roommate and I are looking for a house or apartment down there so I may be moving. My present apartment manager promises that if we do move, he'll faithfully forward all my letters until you get my change of address. So I hope if we do find a place, it'll not create any disruptions in the games.

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A NEW GAME FROM ALLAN CALHAMER!

I received the following advertisement from Allan Calhamer who is doing business as Outpost and thought you would be interested:

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The rules are simple. There are no chance devices (no dice, no spinners, etc.) There are no unnecessary complications. Batting and pitching tips are included to get you started.

The game has been developed and tested over ten years by inventor Allan B. Calhamer, who invented the award-winning game "Diplomacy". The depth of strategy arising from simple rules, without chance devices, has led Calhamer, a longtime chessplayer, to call his game "the Chess of Table Top Baseball Games". Available now from Outpost, 501 N. Stone, La Grange Park, IL 60525; \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage.

Sounds interesting, I'm tempted to try it. How about you?



EPILOGUE

I wasn't fully aware of it at the first, but apparently one of the players in my first game is a bit of a celebrity. The name Windy Windblad goes back many years in the hobby. In order to answer all the questions that readers and former acquaintances have been asking, he sent the following:

"Windy Windblad is alive and well and firmly ensconced in the Arizona State Prison at Florence for another 6 1/2 years. However, in better days, Loring A. Windblad, Sr., otherwise known as "Windy" (an honored family nickname for more than 100 years), published and GM'ed an orphan Dippy game in 1969-70, and played in Windy's and Fred Davis' first each mail Dippy game in Jeff Key's ? (dippy zine) in 1969-70. Windy was primarily engaged in postal galaxy at that time, and has personally met (and was the first to expose) Edi Bersan and met Rod Walker at a small wargaming conference in Youngstown, Ohio in the summer for 69 which included Jeff Key and Edi Birsan, the local denizen, a fellow from Canada, etc. We had 10 people at that game weekend, and Rod - opps, - Captain Rod - brought the Colorado Coolaid from West of the Mississippi. I AM NOT A FAKE - NOR AM I THE FIGMENT OF ANYONE'S IMAGINATION BUT MY MOTHER AND FATHER - AND I RESENT (SOMEWHAT?) ALL SUCH IMPLICATIONS. But I do praise you for your vivid imagination in denouncing Judy Winsome? Though I am sure Judy does not deserve such notoriety!"

I got three additions to my anthology of jokes that end with the word asshole. Two are very old jokes. A co-worker reminded me about the polar bear joke. "How do you catch a polar bear? You cut a hole in the ice, line it with peas, and when she bends over to take a pea, you kick her in the icehole." Is that true Mark? It qualifies. The second old one involved catching a bear by kicking him in the asshole. You can figure out the rest. Not exactly the stuff that sells books. Steve Langley sent "What paper product is more important than his rifle to your average Marine when the bullets start flying. His asshole." I don't understand that. I understand paper assholes as a term used for binder paper hole reinforcers, but I don't understand that joke.

Perhaps there is just not a future in asshole jokes. A new category of sick joke is going around. What's the one legged girl's name? ..... Eileen. What's the man's name with the legs that are severed below the knees? ..... Neil. What's the quadriplegic's name who's in the swimming pool? ..... Bob. What's that hung guy's name? ..... Phil. (The last one I made up myself - you could tell huh?) Have you heard or can you come up with any others?

Haven't seen "Chariots of Fire" yet, but saw "Cannery Row" and liked it. I read all of Steinbeck's novels. I especially liked "Tortilla Flat" and "In Dubious Battle". I thought the movie caught the flavor of Steinbeck fairly well. Besides, I love Nick Nolte - have since "Rich Man, Poor Man". Also like Sam Elliot.

Tell me, what does a Walrus and the Tupperware Corporation have in common? They both like tight seals.

Does anyone know of an 800 number I can dial to get help on Diplomacy strategy?

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