

Happy Birthday Connie Goldman

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Blue Sky Ranger Connie Goldman, creator of the game Thunder Castle, celebrates her birthday today, July 30. Connie was hired by Mattel Electronics to be an Intellivision game programmer in 1982. It quickly became apparent that her strength was in creating animated characters. Her own game, originally called Magic Castle, was filled with wonderfully rendered trolls, dragons, knights and other creatures. Her animations were so good, she was repeatedly asked to provide graphics for other games and game proposals. For example, she did sample animations of the characters from the Peanuts and Garfield comic strips to demonstrate to their publishers how well they could be represented on Intellivision.

She was pulled off of Magic Castle so frequently that programmer David Warhol was asked to join the project, renamed Thunder Castle, to help get it done. The partnership worked so well that it has survived 25 years: Connie has done video game artwork at Dave's company Realtime Associates since 1986, including for most of the INTV Corporation Intellivision releases. She continues to create there today.