

War games attack boredom and reality

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What a horrendous summer. Bombings in Lebanon. Infestation in California. The Royal Wedding in England.

Need an escape from a troublesome world? Two Eugene specialty game shops — Endgames on the Mall and Parlour Games in the Fifth Street Public Market — stock an ample supply of board games designed to divert a weary mind. Prices range from \$9 to \$18.

How about "Assassin! The Final Game?" The object is to "assassinate other players and take control of world traffic in illegally obtained commodities," such as plutonium, munitions or drugs. As they whirl around a Monopoly-style board depicting major world cities, players earn money to hire killers.

Maybe the trendy "Escape From New York" is more suitable. It's 1997, and the Big Apple is now a walled security prison. But — gasp! — the President somehow got stuck inside. Each player rushes in to rescue him while avoiding ambushes set up by other players.

Closer to home, in the "Mt. St. Helens Volcano Game," players try to escape with the most points before the volcano erupts. Extra points are award-

ed to the player who finds skyjacker D.B. Cooper's hidden stash. ("The popularity of the St. Helens game has burned itself out," Endgames' Al Villanueva says with a straight face.)

"Junta" takes place in the capital city of a third-world nation "supported by a superpower that asks no questions." Players are wealthy family members who sit in the Chamber of Deputies and siphon the superpower's money into Swiss bank accounts. The game ends when the cash flow dries up or when all players assassinate each other in the same turn.

For bigger stakes, "Class Struggle" pits workers and capitalists in a fight for political power in a major country. Each player is a separate class that makes and breaks alliances while collecting points to win elections. Ultimately, either socialism or "barbarism" wins. The game includes instructions for classroom use.

Then there's "Lie, Cheat and Steal: The game of political power." Here, the player who buys the most votes wins. Watch out for that League of Women Voters space — you'll lose a turn there.

In "Save Our Bureaucrats," players use fake Susan B. Anthony coins as tokens and roll the



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dice out of a "pork barrel." The object is to go broke and get on welfare with the help of "government boondoggles, grants and rip offs." (Monica Nardoza of Parlour Games says employees from the Federal Building across the street used to play SOB during their lunch hour.)

"Land Grab" is sold as "a true-to-life game of big business, with all the cut-throat competition and nerve-wracking decisions of a ruthless industry." Each player is a Major Development Corporation that

tries to amass the most money by acquiring property and selling it at vastly inflated prices.

Similarly, the Monopoly-style "Condomania 2000" gives players \$1 million to buy groups of condos. "Chance" cards include a \$200 fine for failing to scoop your dog's poop, and a \$7,000 divorce settlement for being elected to the Board and subsequently ignoring your wife.

Finally, there's "Capital Punishment." Players win by maneuvering a "murderer, rapist,

arsonist and kidnapper (four of them) along the Path of Justice into Life Imprisonment, Death Row or the Electric Chair." Defensively, a player can bring his Liberal out of the Ivory Tower to "spring" an opponent's criminal out of jail and back onto the Street, thereby turning the "opponent's innocent citizens into victims of crime."

Sure, these games may not be quite the escapist fantasies promised — but after playing any of them, the nightly news will be a relief.

Hill continues as provost

Richard Hill will continue as acting provost and academic vice president until June 30, 1982, according to Pres. Paul Olum.

Hill, who was appointed acting provost July 1, 1980, replaced Olum as provost and academic vice president when Olum became acting president following the resignation of Wil-

liam Boyd.

"Dr. Hill has done a superb job in what has been an exceptionally difficult year, and I am delighted he is willing to continue in that position," Olum says.

A national search will be undertaken this fall to fill the position on a permanent basis, he says.

A University faculty member since 1970, Hill was head of the

sociology department from 1972-75 and director of the social science research institute from 1975-78. He was dean of the community service and public affairs school from 1978 until he became acting provost.

Ken Tollenaar, acting CSPA dean, and Don Johnson, acting governmental research bureau director, also will continue in their current positions.

Childbirth films to show

A 2½-hour series of films on childbirth will be shown tonight beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 180 PLC.

The film festival is sponsored by Birthways of Eugene and the Young Women's Christian Association. Tickets for the five films will be sold at the door and cost \$2.75.

Scheduled to show are:

"Prenatal Development," which covers the impact of nutrition, drugs and emotions during fetal development; "Baby Dance," a film describing emotional changes during pregnancy; "Five Women, Five Births" a film about various childbirth settings; "Ties that Bind," a film that emphasizes the bonds that form between parents and the baby; and "Children at Birth."

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