



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 1993 Plymouth Dr. #11, Mountain View, CA 94043. 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 five week deadlines. This one is a little quicker to avoid Thanksgiving.

SOMETHING FOR BLOCKHEADS

If you have as much of an affinity for the wooden blocks as I do you will appreciate the following reprint from the Aug/Sep 82 issue of BUSHWACKER.

UPDATE ON THE WOODEN BLOCK STORY

Have just learned that the "set" of wooden Diplomacy pieces from Waddington's House of Games in Canada is a complete set of 112 blocks. If and when Avalon Hill's limited supply of wooden blocks is exhausted, you can order these blocks from Our Man in Canada, Ronald J. Brown, R.R. 1, Low, Quebec, CANADA J0X 2C0. \$5.00 U.S. will cover the cost. You'll have to expect a wait of at least 10 weeks to get your set, as Waddington's takes at least two months to respond to any sort of mail order.

Complete Canadian sets, with wooden blocks and the good map, are also available via Ron Brown, for \$22.00 U.S., parcel post. If you want a set sent by First Class Mail, send \$24.00. Again, allow a long time for delivery.

BUSHWACKER is published by Fred C. Davis, Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore MD 21207. He specializes in variant games. Game fee is \$7.00. Standby fee is \$4.00. Subscriptions are 12 for \$3.50.

NOTABLE QUOTES

The following two quotes were submitted by Dave Perlmutter of Haverford PA:

"Men should not be soldiers. They have no guts."

Eliza Long, Commander of the famous Amazon Brigade that fought in the Paraguayan Wars

"Men start revolutions. Women tidy them up."

Gregory Zinoviev, early Bolshevik leader.

My thanks and \$1.00 credit goes to you. By the way, Dave, who is Lina Wertmuller and why am I a fan?

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FALL 1902

LOTS OF SUPPORT FOR ORDERS NOT GIVEN

Austria (Windblad)	F Gre-ALB, A TRI-Ven, A VIE-Tya, A SER-Bud
England (Duarte)	F NTH S A Bel, A BEL S German A Ruh, F IRI S F Eng, F ENG S Italian F Naf-Mao
France (Perlmutter)	A PIC S A Bur, A BUR S German A Ruh-Bel nso, F Mao-NAO, F BRE S Italian F Naf-Mao, A Gas S A Bur
Germany (Finley)	F Ska-SWE, F DEN S F Ska-Swe, A HOL-Bel, A RUH S A Mun, A MUN S Austrian A Tri-Tya nso
Italy (Michalski)	A TYA S A Ven-Tri, A VEN-Tri, F Naf-MAO, F Ion-ADR
Russia (McCloud)	F Nwy-NWG, A Stp-FIN, A Ukr-WAR, A GAL-Vie, A BUD-Tri, A RUM S Turkish A Bul-Ser nso, F SEV (H)
Turkey (Keller)	A Bul-GRE, F AEG S A Bul-Gre, A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON

Deadline for Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 is Thursday, Nov 18, 1982.

Supply Center Chart:

AUSTRIA	Tri, Vie, Gre , Ser	3, removes 1
ENGLAND	Edi, Lon, Lpl, Nwy, BEL	5, builds 1
FRANCE	Mar, Par, Bre, Por, Spa	5, even
GERMANY	Mun, Ber, Kie, Den, Hol, SWE	6, builds 1
ITALY	Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun	4, even
RUSSIA	StP, Mos, Sev, War, Rum, Bud, SWE	6, removes 1
TURKEY	Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, GRE	5, builds 1
Neutral	Bel	

PRESS:-----

Germany-Paris: I exist! I am as real as Judy.

Munich-Italy: I warned you about those trecherous Tyrolian dwarves!

Germany-Russia: Sorry - nothing personal. I just had a full tank and nowhere to go.

Judy-Robyn: I love that last one.

Jim Finley (Guest Press) Tustin-Paris: Lay your dark suspicions to rest - Robyn is real; she told me so. Anyway, if she's a fake, somebody's been playing one hell of a joke on me for the last few years, and I don't know how I'll explain it to our son Chris. On no - what if Chris is a fake? What if - what if I'm a fake? Who am I really? Quick - if you've ever seen me in person, anyone out there, let me know. Please hurry.

1982 AF Press continued---

Paris-London: Variant Twelve. England becomes Pro-Facist. Deduct 25 BRPs.
Napoleon-John the 21st: I think we better cut down on the anti-Walker press. He still hasn't figured out the Ernst Rohm stuff yet.

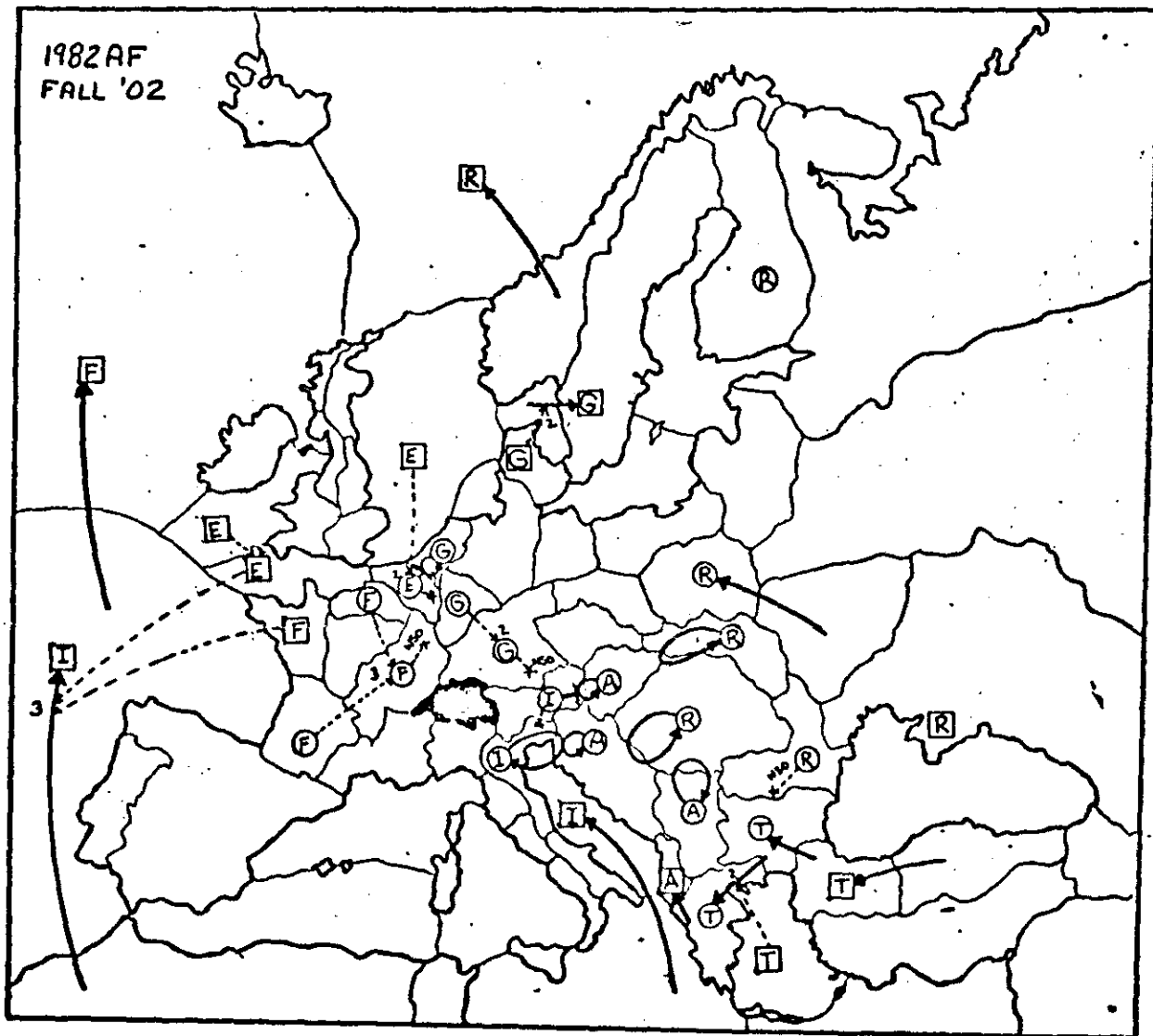
Judy-Napoleon: Rod's not the only one.

Paris: All the world will hold its breath. Will the Italo-French Armada land on English soil? Will it be repulsed? Will it be the Glorious First of June all over again? Will Judy move again? Will John kill Bill Shaeffer? Will Jack Masters return to the hobby? Will I shut up? En Avant! A la Bayonette!

Judy-Paris: Regarding me moving again - never, never, never.

Paris-Rome: Marshal Lannes died at Aspern-Esseling. He rose from the dead three days later.

Turkey-All: Plenty of game openings in Hai! Jikai!, that's my sub-zine in Steve Langley's Magus.



1982 CA

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WINTER 1901

Austria (Lammers)	Builds Army Trieste, Army Budapest
England (Tallman)	Builds Army London
France (McCloud)	Builds Army Paris, Army Marseilles, Fleet Brest
Germany (Neuharth)	Builds Army Munich
Italy (Hail)	Builds Fleet Naples
Russia (Jung)	Builds Fleet Sevastopol, Army Warsaw
Turkey (Louie)	Builds Fleet Smyrna

Deadline for Spring 1902 is Thursday, November 18, 1982

PRESS-----

London-Rome: If you can deliver as promised, I'd be a fool to turn you down.

Budapest Times: The Emperor in a press release today stated that the "news" coming out of Germany is obviously propaganda designed to lull Germany's neighbors into a false sense of security and foment revolution in those countries. The emperor also went on to state "I view the new socialist government of Germany as a bunch of criminals who pose the greatest threat to European peace and stability since Attila the Hun."

Budapest Times: Turkish forces today launched an unprovoked assault on the Austrian ARMY in Serbia, which was moved into that country on the request of the Serbian government to assist in putting down an armed insurrection. Upon receiving the news Emperor Franz Joseph stated "such a dastardly act will not go unpunished."

Rome-London: How 'bout saying you will learn how to write so we can conduct our diplomacy in private and not by press release.

Rome-Paris: Goshikins! I sure helped you out didn't I. Don't be angry now. I won't do it again.

Rome-Vienna: Why don't I hear from you more often! Of course you can have a free hand in the east. Don't try to take on two opponents at once, however.

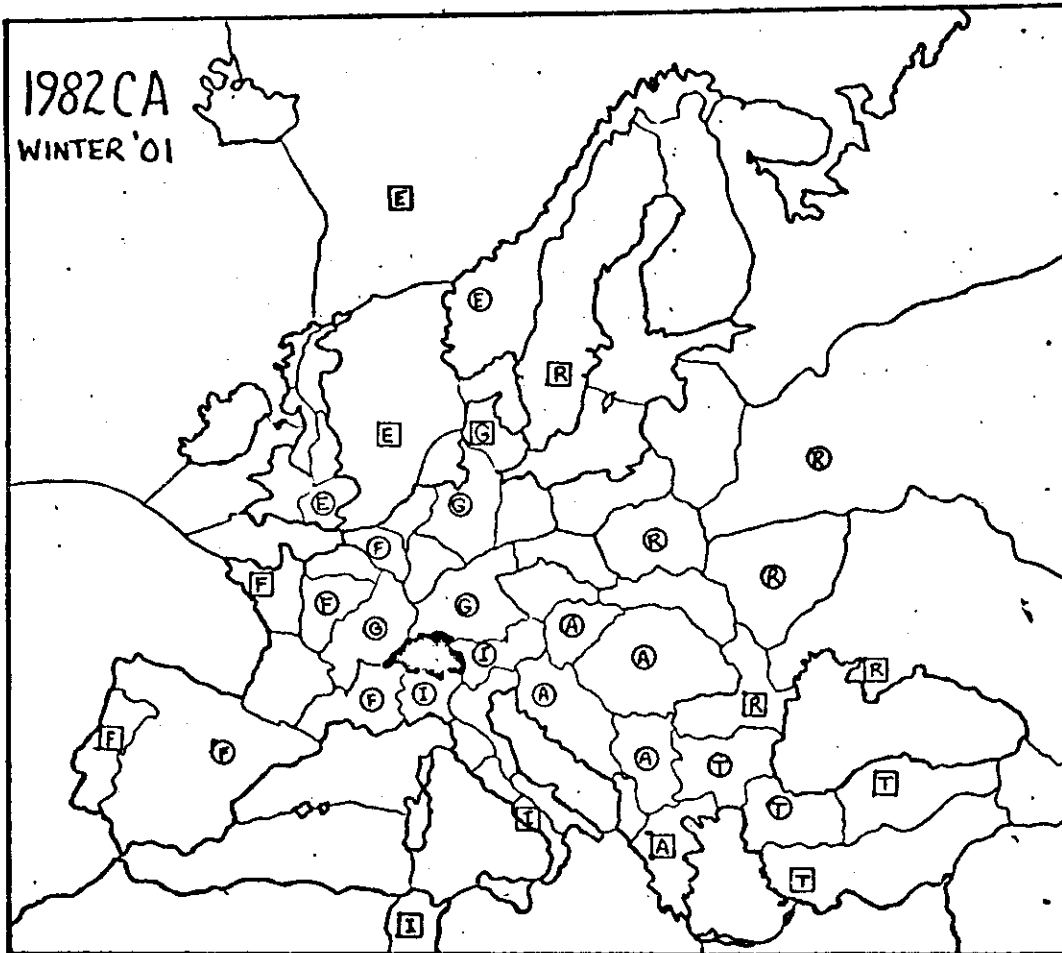
Rome-Ankara: What?

Rome-St. Pete: Of course!

GH-GM: Applications of computers to games! Aren't computers supposed to be for games first and speeding up capitalistic exploitation second?

GM-GH: That depends on what side of the user fence you're on. As a record of the sixties said, "There will always be a future in computer programming." It also said... "Two wrongs don't make a right, but three do." I think I remember the name of the record, but I'm not sure. It was something like Deteriorata by the National Lampoon. How far am I off?

Rome-London & Paris: Aren't you guys in Calhoun? I thought so. Stop following me around.



PLUGS AND OPENINGS

Standbys to WINSOME-LOSESOME get free subscriptions for as long as they are playing a standby position. Any other standbys out there? Larry McCloud is getting this free for being a standby in 1982 CA. Thanks for joining the list Scott Hanson.

Standbys: Mike Barno, Jim Finley, Terry Tallman, Mark Keller, Steve Knight, James Wall, Scott Hanson

THE MARK BERCH DEPARTMENT

Did some more moving last weekend. This time a good friend and teammate of mine was making a move across town. Of course the weather was wonderful. I've been traveling a lot lately, and ran into good weather everywhere. Even in Tahoe although it snowed one night I was there. Took a hike in knee deep snow in the Wasatch Mountains in Utah. Ever been on the trail to White Pine Lake in October? It's beautiful. Like a fool I was not dressed for the occasion, so we didn't make it the whole way. But it was worth the effort.

WL-3 HAS A BOARDMAN NUMBER - - - 1982 HV

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SPRING 1901
CONFLICT IN BLACK SEA !!

Austria (Morris)	F Tri-ALB, A Bud-SER, A Vie-TRI
England (Wall)	F Lon-NTH, F Edi-NWG, A Liv-EDI
France (Riggs)	A Par-PIC, F Bre-MAO, A Mar-SPA
Germany (Stafford)	F Kie-HOL, A Ber-KIE, A Mun-RUH
Italy (Lucas)	F Nap-ION, A Rom-APU, A VEN (H)
Russia (Hawley)	A Mos-STP, F SEV-Bla, A War-UKR, F StP(sc)-BOT
Turkey (Wood)	A Con-BUL, F ANK-Bla, A Smy-ARM

Deadline for Fall 1901 is Thursday, Nov 18, 1982

PRESS:-----

Serbia: The neutral state of Serbia deeply resents Austrian aggression. Particularly offensive were actions by the elite Austrian cavalry unit, the Texas Rangers in the taking of the town of Szklgyz. As verified by American correspondents from Better Homes & Gardens and Popular Science, the Rangers not only raped every woman between 9 and 90 in the village but even more seriously, they littered the public park with Lone Star beer cans, jaywalked, and made workers at the government mint put John Wayne's picture on all Serbian currency!

Vienna: The idea that we put John Wayne's picture on all Serbian currency is totally false. Clint Eastwood, Roy Rogers, and Gene Autry are on some.

Denmark: To all nations...HELP! We anticipate invasion by a horde of sleetes! Save us from a fate worse than death!

London-Austria: Sorry Charlie, I don't respond to nonletters.

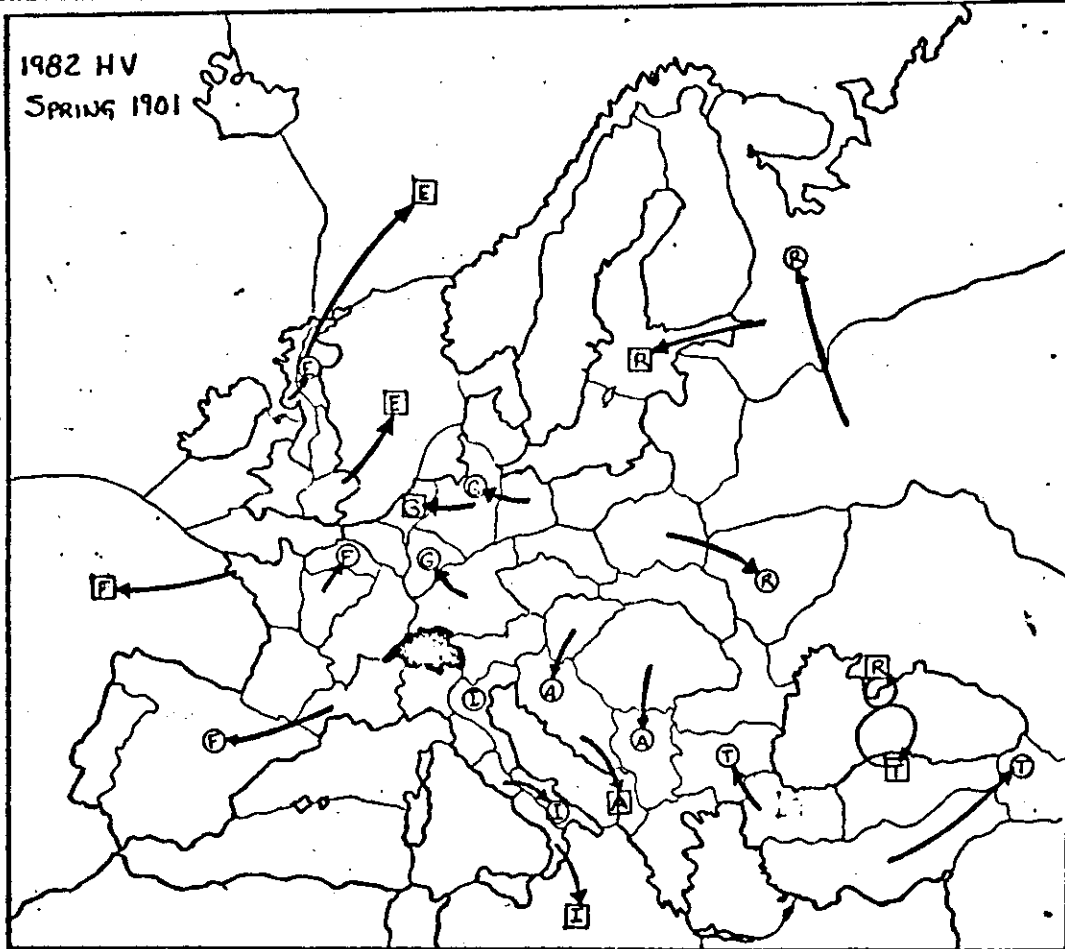
London-Russia: You never returned my letter, your only letter was the first I received. Problems? Don't you love me?

Russia-All: Welcome and best wishes for a good contest. May the best man win.

Switzerland-Italy: What's matter you gotta no tongue? No hands? No stamps?
Mama Mia!

Switzerland-World: David Stafford (Sleeze #1) what can you say about people who openly associate with Eric Ozog? Rumor has it Dan was Eric's first date, true Dan?

Switzerland-Bill Wood: Do Diplomacy games evolve or are they created? What would Darwin say?



SOME CHEAP ANSWERS

Robyn Finley & Jay Neuharth - Thank you for asking about my move. It wasn't so bad a move because I had lots of help, good weather, and beer. I held the beer back until I was moved, then we had a good time. The new apartment is much bigger and more modern. Lots of room for plants. Hope my thumb turns greener than it's been in the past.

John Michalski - You did it again. The moves that you sent in the clear plastic bag couldn't have come at a more opportune time. I was reading a novel about contamination when it came. Also loved the reflecting post card and the letter written on the paper toilet seat cover. You're getting as weird as Mark Lew. No, weirder.

Windy Windblad - Glad to print your statement:
"Windy Windblad begs all readers indulgence and understanding in the case of the misinformation which was recently published, and vehemently denies he may in any way, shape or form be a celebrity, especially as regards Postal Diplomacy. Windy's only claim in this regard is having been personally acquainted with some of the true Postal Diplomacy celebrities. Signed, Windy Windblad"

EMPLOYEE BULLETINS

This is the fourth of a series of bulletins that are probably tiring you. Just bear (bare?) with me, it gets better. This company is winding down (euphemism for quitting) and is trying to find jobs for professionals in another facility. Because of a shortage of positions, the bulletins contain clues to where employees can find notices regarding available positions. In the last bulletin, I. Foundit used a dot to dot clue to allow the engineers a chance to find the hidden notices. Connecting the dots only got you the word WRONG. Here is the fourth clue:

No. 14

April 30, 1982

TO: ALL Employees
California

The response to the "Find The Display"[®] challenge has been tremendous. Thank you so much for all your support.

Normally finance personnel are excluded from all company sponsored contests, but an exception is being made this one time. The only exception to this exception is for the Finance Management Program graduates who scored less than a "B" average during the course.

Here is clue number 4.

號 8 弄 16 巷 53 街 西 錦 市 北 台 : 所 行 發
: 話 電
司 公 限 有 刷 印 色 彩 麗 先 : 者 刷 印
版 出 月 四 年 八 十 六 國 民 華 中 : 版 初

If you are color blind, you might get a friend to help you. Also, adding the numbers will probably throw you off.

SOURCE: E. Z. FORME, SR. SPECIALIST
EMPLOYEE DISPLACEMENT,

MORE CHEAP ANSWERS

Brenton Ver Ploeg - I hope I wasn't a disappointment. I certainly admire your persistence and perceptivity. I never knew you could see my jewels hanging from my fingers. I invite you to have fun with the knowledge you've gained.

Mark Duarte - Yes, you find a great many lies and attempts at deception in this game. Some of my friends had a lot of difficult dealing with that. Some couldn't deal with it and don't play any more. I think the best way to handle it is to decide early on how important this game is to you. The perspective in which you place the game can help when you come across the lies and invectives. I try not to take anything personally and always keep Diplomacy as a game and a distraction. You can play the game without lies or deception, though I admit it's more difficult. Many players will respect you for your integrity. But they may also try to take advantage of it. I would suggest you just beware of silences and try to tune in to sincerity. It's good practice for life, and if you find you're wrong in judging someone's sincerity, it's a safe place to learn. It's not for keeps.

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EPILOGUE

A letter from Mark Duarte caused me to sit back and become more introspective for a change. I've been so involved with moving and work and other activities that I may have been ignoring relationships and inner peace. At a conference I attended a lecturer gave us a construct with which to look at the balance in our lives. He called it a wheel. The wheel had several spokes that were graduated from 1 near the center to 10 at the rim. Each spoke represented a different aspect of your life; income, spiritual, family, physical, mental, social, educational. The exercise was to rate each aspect on that scale with respect to where you'd like it to be. Then you were supposed to draw a line through all the ratings (another dot to dot). The object was to see how lopsided your growth may be.

You can define your spokes however you like, I guess, as long as they encompass a broad range of your life. If I were to draw my wheel and rate myself at this moment, I would have a big flat spot in the area of relationships, family and social. I have been so activity oriented that this area of my life which takes so much time and energy has suffered as a result. Not only with friends, but with strangers as well. For example, a guy named William Highfield (or is he really a women writing under a man's name?) has been trying to trade 'zines with me for some time. I've never replied to him. During this period of introspection I remembered all the help I got when I started out about a year ago from "old timers" like Rod Walker, Fred Davis, John Michalski, Gary Coughlan and many others and can't help feeling guilty. I'm sorry Bill. So a plug....

PLUG

William S. Highfield, 2012 Ridge Road East, Rochester NY, 14622, publishes a 'zine called THE MODERN PATRIOT. PONTEVERDIA lists his game fee as \$3 and subscriptions at 12 for \$5. Bill seems to have a lot of energy and writes entertainingly.

and sorry for the long time responding.

So, up with relationships. Having a party this weekend. Going to rent "Body Heat" and show it to some friends. Should be fun. The movie "Body Heat" has a theme of sweltering heat throughout it, and thinking of things wilting in the heat; do you know what rattlesnakes and limp penes (look it up) have in common? You wouldn't want to screw with either one. (There I've done it again, Dad - another relationship bites the dust.

Which way did they go?
How many of them were there?
How fast were they going?
I MUST find them!

I am their LEADER

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