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Atari Age Interviews



In this exclusive interview, today's hottest video star reveals how sudden fame has changed his life.

Atari Age: I'm sure lots of our younger readers would like to grow up to be video stars like yourself. Did you have any special training to prepare for the work you do?

Pac-Man: I had what you'd call a well-rounded education. I was involved in high school dramatics—I played the lead in Central High's production of "Man of La Muncher." I did more act-

Pac-Man takes time off from his busy TV schedule to stroll downtown with one of his co-stars.

ing in college—mostly theatre-in-theround productions. I didn't neglect my studies, though. In fact, I graduated sphera cum laude.

Atari Age: And how did you get into show business?

Pac-Man: Frankly, it was rough. For a while there, I worked as a ball in those follow-the-bouncing-ball musical films. Then, when those went out of style, I got a job as host of a new television show called "Celebrity Grape-fruit"—you may have missed it, we were cancelled early in the season. After that, I had nothing to fall back on but residuals from some stunt work I

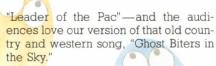
did in an enzyme detergent commercial. That is, until this game thing came along.

Atari Age: Pac-Man, we don't want to pry into your personal life, but we understand you have a new girlfriend.

Pac-Man: Isn't it amazing how these rumors start? Let's set the record straight once and for all. There is a new arcade game with a lady Pac-Man, and they tell me she's real cute—long eyelashes, a bow in her hair, and curves in all the right places. But I've hardly met the lady! I've been so busy lately—you know, personal appearances on National Pac-Man Day, working on my night club act...

Atari Age: What kind of act is it? Ballroom dancing?

Pac-Man: No, actually, I'm getting a chance to sing. I do a song and dance number to the rock and roll classic,



Atari Age: Sounds great. Any other projects in the works?

Pac-Man: I'm just putting the finishing touches on my autobiography—it's called "Dot's Life." And I'm very excited about a special appearance my agent is working on, at the World Series. You know how every year they have different celebrities throw out the first ball of the Series. Well, if everything goes right, I'll be the first celebrity ever to be the first ball of the Series. It would be a heck of an honor.

Atari Age: Sounds like you're a real baseball fan. Tell me, Pac-Man, who's your favorite player?

Pac-Man: Well, I was very impressed watching that new pitcher, Fernando Ballenzuela. But my all-time favorite would have to be Willie Maze.

Atari Age: Pac-Man, it's been a real pleasure speaking with you today. Before you go, do you have any special message for our game-playing readers out there?

Pac-Man: I'd like to thank them for supporting my game. You know, a lot of people didn't think I had a ghost of a chance in the video game business. After all, I don't explode, or shoot, or crash, or anything like that. But you folks have made this mellow yellow fellow the chompin' champion of the world, and I appreciate that.

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From the Editor

Welcome to the new atari Cluband the new atari age magazine!

The hot-off-the-presses publication you are holding is Atari's own official magazine for home video game fans. It's more than something to read -- it's going to make it more fun to own an Atari Video Computer System.

I know it's not easy to make Atari more fun than it already is -- but we're going to do it, by . . .

- Giving you the scoop on the latest Game Program cartridges as soon as they come out;
- ✓ Telling you what games are on the way, weeks and even months before they're released:
- √ Teaching the tips and tactics you need for higher-scoring play, direct from the Atari experts who created the games;
- Bringing you the inside story of Atari and Atari game players, across the country and around the world.

We're going to be doing all that and lots more in ATARI AGE magazine.

And when somebody else is using your Atari game system, we're including articles, games, and puzzles to keep you going.

We also have some surprises in store for you.

For starters, how about a contest with hundreds of dollars worth of Atari Game Program cartridges as prizes? You'll find details in this issue. This is the very first issue of ATARI AGE as a full-color, bimonthly magazine. It's also the beginning of a new age for THE ATARI CLUB.

As the official organization for Atari home video game players, THE ATARI CLUB has all kinds of special plans for its members. After all, the Atari phenomenon begins with the group of creative folks in Sunnyvale, California, but it's more than that. The heart of the Atari excitement is us — the fans who enjoy nothing better than wrapping our fingers around a joystick or paddle controller and driving our video cars at record speeds, saving planets from deadly missile attack, dribbling, kicking, batting, bowling, and swinging our way through the sports cartridges and, of course, chomping an energy dot every once in a while.

That's why this club was created -- to entertain and enlighten loyal Atari fans -- to tell you more about your favorite form of entertainment -- to take you inside Atari, to meet the people who make it work, and tell you about the amazing developments occurring in this "Atari Age" we live in.

Well, that's it for now -- I can't sit at this desk another minute. I've just gotten my advance copy of the new DEFENDER cartridge, and it is incredible! You'll find out more about DEFENDER on page 9. As for me, it's time to take off and save some humanoids. Enjoy the magazine -- and let me hear from you!

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Steve Morgenstern Editor

P.S. Be sure to check out the Clubhouse Store on page 12. It's the one place to find all the new Atari cartridges, and every other cartridge Atari makes. There's more at the store, too -- sharp-looking T-shirts, the official ATARI AGE poster, controllers, and accessory items. And you can order whatever you want conveniently by phone or mail.

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From Abu Dhabi to Venezuela, The World Plays Atari Games!

Abari Inbernational

Atari excitement has already spread to over 40 countries worldwide, and keeps growing every day. Here are just a few recent happenings in the Atari International family:

World ASTEROIDS Champion Crowned

They came from Australia and Belgium, Canada and England, France, Holland, Hong Kong, Italy, Singapore, Spain, West Germany, and the U.S. They gathered in Washington, D.C., with a single goal—to destroy more *Asteroids* than anyone else.

The event was the final battle of the Atari International Asteroids Tournament, and the winning score was dazzling. Playing Asteroids set on Game 6, skill level A, Andy Breyer (15) of Chicago scored 142,910 points in two games to win first place and a \$5,000 scholarship. Second place winner was Gary Wong (18) of San Francisco. Third place went to Dirk Mueller (22) of West Germany.

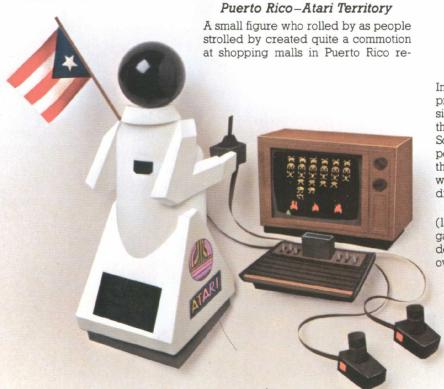
cently. The Atari Robot spoke to startled passers-by, inviting them to pick up the joystick and play the home video game he was holding in his tray. The game showed up on the robot's builtin TV monitor. Everywhere he went, enthusiastic crowds surrounded the remote-controlled Atari ambassador.



SPACE INVADERS Takes Over South Africa

In a week-long battle for galactic supremacy, over 1,500 video game enthusiasts blasted away at scores of threatening Space Invaders in the first South African Atari Tournament. Competitors paid 30¢ each to participate in the qualifying rounds. Total entry fees were then matched by the local Atari distributor and contributed to charity.

Overall winner was Martin Jacklin (16), who came up with a 41,985-point game playing Game 1, skill level A. He defeated the second-place finisher by over 1,500 points.





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All the games that are fit to play

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Atari Gains Exclusive Home Rights To Adapt Centuri Electronic Games

Reinforcing its leadership position in offering cartridge versions of hit coin video games, Atari has signed an exclusive agreement with Centuri, Inc., for the rights to adapt current and future games created by Centuri, a leading American manufacturer of arcade games.

The first Centuri games to be available from Atari for its home video game system will be:

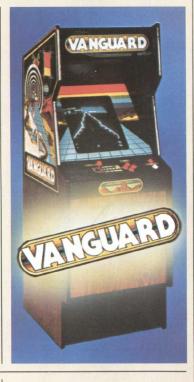
PHOENIX—Beautiful eggs appear on the screen, then hatch into deadly Phoenix war birds. Protected by a convoy of these feathered enemies, the lone alien dares you to destroy his ship.

VANGUARD—A space journey of the highest order. Players soar through dangerous tunnel zones while fending off the enemy Kemlus who lurks in the forbidding Bleak Zone.

Atari already has exclusive agreements with many of the world's foremost coin video game makers, including Namco (Pac-Man), Taito (Space Invaders), Williams (Defender), and Stern (new game coming soon).

Agreement Includes Phoenix, Vanguard, Other Arcade Hits





Atari Computer Camps Open Summer '82

"Alright, campers! Swim time is over. Let's towel off and head for the computers!"

That's what you'll hear this summer in East Stroudsburg, PA, San Diego, CA, Sheboygan, WI, and Asheville, NC, thanks to an innovative summer camp concept being launched by Atari.

Atari Computer Camps will combine the full range of traditional camp activities with a unique opportunity to learn about computers. Some of America's top computer scientists and instructors have designed a mean-

ingful curriculum especially for this project. While Atari provides the computer expertise, the dayto-day operation will be supervised by Specialty Camps, Inc., an organization which has run both theme and traditional camps for 25 years.

Campers 10 to 18 years old will have plenty of opportunity for hands-on computer experience, including 10 hours a week of formal instruction tailored to their individual levels of experience and knowledge. All of the computers and software will also be available during campers' free time.

Plans call for small teaching sessions with Atari 400 and 800 computers. Working in teams will be encouraged—Atari feels this not only makes learning more fun, but helps campers learn more as well.

Public reaction to the announcement of Atari Computer Camps has been extremely enthusiastic—hundreds of inquiries were received on the day the first newspaper advertisement appeared. It seems that the idea of combining software and softball for the summer is a hit.

For further information call toll-free 1-800-847-4180 (in NY and Canada call collect, 212-889-5200) or write Atari Computer Camps, Department TAC, 40 East 34th St., NY, NY 10016.

EPROM Report

Let's start out by answering the obvious question—what's an EPROM?

The letters stand for Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory. When hooked up to an Atari VCS, an EPROM performs just like an ordinary game cartridge, with one major difference—Atari engineers can program it to play a game, then erase it and program it again with a new game. EPROMS are used to test new games before they're produced for the general public. And they're borrowed by eager magazine editors who want to get a first look at those games and let readers know what's coming.

With that said, on to *Defender*. This cartridge version of the popular Williams Electronics coin video game has more people here saying "Can I borrow that" than any other new game on the shelf—and with good reason.

Defender is, quite simply, the best space game on the market today. There is more going on at once here than in any other home game. You've got six different kinds of enemies. You've got a laser cannon, hyperspace, and a scanner (the screen shows only one fifth of the action, the scanner shows the full scene in miniature).

And those aliens aren't just shooting at you—they're snatching nice little guys off the planet surface and turning them into mutants! That makes your job even harder—find the little guys in trouble, then shoot their kidnappers and catch the intended victims before they fall.

Atari's designers have really captured the look and feel of the original arcade machine's gameplay with this cartridge. And in one important way, they may even have improved the game. Instead of five different control buttons, it's all been put together into the single VCS joystick. For at least one fumble-fingered editor, this makes home Defender a lot more fun than its coin video cousin.

New Advanced Home Game System Unveiled

Sets New Standards for Realistic Game Action, Detailed Graphics

There will be a new addition to the Atari family of electronic products this fall—the Atari 5200 Advanced Video Entertainment System. The new system boasts a full 16K of computer memory, allowing greater detail and more realistic movement than ever before in a home video game.

Atari engineers have paid special attention to the quality of the sound produced by the new system. In addition to a wide range of dramatic game sounds, the system has the ability to reproduce speech by adding a state-of-the-art digital component.

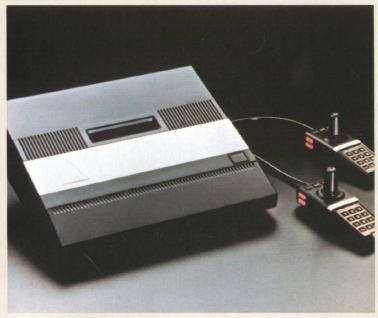
This innovative system features a revolutionary universal controller which combines the operations of a joystick, paddle, and keyboard into a single handheld unit. The control stick has 360° maneuverability, and there are four separate firing buttons—two on each side.

A further refinement is the inclusion of a pause button—the player can interrupt a game at

any time, and pick it up later right where the game left off.

The new game system will be introduced in time for the Christmas season. A full series of new

cartridges is being created for it, beginning with such popular titles as Super Breakout, Space Invaders, Missile Command, and Asteroids. Galaxian, the highly successful coin video game, will make its debut on the home screen for the new system. Star Raiders, probably the most popular computer game in history, will also be available. And the sports games, beginning with Baseball, Football, and Soccer, will please the most demanding video game enthusiast.



Clubhouse Store To Offer Atari Items By Mail And Phone

As part of its service to members, The Atari Club runs the Clubhouse Store offering every Game Program cartridge, controller, and accessory, plus special items available only to club members.

Advance orders will be taken on new cartridges featured in each issue of *Atari Age*, including DEFENDER and YARS' RE-VENGE (see page 9). As soon as these cartridges are released, the Clubhouse Store will start shipping them to members who have their orders in.

Existing cartridges, like the classic MAZE CRAZE (see page 8), can be hard to find in local stores—but the Clubhouse Store always has the complete selection on hand, ready for club members. Convenient game cartridge storage cases are also available, along with keyboard

controllers, joysticks, paddles, and the rest of the Atari accessory line.

The items created especially for club members are particularly exciting. The dramatic *Atari Age* poster featured in this issue is the first club exclusive item to be

offered-more are on the way.

The fastest way to order is by phone—1-800-345-8600 is the toll-free number to call with credit card orders (PA residents call 1-800-662-5180). There is also a handy mail order form included in this issue of *Atari Age*, on page 13.



ATARI JOINS THE ARMY in an experiment using modified video games in gunnery instruction. The screen shown here is a version of ATARI BATTLE-ZONE game developed for the U.S. Army Training Support Center at Fort Eustis, VA. Trainees select the proper weapon and firing coordinates to destroy the tanks, helicopters, and armored personnel carriers on the screen.

Sneak Peeks

What new games do Atari's designers have on the drawing boards for the months ahead? We've peeked over their shoulders to put together this advance look at what's on the way:

Home Video Games

Evil Otto is Coming! Don't know who Evil Otto is? Ask a friend who plays coin video games about this dangerous, smiling character. The good news is, he'll be bouncing onto home TV soon. The bad news—there's no place to hide when he does show up! (Details in next Atari Age.)

Lights! Cameral Game Reset!
You expect to find movies on TV—but now Atari is preparing a movie game for home video players. The name of the film is being kept secret for now—but the game is based on one of the most successful action-adventure movies of all time.

Feeling Adventurous? Atari is creating a whole new concept in electronic game play. Fans of fantasy/adventure games should feel right at home with the new Adventure Series, a revolutionary combination of video game cartridges, players' manuals, comic books, and buried treasure.

Four games are planned for the series. Each can be played independently, but the real challenge is finding the secret in the first game and carrying it into the next.

Coin Video Games

Full-Color Cosmic Action in New 3-D Game! Atari designers continue to break new ground in bringing color and a 3-dimensional sensation to coin video games. Their latest achievement is called SPACE DUEL.

The Space Duel sky swarms with changing waves of brightly colored, geometrically-shaped enemies—flying saucers, spinning paddles, whirling cubes and pentagons, revolving octahedrons—even a screen full of "nuclear" hexagons. Players fly, fire weapons, and use their force field shield.

An ingenious feature of Space Duel — one player can fly alone, or two players can appear on the screen at once, competing against each other or playing as a team, with their two ships fused into a single space station.





CAPTURE: You turn the tables on those robbers with this variation. You have to catch three different-colored robbers before you can head for the exit-and get there before your opponent does!

INVISIBLE MAZE: Your city street is prone to blackouts. For any of the 10 basic game variations, you can choose from 4 Visibility Levels.

There is help for you, though—you get to peek at the blacked-out section for a flash every few seconds. Pay attention-blink your eye and it's gone again.

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In a lonely mansion on the rocky cliffs of Cornwall, England, the cry of a ghostly mourner pierces the evening stillness.

And in the White House, a royal visitor answers a knock on her door to find the ghost of Abraham Lincoln staring at her from the doorway!

Incredible? Absolutely. But the evidence of hauntings, based on the experiences of reliable witnesses, continues to baffle scientists who search for logical explanations.

An Eerie Homecoming

The ghostly presence in a haunted house can reveal itself in many differ-

ent ways. Sometimes the people in the house claim to see a ghost. They may glimpse a hazy, nearly transparent figure. But sometimes the ghostly vision is shockingly realistic.

Take the experience of a gentle-man walking home down Phillimore Street in London late one night. There were only two other people on the street—a woman walking in front of him, and a man walking slightly ahead of her. The woman caught up with the man in front of her and passed him. She glanced at him as she walked by—then let out a bloodcurdling scream and raced across the street, running away into the night.

The gentleman who had seen the woman's strange reaction hurried to catch up. As he neared the other man, he saw him take out a key and open the door of a house. The pursuing gentleman caught a glimpse of the figure as it entered the house—it had the face of a corpse!

This strange story doesn't end there, though. The gentleman returned to the house the next after-





Exactly the time when the ghostly apparition had entered the house!

The Mournful Wail

The spirits which haunt a house may never be seen, but still make their presence felt. Sometimes there are unexplained odors, often limited to a small area of the house. Often researchers discover cold spots in haunted houses—small areas where the temperature is many degrees below normal for no apparent reason.

The most common manifestation of a haunting, though, is sound—the things that go "bump" in the night. Ghosthunters frequently find very ordinary explanations for "mysterious" sounds—a noisy gas heater, or creaking floorboards, for example. Sometimes, though, the sounds from haunted houses remain strange and unexplained.

This was the case in a lonely country house on the north coast of Cornwall in England. The Carnsen family had recently gone through a crisis-11-year-old John had been seriously ill, and the doctors feared he would die. Weeks passed, though, and he appeared to be improving. On a beautiful spring evening in March, the family had just eaten a cheerful dinner downstairs, while John remained in his upstairs bedroom with his mother and aunt. John's brothers and sisters were laughing over someone's funny remark when, suddenly, a woman's shriek startled them into silence. There was another heartrending shriek, then a third, louder and longer than the others.

Everyone on the lower floor had heard it—the children, their father, and all the servants in the kitchen. At that moment the doctor arrived—he had been approaching the house from outside, and heard nothing. The sound must have come from inside!

The terrified listeners raced upstairs, to find that no one had heard a sound—even though they had heard the dog's faint bark downstairs as the doctor approached.

All observers agreed that the shriek had been loudest on the staircase, close to John's room—yet nobody there had heard a thing!

The mystery remained, hanging like a black cloud over the family. And three weeks from that memorable evening, John Carnsen died.

The ghost made only one more

appearance in the house in Cornwall, 15 years later. John's younger sister Emma was gravely ill. Late one night, those gathered in her room heard hysterical wailing and crying echoing throughout the house. The noises went on for several minutes, then stopped abruptly—at the moment Emma Carnsen drew her last breath.

... And Good Evening, Mr. President

Ghosts have been spotted everywhere from humble shacks to stately mansions. Even the President's residence has been known to host invisible visitors. The spirit of Abraham Lincoln is frequently reported roaming the

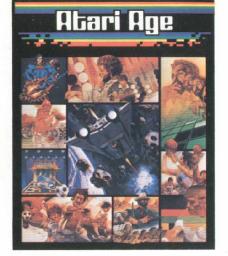


halls of the White House. Witnesses say that Lincoln has visited everyone from secretaries and valets to Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, who heard a knock late one evening on the door of the Rose Room, where she was staying, and opened it to find Abraham Lincoln standing in the doorway!

So don't be disappointed if you've never seen a ghost—it could happen any day now. One minute you're playing the one-player version of an Atari video game, and suddenly the machine switches to two players by itself—and there's a very tall man with a beard and a stovepipe hat holding the other joystick!

noon, eager to satisfy his morbid curiosity. He was surprised to find an "Apartment to Let" sign posted. Hoping to learn more about the house and its occupants, he asked the landlady if he could see the available rooms. She agreed, and showed him to a comfortable apartment, nicely furnished, with many attractive objects decorating it. When he asked about these decorations, the landlady said they belonged to the previous tenant.

When asked why they had been left behind, she hesitated, then admitted that the tenant had been away on vacation in Monte Carlo. That very morning, she had received a telegram stating that the man had died there at about a quarter to twelve the evening before.



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(see contest on reverse side of this page) STEP 1 ANSWERS: STEP 2 ANSWER: STEP 3 ANSWER: 11. NOTE: 12. Contest open only to Atari Club Members!

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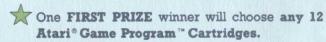
Complete the order form and entry form and send them together in the envelope provided.

Note: To order before entering the contest, just phone our toll-free 800 number, and send in your completed contest entry later.



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Ten SECOND PRIZE winners will each receive their choice of any 4 Atari Game Program Cartridges.

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in the full cartridge names below

You never know what interesting odds and ends you'll find in an Atari game-like submarines, and tarantulas, and antiballistic missiles, and even mutant house flies!

To enter this issue's contest, we're sending you on a scavenger hunt through the wild and wonderful world of Atari games. We've chosen a dozen objects found in games in Atari's current cartridge library. In Step 1 of the hunt, you'll search for these 12 hidden items. In Step 2, you'll use your Step 1 answers to uncover the letters in a hidden message. Then in Step 3, you'll decode the message to discover the name of one of Atari's terrific new games. Find that name and you've completed the Scavenger Hunt!

Find each of the objects listed below (find clues

1. Balloons

2. Cape 3. Batters

4. Rollovers 5. Blockades

6. Ace of Spades 7. Smart Bomb

8. Court

9. Zorlon Cannon

10. Clouds 11. Dice

12. Pawns

STEP

From each of your Step 1 answers, take the letter indicated below and write it in.

Fifth letter

Second letter First letter Eighth letter Fourth letter Sixth letter First letter Fifth letter Fourth letter Sixth letter Second letter

STEP

Unscramble the 12 letters you found in Step 2 to form the name of a recently released Atari Game Program™ cartridge

Seventh letter

HOW TO ENTER

Neatly print or type your answers to Steps 1, 2, and 3 in the spaces provided on the Contest Entry Form (see reverse side of this page) or a reasonable facsimile.

Mail your entry in the attached envelope to THE ATARI CLUB, 1700 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. No purchase is required to enter the contest

Winners will be chosen in a random drawing on July 16, 1982 from all correct entries received by July 15, 1982.

Contest void in Florida, North Dakota, Ohio, and West Virginia. Employees of Atari, Inc. and other Warner Communications companies and their families are not eligible to win.

Actual odds of winning will be determined by the number of correct, valid entries submitted. If all recipients of this issue of ATARI ACE submit correct, valid entries, the chance of winning a prize will be 1 in 9,000.

Estimated prize value: first prize, \$365; second prize, \$122; third prize, \$5.95

Game-Grams

Dear Atari,

My brother was playing Adventure and he was in the Black Castle's grey dungeon. He took the bridge and went into a small part which is surrounded by walls. When he was inside he picked up a "dot." Please tell me what this "dot" is and what it can do.

Kathleen Gallagher Novato, CA

Your brother has found the first step in revealing a secret message locked deep within the ADVENTURE cartridge by the programmer who designed it. Most people only find the dot by taking the blue bridge and laying it across some walls in the grey dungeon until it appears. But you've already completed that step! Now for the second step, move the secret dot into the "secret panel" room. How do you get there? If you come out of the yellow castle down to the main path and go right, keep going to the right until you crash into a thin black wall. You've actually crashed into the secret panel that lets you into the secret room. Moving the secret dot into this room won't open the

secret panel-but you're getting closer! Leave the secret dot there and go on to the next step.

Go grab any two more objects and bring them into the secret panel room where the secret dot is. Did the secret panel start blinking? Then you are ready for the final step. Take a deep breath and hold it (good magic), then pass through the secret panel very carefully, and ... you've done it! Unlocked the secret of ADVENTURE! We congratulate you—and so does sneaky programmer Warren Robinett.

-Editor

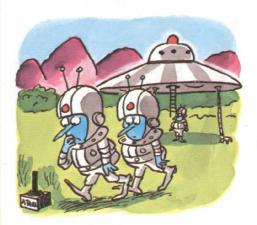
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Cartridge Checklist

How many of these Atari Game Program cartridges and accessories do you have in your collection?

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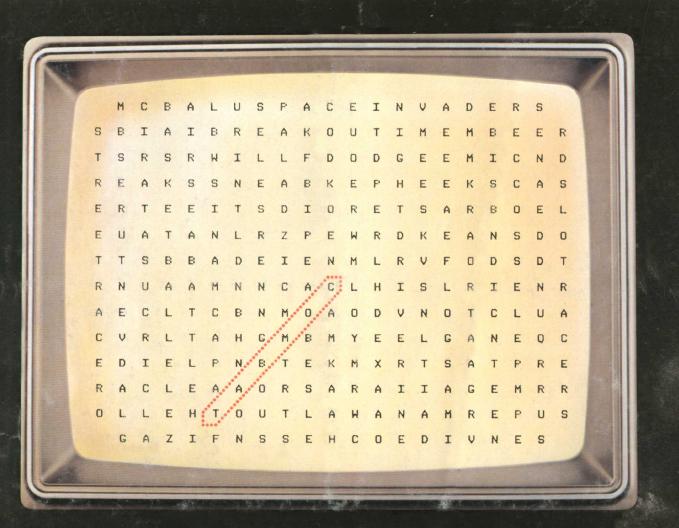




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SCREEN SCRAMBLE

Usually you'll find only one Atari game at a time on your TV set.

On the screen above, though, we've hidden 29 different Atari Game Program names in word-search puzzle style—across, backwards, up, down, and diagonally.

We've circled COMBAT for you as an example. Now find the other 28 names! (The CARTRIDGE CHECKLIST on page 15 lists all the possibilities.)

And when you've circled all 29 names, read the *unused* letters across from left to right to receive a special hidden message about new cartridge releases later this year!

Answers in the next issue of Atari Age.