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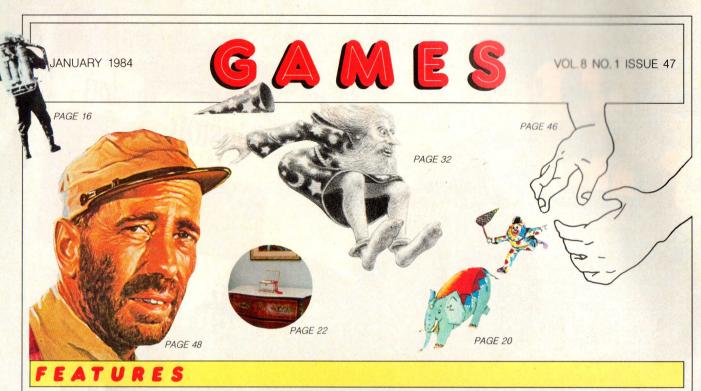
There are
30 doors
to freedom,
but only one path
allows you to dodge
the 4 hidden cameras
and escape unseen.

Using the monitors, which show the view seen by each camera, can you find your way out?

YOU ARE HERE

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Difficulty Rating

Smooth Sailing *

Uphill Climb ★★

Proceed at Your Own Risk ★★★

Mixed Bag ★☆

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Stamps of Approval

You say you want to be an artist but you can't draw your way out of a coloring book? Rubber stamps may be your ticket to the Louvre. Though rubber stamps have always been big with bureaucrats, more and more folks are using these instant images to decorate anything from T-shirts to the letters they mail.

One of America's leading rubber stamp artists is Leavenworth Jackson, a San Franciscan whose work will be exhibited in a Dallas gallery early this spring. Jackson seeks out images everywhere, but particularly in pictures and photos that are in the public domain, such as old advertisements. After redrawing them, she has them converted into the finished rubber stamp by a process similar to lithography.

Can original art be created from pre-existing images? Yes, says Jackson, who believes it's how you use the images—the repetitions, juxtapositions, and adding of color-that validates the creative process.

With a collection of 5,000 stamps (her own and manufactured designs). Jackson can always spot a good one: "It's not the lines that make or break a stamp, it's the white space between the lines that gives it clarity.'

Serious stampers like Jackson may

spend hours debating the virtues of inks, stamps, and papers, but for the beginner more concerned with learning the basics, here are a few tips: Buy felt stamp pads and clean them occasionally by scraping them lightly with a razor blade. Never put a darkinked stamp on a light-colored stamp pad. Clean stamps by rubbing them gently with an old soapy toothbrush. To avoid muddy lines, place a magazine under the paper you're stamping, and hold the stamp base steady when pressing and lifting.

Of course, before you can maintain your stamps, you've got to buy them. There are some 150 to 200 producers of "novelty" (i.e., noncommercial) rubber stamps in the U.S., many of them in the San Francisco Bay area. The images are surprisingly complicated and witty-exploding volcanoes, ears of wheat, eyes, crowd scenes, faces, animals—and usually cost between \$3 and \$10 each. If you want to receive catalogues, write to the companies

that advertise in such magazines as Rubber Stamp Madness (P.O. Box 168, Newfield, NY 14867), which features articles and ads for the rubber-—Deborah Begel

stampaholic.

Sky Kong



and Blinky at 40,000 feet, guess again. On their nine-hour flights from Vancouver to Amsterdam, Canadian Pacific Airlines recently began renting handheld video games to their passengers. For a \$3.50 fee, stewardesses handed out small LCD versions of Donkey Kong, boxing, baseball, blackjack, and Snoopy tennis. When this month-long experiment proved a success with flyers, CPA extended the service to shorter domestic runs. And if the games continue to take off in popularity, the airline plans to build sophisticated game sets into its

Sounds like a good idea, but then, almost anything beats having to watch in-flight epics like The Adventures of the Wilderness Family and The Legend of the Lone Ranger.

Artist Leavenworth Jackson puts her stamp of excellence on the surreal work below, but anyone can create rubber stamp art like the above scene.





