

# Grownup games boast a variety of themes

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And Balance of the Planet (Accolade), a complex computer simulation, puts you in charge of avoiding environmental disasters.

Baby Boomers will get a nostalgic kick out of Power Alley Electronic Bowling (Marchon), which is similar to coin-operated bowling games found in arcades.

## WAR GAMES

Military strategists will enjoy Axis & Allies (Milton Bradley), a board game that takes you back to World War II, working to mobilize your country against war, buying arms and coordinating air, land and sea campaigns.

From past to prologue, Line in the Sand (TSR, Inc.) is a fast-paced military strategy game based on Operation Desert Storm.

Nintendo Entertainment Systems boasts Laserscope, a voice-command headset modeled after complicated jet fighter technology. And The Blue Angels Formation Flight Simulation (Accolade) computer game puts you in the cockpit of an F/A-18. Top Gun for holiday fun.

## FANTASY/ADVENTURE

Chivalry is not dead with the Dungeons and Dragons adventure games, always popular with adults, especially men.

Eye of the Beholder (Strategic Simulations), which hails from the Advanced Dungeons and Dragons line of computer products, takes each player from a first-person point-of-view to battle the powers of darkness in a medieval setting.

The heroic quest continues with the new Dungeons and Dragons board game (TSR, Inc.), setting imaginations afire with four new adventures, 48 rule cards and a new book of spells.

Sci-fi disciples will revel in Renegade Legion: Interceptor (Strategic Simulations). Based on the popular board game version from FASA, players design battle campaigns against enemy starfighters.

More visionary fun is available with Buck Rogers Battle for the 25th Century Game (TSR, Inc.), a board game featuring more than 60 full-color spaceships, troops, counters and cards.

And pop culture fantasy seekers will enjoy three new offerings: The Legends of Robin Hood (Avalon Hill) is a simple card and board game for the family. The Addams Family (NEC) is a video game companion (employing CD-ROM technology) to the new movie starring Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston. And Elvira II: The Jaws of Cerberus (Accolade) is a sequel to the Mistress of the Dark's adventures last year.

## LOVE, GAME STYLE

The battle of the sexes rages on.

Chauvinist Pigs (Tiger Electronics) its "boys against girls," just like the fourth grade. The team that answers the most questions associated with the other sex wins.

And Love and Marriage (Modern Bride) sees players answering questions such as, "What goes through your mind when you see your girlfriend's mother?"

## PARTY GAMES

Do you like to throw parties? There are some games that should liven up more than one get-together lacking in pizzazz.

For a contrarian (and humorous) approach to making money, try Pursuit to Insolvency (Avalon Hill Game Co.), which rewards players for running companies into the ground.

The game Hotels (Milton Bradley), meanwhile, lets you build up a chain of first-class international hotels, devising ways to keep occupancies up.

For political overtones, Hail to the Chief: The Presidential Election game from Aristoplay makes players candidates whose fate is determined by 36 campaign cards (perhaps your TV commercials fail).

If you're entertaining New Age friends, try Continuum (Data East), which creates a computerized world of 250 rooms consisting of 12 mood realms, such as "dream," "awaken" or "meditate."

Wordsmiths will enjoy The Sentence Cube (The Games Gang). Word cubes are rolled, sentences are created and fun is had by all.

Group participating is required for Guesstures (Milton Bradley), in which teams act out and guess easy words, such as "Trombone," "Hitchhike" and "Antlers" — but you have only seconds to guess it.

Nostalgia buffs should hum a few bars for Songhurst (The Games Gang). Players score points by completing lyrics read to them by other players.

Looking for an identity crisis? Hedbanz (The Games Gang) gives players identities they can't see (they're on a headband around your forehead) but must try to guess by asking questions about themselves.

Other party fun by The Games Gang: Quick Wit: The Uncommon Game of Common Sense, Pictionary-Party Edition, Sniglets, Clever Endeavor and USA Trivia.

Two board games from Pressman make for headliner fun. Tabloid Teasers tests your sensational knowledge of the news by making you complete the headline. Rushin' Russian gives you only 20 seconds to define 10 Russian words used in a story.

And for those who just can't decide which game to buy, there's Pick-a-Game (Buki Toys). It offers party fun with 30 games in 1.

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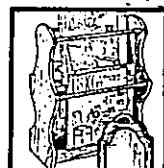
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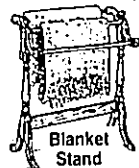
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