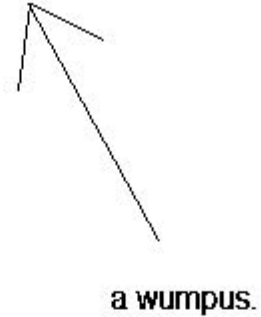


# the field guide to the elusive WUMPUS



so, you're probably thinking to yourself "hey, what is a wumpus? did he make one up?" The answer is no, unless your name happens to be Gregory Yob. "Yob" backwards is "boy."

well, anyway, Mr. Yob, if that is his real name, invented a computer game called "Hunt the Wumpus" in 1973. So why? The Magnavox Odyssey had just come on to the scene, allowing people to play video games on their televisions for the first time the previous year. Pong was in taverns across America. It was a swell time to be alive. Or at least that's what i've heard. Of course, if I was born in 1973, I would have taped a whole bunch of Nickelodeon shows when I was 12 so I could have the earliest Nick tapes ever. But that's neither here nor there. What is? Wumpuses (wumpi?)



it was originally a text adventure. in 1980, though, the swell company called Texas Instruments brought the wumpus out of the shadows of computer geeks and into the general population on their TI-99 computer. it is sort of like a commodore 64, only not. But both can play video games. And the TI-99 had a game on it called "Hunt the Wumpus" invented by a Gregory Yob in 1973.

so why am i telling you all this? reason number 1 is because i have to fill up the publication with something. and, more important of a reason is that i request people stop hunting wumpi. Wumpi live in caves, so they're not really bothering anyone. Unless they taste like bacon. then i would like to eat wumpi because i like bacon.

