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'Reefer City': a new double-dealin' game for intelligent heads

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Busted for possession. Right in my own living room. I couldn't believe it.

All evening I'd been carefully sneaking around garbage-strewn back alleys making lucrative drug deals. So being attacked while sipping a Cragmont orange soda by a marijuana sniffing narc German shepherd left me shitfaced.

Cursing my bad luck, I forked over a \$2,000 fine and moved back two spaces.

My record stayed clean, however, because my bust was just part of playing "Reefer City," a new dope-trading game produced by college student Cam Marcus.

Marcus came up with "Reefer City" in 1978 while a freshman at the University of Vermont. It's a game, he says, that's designed for intelligent heads.

While I'm not sure I meet either of those qualifications, with friends Steve and Roberta I did get into the game's high-spirited approach to dope dealing.

Huddled over bowls of popcorn in the dim light of my apartment, we read through the extensive rules list before spreading the game out on my rickety coffee table.

Next to the family's old Monopoly set, the "Reefer City" board is a graphic wonderland of stern cops and stoned hippies. Play also is different. No one goes to jail in "Reefer City;" they get busted.

In place of Community Chest cards, there are connection cards, tickets to the nearest pusher.

With a connection card in hand, players move around the board until reaching their pusher at one of the ramshackle tenements like Homegrown Heaven. Once inside, they can

buy or sell drugs, depending on the street price as determined by a market level indicator.

Because the indicator rapidly changes how much grass costs, we found ourselves continually maneuvering to make our deals at just the right time.

As we listened to neo-drug music courtesy of AM radio, we scrambled for connection cards and dodged police dogs and paraquat-induced crop failures.

"You sure wouldn't want to play this while stoned," Steve said, accidentally dropping a die in the popcorn.

"Maybe if you played it 10 times you could play it stoned," chimed in Roberta.

Stoned or straight, Roberta did well at first, securing several free pounds of homegrown and making great connections. As her stash grew, she got so absorbed in strategy Steve had to tell her when it was her turn.

"I thought you were playing with your mushrooms" she

answered absentmindedly.

But then her luck changed and suddenly the narc squad was dragging her off to the hoosgow, booking her for possession.

"My mother would be real upset," she said.

While she languished behind bars, I calmly picked up pounds and pounds of Lebanese Blonde, Acapulco Gold and Columbian. I scored big at Hippie Haven where I picked up 20 pounds of Panama Red for \$8,000. On my next turn, with the street price slightly higher, I sold the whole stash for \$9,600, enough to put me over the \$20,000 winning mark.

Over 50 pounds of dope had passed through my hands in just the one game, something of an irony since I wouldn't know what a roach clip was even if I saw a cockroach wearing one.

But the allure of cannabis doesn't seem to be "Reefer City's" main appeal to those who

play it. As Steve, taking a swig from his cream soda, summed it up, "I just want to make a lot of money, whether it's from buying Baltic Avenue or dope."

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Newborn quintts improve

PORTLAND (AP) — The medical condition of newborn quintuplets improved Sunday, doctors said, though all remained in critical condition and one boy still was considered in grave condition.

Drs. John Yount and Kenneth Burry said at a news conference that artificial breathing apparatus still was being used for all five at University Hospital. They were born at the hospital 12 weeks prematurely last Thursday to a 28-year-old Portland woman.

The doctors said each quintuplet still is considered to have a 50 percent chance of living.

The infants' given names were issued for the first time. In order of birth, they are Trisha Jean, Cheryl Ellen, Kenneth Jason, Allan Michael and Brian Quentin. Quentin means "fifth-born."

Before the quintuplets were

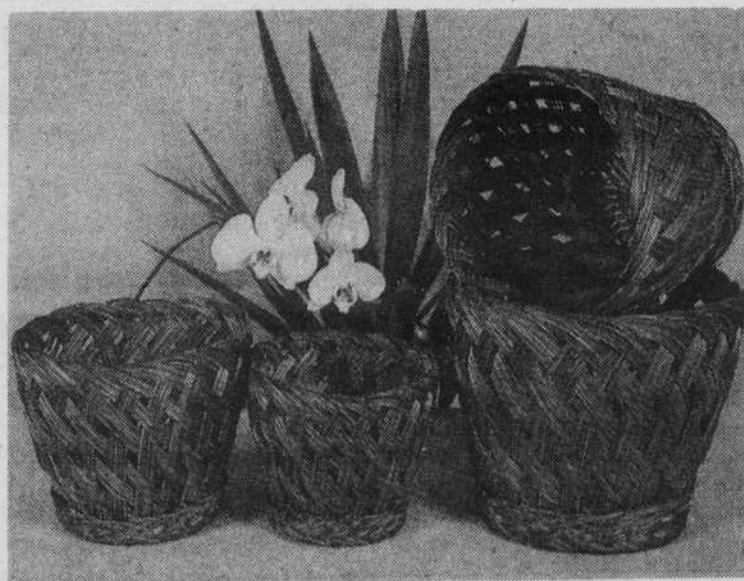
named Saturday, they were called "A," "B," "C," "D," and "E."

The hospital, at the parents' request, did not publicize their names or other personal details.

The doctors said Trisha and Brian have shown the most improvement. Allen is considered in grave condition with lung problems and some hemorraging that is common in premature babies.

Cheryl and Kenneth have ruptured lungs. Each has a tube draining fluid from the ruptured lung while the infant breathes with the other lung.

The babies, delivered by Cesarean section, all weigh less than two pounds and are about 14 inches long. Doctors said the mother was taking the fertility drug Pergonal and knew it increases the chance of multiple births.



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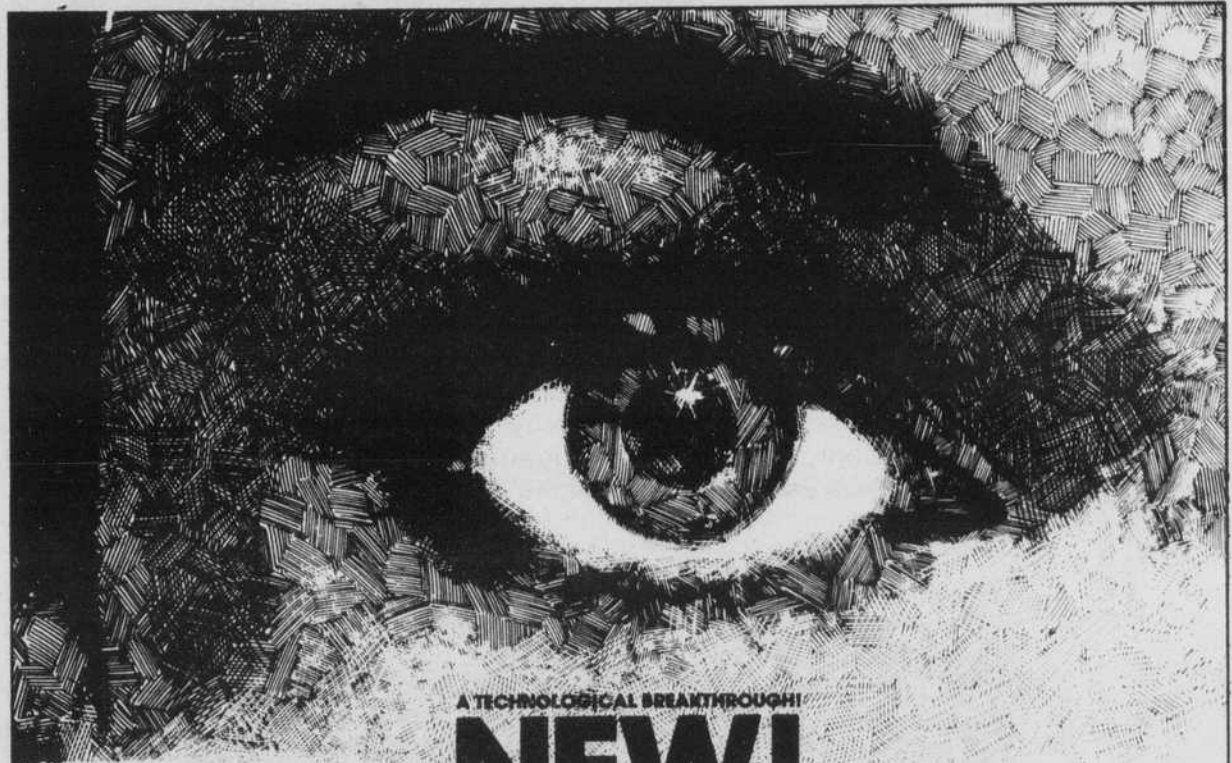
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