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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: 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,


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 round 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?
"Leader of the Pac"-and the audiences love our version of that old country and western song, "Ghost Biters in the Sky."
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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 and the Neut 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 . . .
$\int$ Giving you the scoop on the latest Game Program cartridges as soon as they come out;
$\checkmark$ 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;
$\checkmark$ 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 if 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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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! 

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.

## Puerto Rico-Atari Territory

A small figure who rolled by as people strolled by created quite a commotion at shopping malls in Puerto Rico re-
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 $30^{\circ}$ 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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# 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 (PacMan), Taito (Space Invaders), Williams (Defender), and Stern (new game coming soon).

## 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-

Agreement Includes Phoenix, Vanguard, Other Arcade Hits


# 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 16 K 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 $360^{\circ}$ maneuverability, and there are four separate firing buttonstwo 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' REVENGE (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 tollfree 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 BATTLEZONE 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! Camera! 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 octahe-drons-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.

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## DEFENDER

You've seen it at the arcades-the sky swarming with hostile aliens, and you are the only hope for your planet's survivall You are the DEFENDER, locating the enemy on your scanner screen, swooping in with laser cannons blasting to rescue the humanoids, and returning them safely to the planet surface.

Now Atarl has captured all the incredible action of DEFENDER and brought it to home TV screens!

In "The Winners Book of Video Games," author Craig Kubey says DEFENDER "may well be the finest home game the company has produced ... Atarl's Defender is an astonishingly faithful replication of 1981's number one coin-cp game."

Just wait until you get DEFENDER into your home. The most treacherous enemies in the universe await you-Landers and Bombers, Pods, Swarmers, Mutants, and Baiters, each with its own deadly threat. You've got to shoot them out of the sky, or Smart Bomb them into oblivion. And the better you get, the tougher they getl One or two players Twenty games $\$ 37.95$

Beware... HAU WOD HOUSE!

> If you think Atari's Haunted House game is scary, wait till you find out what's of real-life haunted houses.


Walking home late at night on a deserted city street, a man is witness to a phantom home coming.
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 gentleman 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 soundthe 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 arrivedhe 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!


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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:

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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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