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So what do we have this issue? The usual crap. Plus columns from Larry Peery and Paul Milewski, and subzines from Jack McHugh and Richard Weiss. (The Abyssinian Prince should follow in a few days, I believe). Roger Cox only needs one more player to fill his Dune game. I have a few spots left in Balkan Wars and Diplomacy. The rest of the zine chugs along.

It's hot here, and probably hot where you are. So stay cool, drink lots of fluids (whiskey is recommended), and avoid any unnecessary movement (including showering). See you in August!

Hypothetical of the Month

Last month we gave you two questions:

#1 – The person you have been living with hints at suicide if you carry out your intention to leave. Do you leave as intended?

Don Del Grande – Yes. It was probably things like that that lead me to consider leaving in the first place.

Andy York – Too many variables to make a definitive answer to this one. For instance, is there a history of self-destructive behavior, are they prone to making grandiose statements without any intent, how stable is their job/family situation, etc.

Melinda Holley – I immediately call the mental health professionals and report that this person has hinted at committing suicide. If I'm still committed to this relationship, I'll support this person, go to counseling, etc. If

I'm not (and this type of manipulation would push me in that direction), I let the mental health professionals handle it entirely.

Andy Lischett - This is the toughest hypothetical yet. I am a very loyal person so it would take a lot for me to leave someone I'd committed to, but to have that person then threaten suicide would reinforce my decision to leave. I would, however, probably delay leaving to see if I could help the other person, although delaying might just end up "enabling" her. A threat to commit suicide may originate as a tactic to make me stay, but if the threat were successful suicide might become to seem a legitimate action. I would definitely need to know the other person very well, and it might turn out that there is nothing that I could do.

John David Galt - This is about the only case where I would actually call the mental health authorities on someone else against his will. I believe suicide is entirely between the would-be suicider and his God, if any – unless he makes it my problem by making a threat like this, a game changer which makes him potentially dangerous to everyone around him.

Jack Mchugh - I'm out anyone who explicit threatens it like that, e.g. using themselves as a hostage..but I would try and contact his friends or family or both to try and get someone to stay with him or her....

#2 – You and your mate expect loyalty and honesty from one another. One night, out of town, you have a fling. Do you tell?

Don Del Grande – Yes, as there is always the chance that my mate will find out anyway, so better that I be up front about it.

Andy York – Yes, but if I was in such a relationship that expected loyalty, why would I have a fling in the first place? **[[Well, as you know, that's the point of the hypothetical question entirely: to ask you to consider how you would act in a given situation that you find yourself in, whether or not you'd find yourself there in real life.]]**

Melinda Holley – Yes. And since we expect loyalty and honesty, I confess and don't try to excuse it. Find a reason, yes. Excuse it, no. Then I hope we can rebuild our relationship.

Andy Lischett - No. Just an ugly secret (I would hope) to keep me awake at night.

John David Galt - I've had plenty of relationships (and in one case narrowly avoided marriage), but have refused ever to promise anyone "fidelity", so indeed this could never happen. Still, if I made such an agreement, I would feel I must abide by it. Thus if I'd agreed to tell all, I tell all -- and if I'd agreed not to have a fling, I would not have done it in the first place.

Jack McHugh - No I wouldn't...it would only make me feel better and my partner worse. I'd keep to myself and use it as motivation to be a better spouse. If you need to tell someone that's what friends are for (or clergy or shrink or some other professional if you don't feel comfortable telling your friends.)

For Next Month (For the time being, I am often selecting questions from the game "A Question of Scruples" which was published in 1984 by High Games Enterprises). Remember you can make your answers as detailed as you wish..but "this could never happen" is a cop out answer: #1 – You witness a car accident in which one party is clearly to blame: your Uncle. There were no injuries, only vehicle damage. Do you come forward to testify? #2 – You make a withdrawal at an ATM at your bank and \$40 extra comes out. Your receipt shows the amount you requested, so you know you won't be debited for the extra \$40. Do you report it?

The Dining Dead -

The Eternal Sunshine Movie Reviews

For the time being I am reserving this section for exceptional films, or films we see in theaters. I will also mention films that I backed on Kickstarter or other places, once I get to see them, and films made by some of my friends or acquaintances. So some months there will be no Dining Dead section.

Film Review – Altered Minds: I've seen Altered Minds described as a psychological thriller, which is in part accurate. I prefer to think of it more as a psychological mystery. I went to public school with the Writer and Director and Producer Michael Z. Wechsler, so I already had made a mental note to see this film when it was released. A small crowdfunding campaign for additional production costs let me back it and get an early copy of the DVD.

The film stars Judd Hirsch as Dr. Nathaniel Shellner, a Nobel Prize-winning psychiatrist now 75 years old and slowly dying from cancer. As his family gathers for his birthday celebration, chaos begins to ensue as youngest son Tommy exhibits a worsening mental instability and paranoid accusations directed at his father. Tommy (Ryan O'Nan), who was adopted by the family as a youngster, is joined at the get-together by fellow adopted children Julie (Jaime Ray Newman) and Harry (C.S. Lee, who many will recognize from his role on the Showtime series Dexter). Also in attendance is the Doctor's faithful wife Lillian (Caroline Lagerfelt) and eldest child Leonard (Joseph Lyle Taylor) who is the only natural child.

As you would expect, one has to tread lightly when reviewing a film like this because of the need to avoid any spoilers. The focus of the celebration quickly moves from Nathaniel to Tommy, and even though his rantings and stories sound fantastic they begin to have an effect on his two adopted siblings as well. As Dr. Shellner's work has focused on traumatized patients – especially those from war zones or former military personnel – the adopted children have vague memories of their lives before being rescued and brought to the United States. And there is the usual tension between adopted children and the one natural child. Tommy becomes more and more insistent about his claims, and soon it becomes clear there may be more to the family history than meets the eye.

Shot on a moderate budget, the home and surrounding winter landscape is quite beautiful and captures the isolation the family is experiencing; there is no world but the family itself at that moment, and the microscope can only be turned within. Ryan O'Nan does a rather good turn as the troubled Tommy. His role is one that could have easily succumbed to overacting but I found he managed to walk the tightrope successfully. To my surprise, the acting I was least impressed with was that of my personal favorite Judd Hirsch and of Caroline Lagerfelt. Granted, both characters are quite reserved in personality, but I never was fully convinced by their moments of strong emotion, whether love or anger or despair. I think Mr. Hirsch played his Dr. Shellner a touch too analytically, and perhaps that reflected onto his wife's character.

Wechsler enjoys some clever misdirection in the plot; at least enough to muddy the waters and allow you to focus more on what is happening and less on trying to guess the answers to all the looming questions. Not everything succeeds fully, but there is enough which works to make Altered Minds enjoyable and entertaining.

Overall I think most fans of this genre of film will enjoy Altered Minds, and it is good enough for me to forgive Wechsler for writing a negative review of the Romero/King masterpiece Creepshow back in 8th Grade. Considering how much I love that movie, you should be able to see I give Altered Minds more than a simple passing grade.

The Best Albums in History - By Decade

The 1960's or 1970's or 1980's or 1890's – Any Leftovers

Larry Peery – 1980's

Thomas Frost (producer) & Vladimir Horowitz for Horowitz in Moscow

Thomas Frost (producer) & Vladimir Horowitz for Horowitz - The Studio Recordings, New York 1985

James Mallinson (producer), Georg Solti (conductor) & the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for Mahler: Symphony No. 9 in D

Samuel H. Carter (producer) & Glenn Gould for Bach: Goldberg Variations

James Mallinson (producer), Georg Solti (conductor) & the Chicago Symphony Orchestra & Chorus for Mahler: Symphony No. 2 in C Minor

Comments:

Some people didn't like Horowitz, but then some people didn't like Litz either. Emperor Joseph infamously complained about a Mozart piece having too many notes, but nobody in Moscow complained when Horowitz played Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever as an encore during The Cold War. I'll have more on that in the next XENOGOGIC; which should be in this issue of ES somewhere.

Glen Gould, a Canadian pianist, is remember for being a master interpreter of Bach, but he's remembered more for his idiosyncrasy of singing along with his playing. Various live recordings testify to that. Still, is recording of the Goldberg Variations is perhaps the best ever.

Mahler gets two reactions from classical music lovers: they love him or they hate him, but nobody is apathetic towards him. Mahler's Second Symphony, The Resurrection, was his most popular some. Some said it was his response to Beethoven's Ninth. I happen to like it and the Solti recording is as good as any.

Mahler's Ninth Symphony was his last, although it was his tenth work in a symphonic form. No chorus or hoopla, just a certain seriousness (unlike in the 2nd) as he ponders the afterlife.

The 2000's – First Set of Five

Doug Kent – Poe – Haunted
Antje Duvekot – The Near Demise of the High Wire Dancer
The Joe Jackson Band – Volume 4
Joe Jackson – Rain
Conjure One – Extraordinary Ways

Andy Lischett - I have two albums from the 2000s.

1. DeStijl by The White Stripes. I like Apple Blossom.

2. Peter and the Wolf, by Serge Prokofiev. The Russian National Orchestra, conducted by Kent Nagano and narrated by Sophia Loren. This CD was a handout at a charity auction organized by my sister, who pocketed a few extra copies. Prokofiev is my favorite Russki compose and Peter & the Wolf is fun and Sophia Loren is way sexier than Sterling Holloway. Unfortunately the CD also contains Wolf Tracks, an updated, politically correct version of Peter & the Wolf by Jean-Pascal Beintus, and narrated by (gag me with a spoon) Bill Clinton. According to the liner notes: "Wolf Tracks is a tale that converts the image of the wolf from a fearsome creature to one that represents the imperative to cherish and protect natural resources. This is a contemporary perspective that encompasses the importance of recognizing the point of view of others, a value that lies at the core of understanding different people and cultures." Maybe, but I don't recommend petting the wolf. In this new version the peace-loving wolf surrenders to Peter, Peter then feels guilty and releases the wolf back to nature, the wolf then races across the meadow and stops and turns to howl back at Peter: "Aaaoooo", which is wolf for "A-hole!"

Andrew Goff - The happiest times of my life. The decade dance and rock made love and the babies were something special.

"Sound Of Water" by Saint Etienne

"Feel Good Inc." by Gorillaz

"Speakerbox/The Love Below" by Outkast

"Discovery" by Daft Punk

"Yoshimi Battles The Pink Robots" by The Flaming Lips

Paul Kent – Allan Holdsworth The Sixteen Men of Tain

Pat Metheny: . Speaking of Now

Pat Metheny: . The Way Up

Michael Brecker: . Pilgrimage

King Crimson: . The Power to Believe

Joshua Danker-Dake - 2000s. This was far and away the best decade for metal. My goodness, I could put 30 albums on this list.

Sabaton, "The Art of War" – My favorite band ever: military history meets astonishing energy, making converts out of non-metalheads of all kinds. This isn't their finest album, but it was the beginning of the excellence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJZS4wZR8dM>

Therion, "Lemuria/Sirius B" – This double album is their absolute greatest. One of my top five all time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFi-kCxO6BI>

Iron Fire, "Blade of Triumph" – An obscure band that's set the bar high and subsequently had trouble reaching it, this was the only time they managed an all-around great album.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkmfVeZUqEw>

Amorphis, "Eclipse" – A folk/prog metal band I'd never found particularly interesting finds the missing piece to greatness in new vocalist Tomi Joutsen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImKQ5JGETA0>

Dawnrider, "Fate is Calling" – It ended up being a one-off side project, but there are probably more good songs here than in Majesty's entire catalog.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPDAAtB4adp8>

Martin Burgdorf: 2000 Lio: Je suis comme ca
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xc_vmmH_OE\

If you learned French in school, there is a good chance that you were confronted at least once with a poem by Jacques Prévert. "Déjeuner du matin" is the one I had to read in a language course I attended. I think it is incredibly sad.

"Paroles" by Prévert is the 16th best book of the 20th century.

2003 The Fall: The Real New Fall LP
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vep0u9Zstm4>

The name of the band was inspired by "La chute" by Nobel Prize winner Albert Camus. It was his last complete work of fiction. I always wanted to read it, but my teacher at the Alliance Francaise told me I should not do it, because this book was incredibly depressing.

I am beginning to understand why France has double the suicide rate of countries like the UK or Spain.

2004 Wire on the Box: 1979
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhtYeJXNNbU>

A great band at its best

2002 shelleydevoto: Buzzkunst
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpqOjtyd81o&list=PL_oi200vO67qL9w73D0qXUGgyTLEdCUBl

A collaboration between Pete Shelley from Buzzcocks and Howard Devoto from Magazine

2001 DAVID THOMAS AND TWO PALE BOYS: Surf's Up!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-cpLG36V3M>

David Thomas' records are moody, strange, and unique. Believe it or not, the title song is a cover of a Beach Boys classic.

Steve Cooley - Mud on the Tires, Brad Paisley
Defying Gravity, Keith Urban
No Line on the Horizon, U2
Live Like You Were Dying, Tim McGraw
Waking Up Laughing, Martina McBride

FYI – The only people who are up-to-date with all their selections from the 60's through the 2000's are myself, Martin Burgdorf, Andrew Goff, Steve Cooley, and Joshua Danker-Dake.

Deadline for the second set of 5 Albums from the 2000's (2000 through 2009) is July 26th at 7:00am my time! Feel free to include comments in your own choices, or on anyone else's! Or just get your ass in gear and catch up if you are behind.

Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?

Round 1

Kevin Wilson:

Agent Colson in Novosibirsk

Andy Lischett:

Little Richard in Ürümqi in the Gobi Desert

Rick Desper:

Mickey Rooney in Passamaquoddy, Maine

Richard Weiss:

Oliver Cromwell in Brasilia, Brazil

Andy York:

Heather Taylor in Mesquite, TX

Hank Alme:

Hank Alme in Ellicott City, MD

Tom Howell:

Jose Echeagaray y Eizaguirre in Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan

Brendan Whyte:

Hereward the Wake on Wake Island

John David Galt:

Randy Johnson (the baseball player) in Quito, Ecuador

Jack Mchugh:

Ulysses S. Grant in Beijing, China

Jim Burgess:

Toshiro Mifune in Kyoto, Japan

Mark Firth:

Nastassja Kinski in Paris, Texas

Clue to Person With Closest Guess:

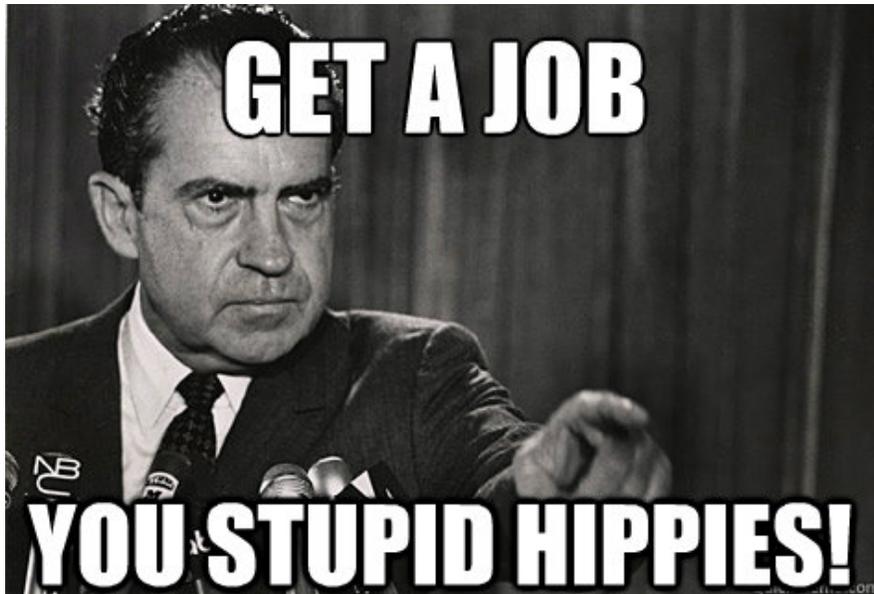
We are both dead, but we knew each other in life.

Deadline for Round 2 of the new game is July 26th at 7am My Time



Brain Farts: The Only Subsubzine With It's Own Fragrance
By Jack "Flapjack" McHugh - jwmchughjr@gmail.com
(or just email Doug and he'll send it to me)
Issue #80

I know you douchebags are probably sick of politics by now. But the coming election is very important and that's why we need to pay attention to it. With that in mind and because I am too damn lazy to write any book or movie reviews or anything like that, here is some political crap. Read it and weep suckers.

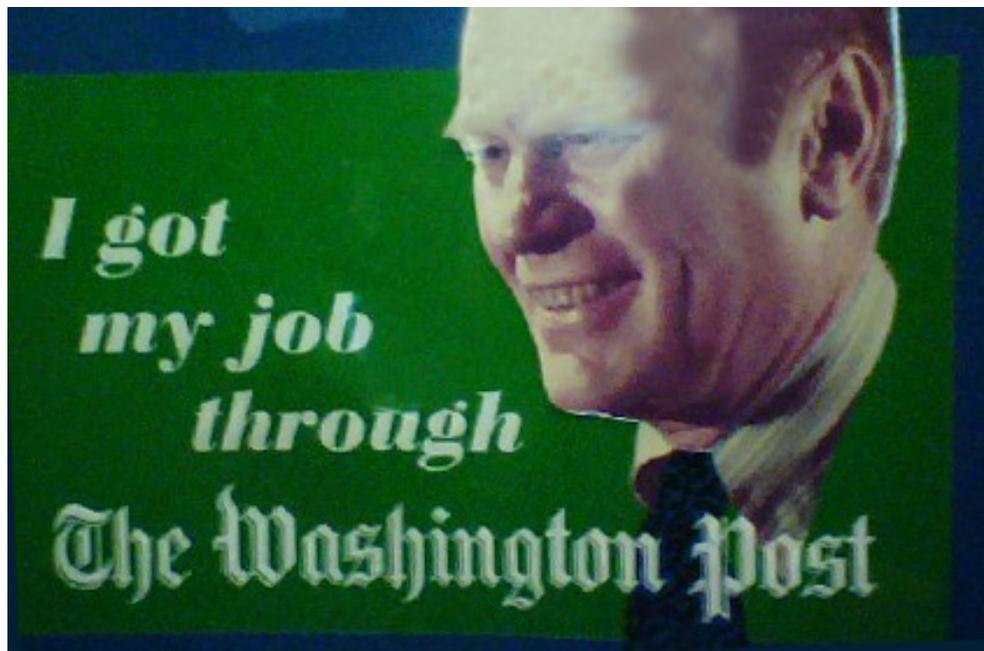


**On the 19th day
of September, 1984
Former U.S. President
Gerald R. Ford
was temporarily trapped
in this elevator.**

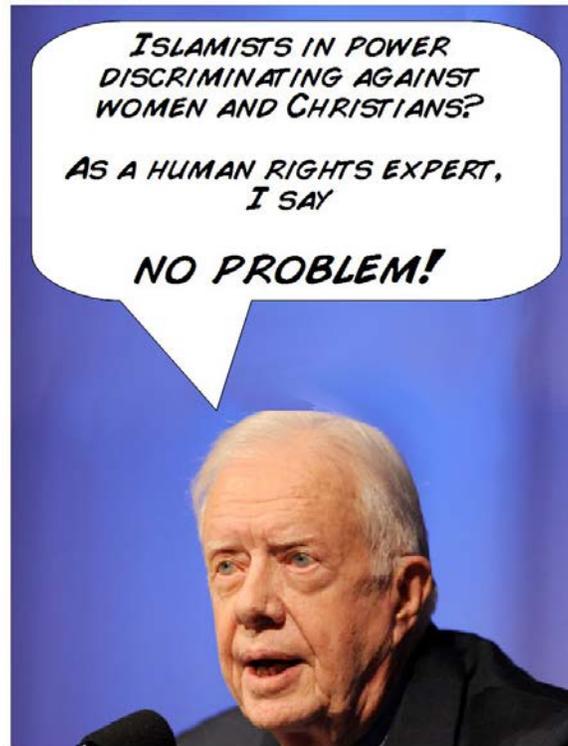


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PREFERENCE LISTS

by Paul Milewski

The Diplomacy game called "Tom" in Andy Liscehth's Cheesecake #349 is one of those instances in which each of the seven players got his first choice of country:

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| AUSTRIA (Kevin Wilson). | A frtgei |
| ENGLAND (John Melesky). | E tgraif |
| FRANCE (Craig Cowley). | F ergait |
| GERMANY (Harold Zarr). | G fierta |
| ITALY (Ken Iverson) | I rtaefg |
| RUSSIA (Doug Kent). | R igafet |
| TURKEY (Cary Nichols). | T frgeai |

Andy's system of allocating positions to the players is based on the assumption (the same one I used when I published Yellow Pajamas years ago) that every person feels just as strongly about his first choice as the other six players feel about theirs, equally strong about his second choice as they do about theirs, and so on. Assigning the numerical value of 1 to everybody's first choice, 2 to their second choice, and so on, Russia comes out to have been the most preferred country, with an average preference of 3.0 exactly; the least favorite were Austria and Italy, each with an average preference of 4.275714 (carried to that many digits). (Were no one country is a more popular choice on average than any other, the average preference would be exactly 4.0 for each of the seven positions.)

As long as each person got his first choice, each person's satisfaction with the outcome could not have been greater—collectively, happiness was maximized. In that special case, it is not necessary to assume that every person feels just as strongly about his first choice as the other six players feel about theirs, equally strong about his second choice as they do about theirs, and so on, to know that.

Contrast the special case of "Tom" with the case of "Jerry" (also in Cheesecake #349), in which at least one person did not get his first choice:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>AUSTRIA (Ken Iverson)</i> | A efgirt |
| <i>ENGLAND (Brendan Mooney)</i> | E tfrgai |
| <i>FRANCE (Colin Bruce)</i> | Any country |
| <i>GERMANY (Rick Copeland)</i> | e Gfarti |
| <i>ITALY (Ron Fisher)</i> | Any country |
| <i>RUSSIA (David St. John)</i> | R efgtia |
| <i>TURKEY (Doug Kent).</i> | T efgrai |

Mooney and Copeland each had England as his first choice, so you look at their second choices. Mooney's was Turkey and Copeland's was Germany. Inasmuch as Turkey was Kent's first choice, Kent got Turkey, so Turkey was not available to Mooney, but Copeland's second choice (Germany) had not been anybody's first choice and was available to go to Copeland. So, Mooney got England and Copeland got Germany. That's the way it works.

If the relative preference Copeland had for England and Germany could have been measured, it's possible he might have been twice as happy with England than he was with Germany—or a hundred of times happier. Who knows? How could you? Rank ordering your preference for chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry doesn't deal with the person who somewhat prefers chocolate over vanilla but thinks strawberry is awful.

The way Andy's method works might be likened to each person who submits a preference list being considered as participating in an auction in which each person submits a secret bid for each country as if he could win all 7 bidding contests (get all 7 positions), as odd as that sounds, and each person instructed to "bid" \$7 on his first choice, \$6 on his second, \$5 on his first, and so forth. The two people (Bruce and Fisher) listed as wanting "any country" would get whatever is left over (France and Italy), presumably at random—flip of the coin or whatever. The total "collected" from the winning bidders would have been \$34 (Bruce and Fisher would have "paid" \$0 for being willing to take whatever is left). In "Jerry" this is the maximum amount that can be "collected" from the five "bidding" players (those expressing a preference)—one of the five people participating in the bidding cannot get his first choice of country. (In "Tom" a total of \$49 would have been "collected," the maximum possible in an "auction" of this design, all seven players having gotten their first choices.)

The ramifications of this approach are perhaps more obvious in the case of the game "Dr. Pepper" (Boardman #2009-B) announced in Cheesecake #287:

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| AUSTRIA (Doug Kent) | <i>gertAit</i> |
| ENGLAND (Stan Johnson) | <i>Eiartfg</i> |
| FRANCE (Cary Nichols) | <i>Fratgei</i> |
| GERMANY (Brendan Mooney) | <i>Gfertai</i> |
| ITALY (Ken Iverson) | <i>Iareftg</i> |
| RUSSIA (Craig Cowley) | <i>fRtagei</i> |
| TURKEY (Paul Milewski) | <i>Trigfea</i> |

Andy's procedure resulted in everyone getting his first choice *if it was uncontested* (five people out of the seven). Converting to a \$7 "bid" for first choice, \$6 "bid" for second choice, and so forth, in "Dr. Pepper" we get Kent "paying" \$3 for A and Cowley "paying" \$6 for R, everyone else

"paying" \$7. The total "collected" is \$44. The question to ask is whether any country assignments other than the actual AEFGIRT shown above to Kent, Johnson, Nichols, Mooney, Iverson, Cowley, and Milewski, in that order, would have caused more than \$44 to be "collected."

How about EIFGART (shown below with the seven players in the same order as before, for purposes of comparison)?

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| ENGLAND (Doug Kent) | gErtait |
| ITALY (Stan Johnson) | EIartfg |
| FRANCE (Cary Nichols) | Fratgei |
| GERMANY (Brendan Mooney) | Gfertai |
| AUSTRIA (Ken Iverson) | iAreftg |
| RUSSIA (Craig Cowley) | fRtagei |
| TURKEY (Paul Milewski) | Trigfea |

EIFGART would have resulted in fewer people getting their first choice (3 people: Nichols, Mooney, and Milewski) but the other four people would each have gotten their second choice. Kent (E) would "pay" \$6, Johnson (I) \$6, Nichols (F) and Mooney (G) \$7 each, Iverson (A) and Crowley (R) \$6 each, and Milewski (T) \$7. The total "collected" would be \$45. Three get their first choice, four get their second choice. That's more than \$44 and represents a higher collective or aggregate satisfaction with the outcome than the way used by Andy (which is the same I would have used in Yellow Pajamas) to assign countries to players. If using dollars in this manner doesn't thrill you, you're welcome to go Old Testament on me and use talents of gold. The principle is the same. Instead of what happened (five players getting their first choice, one player his second, and one his fifth choice), we get three players (Nichols, Mooney, and Milewski) getting their first choice (same as before) and the other four (Kent, Johnson, Iverson, and Crowley) getting their second. Looking at it a different way, two players (Johnson and Iverson) take one step down their order of preference to get their second choices so that another player (Kent) can take three steps up—a net gain of one step collectively. The collective happiness is greater if only three of the people get their first choice instead of five (because Kent wouldn't get stuck with his fifth choice). We shouldn't be aiming to give as many players as possible their **uncontested** first choices: We should be aiming instead to give **everyone** taken together, or collectively, or on average, however you care to put it, as close as possible to their first choices, contested or uncontested.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MALCOLM SMITH?

By Larry Peery



<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152501396125786&set=gm.10154175910870483&type=3&heater>

From UK Postal Gaming Zine Hobby Old Farts FB Page (courtesy of Simon Billenness). Malc is the guy in the middle.

Hej Ya! As I sit here wondering if I'll ever be able to walk like a normal person again, I find my mind occupied with a more important subject --- thanx to Rip and Peter.

You might remember a game some years ago that actually inspired a TV show. It was called "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" It was a big hit game show for pre-teen kids on public television and was intended to improve kids' interest in and knowledge of geography. You can probably find bits of it on YouTube. Anyway, my version is called "Where in the World is Malcolmsmith?" For those of you who have never heard of him Malcolm was a British Diplomacy player in the 1980s. He was from Northumberland. The Diplomacy Database sums up his career in one entry:

1986-07-01



[DipCon IXX 1986](#)

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More on that event here: <http://www.whiningkentpigs.com/DW/oldzines/bohemia3-4.pdf>

However, there was much more to Malc than his one DIPCON victory. I know because he was my roomie at the Con and the combination of his tournament win and his vibrant personality will remain with me as long as I live. I can still hear his Northumbrian accent (If you've never heard think a combination Texas and Hillbilly accent in the States.) which got thicker and thicker when he'd had a few pints or got excited about something.

He came to Fredericksburg, Virginia (Yes, THAT DipCon --- David Hood's first!) as the only Brit in attendance and got a lot of attention. He is that kind of guy. American Dippers were fascinated by him and followed him around like he was a rock star. He ate it up and took full advantage of his special status. I would dare say that even Toby hasn't surpassed his single event record for the number of free pints other players bought him. I don't remember the first rounds of the tournament but I definitely remember the last one. By then Malc was definitely a Diplobili (e.g. a championship contender) and I think everybody there was rooting for him to win, if they couldn't of course. I don't know but I can't help but think that it was Allan's manipulations that resulted in his eighteen centers win as England. In the 64 player tournament he had 118 points, enough for the title.

But thinking back I remember a story he told me one night in our dorm room. He'd had a pint or four and was feeling the pressure of doing so well I think. I asked him some questions about his background and his life in England. He told me his entire boyhood his goal was to become an officer in the British Army, although he had already told me stories about how the Brits (e.g. London bureaucrats) had treated his beloved Northumbria (a relatively undeveloped rural area in the northeast of England next to Scotland. More about it here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northumberland>). I remember he almost came to tears when he described the destroyed bridges and unfilled bomb craters scattered around the County --- relics not just from WWII but also WWI. It was because London wouldn't come up with the money to repair the local infrastructure. (No wonder Northumberland voted solidly to leave in the Brexit Referendum.) Then he looked at me and said in words to the effect of, "I really wanted to be an officer in the Royal Army. I figured it was my ticket out of the Northeast to a better life. But you know what, the Army recruiters refused to accept me as an officer candidate because my English wasn't good enough. Instead they offered to let me join the ranks. I told them to go to hell and walked out on them and my dream." I never forgot that story.

Surprisingly I don't recall the next time I saw him. 1988 and 1989 were busy Diplomacy travel years for me but it might have been at WDC I in 1988 or MANORCON in 1989 or perhaps even WDC IV 1994 (all in Birmingham) --- or perhaps that's all wishful thinking on my part. ☺ After that I lost contact with him although I heard he'd moved to Aberdeen to work for British Telecom and then to Norway on another telecommunications project.

Since I wanted to ask him a question for an article I was researching (this isn't it) I posted a query on a couple of FB Diplomacy pages and actually got some replies which you can read here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/91386810482/>

So here are the clues we have at the moment:

Martin Le Fevre last heard from Malc when he moved to Norway for a telecoms job

Rip Gooch reports: "The trail goes cold in pretty much the same place, no matter in which direction one takes. I tried to find my erstwhile subzine editor (e.g. Malc published a sub-zine called Bohemian Rhapsody in the 1980s.) some years back with no success.

John Dodds tells us: "Malcolm moved to Antwerp after his time in Norway but I haven't heard from him for about 20 years. There are no obvious leads on Google or LinkedIn.

Peter Sullivan chimed in with: “ ‘Smith’ is not exactly an easy game to Google for, I guess...”

James Burgess wrote: “I try to keep track of everyone and usually am a good source. But not on Malcolm. He did publish Bohemian Rhapsody for a while out of Norway, does that help?”

Laurence Peery: “I remember reading it (vaguely) It's no big deal. I just wanted to verify something with him before DK screams about me for not having a footnote :-). It is sad, though, that so many old-timers just have faded away. I can say that since it is happening to me.”

Rip Gooch: “ Bohemian Rhapsody was a companion zine to my own Ripping Yarns for a while. I have copies if that helps. If it's a specific anecdote it might be more difficult. He was always full of 'em!”

Peter Birks: “I went to Ascot with him back in 1998, and was meant to meet him in a pub in High Holborn a couple of years after that, but he didn't show up. Haven't heard from him since.”

Laurence Peery: “Rip and Peter: You gave me an idea. You'll see the results on the various FB pages. Thank for that. At least it proves the mind is still functioning even though the body is fading. :-). Be right back”

John Dodds: Some more google searching turned up this which shows Malcolm as living in Hove after his foreign adventures. No way of knowing how current it is. John found the information online at <http://www.around.co.uk/default.asp?xyz=5991>

Malcolm Smith (DOB 1959) – Hove/United Kingdom

Born in Darlington. Went to schools in Hurworth, Darlington (Abbey Road, Hummersknott), then the Queen Elizabeth VI Form College, then took a degree in Computer Science in Middlebrough (Teesside Polytechnic). He has lived in Darlington, Brafferton, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Newcastle, London, Antwerp (Belgium), Oslo (Norway), Stuttgart (Germany) and now in Hove.

Rip Gooch: “The Case of the Disappearing GM.”

So there you have it: the last confirmed sighting of Malc was at Ascot in 1998.” The questions are: 1) Where has he been since; and 2) Where is he now? That's your mission: FIND MALCOLM SMITH!

Sounds like a job for Toby after he gets back from Chicago, don't you think?

Clues, a verifiable location or a provable sighting can be posted on FB online at [UK Postal Gaming Zine Hobby Old Duffers](#) at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/91386810482/permalink/10157050730105483/> or emailed to me at peery@ix.netcom.com

Eddie Chapman Intimate Diplomacy Germany (*Harold Zarr Jr*) vs. France (*Doug Kent*)

Spring 1903 Orders

[Doug/France](#)

A Brest - Paris

[[F London – Yorkshire]]

A Marseilles Supports A Paris - Gascony

A Paris - Gascony

Harold/Germany

German Army Silesia to Warsaw
[[German Army Burgundy to Gascony]]
[[German Army Munich to Burgundy]]
German Fleet Denmark to North Sea

England:

English Fleet Norwegian Sea supports German Fleet Denmark to North Sea
[[English Army Edinburg to Yorkshire]]

Italy:

Italian Army Apulia holds
Italian Army Tyrolia to Piedmont
Fleet Ionian Sea to Tyrrhenian Sea

Russia:

Russian Army Prussia to Livonia
Russian Army Warsaw to Moscow
[[Russian Fleet Rumania holds]] (Destroyed)
Russian Fleet Baltic Sea to Gulf of Bothnia

Turkey:

Turkish Army Bulgaria to Rumania
Turkish Fleet Black Sea supports Army Bulgaria to Rumania
Turkish Army Sevastopol holds
Turkish Fleet Constantinople to Aegean Sea
Turkish Fleet Smyrna to Eastern Mediterranean

Mercenaries in Chaos

Austria:

Army Vienna
Army Budapest
Fleet Trieste

PRESS:

Germany to GM: Let's see if we can put France to bed – permanently.

Game Openings

Diplomacy (Black Press): Signed up: Harold Zarr, Kevin Wilson, Zachary Jarvie, Ken Peel, need three more.

Balkan Wars VI (Black Press): *Rules and map in ES #113.* Fast-paced Balkan variant, great fun and no season separations allowed. Signed up: Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Larry Peery, needs 3 more.

Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki: *Rules in ES #113.* Send in your guesses. Prize for the winner? Probably!

By Almost Popular Demand: Started in #112. Join in! Same as BPD but the #1 answer in each category gets zero points. Send in your guesses. Prize for the winner? Probably!

Hypothetical Questions: Just send in answers. Anybody can play at any time, just takes participation.

Dune: To be GM'd by Roger Cox. Signed up: Kevin Wilson, Doug Kent, Martin Burgdorf, Jack McHugh, John David Galt, one more would be optimal. Sign up NOW!! You can sign up with me.

Coming Soon – Colonia VII? Deviant Diplomacy? Kremlin? Make a suggestion or express interest!

Eternal Sunshine Game Section

Diplomacy, "Milk and Trash", 2015A, W 06/S 07

Austria (Jack McHugh – jwmchughjr "of" gmail.com): Build A Budapest..

A Armenia Supports F Constantinople - Ankara (*Cut*), A Bohemia Supports A Vienna – Tyrolia, A Budapest – Serbia, F Constantinople – Ankara, A Rumania Supports A Budapest – Serbia, A Silesia - Berlin (*Fails*), A Trieste Supports A Vienna – Tyrolia, A Vienna - Tyrolia.

England (Mark Firth – mogcate "of" me.com): Build F Edinburgh, F Liverpool.. F Edinburgh - North Sea, F Holland Supports F Edinburgh - North Sea, F Liverpool - Irish Sea, F London - English Channel, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - North Africa, A Smyrna - Armenia (*Fails*), F Spain(sc) - Gulf of Lyon, A Wales – London, F Western Mediterranean Supports F Spain(sc) - Gulf of Lyon.

Germany (Jim Burgess – jfburgess "of" gmail.com): F Baltic Sea Supports A Berlin – Prussia, A Berlin – Prussia, A Burgundy Supports A Munich, A Kiel – Berlin, F Livonia Supports A Berlin – Prussia, A Marseilles – Piedmont, A Munich Supports A Kiel – Berlin, A Portugal Hold.

Italy (John Biehl – jerbil "of" shaw.ca): Remove A Bulgaria.. F Aegean Sea - Ionian Sea (*Bounce*), F Gulf of Lyon - Tyrrhenian Sea, F Ionian Sea - Tunis (*Fails*), F Tunis Unordered, A Tuscany Unordered, ~~A Piedmont Holds~~ (No Such Unit), F Venice Supports A Piedmont (Impossible).

Russia (Kevin Wilson – ckevinw "of" comcast.net): ~~A Prussia Supports A Silesia – Berlin~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat to Warsaw or OTB).

Turkey (John David Galt – jdj "of" diogenes.sacramento.ca.us): Remove A Ankara.. F Eastern Mediterranean - Ionian Sea (*Bounce*).

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PRESS

(BOOB to DOUG): I'm about to take a week and a half of vacation and spend some relaxed time catching up on stuff like TAP and my music lists for your szine, but this time, you get little more than orders from me.

GM – Boob: Orders is still more than some people.

(GERMANY to THE EAST): Well, how about that, what did you do now?

Black Press Gunboat, "Noah's Titanic", 2015Arb32, F 07

Austria: A Galicia - Rumania (*Fails*), A Moscow - Warsaw (*Bounce*), A Prussia - Warsaw (*Bounce*),
A Sevastopol - Rumania, A Trieste - Tyrolia (*Fails*), A Tyrolia - Bohemia (*Bounce*),
 A Vienna Supports A Tyrolia - Bohemia.

England: F London Supports F English Channel - North Sea (*Void*), F Wales - Liverpool (*Bounce*).

France: A Burgundy - Ruhr (*Fails*), F English Channel - Belgium (*Fails*), A Marseilles – Spain,
 A Picardy Supports F English Channel – Belgium, F Spain(sc) - Mid-Atlantic Ocean.

Germany: F Belgium - English Channel (*Fails*), A Berlin Supports A Munich, F Clyde - Liverpool (*Bounce*),
 F Denmark - Baltic Sea, A Holland - Belgium (*Fails*), A Munich Supports A Silesia – Bohemia,
 F North Sea Supports F Belgium - English Channel, A Ruhr Supports A Holland - Belgium (*Cut*),
A Silesia - Bohemia (*Bounce*), F St Petersburg(nc) Hold.

Italy: F Aegean Sea Supports A Bulgaria, F Apulia Supports A Venice, A Armenia Hold, A Bulgaria Hold,
 F Ionian Sea – Tunis, A Tuscany – Piedmont, F Tyrrhenian Sea - Gulf of Lyon,
 A Venice Supports A Tuscany – Piedmont, F Western Mediterranean Supports F Spain(sc) - Mid-Atlantic Ocean.

Turkey: Retreat A Sevastopol - Ukraine.. A Ukraine Supports A Sevastopol - Rumania.

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Supply Center Chart

Austria: Budapest, Moscow, Rumania, Serbia, Trieste, Vienna, Warsaw=7, Even
 England: Liverpool, London=2, Even
 France: Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain=5, Even
 Germany: Belgium, Berlin, Denmark, Edinburgh, Holland, Kiel, Munich, Norway, St Petersburg, Sweden=10, Even
 Italy: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Naples, Rome, Smyrna, Tunis, Venice=9, Even
 Turkey: Sevastopol=1, Even



PRESS

Germany to France: Then enemy of my enemy is my friend. Italy is your enemy and mine. We are friends and need to act in concert or you will shortly fall to him. Look for an Italian army in Piedmont and an Italian fleet in the Gulf of Lyon at the end of this turn! You need a fleet in the Mid-Atlantic Ocean!

Germany to Austria: If you think Italy will not take advantage of your open territories in the Balkans in the same way as he has done previously, you may want to reconsider moving against me.

Germany to Italy: Are we going to see a four naval unit convoy this turn? If so, it will be impressive – and the first time I have ever seen one!

Casual Observer to Kaiser: Hey mon, you mighty want to think about, ah, well, some kinda stalematey line, ya know mon?

Kaiser to C.O.: Yer a ganja-smokin' git. Lookey here, I needs ta lemonate England furst.

Casual Observer to Kaiser: Right, but, hey mon, France is holding back Italy and you ain't helpin' none.

Kaiser: That's because I don't know what I'm doin', gitter-man.

Broadcast to World from Paris: "We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our land, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender, and even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this land or a large part of it were subjugated and starving, then our Empire beyond the seas, armed and guarded by a few tugboats and canoes, would carry on the struggle, until, in God's good time, the New World Order, with all its power and might, steps forth to the rescue and the liberation of the old."—President Jacques "Winston" DeVille

Vatican - French Embassy: A helping hand in your holy war with the heathen tyrant.

Ita - Aus: thought long and hard about standing Turkey out of Rum, but figured you'd be more concerned if I ended up there and him in Warsaw. If he's still wandering next year, I will cover Rum/Ser for a stand-off, as needed.

Papal Envoy - Turkey: it appears the compass I gave you last Christmas is broken!

Pope Pluvius: On this, the 500th anniversary of St Cecil the Super(ce)cilious, we have this to say to Germany:

By Almost Popular Demand

The goal is to pick something that fits the category and will be the "second most popular" answer. You score points based on the number of entries that match yours. For example, if the category is "Cats" and the responses were 7 for Persian, 3 for Calico and 1 for Siamese, everyone who said Persian would get 7 points, Calico 3 and the lone Siamese would score 1 point. **However, the most popular answer in each category scores zero points!** The cumulative total over 10 rounds will determine the overall winner. Anyone may enter at any point, starting with an equivalent point total of the lowest cumulative score from the previous round. If a person misses a round, they'll receive the minimum score from the round added to their cumulative total. **In each round you may specify one of your answers as your Joker answer. Your score for this answer will be doubled.** In other words, if you apply your Joker to category 3 on a given turn, and 4 other people give the same answer as you, you get 10 points instead of 5. **Players who fail to submit a Joker for any specific turn will have their Joker automatically applied to the first category.** And, if you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds, with the 10th round being worth double points. A prize will be awarded to the winner. **Research is permitted, but cooperation or collusion between players is not!**

Round 2 Categories

1. Someone who served or serves as host of The Tonight Show.
2. A month of the year.
3. A farm animal.
4. A crayon color.
5. An island nation.

Comments By Category

Tonight Show – Kevin Wilson "Kind of depends on how many of us old guys are playing whether it is Johnny or Jay that get #1." Dane Maslen "OK, so I'll admit that I suspect I've gone for what would normally be the most popular answer for number 1, but I can always hope I'm wrong."

Month – Kevin Wilson "My birthday month!"

Farm Animal – Kevin Wilson "Mmmmmm, bacon." Brendan Whyte "Pig (breed: Whining Kent)."

Crayon Color – Kevin Wilson "Green, my favorite color."

Island – Kevin Wilson "I'm guessing the UK or Australia as #1." Andy Lischett "My original choice was Ceylon, but I hadn't realized that it changed its name 44 years ago. They did not consult me." Mark Firth "Iceland (in honour of their victory over England in the European soccer Championships last night)."

| <u>Player</u> | <u>Tonight Show</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>Farm Animal</u> | <u>Crayon</u> | <u>Island</u> | <u>Turn</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Andy Lischett | Johnny Carson | February | Cow | Burnt Umber | Sri Lanka | 11 | 23 |
| Carol Kay | Jay Leno | December | Chicken | Green | Iceland | 11 | 21 |
| Dick Martin | Jay Leno | June | Cow | Red | Ireland | 12 | 21 |
| John David Galt | Conan O'Brien | September | Chicken | Blue | Japan | 10 | 20 |
| Mark Firth | Johnny Carson | December | Sheep | Yellow | Iceland | 5 | 19 |
| Allison Kent | Jay Leno | March | Pig | Purple | Australia | 11 | 18 |
| Dane Maslen | Jay Leno | March | Pig | Red | Fiji | 8 | 17 |
| Brad Wilson | Steve Allen | October | Goat | Purple | Malta | 11 | 17 |
| Brendan Whyte | Johnny Carson | January | Pig | Black | Britain | 5 | 16 |
| Martin Burgdorf | Jimmy Fallon | April | Cow | Red | Cuba | 9 | 16 |
| Kevin Wilson | Johnny Carson | December | Pig | Green | Japan | 0 | 15 |
| Jack McHugh | Steve Martin | December | Goat | Magenta | Japan | 6 | 15 |
| Don Del Grande | Johnny Carson | December | Cow | Blue | Greenland | 8 | 15 |
| W. Andrew York | Steve Allen | October | Horse | Black | Madagascar | 10 | 15 |
| Melinda Holley | Joan Rivers | August | Pig | Green | Tonga | 5 | 14 |
| Jim Burgess | Jack Paar | September | Chicken | Burnt Orange | Iceland | 13 | 14 |
| Hank Alme | Jack Paar | August | Pig | Red | Australia | 8 | 12 |
| Steve Cooley | Jay Leno | July | Pig | Green | Japan | 11 | 12 |
| Rick Desper | Johnny Carson | January | Pig | Blue | Cuba | 7 | 8 |
| Geoff Kemp | NMR | NMR | NMR | NMR | NMR | 0 | 7 |
| Roger Cox | NMR | NMR | NMR | NMR | NMR | 0 | 3 |
| <u>MOST POPULAR</u> | Johnny Carson | December | Pig | Green/Red | Japan | | |

Jim Burgess recovers from worst last round to best this round, scoring 13 (out of a possible 22). Poor Kevin Wilson grabs the top choice in each category, leaving him with a big goose egg.

Round 3 Categories

1. A red fruit.
2. A religion.
3. A sport played with a ball.
4. Something you find in a sewing kit.
5. A sci-fi television show, past or present.

Deadline for Round 3 of By Almost Popular Demand is July 26th, 2016 at 7am my time.

General Deadline for the Next Issue of Eternal Sunshine: July 26th, 2016 at 7:00am my time. Hope to See You Then!