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Dear Subscriber;

It is my forsaken duty as editor to notify you that issue #37 was the last issue anyone, as a subscriber or black-marketer, or even the unsolicited freebees have received but now it is a saddened moment in the history of the Gazette that I must also inform you it will be the last issue. I have procrastinated as long as I dare (there have been some threatening letters and e-mails recently that, well.....) but I can see the inevitable is now and not later. It's been fun and educational. It's been an experience and super enjoyable and it's been expensive but nobody here is complaining. There is a point, however, when the welfare office must close due to lack of funds. The printing costs have multiplied, gas prices have doubled and now the post office wants more money. You get my point.

Not all is lost. There is some good news with this letter. If you have a credit with your subscription, the correct amount should be enclosed. Notify me if you think it is wrong. Also, for current subscribers only, enclosed is a special back issue order form that can be used only once to purchase as many back issues as you want for half-price. Just in case you have a cousin in Tennessee that you can't find the right Christmas gift for or maybe you just want to invest in the future hoping these rare issues will be worth something one day, you're welcome to them. Shipping is a dollar each or four dollars for as many as I can stuff in a box. (I couldn't get the post office to give me any rate reduction, sorry.)

Another thing. Just because I'm giving up the publishing business doesn't mean I will not be visiting hot springs. You can always look for me in the secluded pool of ecstasy. I just won't be writing about them. If you need some help finding a spring or maybe want to know the condition of some unknown, contact me. My address is the address above, my e-mail address is now: skiphill@netzero.com or I usually update my e-mail if it changes on www.soak.net. under personal profiles.

It saddens me to close this letter after writing the last 18 issues of the Gazette knowing there will be no more. On behalf of all the past editors, I really want to thank the subscribers for their years of support and especially all the soakers I have met in my travels. Many have become good friends. If nothing else I hope the Gazette has been informative and preservative and has made its mark in the hot springs world.

Sincerely,



Skip Hill
Your unemployed Editor