

# Eternal Sunshine #6 >

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**Quote Of The Month** – "I'm a vindictive little bitch, truth be told." (Clementine in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind")

Welcome to **Eternal Sunshine**, the only Diplomacy zine that has no redeeming value whatsoever. Eternal Sunshine is a blight on society, and it much be destroyed, crushed, stomped on like a cockroach, leaving nothing but that gross abdomen goop behind, a smear on the sidewalk baking in the Texas sun. It also, to my knowledge, remains the only zine sanctioned by the Global Diplomacy alliance.

This won't be a particularly long issue, if only because my personal contribution is not very large. I was fighting off bronchitis for half of July, which took a lot out of me. Antibiotics always make me feel shitty in their own way, but my lungs were not clearing up despite the high doses of expectorant I was taking. Right now I feel much better; I only really kick off a coughing fit when I start laughing.

We've got three people signed up for the next Diplomacy game, and with a few current games heading towards their respective endings, you might want to sign up before the game fills. Then again, you might not. If I run out of games, that's when I'll fold ES (if not before, of course). Variant-wise, there seems to be ZERO interest. Plenty of variants I would love to run...even ones I haven't listed like Stonehenge, Viking, and 1898. But the current ES readership simply doesn't seem interested. Brad Wilson has had his Balkan Wars opening for months. It won't stay there forever. You have been warned.

The Movie Photo quiz ends next issue (as does the Dead Pool, by the way, where two players are tied with 3 points each). Any preference on whether I stick with photos or go back to quotes for the next quiz? Let me know what you think. Of course, if nobody cares, I'll do neither.

I have a few interviews on the way, but none completed for this issue. I suppose between the heat and my bronchitis, I'm sort of taking the summer easy. Plus we just put out the latest issue of Diplomacy World ([www.diplomacyworld.net](http://www.diplomacyworld.net)) so there's only so much time I'm willing to put into this. At the very least you'll find the latest from Jack McHugh, Richard Weiss and Richard Walkerdine, plus two issues of Jim Burgess' subzine The Abyssinian Prince and one of Peter Sullivan's sub-subzine Octopus's Garden.

Oh, speaking of interviews, three prior interview subjects are about to "officially" release their new CD's (although one has been available for a month or so). Antje Duvekot's "New Siberia" and Rebecca Loebe's "Circus Heart" have their CD Release parties around Labor Day, and Grace Pettis should release her new CD anytime now. If you're looking for new independent music to enjoy, keep an eye on my playlist below, or give a listen to my free radio station (link above). And if you've got musical suggestions for me, send in a letter!

That's about it for now. August puts us back to the normal Tuesday deadline schedule. I had hoped to be in Chicago for World DipCon, and it almost happened...but, it isn't. So if you see someone who looks like me there, don't mistake him for me; just pity the poor ugly soul. See you in a month!

**Playlist: Home EP - Gabrielle Aplin; The Duke – Joe Jackson; Best Day - Dala; Love Labor - May Erlewine; Twilight - Caroline Herring; The King is Dead – The Decembrists.**

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# Hypothetical of the Month

**Last month, we gave you these two hypotheticals:** #1 – *You lose an expensive gold watch and are reimbursed by your insurance company. Two months later you find the watch. Do you return the money?* #2 – *After looking for work for six months, you get a good offer from a large weapons manufacturer. Do you accept it?*

**Melinda Holley - #1** - Sounds like my luck. I probably cashed the check and bought a new watch by the time I find the old one. I contact the insurance company and see what they want to do. They'll probably want their money back (duh!) so I'll sell the new watch and pony up the difference.

**#2** - Yes. Won't bother my scruples OR morals.

**John Biehl - #1** - No. I believe, once an insurance claim is initiated and then concluded by the insurer, the original item is considered lost. If the item is then later found it would be considered serendipitous (to the finder). This all supposes, of course, there is no suspicion of a false claim.

**#2** - No. Even though work is work and in the present economic climate, good paying work is at a premium, the fact is the armaments industry is, ethically, inhumane. An argument could be made (and should be made) that weapons manufacturers (depending on the weapon) are guilty of 'aiding and abetting crimes against humanity'.

**Andy Lischett - #1** – Yes.

**#2** - Yes. I have nothing against large weapons, per se. A customer of mine is an easy going, friendly guy who works on an assembly line building cruise missiles.

**Richard Walkerdine - #1** - No way would I return the money – those Fat Cats make far too much already!

**#2** - Of course I'd take the job – hell I worked for British Aerospace (the (largest defense contractor in Europe) for some 30 years.

**Andy York - #1** - Yes, either that or turn over the watch to the insurance company (unless they decline, for some odd reason)

**#2** - As with any job, it depends on the position and the pay. If I didn't want to work for company XYZ, I shouldn't have applied. Given that I (apparently) applied, unless the position wasn't what I applied for or there were some unknown factors (such as the advertised position being a "testor" and the actual job being a "bullet catcher"), I should accept given all other conditions being equal.

**Tom Howell - #1** - Yes.

**#2** - Perhaps I've been reading too much Gibbon lately. The history fairly clearly indicates that any nation whose citizens are not willing and able to defend their territory from outside threats will suffer consequences. Which consequences may be extremely dire or relatively mild. Whilst I deplore the necessity, I recognize the necessity of maintaining military strength. On the other hand, using that strength to be an outside threat to others is a matter of policy or politics; which, I regret, our country has become, if not always in actual fact, at least in the eyes of much of the world, for just reason. If I did not believe the latter to be the current state of affairs, I would accept the job. Since I do believe it to be the case, I would keep looking.

**Marc Ellinger - #1** - Yes, I think you have to return the money. It would be a crime to do otherwise, once you found the watch.

**#2** - Of course, what kind of idiot wouldn't take a great job like that. Making weapons for our military is an honorable profession and one which keeps us and the world safe. Anyone who would refuse that great opportunity has to have a screw loose.

**Dick Martin - #1** - no. i've had enough trouble getting reimbursed by insurance companies, we'd be breaking even.

**#2** - sure. even without the six month layoff.

**Per Westling - #1** - Yes. I would feel bad if I did not and also would not be able to carry the watch otherwise.

**#2** - No, is my initial answer. But life is not always that simple. The company I work for now was 10 years ago a smaller one, IT consulting. Today it has changed structure, ownership etc while I more have less have been placed at the same company. A couple of years ago we merged with another company which had most of their business with the military industry. So I sort of was dragged into that without having anything to say about it. In my town there is actually two larger industries, one in telecom (where I have my assignment) and the other one making Jet fighters, and my company consults for both (about 1/3 each, and the last 1/3 misc companies). But... I have stated that for assignments I am not interested to be placed at the "dark" side. If I still were ordered to I would consider switching job.

**Richard Weiss #1** - Huh? I lost the watch, can't prove it, and the insurance company paid me? First, I'd change all my insurance policies over to that company. Second, I'd sell their stock or short it. Third, to answer the question, I would return the money. Probably in person to my agent's receptionist, if there were a local agent. I always like the receptionist/agent in training.

**#2** - As a health care person, I went to work for a venture-capital owned, management services organization that made money not unlike the Jack Nicholson movie portrayal of health plans and not unlike the reasons that HMOs got a bad name. If I could do that, although I did not stay long, I guess I could justify working for a weapons manufacturer. Hypothetically, and knowing that I had no more money, needed a job, etc. Not only weapons, but "large weapons." Like missiles and tanks and huge laser cannons, submarines, really cool stuff. Probably try to unionize when I realized I'd made a big mistake as the nicest way to get fired and have a potential law suit.

**Jack McHugh - #1** - I'd like to think I would but I'm probably too lazy unless I thought would keep my rates down. If my rates had gone up I'll probably just keep the money since I'm already playing for it anyway...

**#2** - This is already happened to me and no I won't work in Afghanistan for a war I don't believe in.

**Paraic Reddington - #1** - I've never owned an expensive watch. But if this happened to me, I would return the money. My conscience would make me do it.

**#2** - I don't have any particular problem with arms manufacturers so yes, I would accept. Problems associated with the use of weapons are caused by those who wield them, not the manufacturers. If there were no guns, other objects would be used, from pitchforks to machetes to rocks and pointy sticks.

**Don Williams - #1** - I had to think hard about this but, yes, I return the money. The cash isn't the issue, it's the claim itself; I'd rather not have it on there. The ethics in this case come second, but I suppose I'd feel better about doing the right thing even though I'd be doing it for the wrong reason.

**#2** - Yes, I'd take the job. It's not illegal to make weapons and they are a necessary "evil".

**Heather Taylor - #1** - I would like to say that I would return the money, but I'd probably reason with myself that the insurance company has screwed me over before and just keep it.

**#2** - Yeah. Somebody is going to take the job, and I've been out of work. I won't be the one pushing the button or pulling the trigger.

**For Next Month (For the time being, I am usually 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.: #1 - The taxi driver asks if he should leave the amount of the fare blank on the receipt. You can claim expenses. Do you indicate that he should? #2 - The price tag on the pants you are buying is \$28, but the salesperson has only rung up \$24. Do you ask if there is a mistake?**

# The Dining Dead - The Eternal Sunshine Movie Reviews

Once again, never made it to the theater. It seems that any movie we want to see lately is not a film we're so eager to see that we feel the need to rush out and pay \$30 total for the experience. I don't know if the movies have changed, or if it is us. Also, summer blockbuster films are not usually our style, so I guess summer is a very DVD-oriented season for us.

**Seen on DVD** – **Moneyball** (B-, a bit disingenuous, 30 minutes too long, and including a very overrated performance by Brat Pitt. But even with all of that, not awful). **In Bruges** (B-, a bit too slow but the humor has the delicious British flavor). **The Roaring Twenties** (B+, Cagney and Bogart, can't get much better than that.) **Law Abiding Citizen** (B, not a bad flick, some clever bits until the stupid ending). **Dream House** (D, no dream here, more like a nightmare for the viewer).

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## Meet Me In Montauk The Eternal Sunshine Letter Column

**John Biehl:** Thoughts about Since, I, a 'Canuck', won the NFL prediction last year (haha) one of you 'Yankees' had better step up & win this year's predictions or I get perpetual bragging rights (hmm, what are the odds....?, oh & btw the CFL game is way better).

*[[I think Heather won one year, and she cares about football about as much as she cares about....baseball.]]*

**Dane Maslen:** re – Kendo - I shall have to adopt a different policy: the email subject takes longer to type than the orders! And damn Andy Lischett: I had to consult an atlas to discover where Biloxi was!

Do hope that Jack didn't believe the genealogy story. It took me all of five seconds to find this on the internet...<http://www.snopes.com/politics/humor/horsethief.asp>...I'm extremely cynical about any story I read that seems just too good to be true. Occasionally I'm proved wrong, but usually my instincts prove sound.

The perfectly timed photos were very amusing. One or two of them might have been deliberately posed, but most were obviously natural.

*[[I'm fairly certain Jack takes nothing in his subzine seriously.]]*

I must admit that I had missed the news of Ray Bradbury's demise as I was away in France at the time, but if you look carefully you'll see that there are three names crossed through in my column! And Mubarak almost made it four the other day. Which damned fool doctor resuscitated him?

*[[You are correct, that was a lazy copy/paste, you do have three names crossed out.]]*

**Andy York:** Thanks for the CD, very good and enjoyable.

*[[I think I still prefer The Near Demise of the High Wire Dancer overall, but New Siberia is a great CD on its own.]]*

Baseball at Minute Maid Park was GREAT (other than getting rained on while in my seat). With one exception, friendly/helpful staff, wonderful stadium and a FUN time. In the modern era, how often do you see the same starting pitcher two days in a row?

*[[Once every few decades?.]]*

I'm thinking of going back for a Sat evening/Sun afternoon game in September. And, yes I do have a trifecta of tickets for Aug 10-12 to enjoy the Rangers in Arlington.

***[[The Ballpark in August? Drink lots of water! And this is going to be a very interesting race between the Rangers, Angels, and the A's.]]***

**Tom Howell:** Regarding the second hypothetical question, I once knew an infra-red physicist who found himself in that situation. Boeing has a history in the Seattle area of boom and bust cycles, which they usually see coming years in advance. He knew he would be laid off with at least a year advance warning. The only job offer he received during that time was working on bomb sights. This was during the fiasco in Viet Nam, and he declined. He and a buddy bought a VW van, fixed it up with kitchen & bunks, and when they arrived at the no-regular-paycheck-period, they headed south, intending to be gone for six weeks. He said the further south they got, the cheaper the vegetables got. He took a camera along and every roll he finished shooting, he sent home to his mother to be developed. Two years later, in Brazil, he sold his share in the van to his buddy and flew back to Seattle. He can present an amazingly interesting slide show.

***[[Kind of wish I could have those kind of adventures....or that I could have at some point. But the idea is probably better than the experience in my case.]]***

**Richard Weiss:** Last month's hypothetical about the oil change and filter. I never look at my bill or charges other than the total so I'd never know either. I can't believe anyone actually does. Like I can argue or make a difference? Nah. The place I went to here in OR charged too much, but gave me a USA Today to read while they did the work. I'll probably go back if I'm still here in 8,000 miles. The rip off with oil changes is how they try to convince you to change every 3,000 miles and use the super oil, that works no better than any other.

Regarding **Brain Farts**, I hate to admit that I read Jack's Flappin, but I do. Sorry about the eternal job loss. Glad the humor remains. The just in time photos were great. I hope they were real. Walking on water and the two from soccer games were particularly enjoyed.

***[[I believe they were all real.]]***

Finally, as for last issue's By Popular Demand, Burgess you are the BOOB f'sure, picking Bears for a Little League team. Ever play? Ever go to games? 90% of the uniforms I've ever seen have names of real MLBs. I know you know those names. And the oldest and most storied – yup. Some of us picked this "EASY" one.

***[[Yes his logic seems to have no, uh, logic....]]***

**Michael Moulton:** Football Predictions:  
NFC East - NY Giants, Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington  
NFC North - Green Bay, Chicago, Detroit, Minnesota  
NFC South - New Orleans, Atlanta, Carolina, Tampa Bay  
NFC West - 49ers, Seahawks, Cardinals, Rams

AFC East - New England, NY Jets, Miami, Buffalo  
AFC North - Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Cleveland, Cincinnati  
AFC South - Tennessee, Indianapolis, Houston, Jacksonville  
AFC West - San Diego, Denver, Oakland, Kansas City

**Jim Burgess:** Since most of us (maybe) did read our resident Mathematician's Kendo tips, it will be interesting to see if we can nail this one quicker than last time. I think you did a great job with the clues to both help AND mislead us. And isn't it fascinating how quickly a Kendo game can play out? It doesn't surprise me, especially with this crowd of people playing, but many people might be surprised how quickly you can narrow one of these things down. I suspect you trying to get us interested in Neville Chamberlain was intentional, was it? I actually did think it was a "red herring", but wasn't sure.

***[[Nope, unintentional.]]***

Dane's comment about geocaching somewhat parallels my own. I think my brother David (who also reads the szine) is more into it. I've found and opened about half a dozen geocaches in my life, so I think I've seen more than Dane has. But it hasn't REALLY grabbed me. And I do travel a fair deal. I do like things that separate us from the internet, at least some of the time, and I think part of geocaching's problem is that it also requires the internet.

Also, the Twisting Tale is interesting, but if you try to put it all together it is (not unexpectedly) a mess. I left a particular way for Paraic to go and he went in an entirely different direction. How many people ARE writing for this? Just you, me, Paraic, and Mark?? Does it matter on numbers for how long it goes??? Maybe it should go until someone decides to end it (not you)???? All these questions, no answers.

**[[I think we have five occasional people overall, or six. Well, they're full-time people, but they occasionally contribute.]]**

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## The Twisting Tale

This is a rotating story, with a different author every issue, and a chapter of 500 words. If you'd like to participate, please email me and let me know, and I'll let you know when your turn comes up. **We need more participants!** Email me at [dougray30@yahoo.com](mailto:dougray30@yahoo.com) if you'd like to participate!

**WE NEED MORE PARTICIPANTS! ONLY MEANS YOU DO AN ENTRY EVERY 3 OR 4 MONTHS! IF WE DON'T GET MORE PARTICIPANTS, THIS WILL END SOON!**

### Chapter 14 by Mark Firth

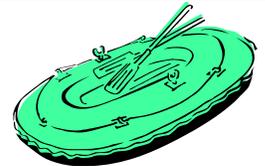
Mark failed to submit orders this issue. If someone else wants to send a chapter in, please do, otherwise I'll hope Mark returns to take his turn next issue...

### Next up – Mark Firth

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# LIFEBOAT!

**A game of survival, bad breath, and fish odor...**



This is the simple game of Lifeboat. Everyone plays this, whether you participate or not. Each turn everyone still alive in the lifeboat may make a single vote to throw someone off the lifeboat, or a single vote to remove one vote from yourself (a defensive measure). The high vote getter is thrown overboard, as well as any player getting 2 or more net votes (due to the damage caused when Sanka was tossed overboard). In a tie, everyone with that score is thrown over. Last one in the boat wins. I'll probably give a prize, as usual. **Press is encouraged.** Note that the votes themselves are NOT revealed. I just simply announce who is thrown overboard. If you're not listed as in the lifeboat right now but want to be, email me and I will add you next issue. If you are listed and don't want to be...well, too bad. There is no suicide in this game; you just can ignore it if you want to.

### Currently in the lifeboat:

Allison Kent  
Amber Smith  
Brendan Whyte  
Carol Kay  
David Burgess  
David Latimer  
David McCrumb  
Geoff Kemp  
Graham Wilson

Heather Taylor  
Hugh Polley  
Jeff O'Donnell  
John Biehl  
Kevin Wilson  
Lance Anderson  
Marc Ellinger  
Mark Firth  
Martin Burgdorf

Melinda Holley  
Michael Cronin  
Michael Moulton  
Pat Vogelsang  
Paul Milewski  
Robin ap Cynan  
Tom Swider

Kevin Tighe starts having a conversation with Brendan Whyte about how a Swede is best prepared for eating. Per Westling takes offense, and rushes the pair. Brendan sidesteps, and Per pushes Kevin into the water, following after him. As the sharks devour them both, Per shouts out to the smirking Brendan, "See? They like me fine WITHOUT cream sauce!"

**Thrown Into the Shark Infested Waters:** Douglas Kent, Jack McHugh, Richard Walkerdine, Chris Babcock, Paraic Reddington, Sanka the Cat (safely made it to land), Andy York, Toby the Helpful Kitty (safely made it to land), Phil Murphy, Fred Wiedemeyer, Don Williams, Kayza the Dog (safely made it to land), Michael Quirk, Dane

Maslen, Larry Cronin, Chuy Cronin, Richard Weiss, Tom Howell, Jeremie Lefrancois, Harley Jordan, Cal White, Andy Lischett, Rick Desper, William Wood, Jim Burgess, Hank Alme, Kevin Tighe, Per Westling.

**PRESS**

**Brilliant ESler to WORLD:** You sound like Graham Wilson. It's your turn to go over.

**Shark to Kent:** What happens when the last active lifeboater goes overboard and all you have left are non-voting deadwood? Us sharks starve?

*[[That's for me to know and you to find out...]]*

**One Eye Jack to World:** I keep tossing Malinda off the boat and she keeps getting back in! Come on guys let's turn this into a fishing boat.

**BOOB REPRESENTING ALL THE SHARK CHUM to LIFEBOATERS:** Really.... you should first put out all the people with ESI's of 0.01, they deserve to be in here so in their inattention we can push them in front of the sharks first.... not dead yet!! So, by my count, you should take out: my brother David, Little Tommie Swider, Michael Cronin (who I don't think I know...), and Pat Vogelsang. I hope some of them went over this time!! To disperse the votes, just vote for whomever is closest to you in the alphabetic list. ((Really, just trying to help!)) If you don't eat your meat, how will you get any pudding? Give us some meat to feed those sharks!!!

**BOOB to DOUGIE:** I don't think very many people are voting here.... in fact perhaps NONE at all? Just out of curiosity, if no one votes, who do you send off? I'm wondering if that rule (going backwards through the votes, perhaps??) came into play with Hank last time.

**GM – BOOB's BLOODY FOOT:** There are votes every turn. Now shut up, you're dead.

**Deadline for your vote and any press is August 28th at 7:00am my time**



# The Eternal Sunshine Football Prediction Contest



The contest is simple: you get one point for each correct division winner, and one point for correctly selecting the wild card teams (two per conference). Then you get two points for each team you correctly choose as conference championship (meaning they play in the Super Bowl), and three points for correctly picking the Super Bowl winner. We're not picking winners for individual playoff games...just the division winners, wild card teams, and who goes to the Big Game. And remember, like all Eternal Sunshine contests, there will actually be a REAL PRIZE for the winner! In fact, if we get enough entries, I'll give one to the runner-up too. Here are the picks submitted this year (and warning....this is about minimum acceptable participation level):

Name	NFC East	NFC North	NFC South	NFC West	AFC East	AFC North	AFC South	AFC West	NFC Wild Cards	AFC Wild Cards	NFC	AFC	Super Bowl		
John Biehl	Giants	Packers	Saints	49ers	Patriots	Ravens	Texans	Chiefs	Lions	Eagles	Raiders	Steelers	Packers	Ravens	Ravens
Rick Desper	Eagles	Packers	Falcons	49ers	Patriots	Ravens	Texans	Broncos	Giants	Bears	Steelers	Raiders	49ers	Patriots	Patriots
Allison Kent	Giants	Packers	Panthers	49ers	Patriots	Bengals	Colts	Chiefs	Eagles	Buccaneers	Steelers	Chargers	Eagles	Chiefs	Chiefs
Brad Wilson	Giants	Packers	Saints	49ers	Patriots	Steelers	Texans	Chargers	Bears	Cowboys	Ravens	Jets	Saints	Patriots	Saints
Paraic Reddington	Giants	Packers	Panthers	49ers	Patriots	Bengals	Texans	Broncos	Lions	Eagles	Steelers	Ravens	Packers	Patriots	Patriots
Heather Taylor	Giants	Vikings	Saints	Seahawks	Dolphins	Ravens	Jaguars	Broncos	Bears	Lions	Patriots	Titans	Saints	Patriots	Saints
Jim Burgess	Giants	Packers	Falcons	49ers	Patriots	Steelers	Jaguars	Chargers	Cardinals	Panthers	Bills	Broncos	Packers	Patriots	Packers
Michael Moulton	Giants	Packers	Saints	49ers	Patriots	Steelers	Titans	Chargers	Bears	Falcons	Ravens	Broncos	Giants	Steelers	Steelers
Martin Burgdorf	Eagles	Packers	Saints	49ers	Patriots	Ravens	Texans	Chargers	Falcons	Giants	Steelers	Broncos	Packers	Patriots	Packers
Douglas Kent	Giants	Packers	Panthers	Rams	Bills	Steelers	Texans	Raiders	Eagles	Lions	Ravens	Patriots	Panthers	Texans	Texans
Melinda Holley	Giants	Bears	Panthers	Seahawks	Jets	Steelers	Titans	Broncos	Packers	Saints	Patriots	Bengals	Packers	Steelers	Steelers
Jack McHugh	Giants	Lions	Falcons	49ers	Jets	Steelers	Texans	Chargers	Bears	Saints	Ravens	Patriots	Giants	Texans	Texans
Geoff Kemp	Cowboys	Packers	Saints	49ers	Dolphins	Steelers	Colts	Raiders	Bears	Redskins	Patriots	Broncos	Cowboys	Raiders	Cowboys



# Eternal Sunshine Index – ESI

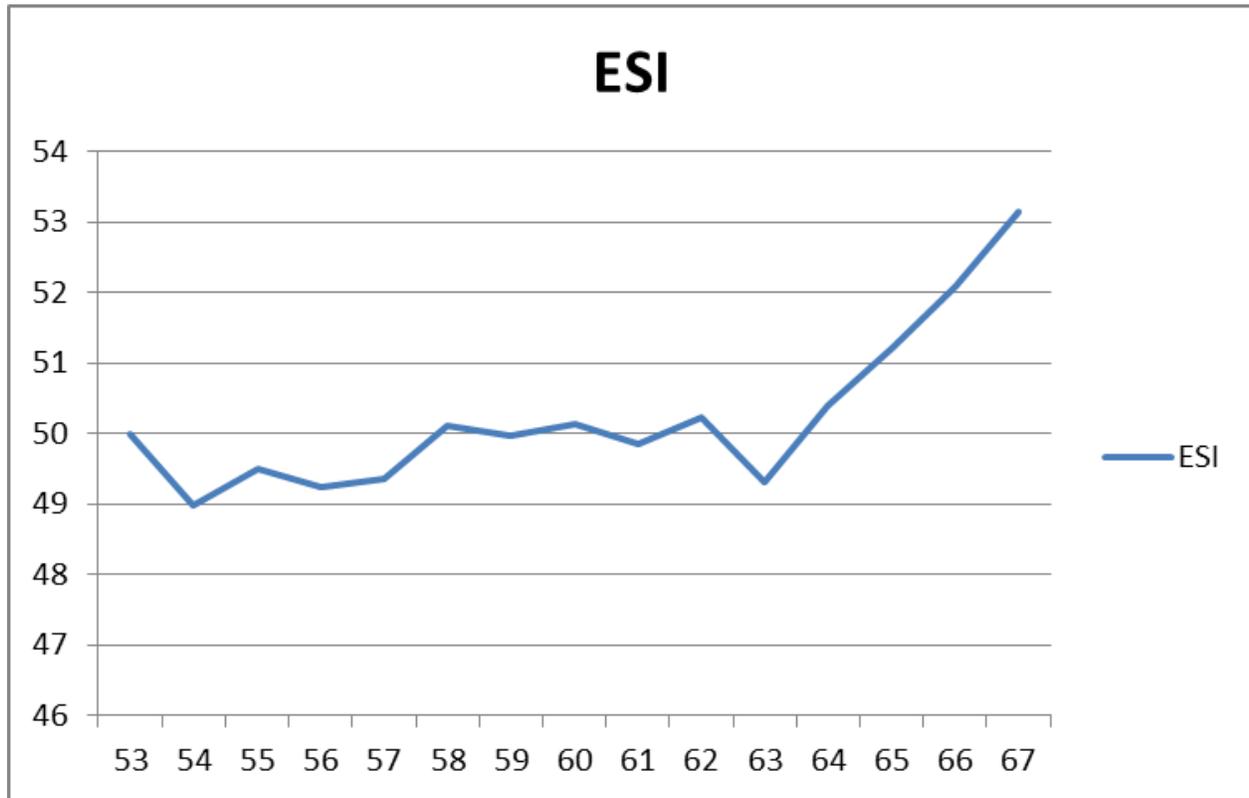
## *A Scientific Measure of Zine Health*

### **Current Index: 53.16 +2.03%**

The **Eternal Sunshine Index** is a stock-market-like index of the zine. You don't do anything in this game, except write press or commentary on price movements (or why you think your stock should have gone up or down). I move the prices beginning with next issue based on my own private formula of quantity and quality zine participation (NMR's, press, columns, etc.). Any new zine participants become new issues valued at at 50, but the stock for anyone who disappears will remain listed. The average of all listed stocks will result in the ESI closing value each month, which will be charted issue to issue after we have a few months' worth of data. If you don't like the stock symbol I have assigned you, you may petition the exchange to change it. Blame Phil Murphy for suggesting this section to me.

**Market Commentary:** Even with Mark Firth missing his Twisted Tale turn, the participation levels were steady and strong, overcoming any drop from former players. Can the ESI continue its winning streak? Only time will tell.

<u>Stock</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>% +/-</u>			
AJK - Allison Kent	67	1.5%	JOD - Jeff O'Donnell	76	1.3%
ALM - Hank Alme	10	11.1%	KMP - Geoff Kemp	76	2.7%
AMB - Amber Smith	30	-14.3%	KVT - Kevin Tighe	70	2.9%
AND - Lance Anderson	29	-12.1%	LAT - David Latimer	75	2.7%
BAB - Chris Babcock	3	-25.0%	LCR - Larry Cronin	0.01	0.0%
BIE - John Biehl	87	2.4%	MRK - Mark Nelson	20	-20.0%
BRG - Martin Burgdorf	78	2.6%	MCC - David McCrumb	71	1.4%
BWD - Brad Wilson	82	2.5%	MCR - Michael Cronin	0.01	0.0%
CAK - Andy Lischett	79	2.6%	MIM - Michael Moulton	75	2.7%
CAL - Cal White	2	-33.3%	MRC - Marc Ellinger	75	2.7%
CHC - Chuy Cronin	0.01	0.0%	OTS - Tom Howell	73	1.4%
CIA - Tom Swider	0.01	0.0%	PER - Per Westling	70	2.9%
CKW - Kevin Wilson	82	2.5%	PJM - Phil Murphy	25	8.7%
CKY - Carol Kay	14	7.7%	QUI - Michael Quirk	5	-28.6%
DAN - Dane Maslen	80	2.6%	RAC - Robin ap Cynan	57	1.8%
DBG - David Burgess	0.01	0.0%	RDP - Rick Desper	76	4.1%
DGR - David Grabar	50	0.0%	REB - Melinda Holley	83	3.8%
DTC - Brendan Whyte	75	2.7%	RED - Paraic Reddington	85	2.4%
DUK - Don Williams	61	3.4%	RWE - Richard Weiss	75	5.6%
FRD - Fred Wiedemeyer	74	2.8%	SAK - Jack McHugh	117	4.5%
FRG - Jeremie Lefrancois	0.01	0.0%	TAP - Jim Burgess	93	6.9%
FRT - Mark Firth	74	0.0%	VOG - Pat Vogelsang	0.01	0.0%
GRA - Graham Wilson	1	-50.0%	WAY - W. Andrew York	78	2.6%
HAP - Hugh Polley	36	2.9%	WLK - Richard Walkerdine	136	3.8%
HDT - Heather Taylor	77	2.7%	WWW - William Wood	0.01	0.0%
HLJ - Harley Jordan	74	1.4%	YLP - Paul Milewski	88	1.1%



## Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?

**Rules in ES #58. Send in your guesses. I've played this in Brandon Whyte's Damn the Consequences a few times and it's fun, takes only a minute or two each turn, and helps you work your brain! As soon as this one ends, a new one will begin.**

### ROUND 1

**Rick Desper:**

Jonathan Goldsmith (a.k.a. "the most interesting man in the world") in Montevideo, Uruguay

**John Biehl:**

Josef Stalin in Tbilisi

**Brendan Whyte:**

Marie Curie in Cadiz

**Richard Walkerdine:**

Charles Dickens in London

**Michael Moulton:**

Abraham Lincoln in Moscow

**Andy Lischett:**

Barbara Bush in Biloxi

**Kevin Wilson:**

Christiaan Huygens in Bangkok

**Marc Ellinger:**

Barack Obama in Beijing

**Tom Howell:**

Ludwig van Beethoven in Bukhara

**Paraic Reddington:**

Bob Dylan in Vancouver

**Dane Maslen:**

Neil Armstrong in Houston

**Mark Firth:**

Jane Seymour in Krasnodar

**Kevin Tighe:**

Henry the 8th in Bombay

**Clue to Person with the Closest Guess** (Notified by email): Like you, I had an interest in a wide variety of subjects.

**ROUND 2**

**John Biehl:**

Thomas Edison in Albany (NY)

**Dane Maslen:**

Leonardo da Vinci in Phoenix

**Jim Burgess:**

The Dalai Lama in Lhasa, Tibet

**Dave McCrumb:**

Albert Einstein in Berlin

**Richard Walkerdine:**

Galileo Galilei in Pisa

**Kevin Wilson:**

Mark Twain in Melbourne

**Brendan Whyte:**

Leonardo da Vinci in New Delhi

**Tom Howell:**

Leonardo da Vinci in Charchen at the edge of the Takla Makan.

**Marc Ellinger:**

William Randolph Hearst in Havana

**Michael Moulton:**

Thomas Jefferson in Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Rick Desper:**

Ho Chi Minh in Ho Chi Minh City

**Richard Weiss:**

Michelangelo, Christ Church, NZ

**Jack McHugh:**

Leonard DaVinci in Singapore

**Kevin Tighe:**

Ben Franklin in San Francisco

**Paraic Reddington:**

Charles Dickens in Rio De Janeiro

**Mark Firth:**

Thomas Edison, in Windsor

**Clue to Person with the Closest Guess** (Notified by email): I died more than a century before you were born.

**Deadline for Round 3 is August 28th at 7:00am My Time**

## THE TRAINEE

by Richard Walkerdine



Tom applied for a signaller's job on the railroad and met his new boss at the signal tower.

The boss gave Tom a short test. "What would you do if you realised two trains were heading towards each other on the same track?"

"I'd switch one to another track," replied Tom.

"What if the switch lever broke?" asked the boss.

"I'd run down the track and use the manual lever,"

"What if the manual lever had been struck by lightning?" persisted the boss.

"I'd run back up here and use the phone to call the next signal tower," Tom replied.

"What if the phone was busy?"

"I'd run down to the station and use the pay phone," answered Tom.

"What if the pay phone had been vandalised?" asked the boss.

Tom was getting a bit tired of this silly game so his reply was, "Well, I guess in that case I'd run into town and get my uncle Leo."

The boss looked puzzled. "Why would you do that?" he asked.

"Because Leo's never seen a train wreck," replied Tom.

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## THE DOCTOR COMETH

by Richard Walkerdine

(Loosely based on a song by Flanders and Swann (to whom apologies) called 'The Gasman Cometh'.

I woke up late Sunday evening and really didn't feel right,  
With pains and pins and needles it gave me quite a fright.  
I phoned the local hospital but they were having a party,  
But eventually I spoke to someone who seemed a proper smarty.  
"You'd better phone your GP," he said and went back to his drink,  
Well so much for the NHS I thought as my heart began to sink.

So 'twas on a Monday morning when the doctor came to call.  
And he had a really nasty cough, which didn't help at all.  
The doctor was a portly man with quite a darkish beard.  
He prodded me and poked me, which made me feel more weird.  
Then he scratched his head and frowned a bit – "I think you need a scan."  
He phoned the local hospital, who said they'd send a van.

So 'twas on a Tuesday morning that the scanner man came round,  
A very pleasant fellow but as tall as he was round.  
They put me in an ambulance which looked more like a hearse,  
And the driver found every pot-hole, which of course made me feel worse.  
But eventually we arrived at an old Victorian looking building,  
As they wheeled me through the corridors I counted cobwebs on the ceiling.

I wished it had been the Gloucester Royal but alas that was not the case,  
With no pretty nurses, clever doctors and modern machinery in place.  
But they did their best and laid me head first and everything went well,  
'Till half way through there was a great big 'BANG' and I feared the pits of hell.  
'It's the flywheel gone again,' someone shouted above the din.  
'Quick as you can, the patient's inside, so call the technician in.'

So 'twas on a Wednesday morning the technician finally came.  
He'd spent his day off playing cricket but wasn't much good at the game.  
The doctors filed me full of drugs and fed me with a spoon,  
While the technician continued with his work as he whistled his technician tune.  
But as he tightened the final bolt the head flew off with a din.  
It flew straight through a window, someone shouted, "get the glazier in!"

So 'twas on a Thursday morning the glazier did come in,  
With squinty little eyes and a breath that smelled of gin.  
With his glass and putty and glazing knife and smelling of detergent.  
"Sorry mates I'm a wee bit late, but the morgue windows seemed more urgent."  
He finished his work and I got out but slipped on some glass and cut my jaw.  
"We'd better call a dentist ," they cried, "We don't like what we saw."

So 'twas on a Friday morning the dentist came along,  
With some blood upon his shirt front and whistling a mournful song.  
He injected my face and stitched me up and said I would have no more trouble.  
"And with those neat stitches and antiseptic he'll be up again on the double."  
But then he paused and looked in closer, "but that scanner has damaged his skin."  
"It's also dislocated a shoulder and cut his leg. I think you need a doctor in."

Well on Saturdays and Sundays they do no work at all.

So 'twas on a Monday morning when the doctor came to call....



***Brain Farts: The Only Subsubzine With It's Own Fragrance***  
***By Jack "Flapjack" McHugh - jack@diplomacyworld.net***  
***(or just email Doug and he'll send it to me)***  
***Issue #45***

Still no job...no hope...no wife (most of the time). Beer? Yeah, I have some beer. So not ALL is lost.

Here are my detailed Football predictions for this year....

**NFC East:**

**NY Giants**

**Phila Eagles**

**Dallas Cowboys**

**Wash Redskins**

If the Giants just avoid getting half the injuries they got last year they should run away with the division although they have the toughest schedule in the NFL this year. Eagles are counting on an injury prone, ego inflated mediocrity at QB and I'm still not convinced their defense is any good since they have yet to show it when the game counts for something (see last year's blow out by a bad Seattle Seahawks for more on that...) Dallas is getting old and their secondary is still a mess and are saddled with Al Davis "hands on" type owner who thinks he knows more about football then anyone he's hired to run the team. Redskins are pretty much in the same boot except they have less a talent and even more clueless Al Davis type owner.

**NFC North**

**Detroit Lions**

**Chicago Bears**

**Green Bay Packer**

**Minnesota Vikings**

The Lions have been coming on for two years so I'm going to pick them to win the division although it could just as easily go the Bears The Pack aren't done yet but clearly getting older. The Vikings continue to pay for mortgaging their future to have tried to win with Favre up until last year--they clearly need at least another year or two to train a QB and restock the talent pool.

**NFC South**

**Atlanta Falcons**

**NO Saints**

**Tampa Bay Bucs**

**Carolina Panthers**

Saints have a much tougher schedule than the Falcons so I'll give to the Falcons. I'm not sure there is much difference between the punch less Panthers and the Yuckeneers.

### NFC West

SF 49ers  
Seattle Seahawks  
Arizona Cardinals  
St Louis Rams

I don't see the Cards winning when they go into camp without the QB starter being settled. The 49ers have one of the easier schedules in the NFC so I'll pick them to win. I like the Seattle but I am probably biased because of the great game they played against the Eagles last year.

### AFC East

NY Jets  
NE Patriots  
Buffalo Bills  
Miami Dolphins

A much better division than it gets credit for generally--I think this could be the year Rex Ryan puts it altogether in NY. Bills and Dolphins aren't that bad but won't make the playoffs.

### AFC North

Pittsburgh Steelers  
Baltimore Ravens  
Cleveland Browns  
Cincinnati Bengals

Another tough division that will send two teams to the playoffs but I have to go with the Steelers over the Ravens.

### AFC South

Houston Texans  
Tennessee Titans  
Jacksonville Jaguars  
Indianapolis Colts

Texans continue to beat on this division like a drum and go deep into the playoffs. Titans improve but not enough, Jaguars are like the Dolphins--the team has no consistency since it lacks a personality, e.g. how do we want to win and what type of player will get us there? The Colts need to rebuild as they are older than dirt.

### AFC West

San Diego Chargers  
Oakland Raiders  
KC Chiefs  
Denver Broncos

I think this is the second toughest division in the NFL outside of the AFC North and any of the teams could win it but I think the Chargers have the most talent. The Raiders have an easier schedule and the Broncos are always tough at home. I also think up and coming teams often

regress after a year of doing well and that is what will happen to the Chiefs this year but they'll be back in 2013.

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Now on to some offensive jokes...not too many, I am not in the mood. Send me some nice micro-brew beer and you'll get more.

A widowed Jewish lady, still in good shape, was sunbathing on a totally deserted beach at Ft. Myers . She looked up and noticed that a man her age, also in good shape, had walked up, placed his blanket on the sand near hers and began reading a book..

Smiling, she attempted to strike up a conversation with him.

"How are you today?"

"Fine, thank you," he responded, and turned back to his book..

"I love the beach. Do you come here often?" she asked.

"First time since my wife passed away 2 years ago," he replied and turned back to his book.

"I'm sorry to hear that. My husband passed away three years ago and it is very lonely," she countered. "Do you live around here?" She asked.

"Yes, I live over in Cape Coral ", he answered, and again he resumed reading.

Trying to find a topic of common interest, she persisted, "Do you like pussy cats?"

With that, the man dropped his book, came over to her blanket, tore off her swimsuit and gave her the most passionate lovemaking of her life

When the cloud of sand began to settle, she gasped and asked the man,

"How did you know that was what I wanted?"

The man replied, "How did you know my name was Katz?"

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Finally, a little section I like to call "Let's Offend Everyone," which in honor of the London Olympic Games is a collection of U.K.-based offensive jokes.

I'd just come out of the shop with a meat and potato pie, large chips, mushy peas & a jumbo sausage. A poor homeless man sat there and said 'I've not eaten for two days.' I told him, 'I wish I had your will power.'

I took my Biology exam last Friday. I was asked to name two things commonly found in cells. Apparently "Blacks" and "Mexicans" were NOT the correct answers.

A fat girl served me in McDonald's at lunch time. She said 'sorry about the wait.' I said, 'Don't worry, you'll find a way to lose it eventually '

**I walked past a black kid sitting at a bus stop as I went into the bank. When I came out, he looked at me and said 'Any Change?' I said, 'Nope, you're still black.'**

**Snow in the forecast and the TV weather gal said she was expecting 8 inches tonight. I thought to myself, 'fat chance,' with a face like that!**

**A 10 year old Irish boy stands crying at the side of the road. A man passing by asks 'What's wrong, lad?' The boy says 'Me ma died this morning.' 'Oh bejaysus,' The man says. 'Do you want me to call Father Murphy for you?' The boy replies, 'No tanks mister, sex is the last ting on me mind at the moment.'**

**Years ago it was suggested that an apple a day kept the doctor away. But since all the doctors are now Muslim, I've found that a bacon sandwich works best!**

**Japanese scientists have now created a camera with such a fantastic shutter speed that it is now possible to take a photograph of a woman with her mouth closed.**

**I hate all this terrorist business. I used to love the days when you could look at an unattended bag on a train or bus and think to yourself...I'm going to take that.'**

**Man in a hot air balloon is lost over Ireland . He looks down and sees a farmer in the fields and shouts to him "Where am I?" The Irish farmer looks back up and shouts back. "You are in that basket."**

**I had a big lead in a trivia competition at a local bar until the last question which I got wrong. The question was, Where do women have the curliest hair? Fiji was the correct answer...hell, how did I know they wanted the name of a country?**



## **A QUIZ - THE ANSWERS**

by Richard Walkerdine

Only two people entered, which is a shame but some of the questions were very difficult. Andy Lischett was just having a laugh (which is fair enough) and Kevin Wilson seemed to be relying entirely on memory (which is also fair enough). A quick play on Google or Wikipedia would probably have been more successful.

### **Section 1 - Quotations.**

- 1: Ogden Nash.
- 2: President Harry Truman.
- 3: James Branch Cabell.
- 4: Don Carpenter.
- 5: Noel Coward.

### **Section 2 – Literature.**

- 1: George Orwell (Down and out in Paris and London).
- 2: Anita Brookner (Family and friends).
- 3: Virginia Wolf (Orlando).
- 4: Gorky (My Childhood).
- 5: Simone de Beauvoir (She came to stay).

### **Section 3 – Natural History.**

- 1: Gila Monster and Mexican Beaded Lizard.
- 2: Its diet consists entirely of other snakes.
- 3: Smooth-leaved, Wych (Scots), Dutch, Lock (Plot's), English, Cornish, Jersey.
- 4: Fur, Leopard, Elephant, Crabeater, Weddell, Ross.
- 5: 30-40 gallons (140-180 litres).

### **Section 4 – Aviation.**

- 1: Heinkel He176.
- 2: Heinkel He178.
- 3: Heinkel He 280.
- 4: Arado Ar234.
- 5: Burt Rutan and Jeana Yeager.

So, from the 35 points available the scores were Andy zero and Kevin six (I gave him 1 out of 2 points for at least getting some of the answers to 3.3 and 3.4 correct). Kevin wins of course and well done to him.

Will I do another? Not sure, I'll think it over for a month. But if I do I will make the questions a good bit easier (or at least most of them!)

Best regards, Richard.

## THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #334

July 7, 2012

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E-MAIL/WEB ONLY ISSUE! PDF will be available on the website. Join the tidal wave of Dippers going to World DipCon in Chicago in August, we can overwhelm Shark Chum with 330 warm bodies!

Web Page Address: <http://www.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/index.html>

Some of you are still not on the E-Mail list for this szine, I keep trying to sign you up, please accept the offer! I am being a bit more systematic about that right now. I am going ahead and finishing all the games here, and then we'll see what happens.

This issue continues the szine/subszine inversion. As most of you know, this thing began as a "subszine" to Terry Tallman's *North Sealth, West George*, then became its own szine with a host of subszines. The subszines remaining will appear as sub-subszines to our new flipflopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. Doug will keep us on schedule so we will charge forward and finish the remaining games that I have in here. After that, we'll see how it goes and what I do next. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing. You all should see first what I actually do.

For production, in addition to the HTML's of each separate product on the web page, I will also have a PDF that you can print of the entire subszine (including my famous handdrawn maps!). You can just print the maps if you like, but remember maps are for pikers anyway, you don't need no steenkin' maps, keep them up in your head where they belong. I don't think there are very many people I owe money, but if you think I owe you money, just ask and I will pay. ONE GROUP that is definitely owed money is the players with NMR insurance. NMR insurance still continues, I will still call you for it, and when your game ends, I will refund the money.

General information about the mailing list is at: <http://www.diplom.org/mailman/listinfo/tap> You can sign up from there, or send E-Mails to: Tap-request of [diplom.org](mailto:diplom.org); with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions. You must know your password to change your options (including changing the password, itself) or to unsubscribe.

### THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

*((Let's keep talking about FTF tournament diplomacy! World DipCon is fast approaching in August, I'm putting on a real hard full-court press on getting every single one of you reading this to come. Why not? E-Mail me with your excuse and I'll shred it. The convention is in beautiful downtown Chicago and has five rounds beginning first thing Friday morning, August 10th and ending on August 12th. Find more information at: <http://windycityweasels.org/wdc> or contact Jim O'Kelley (aka Shark Chum) and come meet me and maybe you'll see my "Alice" T-Shirt coming out of the closet... let's especially get some of the old crowd to come join us, there remains a rumor that Pete Gaughan might show up. I have my hotel room and flights.))*

*((For these and other upcoming cons around the world: <http://devel.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>))*

**Warren Goesle (Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:20 AM)**

Jim-Bob,

I don't usually look ahead in the MLB schedule, since my philosophy is that teams (especially mine) can win only 1 game at a time, but I happened to see an ad on ESPN for next weekend's Sunday Night Baseball, and I find that the Red Sox are coming to Wrigley Friday through Sunday (Have the Red Sox been here since interleague started? I don't recall it happening...).

Shall we place the same bet as last year when the Cubs were at Fenway?

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

*((What was our bet before, Goz?))*

**Warren Goesle (Wednesday, June 13, 2012 6:33 AM)**

Last year the bet was that the fan of whichever team lost the 3 game series at Fenway (Cubs/Red Sox) had to use for a week as their Facebook profile picture, one of them wearing the other team's hat.

Ergo, for a week last Summer this was my profile picture: *((you're saved the blindness risk....))*

Ok, it's not my best side.

Same again this year for the upcoming rematch at Wrigley?

And Rick, I finally found that the Red Sox had indeed been at Wrigley in 2005 as well. Don't know why I wouldn't have remembered that. I would have thought we'd have had some bet going on then too.

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

**Warren Goesle (Wednesday, June 13, 2012 8:21 AM)**

And on another note, something I saw last night:

MLB game. Back and forth, home team takes 4-3 lead in bottom of the 8th. Top of the 9th, 2 out, no one on. The sellout crowd of 41,000 - none of whom has left - rises to its feet and starts yelling and screaming.

3rd batter of the inning hits a weak ground ball to the 2nd baseman for the easy 3rd out and home team wins. Crowd goes nuts, holds up banners and sings the silly song that's sung when the home team wins.

And with that the Cubs went to 21-40.

Could that possibly happen in Boston?

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

**David Partridge (Wednesday, June 13, 2012 8:48 AM)**

Sure. Game 6 of the conference finals. Celtics are getting hammered. Only a few minutes left. Crowd chants Go Celtics for 3 straight minutes, prompting Celtics players to comment after the game that Boston fans are the best they've ever seen. Oh wait, did you mean for the pathetic lazy good for nothing underachieving overpaid spoiled Red Sox? Never happen.

Dave, rebhuhn of [rocketmail.com](mailto:rebhuhn@rocketmail.com)

*((They still dance and sing "Sweet Caroline" in the seventh inning stretch even if the Red Sox are losing 13-0.))*

**Warren Goesle (Wed, 13 Jun 2012 08:58:54 -0500)**

It's apples and oranges, but not because it's the Celtics.

I'm not the basketball specialist on this thread, but if I recall the Celtics made the conference semis. A better analogy would be if they were 10-20 in an 8 2 game season where it didn't look like they'd recover for the playoffs and they held on at the end of a close game against a good team.

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

**Rick Desper (Friday, June 15, 2012 3:48 PM)**

Who plays baseball on a Friday afternoon?

Oh right, the Cubs.

(And what's up with Ryan Dempster? Who decides at the age of 35 to drop a career whip of 1.435 to 1.027?)

Rick :(, rick\_desper of [yahoo.com](mailto:rick_desper@yahoo.com)

**Warren Goesle (Sun, 17 Jun 2012 23:14:00 -0400)**

Bear in mind the Cubs love playing games during 92 degree afternoons instead of 78 degree evenings, and their fans love to go those games. I think it has something to do with the anti-perspire endorsement deals. As for Dempster, right now he's trying to get traded to a good team. Do you know one that might want him for a couple of months at the end of the year?

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

*((The Cubbies don't do well at night.... the Red Sox lost that first game, but then won the next two to win the series. So, Goz, pay up... you asked for it!!! As we hit the All Star Break, though, the Red Sox are stuck deadset on mediocrity at .500. What will happen next???)*

### **THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION**

I am continuing to note cut or failed support orders with a small "s" instead of a capital "S". This will make it easier on the E-Mailed version of the szine to see what happened, since the italics don't show there. The italics DO show on the web page just fine. Since I'm not postal mailing the szine any more, I've dropped back to just reporting the disguised E-Mail addresses. As someone notes, if you need some more contact information, go back to past issues or ask me.

Standby lists:

Mike Barno, Dick Martin, Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Glenn Petroski, Steve Emmert, Mark Kinney, Vince Lutterbie, Eric Brosius, Paul Rauterberg, Bob Osuch, Doug Kent, Sean O'Donnell, Heath Gardner, Paul Kenny, and Jeff O'Donnell stand by for regular Diplomacy. Let me know if you want on or off these lists, especially OFF given the new policies.

### **GAME OPENING INFORMATION**

I'm going to start the game opening list over. Under the new regime, who wants to play?

**DIPLOMACY:** First off, another regular Diplomacy game is open. Doug Kent and Brad Wilson are in, anyone else?

**BREAKING AWAY:** Also, a new Breaking Away game is open. Currently Andy York is on board. This is the game I really like running and want to start another one. It's easy, very low maintenance.

### **THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy**

#### **THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1907 IS JULY 27TH, 2012**

*Spring 1907*

**AUSTRIA** (Burgess): f nap-ION, a GAL-ukr, a pie-VEN, a VIE S a tyo-boh, a ven-TRI, f rom-NAP, a SER-rum, a tyo-BOH.

**ENGLAND** (James): a lon-DEN, f NTH C a lon-den, f wes-TYH, f NWY S f swe, a HOL-kie, f tyh-ROM, f SWE S a lon-den.

**FRANCE** (Williams): a par-GAS, f naf-MID, a BUR S a mun, f GOL s ENGLISH f tyh-tus (nso), a MUN s ENGLISH a hol-kie.

**GERMANY** (Ellinger): a KIE s a ber-mun, a BER-mun, a fin-swe (d ann), f den s a fin-swe (nsu, removed in Winter).

**ITALY** (Crow): f TUN S ENGLISH f wes-tyh, a mar-PIE.

**RUSSIA** (Barno): a SEV-ukr, a WAR-gal, a boh-SIL, a stp-FIN, f bul(ec)-CON, a lvn-PRU, f ion-GRE, a RUM s a war-gal, f GOB S a stp-fin.

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*Game Notes:*

1) A bit of press, a bit of moves, note there are no summer retreats, you're welcome to move on to Fall if you like.

*Press:*

(ENGLAND to WORLD): Our focus has been on the Queen's Jubilee rather than diplomacy in Europe the past month. Apologies all around! Appears as though we aren't the only power that has been distracted, though.

(GERMANY): The battle for Europe is winding down. Maybe it's time for a shake up? Maybe not. Attrition seems to be the name of the game.

(AH-WORLD): You can put lipstick on a pig... it's still a pig...

(ENGLAND to FRANCE): Hopefully you have improved the ciphers on your communications. Our policy isn't to spy on our friends, but when you put Top Secret messages into the wrong diplomatic pouch we have no choice, but to read it! Neither of us built a fleet so I assume we are still friends.

(BOOB OPINES): Ducks are well known for feathering the wrong nests....

(JAMES to WILLIAMS): There needs to be better earlier communication. I hope we didn't get crossed up.

(ITHACA to PROVIDENCE): Oh, you think we're doing all this for your amusement, young man? You think we spent all this money and invested years of our planning and toiling just so you could sit there and giggle, boy? One day, sonny, we'll be as gone as Geocities and you'll be all alone realizing how good you once had it. You'll be writing press to yourself and writing orders stabbing yourself just to imagine that something interesting is going on. Hmph. Go clean up your zinerroom.

(PROVIDENCE to ITHACA AND EVERYONE ELSE): This month, we came up against the *Diplomacy World* deadline and a rash of these "communication issues". This made these results a bit late. But believe you me, I fully intend to keep going.

### **SPIRALS OF PARANOIA: 2005A, Regular Diplomacy**

#### **THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1910 IS JULY 27TH, 2012**

*Spring 1910*

FRANCE (Jim Tretick for Buddy Tretick): f bre-ENG, f NTH h, a spa-GAS, f wes-GOL, a BUR h, f TYH S f tun-ion, f tun-ION, a MAR h, f eng-LON.

GERMANY (Ozog for Tallman): f ber-KIE, a *MUN-ruh*, f kie-HOL, a *TYO-mun*, a *PIE-mar*, a *SER-gre*, a bud-TRI, a tri-VEN, a ROM S a ven-apu, f ska-DEN, a ven-APU, a *BEL-ruh*, f nwg-EDI.

ITALY (Kent): a NAP h, f *ADR-ion*, a GRE h.

RUSSIA (Sundstrom): f stp(nc)-NWY, f BLA C a ank-bul, a UKR S a rum, f con-AEG, a RUM S a ank-bul, a ank-BUL, a smy-CON, a arm-SEV.

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*Game Notes:*

- 1) The FGR draw proposal was rejected again. The FGR, GR, and an FG are proposed for next time.
- 2) We now have two medical replacements, as Buddy's son Jim (who some of us played with many years ago as James Alan) will be playing for Buddy as Eric is playing for Terry.
- 3) Note there are no summer retreats, you're welcome to move on to Fall if you want.

*Press:*

(BERLIN-PARIS): Your dear ol' dad's desire was that France and Germany would be allied for the rest of the game. You're going against his wishes, prodigal son, so it appears war is unavoidable. With your move to the North Sea, you started it, not me; Uncle Bernie is going to be very disappointed with you!

(BERLIN- > MOSCOW): Let's bust this game wide open! For far too long it has been D-U-L-L Dullsville, U.S.A.

**FLIP FLOP: 2003G, Regular Diplomacy**

**TURKEY WINS, CONGRATULATIONS AL LEVINSON!**

*Fall 1914*

ENGLAND (Kent): a nwy-STP, a PRU S a ber-sil, *f MID-wes, f WES-gol*, f stp(nc)-BAR, a LVN S a pru, a ber-SIL, f nth-ENG, f GOB S a nwy-stp, f BAL S a lvn.

FRANCE (McHugh): a bel-RUH, f NAF S f mid-wes, f MAR S f wes-gol, *a mun s a ber-sil* (d r:kie,ber,otb), a BUR S a mun, f SPA(SC) S f wes-gol, a GAS S f mar.

TURKEY (Levinson): a bul-SER, a GAL S a war, *a SEV-mos*, a rum-UKR, f TUN h, *a MOS-stp*, a TUS h, f TYH S f gol, a WAR h, a TYO S a sil-mun, f ION S f tun, f GOL h, a BOH S a sil-mun, f PIE S f gol, a sil-MUN, a VIE h.

*Supply Center Chart*

ENGLAND (Kent):	EDI,LVP,LON,por,den,kie, nwy,swe,ber,stp
FRANCE (McHugh):	PAR,MAR,BRE,spa,bel,hol
TURKEY (Levinson):	ANK,SMY,CON,bul,sev,ser,gre, (18, WINS!) tun,rom,rum,nap,ven,tri,mos,bud,vie,war,mun
Neutral:	none (Total=34)

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*Game Notes:*

- 1) I did get Fall orders from everyone, so we have continued forward.
- 2) And that takes us to Al's victory! Congratulations, Al, for sticking this out to the solo!!! I'll have a Supply Center Chart next time and solicit endgame statements.

**LAST WORD:** Well, the Supreme Court decision is in on the Affordable Care Act. I wasn't at all confident in my prediction, but I dead on nailed how the case was actually decided, right to Chief Justice Roberts calling the mandate penalty a tax and the striking down of the Medicaid provision. I had lots of people afterward saying I should have bet on it, but I probably wouldn't have, even if I could have, since I really didn't think my prediction would happen. The debate we're now having in individual states over whether they're going to allow the Medicaid coverage expansion is precisely the political battle they should have, and the variation we'll see will represent the political power set-up in those states.

I now go back to work on some of the various implementation issues in the ACA, and that allows us to go to the next steps of the healthcare debate we need to have. Part of that debate that's particularly interesting to me remains about whether we should have physicians be physicians or try to manage the health care system. We actually pay physicians too much to have them spend time managing, and they tend to like interacting with each other too much to spend all their time interacting with all the other sorts of health care providers that are multiplying out there. What fun, never a dull moment for me... it was one of the many reasons why this issue was so late, sorry about that. Down to two games left. Keep me in business and fill a new game!!

Roberts' reasoning was really intriguing, since we have "loss aversion" you don't want to take Medicaid away from people after you give it to them, so the Medicaid ruling gives states like Texas an out to not expand Medicaid. THEN, you argue that your taxes are being sucked out into other states that are doing the Medicaid expansion and focus the political argument for overturning the law in general or on those costly pieces.

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## Octopus's Garden - Issue Seventy-Five

20th July 2012

### Sub-editorial

HELLO, good evening and welcome to Octopus's Garden, the subzoo with its very own Railway Rivals game. It's a subzoo to Jim Burgess' [The Abyssinian Prince](#), which is now a subzoo to Douglas Kent's [Eternal Sunshine](#). Produced by Peter Sullivan [peter@burdonvale.co.uk](mailto:peter@burdonvale.co.uk). It's also available on the web at <http://www.burdonvale.co.uk/octopus/>. This issue is late, even by my recent standards, so let's cut to the chase:

### Round 7 — "Hannibal Hamlin"

#### Railway Rivals Map FR

- 1) [\(42-@6\)](#) Mulhouse - Spain : REN 20+4+2+2+1 ; NERTZ 10-2-1-1-4 ; LOSER 0-8-2+1 ; FRAK IT +8.
- 2) (52-61) Limoges - Grenoble : FRAK IT 20-7+6 ; FWOGGIE 10-6+7
- 3) (@1-12) England - Paris : REN 20 ; FWOGGIE 5+5 ; LOSER 5-5.
- 4) (15-46) Rouen - St Etienne : FRAK IT 20-4+1+1+1 ; FWOGGIE 10+3+3 ; REN 0-1-3-1 ; LOSER 0-3-1+4.
- 5) (33-23) Lille - Rennes : FWOGGIE 20 ; FRAK IT 10-1 ; LOSER +1
- 6) (21-51) Brest - Clermont Ferrand : FRAK IT 20-8-1 ; FWOGGIE +8+1
- 7) (64-31) Marseille - Amiens : NERTZ 20-1-2+3 ; REN 10-3+3 ; LOSER 0-3-3+3+2 ; FRAK IT +1.

## Builds:

NERTZ (William Whyte, SA.) [purple] (B69) - B71 - C72 [-1 R] ;  
(G59) - G60 [-1 Fr] - I59 [-1 R] [-1 L] - J59 [-1 Fr] - J60 [-1 R] ; (La Rochelle) - T8 - U9. [-1 Fw].  
=-14-3[R]-2[Fr]-1[L]-1[Fw]+2[L]+1[Fr] LOSER (Geoff Challenger, UK.) [blue]  
(Bordeaux) - J11 [-1 N] - G10 [-1 Fr] - G9 [-1 N] - Bayonne ; (T16) - S17 [-1 Fr] ;  
(Nancy) - E68 - Metz - H69 [-4 R].  
=-12-2[N]-2[Fr]-4[R]+1[N]+1[Fr]+2[Fw]  
FRAK IT (W. Andrew York, USA)[black]  
(R22) - R26 [-1 N] [-1 L] [-1 R] - Q27 [-1 Fw] ; (I25) - Montpellier ;  
(S17) - S15.  
=-14-1[N]-1[L]-1[R]-1[Fw]+2[N]+2[L]+1[R]+1[Fw] FWOGGIE (Brendan Whyte, Aus.) [green]  
(O30) - O32 ;  
(T9) - M13 [-1 L] [-1 L] - L12 [-1 Fr].  
=-14-2[L]-1[Fr]+1[N]+1[Fr]+1[R] RENAISSANCE (Robin ap Cynan, UK.) [yellow]  
(Metz) - H69 ; (Metz) - G68 - I69 ;  
(F58) - Y15 [-1 Fw] [-1 Fr].  
=-14-1[Fw]-1[Fr]+3[N]+1[Fr]+4[L]

## Scores on the Doors:

Company	B/fwd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Builds	C/fwd
NERTZ	65	2						20	-14-7+3	69
LOSER	16	-9		0	0	1		-1	-12-8+4	-9
FRAK IT	56	8	19		19	9	11	1	-14-4+6	111
FWOGGIE	73		11	10	16	20	9		-14-3+3	125
RENAISSANCE	50	29		20	-5			10	-14-2+8	96
Totals	260	30	30	30	30	30	20	30	-68-0+0	392

## Races for Round Eight:

- 8) (22-44) Cherbourg - Lyon
- 9) (@3-62) Germany - Montpellier
- 10) (35-55) Metz - Bayonne
- 11) (43-34) Dijon - Reims
- 12) (63-16) Marseille - Le Havre
- 13) (54-@2) Bordeaux - BeNeLux
- 14) (11-26) Paris - La Rochelle

**GENEVA:** For Round Eight, you may enter up to four of these races, and then build up to 12 physical points of track (i.e. payments to rivals don't count against the limit; although of course you still pay them.) The deadline for Round Eight orders is SATURDAY, 11th AUGUST, 2012 to Peter Sullivan, [peter@burdonvale.co.uk](mailto:peter@burdonvale.co.uk)

*That was Octopus's Garden #75, A Startling Press production.*

## THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #335

July 30, 2012

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E-MAIL/WEB ONLY ISSUE! PDF will be available on the website. Join the tidal wave of Dippers going to World DipCon in Chicago in August, we still can overwhelm Shark Chum with 330 warm bodies!

Web Page Address: <http://www.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/index.html>

Some of you are still not on the E-Mail list for this szine, I keep trying to sign you up, please accept the offer! I am being a bit more systematic about that right now. I am going ahead and finishing all the games here, and then we'll see what happens.

This issue continues the szine/subszine inversion. As most of you know, this thing began as a "subszine" to Terry Tallman's *North Sealth, West George*, then became its own szine with a host of subszines. The subszines remaining will appear as sub-subszines to our new flipflopped home in Doug Kent's *Eternal Sunshine*. Doug will keep us on schedule so we will charge forward and finish the remaining games that I have in here. After that, we'll see how it goes and what I do next. I'd like to keep writing and doing some game GMing. You all should see first what I actually do.

For production, in addition to the HTML's of each separate product on the web page, I will also have a PDF that you can print of the entire subszine (including my famous handdrawn maps!). You can just print the maps if you like, but remember maps are for pikers anyway, you don't need no steenkin' maps, keep them up in your head where they belong. I don't think there are very many people I owe money, but if you think I owe you money, just ask and I will pay. ONE GROUP that is definitely owed money is the players with NMR insurance. NMR insurance still continues, I will still call you for it, and when your game ends, I will refund the money.

General information about the mailing list is at: <http://www.diplom.org/mailman/listinfo/tap> You can sign up from there, or send E-Mails to: Tap-request of [diplom.org](mailto:diplom.org); with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions. You must know your password to change your options (including changing the password, itself) or to unsubscribe.

### THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

*((Let's keep talking about FTF tournament diplomacy! World DipCon is fast approaching in August, I'm putting on a real hard full-court press on getting every single one of you reading this to come. Why not? E-Mail me with your excuse and I'll shred it. The convention is in beautiful downtown Chicago and has five rounds beginning first thing Friday morning, August 10th and ending on August 12th. Find more information at: <http://windycityweasels.org/wdc> or contact Jim O'Kelley (aka Shark Chum) and come meet me and maybe you'll see my "Alice" T-Shirt coming out of the closet... let's especially get some of the old crowd to come join us, this is your last chance. See Jim's note below for some of the latest updates.))*

*((For these and other upcoming cons around the world: <http://devel.diplom.org/Face/cons/index.php>))*

**Jim O'Kelley (Monday, July 16, 2012, 6:18 PM)**

\* ABC, Easy as 1, 2, 3

Turns out getting Allan B. Calhamer, the creator of Diplomacy, to attend the World Diplomacy Championship at Weasel Moot VI was as easy as:

1) Dropping by his home in LaGrange Park on official business for Edi Birsan and another hobby luminary who wishes to remain anonymous for now.

2) Leaving a letter in his mailbox when no one answered the doorbell.

3) And exchanging emails with his youngest daughter, Selenne.

Mr. Calhamer, his wife and perhaps Selenne will be joining us for a few hours during the third round on Saturday, Aug. 11. Don't miss the opportunity to meet the man who started it all!

<http://windycityweasels.org/news/461-abc-easy-as-123>

*((I last met Allan Calhamer at the World DipCon in Baltimore, which I think was his last public hobby appearance. Some of us have been working on this for awhile. You REALLY cannot pass up this opportunity!))*

*\* Help us welcome the out-of-towners at the Exchequer*

Join us Thursday evening at Exchequer Restaurant and Pub, 226 S Wabash in Chicago, as we welcome our out-of-town guests to the 22nd annual World Diplomacy Championship at Weasel Moot VI. The event will be held in a private room at the Exchequer from 8 to 10 p.m. and will feature a buffet, unlimited drinks, and a trivia contest hosted by Dan Burgess. Get the details at the website.

<http://windycityweasels.org/news/462-wdc-welcome-party-at-the-exchequer>

*((Dan, who is no relation, has been running these sorts of events as a business lately, he's great at it. I will be there for this too, and you should be too. Cheap Southwest Airlines flights, with special last minute fares, into Midway Airport will shock you. You CAN do this!!!))*

*\* Important Dates*

- Aug. 9: WDC Welcome Party at the Exchequer, 226 S Wabash in Chicago.

- Aug. 10-12: World Diplomacy Championship at Weasel Moot VI, the Florentine Room on the third floor of the Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

Jim, jimthegrey1013 of [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)

*((Here's a list of some of the advance announced people who are coming in addition to ME, Steve Cooley, Rick Desper, Melinda Holley, Don Williams, Edi Birsan, Don Scheifler, Don Del Grande, and Andy Lischett. I've met Don W., Rick, Steve, and Edi many times; and Don Del Grande has been a regular attendee at many World DipCons I've been to, but I'm really looking forward to meeting Don Scheifler, Andy Lischett and Melinda Holley. You can too!!!))*

**Warren Goesle (Monday, July 16, 2012 12:56 PM)**

So what kind of reception will the White Sox 3rd baseman get tonight at Fenway?

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

*((Youk, Youk, Youk, of course....))*

**Rick Desper (Tuesday, July 17, 2012 1:07 PM)**

Youk is far more popular than Bobby V., who doesn't seem to understand that complaining about players to the media is disliked by the fanbase.

Rick, rick\_desper of [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)

*((And we care about the fanbase why???)*

**Warren Goesle (Tuesday, July 17, 2012 2:11 PM)**

From what I watched, last night's 3-for-4 seemed to be something of a 'take that'. What's the over/under on Bobby V's departure date?

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

**Rick Desper (Tuesday, July 17, 2012 1:52 PM)**

The problem is that Bobby V. is Lucchino's choice. So he'll be around stinking up the fridge long past his expiration date.

Rick, rick\_desper of [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)

*((I've heard it said that WHEN he finally goes, it will not be quiet, but one of the biggest firestorms we've ever seen. I think that's right. As I say, I still like him... more than I thought I would, another win tonight to go back over .500. Two more games against Detroit to pick up ground in the Wild Card race. Then tomorrow is the trade deadline and we see what the Sox can do.))*

**Warren Goesle (Tuesday, July 17, 2012 3:03 PM)**

So no hope to bring back Grady Little?

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

**Rick Desper (Tuesday, July 17, 2012 2:21 PM)**

It's an interesting question as to who is a better manager, Little or Valentine. Little just seems like a bit of a dummy, while Valentine is a jerk. For all his faults, Francona is far and away the best manager I've seen in Boston. But they've really had a lot of stinkers. Don't get me started on Zimmer. I'm with Bill Lee: he's a giant gerbil.

Rick, rick\_desper of [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)

**Warren Goesle (Tue, 17 Jul 2012 14:26:13 -0500)**

I think Jim-Bob said that Frank Chance was the best Red Sox Manager heâd ever seen.

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

*((Hey guys, last I knew, since Grady Little was let go by the Dodgers, he's available. I don't think he's working now!! More seriously, I may be the only one, but I'm enjoying the Bobby Valentine era and I actually think they will put it together this year and be better for the path they've taken to get there. So, I am not on this train.))*

**Warren Goesle (Tue, 17 Jul 2012 19:29:21 -0400 (EDT))**

If memory serves, I ordered Saltalamacchia last time I was at a Bohemian restaurant. You can always count on Jim-Bob to bring us back to earth. Jim-Bob, had you been a Cubs' fan, they wouldn't win the World Series until 2908...and you'd still be drinking the Cubbie-blue Kool-Aid every year.

Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

*((That's exactly right, Mr. Glass 3/4 full, that's me...))*

**Warren Goesle (Monday, July 30, 2012 7:57 AM)**

OK, topic shift without a clutch. I'm trying to gauge my personal Sports Fan Index (SFI), which is a term I just made up and have no good definition for.

Here's the question, and I address it to each of you as Red Sox fans: how many of you would purposely tune in to a televised game involving the Red Sox AAA or AA affiliate instead of another sporting event at the same time along the lines of a regular season Celtics or Bruins game, or maybe random Olympic coverage?

Thanks, Goz, Warren.Goesle of Navistar.com

**Dave Partridge (Monday, July 30, 2012 10:54 AM)**

Answer. Never. The only sport that I really watch on TV is football, and I'm kind of spotty on that due to the timing. Won't spend a nice weekend day indoors. In fact I think I can honestly say that I've watched tv less than 5 times since the superbowl. Sorry to skew your survey (<

Dave, rebhuhn of [rocketmail.com](http://rocketmail.com)

**Rick Desper (Mon, 30 Jul 2012 09:54:09 -0700 (PDT))**

I would possibly go to a minor league game in person (I've done so in the past) but I wouldn't watch one on TV.

Rick, rick\_desper of [yahoo.com](mailto:rick_desper@yahoo.com)

*((I very, very, very occasionally watch sports on TV, and never a whole Red Sox game. Remember that I'm mostly a radio listener. I have been to more Pawtucket Red Sox games than Boston Red Sox games, by a VERY considerable number [of course, I live in Rhode Island]. And I do quite often listen to the radio broadcasts of the AAA (Pawsox) and AA (Sea Dogs) farm teams.))*

### **THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION**

I am continuing to note cut or failed support orders with a small "s" instead of a capital "S". This will make it easier on the E-Mailed version of the szine to see what happened, since the italics don't show there. The italics DO show on the web page just fine. Since I'm not postal mailing the szine any more, I've dropped back to just reporting the disguised E-Mail addresses. As someone notes, if you need some more contact information, go back to past issues or ask me.

Standby lists:

Mike Barno, Dick Martin, Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Glenn Petroski, Steve Emmert, Mark Kinney, Vince Lutterbie, Eric Brosius, Paul Rauterberg, Bob Osuch, Doug Kent, Sean O'Donnell, Heath Gardner, Paul Kenny, and Jeff O'Donnell stand by for regular Diplomacy. Let me know if you want on or off these lists, especially OFF given the new policies.

### **GAME OPENING INFORMATION**

I'm going to start the game opening list over. Under the new regime, who wants to play?

**DIPLOMACY:** First off, another regular Diplomacy game is open. Doug Kent and Brad Wilson are in, anyone else?

**BREAKING AWAY:** Also, a new Breaking Away game is open. Currently Andy York is on board. This is the game I really like running and want to start another one. It's easy, very low maintenance.

### **THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy**

**THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1907 IS AUGUST 24TH, 2012**

*Summer 1907*

**AUSTRIA** (Burgess): has f ION, a GAL, a VEN, a VIE, a TRI, f NAP, a SER, a BOH.

**ENGLAND** (James): has a DEN, f NTH, f TYH, f NWY, a HOL, f ROM, f SWE.

**FRANCE** (Williams): has a GAS, f MID, a BUR, f GOL, a MUN.

**GERMANY** (Ellinger): has a KIE, a BER.

**ITALY** (Crow): has f TUN, a PIE.

**RUSSIA** (Barno): has a SEV, a WAR, a SIL, a FIN, f CON, a PRU, f GRE, a RUM, f GOB.

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*Game Notes:*

1) There was some push on moving on to Fall, but not backed up by enough orders. On we go. I hope to see some of you at World DipCon!!!

*Press:*

**SPIRALS OF PARANOIA: 2005A, Regular Diplomacy**

**THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1910 IS AUGUST 24TH, 2012**

*Summer 1910*

FRANCE (Jim Tretick for Buddy Tretick): has f ENG, f NTH, a GAS, f GOL, a BUR, f TYH, f ION, a MAR, f LON.

GERMANY (Ozog for Tallman): has f KIE, a MUN, f HOL, a TYO, a PIE, a SER, a TRI, a VEN, a ROM, f DEN, a APU, a BEL, f EDI.

ITALY (Kent): has a NAP, f ADR, a GRE.

RUSSIA (Sundstrom): has f NWY, f BLA, a UKR, f AEG, a RUM, a BUL, a CON, a SEV.

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*Game Notes:*

1) The FGR, GR, and FG proposals are all rejected, no new proposals at the moment.

2) We now have two medical replacements, as Buddy's son Jim (who some of us played with many years ago as James Alan) will be playing for Buddy as Eric is playing for Terry.

3) There was no real interest in moving on to Fall early.

*Press:*

**FLIP FLOP: 2003G, Regular Diplomacy**

**TURKEY WON, CONGRATULATIONS AL LEVINSON! SC CHART NEXT TIME**

*Supply Center Chart*

ENGLAND (Kent): EDI,LVP,LON,por,den,kie,

nwy,swe,ber,stp

FRANCE (McHugh): PAR,MAR,BRE,spa,bel,hol

TURKEY (Levinson): ANK,SMY,CON,bul,sev,ser,gre, (18, WINS!)

tun,rom,rum,nap,ven,tri,mos,bud,vie,war,mun

Neutral: none (Total=34)

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*Game Notes:*

1) Congratulations, Al, for sticking this out to the solo!!! I'll have a Supply Center Chart next time and solicit endgame statements.

***LAST WORD: COME TO WORLD DIPCON, YOU CAN DO IT!!!***



**ZERO SUM, Subzine to Eternal Sunshine, Issue 4 July 30, 2012**

**Yahtzee Game: Kim Philby**

Everyone is free to join now or anytime up until Round 3 Roll 3 is published. Send me an email and your orders for the Round with the first roll then shown. Eg, if it is then Round 4, Roll 1; Round 3, Roll 2; and Round 2, Roll 3 – then tell me what to keep for Round 4 Roll 1. I will randomly choose one of the players already in the game and you get his or her rolls and score for the rounds already completed or in progress.

Rules published in Eternal Sunshine #65. Scoring and play modified from Milton Bradley's Yahtzee Game copyrighted 1982.

Brendan did not send orders and house rules left him with his previous dice for Round 1 and random selection of others choices for Round 2 gave him – the same thing everyone else kept (6,6)

<b>Round 1, Roll 3</b>	<b>5,3,1</b>
<u>Players:</u>	<u>Kept</u>
Doug Kent	Kept 2, 2
Brendan Whyte	Kept 2,2
Kevin Wilson	Kept 2,3,4
Geoff Kemp	Kept 2,3,4,6
Michael Moulton	Kept 3,3
Dane Maslen	Kept 2, 3, 4

<b>Round 2, Roll 2</b>	<b>2,4,5</b>
<u>Players:</u>	<u>Kept</u>
Doug Kent	Kept 6,6
Brendan Whyte	Kept 6,6
Kevin Wilson	Kept 6,6
Geoff Kemp	Kept 6,6
Michael Moulton	Kept 6,6
Dane Maslen	Kept 6,6

<b>Round 3, Roll 1</b>	<b>5,5,5,6,2</b>
<u>Players:</u>	<u>Kept</u>
Doug Kent	
Brendan Whyte	
Kevin Wilson	
Geoff Kemp	
Michael Moulton	
Dane Maslen	

**Orders Due: 48 hours before Doug's deadline.**

Need to include: The five dice you want to keep and how to score them for Round 1, now that we've had the 3<sup>rd</sup> roll. Make your best(least damaging) score and tell me where to put it. The five dice you want to keep from Round 2, Roll 2. That is out of the 2 you saved and the three new ones rolled. Which of the five die rolled for Round 3, Roll 1 you want to keep.

Thank you and Good Night. Live from CBS News, this is not...(who?)

Other Question: Who was first presidential candidate to appear on a television comedy show? What year?

# Game Openings

**Diplomacy (Black Press – Permanent Opening in ES):** Signed up: Dave Grabar, Steve Cooley, Hugh Polley, need four more to fill.

**Balkan Wars VI (Unknown Press Level): To be Guest GM'd by Brad Wilson:** Signed up: Doug Kent (that's me folks), Jack McHugh, Lance Anderson, Brendan Whyte, needs 2 more. Contact Brad to sign up at bwdolphin146 "of" yahoo.com. **Sign up now!!! HURRY!!!**

**Everybody Plays Diplomacy (Black Press):** An ongoing everyone-plays variant. Rules are in ES #47. Join in at any time!

**Yahtzee!:** Richard Weiss is running a game of **Yahtzee!** in his subzine **Zero Sum**, returning from a decades (?) long absence. **Join in now!**

**By Popular Demand:** Back to the normal format. Join anytime.

**Lifeboat:** Everybody plays, whether you actually do anything or not.

**Movie Photo Contest:** 10 Rounds, with a prize to the winner. Join anytime!

**Where in the World is Kendo Nagasaki?:** Rules in ES #58. **Join anytime!**

**Kremlin:** House rules in ES #59. I'd like to get five players for this, any takers? Jack McHugh, Rick Desper, Jim Burgess signed up, need at least 1 more.

**Standby List: HELP! I need standby players! – Current standby list: Richard Weiss, Jim Burgess (Dip only), Hank Alme, Martin Burgdorf, Paul Milewski (Dip only), Brad Wilson, Kevin Tighe (Dip only), Chris Babcock, Don Williams, Marc Ellinger, and whoever I beg into it in an emergency.**

*I'm going to continue to go through my files and seeing what other variants I can offer, until I find one that gets enough interest to fill. When I offer a variant I'll give it an issue or two, but if nobody signs up I'll drop the opening and replace it. If somebody wants to guest-GM a game of anything, just get in touch. If you have specific game requests please let me know.*

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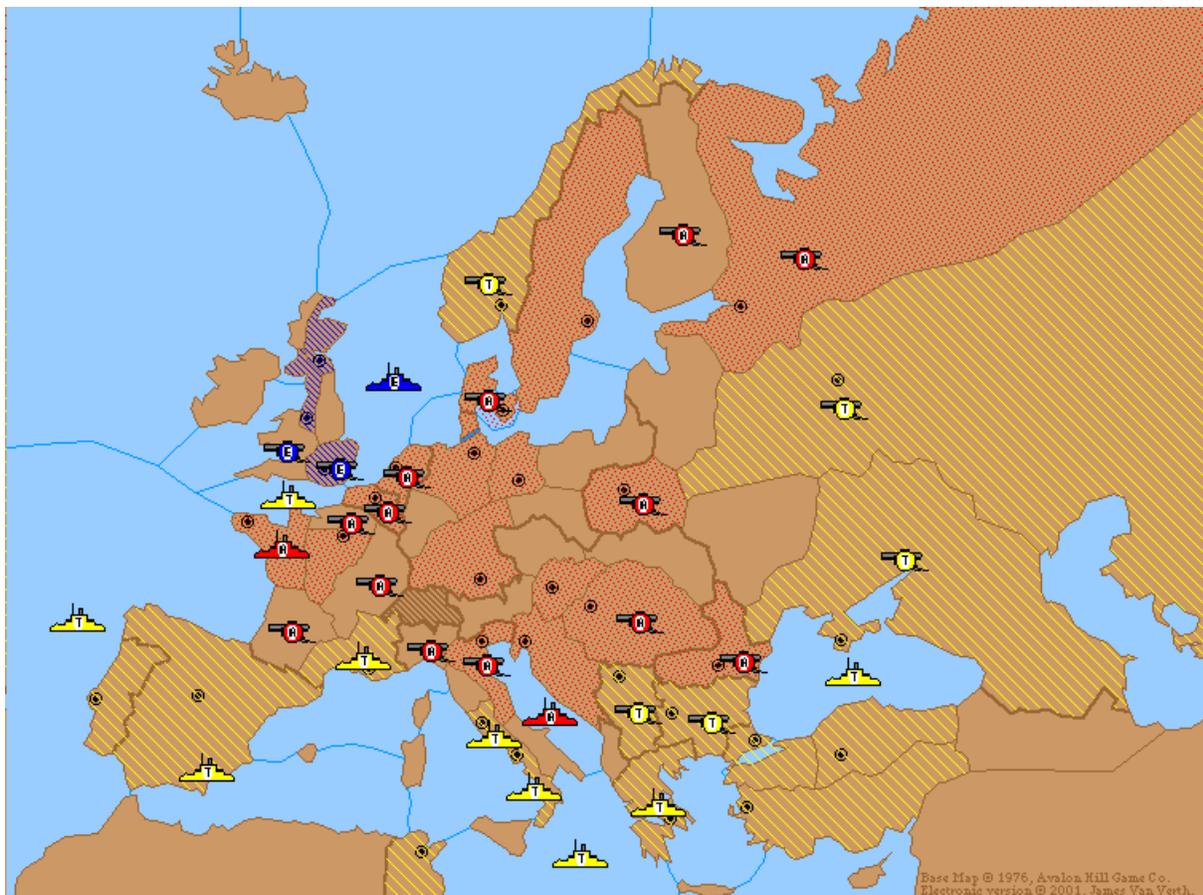
## Eternal Sunshine Game Section

### Diplomacy "Dulcinea" 2008C, F 19

**Austria (Martin Burgdorf – martin\_burgdorf "of" hotmail.com):** F Adriatic Sea - Ionian Sea (\*Fails\*), A Apulia – Venice, A Belgium Hold, F Brest Supports F North Sea - English Channel (\*Void\*), A Budapest Supports A Galicia – Rumania, A Burgundy Supports A Gascony – Marseilles, A Denmark Hold, A Finland Supports A Livonia - St Petersburg, A Galicia – Rumania, A Gascony - Marseilles (\*Fails\*), A Holland Supports A Belgium, A Livonia - St Petersburg, ~~A Norway Hold~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Sweden or OTB), A Picardy Supports F Brest, ~~A Serbia Supports A Galicia – Rumania~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Albania or Trieste or OTB), A Venice – Piedmont, A Warsaw - Moscow (\*Fails\*).

**England (Kevin Tighe – tigheman "of" yahoo.com):** F North Sea Supports A St Petersburg – Norway, A Wales - Brest (\*Fails\*), A Yorkshire - London.

**Turkey (Jim Burgess – jfburgess "of" gmail.com):** F Black Sea - Rumania (\*Fails\*), A Bulgaria Supports A Rumania – Serbia, F English Channel Convoys A Wales – Brest, F Greece Hold, F Ionian Sea - Adriatic Sea (\*Fails\*), F Marseilles Supports F Spain(sc) (\*Cut\*), F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Supports A Wales – Brest, A Moscow Supports A Sevastopol (\*Cut\*), F Naples Supports F Rome, F Rome Supports F Naples, A Rumania – Serbia, A Sevastopol Supports A Moscow, F Spain(sc) Supports F Marseilles, A St Petersburg - Norway.



***W 19/S 20 Deadline is August 28th at 7:00am my time***

#### **Supply Center Chart**

**Austria:** Belgium, Berlin, Brest, Budapest, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Munich, Paris, Rumania, St Petersburg, Sweden, Trieste, Venice, Vienna, Warsaw=16, Remove 1 or Even or Build 1

**England:** Edinburgh, Liverpool, London=3, Even

**Turkey:** Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Marseilles, Moscow, Naples, Norway, Portugal, Rome, Serbia, Sevastopol, Smyrna, Spain, Tunis=15, Build 1

#### **PRESS**

**Eng - Bourse:** Buy Pounds, the Queen, James Bond and the Corkies demand it.

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### **"Dulcinea" Diplomacy Bourse**

**Billy Ray Valentine:** Probably in his limousine.

**Duke of York:** Sells 500 Crowns. Buys 712 Pounds.

**Smaug the Dragon:** Nada.

**Rothschild:** Sells 500 Crowns. Buys 569 Piastres.

**Baron Wuffet:** Nil.

**Wooden Nickel Enterprises:** Sells 438 Piastres, 500 pounds. Buys 736 Crowns.

**VAIONT Enterprises:** Nothing.

**Insider Trading LLC:** Nunca.

**Bourse Master:** Stands pat.

	<u>Austrian</u> <u>Crowns</u>	<u>English</u> <u>Pounds</u>	<u>French</u> <u>Francs</u>	<u>German</u> <u>Marks</u>	<u>Italian</u> <u>Lire</u>	<u>Russian</u> <u>Rubles</u>	<u>Turkish</u> <u>Piastres</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Opening Value	\$2.0769	\$1.4579	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$1.8256		
Closing Value	\$2.0505	\$1.4791	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$1.8387		
<b><u>Player Holdings</u></b>									
Billy Ray Valentine	500	1677	700	1000	700	700	1500	\$ 0.59	\$6,264.34
Duke of York	860	3514	0	0	0	0	4284	\$ 1.03	\$14,839.01
Smaug the Dragon	1099	0	0	1371	0	4750	2050	\$ 1.51	\$6,024.34
Rothschild	693	2849	8360	650	0	0	2977	\$ 1.06	\$11,109.82
Baron Wuffet	986	3367	0	822	400	300	622	\$ 0.29	\$8,145.88
Wooden Nickel Enterprises	6108	1152	0	0	0	642	0	\$ 0.63	\$14,229.01
VAIONT Enterprises	6784	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 1.38	\$13,911.97
Insider Trading LLC	2475	1232	0	0	0	0	1866	\$ 730.81	\$11,059.06
Bourse Master	0	0	0	0	0	1000	4088	\$ 0.84	\$7,517.45
<b><u>Any New Players</u></b>	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	\$ -	\$5,368.30

#### PRESS

**Duke of York:** I am the Duke of York... I have ten thousand men.... my plan will likely fail as I march them down again....

**Duke of York to VAIONT Enterprises:** I got the Italian thing right off...and so yes, it was always pretty obvious.

**Duke of York to VAIONT:** It does seem like you're behind my plan, wish someone else was.....

***Next Bourse Deadline is August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm my time***

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### Graustark Diplomacy Game 2006A, F 17

**Austria (Don Williams – dwilliams "of" fontana.org):** F Adriatic Sea Supports F Tyrrhenian Sea - Ionian Sea, A Budapest - Vienna (\*Bounce\*), A Trieste - Vienna (\*Bounce\*).

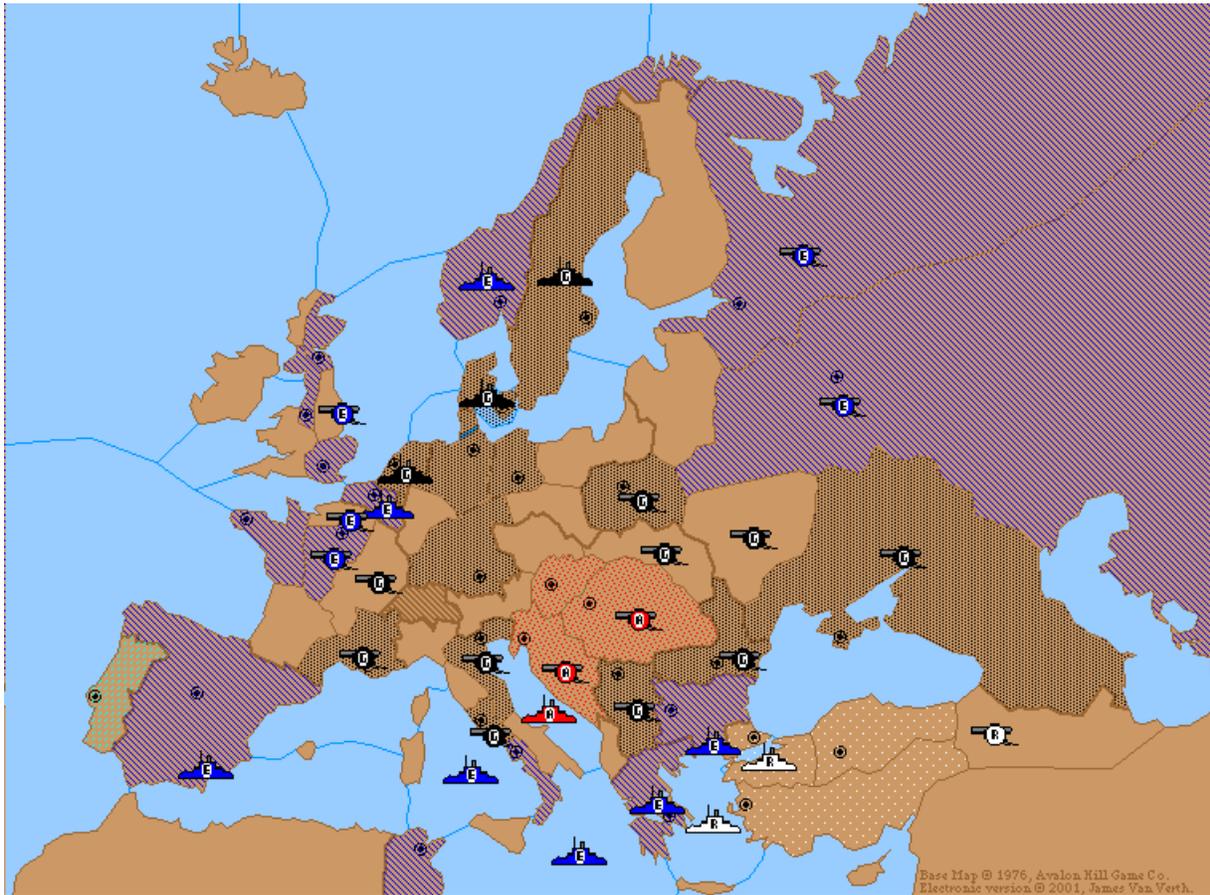
**England (Fred Wiedemeyer – wiedem "of" telus.net):** F Albania – Greece, F Belgium Supports A Picardy, A Gascony – Paris, F Greece - Bulgaria(sc), F Ionian Sea - Aegean Sea (\*Fails\*), A Moscow Supports A St Petersburg, F Norway Hold, A Picardy Supports F Belgium, F Spain(sc) Hold, A St Petersburg Supports A Moscow, F Tyrrhenian Sea - Ionian Sea (\*Fails\*), A Yorkshire Hold.

**France (Hank Alme – almejh "of" alumni.rice.edu):** No units.

**Germany (Harley Jordan – harleyj "of" alum.mit.edu):** A Burgundy Supports A Marseilles, F Denmark Hold, A Galicia Supports A Rumania, F Holland Hold, A Marseilles Supports A Burgundy, A Rome Supports A Venice,

A Rumania Supports F Greece - Bulgaria(sc), A Serbia Supports F Greece - Bulgaria(sc),  
A Sevastopol - Armenia (\*Fails\*), F Sweden Hold, A Ukraine - Sevastopol (\*Bounce\*),  
 A Venice Supports A Rome, A Warsaw Hold.

**Russia (John Biehl – jerbil “of” shaw.ca):** F Aegean Sea Supports A Bulgaria (\*Cut\*),  
A Armenia - Sevastopol (\*Bounce\*), A Bulgaria Hold (\*Disbanded\*), F Constantinople Supports A Bulgaria.



**Concession to England Fails. Now Proposed – Concession to Germany.  
 Please vote. NVR=No.  
 W 17/S 18 Deadline is August 28th at 7:00am my time**

**Supply Center Chart**

- Austria: Budapest, Trieste, Vienna=3, Even
- England: Belgium, Brest, Bulgaria, Edinburgh, Greece, Liverpool, London, Moscow, Naples, Norway, Paris, Spain, St Petersburg, Tunis=14, Build 2
- France: Portugal=1, Plays 1 Short
- Germany: Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Marseilles, Munich, Rome, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Sweden, Venice, Warsaw=13, Even
- Russia: Ankara, Constantinople, Smyrna=3, Even

**PRESS:**

**Anon.:** Perhaps the festering red pustule will explode and discolour the black vermin.

**AUSTRIA to EUROPE:** I'm having a very strong sense of déjà vu ...

**A Bul Moons A Rum & Farts** Loudly at the Germans.

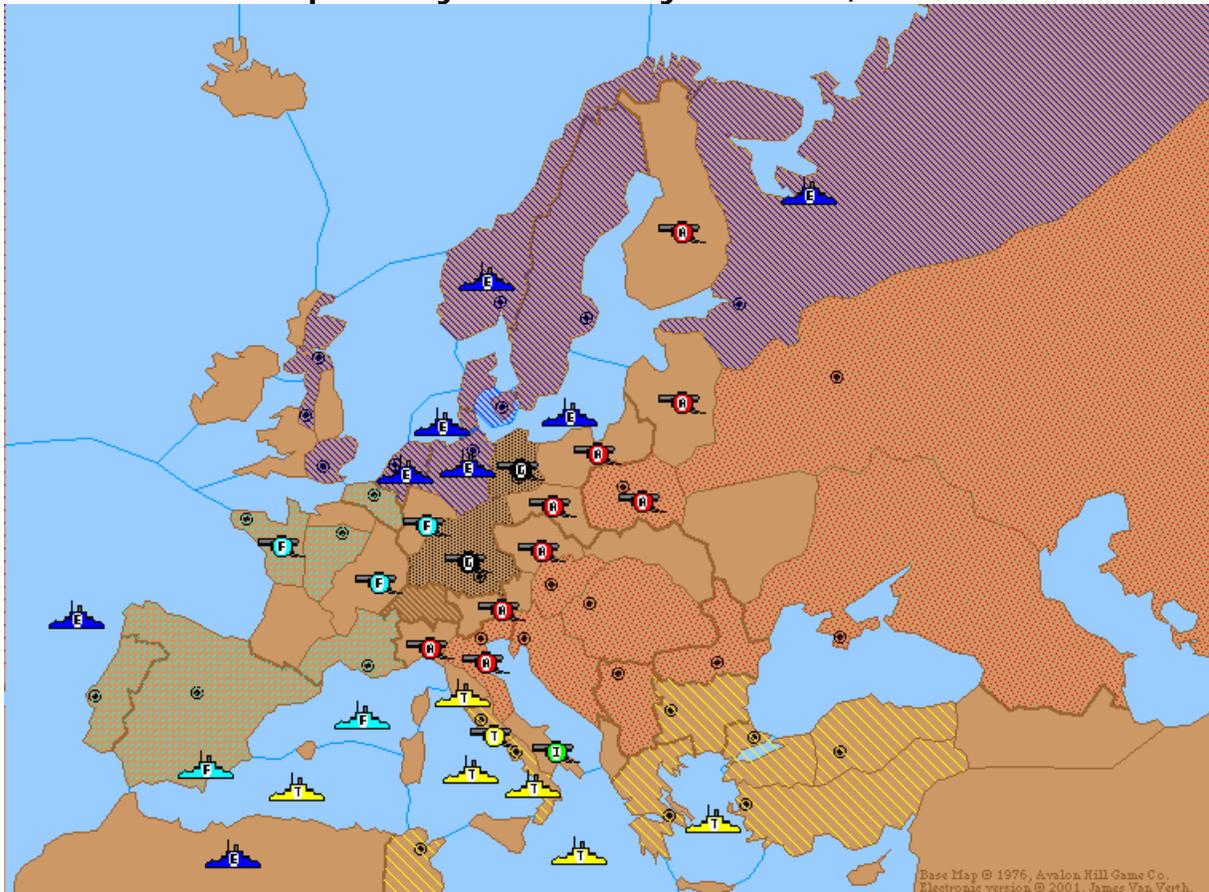
## Black Press Gunboat, "Scream" 2010Brb32, End Game Report

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10		
<b>Austria</b>	4	3	0								<b>Jack McHugh</b>	<b>OUT F03</b>
<b>England</b>	5	4	5	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	<b>Jeff O'Donnell</b>	<b>SURV F10</b>
<b>France</b>	4	5	5	5	6	7	6	4	5	5	<b>Brad Wilson</b>	<b>SURV F10</b>
<b>Germany</b>	5	6	6	6	5	3	4	6	4	2	<b>Dave McCrumb</b>	<b>SURV F10</b>
<b>Italy</b>	4	5	5	3	1	0					<b>Michael Moulton</b>	<b>OUT F06</b>
<b>Russia</b>	6	7	8	10	11	13	14	16	17	20	<b>Melinda Holley</b>	<b>WIN F10</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	4	4	5	7	8	9	8	6	5	5	<b>Paraic Reddington</b>	<b>SURV F10</b>

**France (Brad Wilson):** One look at what supply centers Germany controlled at the end of the game tells the story: with Russia on the loose the Huns kept pounding on me and any chance of stopping Russia in the West fizzled. I turned France into a Med power to at least slow Russia down on the Southern front but had no success. I didn't play all that well, but most everybody else was worse except for Russia who was brilliant.

**Russia (Melinda Holley):** Well, I'm shocked \*g\*! Actually, I really anticipate seeing who the players were in this game. I got lucky more than once and was able to take advantage of other's mistakes. All in all, a stress-free game, which I needed right now \*g\*.

## Diplomacy "Dublin Boys" 2010D, F 09



**Austria (Paul Milewski – paul.milewski "of" hotmail.com):** A Bohemia - Munich (\*Bounce\*), A Finland - Sweden (\*Bounce\*), A Galicia – Warsaw, A Moscow – Livonia, A Prussia Supports A Berlin, A Silesia - Munich (\*Bounce\*), A Trieste – Venice, A Tyrolia Supports A Venice – Piedmont, A Venice - Piedmont.

**England (Kevin Tighe – tigheman "of" yahoo.com):** F Baltic Sea - Sweden (\*Bounce\*), F Barents Sea – Norway, F English Channel - Mid-Atlantic Ocean, F Helgoland Bight Supports F Kiel, F Holland Supports F Kiel, F Kiel Hold, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - North Africa, F St Petersburg(nc) Hold.

**France (Jeff O'Donnell – unclestaush "of" yahoo.com):** A Burgundy – Ruhr, A Gascony – Brest,

A Paris – Burgundy, ~~A Piedmont Hold~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Marseilles or OTB), F Portugal - Spain(sc), F Spain(sc) - Gulf of Lyon.

**Germany (Melinda Holley – genea5613 “of” aol.com):** A Berlin Supports A Munich – Kiel, A Munich - Kiel (\*Fails\*).

**Italy (Hank Alme – almejh “of” alumni.rice.edu):** Retreat A Rome - Apulia.. A Apulia - Rome (\*Fails\*).

**Turkey (Brad Wilson - bwdolphin146 “of” yahoo.com):** F Aegean Sea Hold, F Greece - Ionian Sea, F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea, F Naples Supports F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea, A Rome Supports F Tyrrhenian Sea - Tuscany (\*Cut\*), F Tunis - Western Mediterranean, F Tyrrhenian Sea - Tuscany.

**Now Proposed – A/E Draw. Please vote, NVR=No.  
W 09/S 10 Deadline is August 28th at 7:00am my time**

### Supply Center Chart

Austria: Budapest, Moscow, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Trieste, Venice, Vienna, Warsaw=9, Even  
England: Denmark, Edinburgh, Holland, Kiel, Liverpool, London, Norway, St Petersburg, Sweden=9, Build 1  
France: Belgium, Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain=6, Even or Build 1  
Germany: Berlin, Munich=2, Even  
Italy: None=0, OUT!!  
Turkey: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Naples, Rome, Smyrna, Tunis=8, Build 1

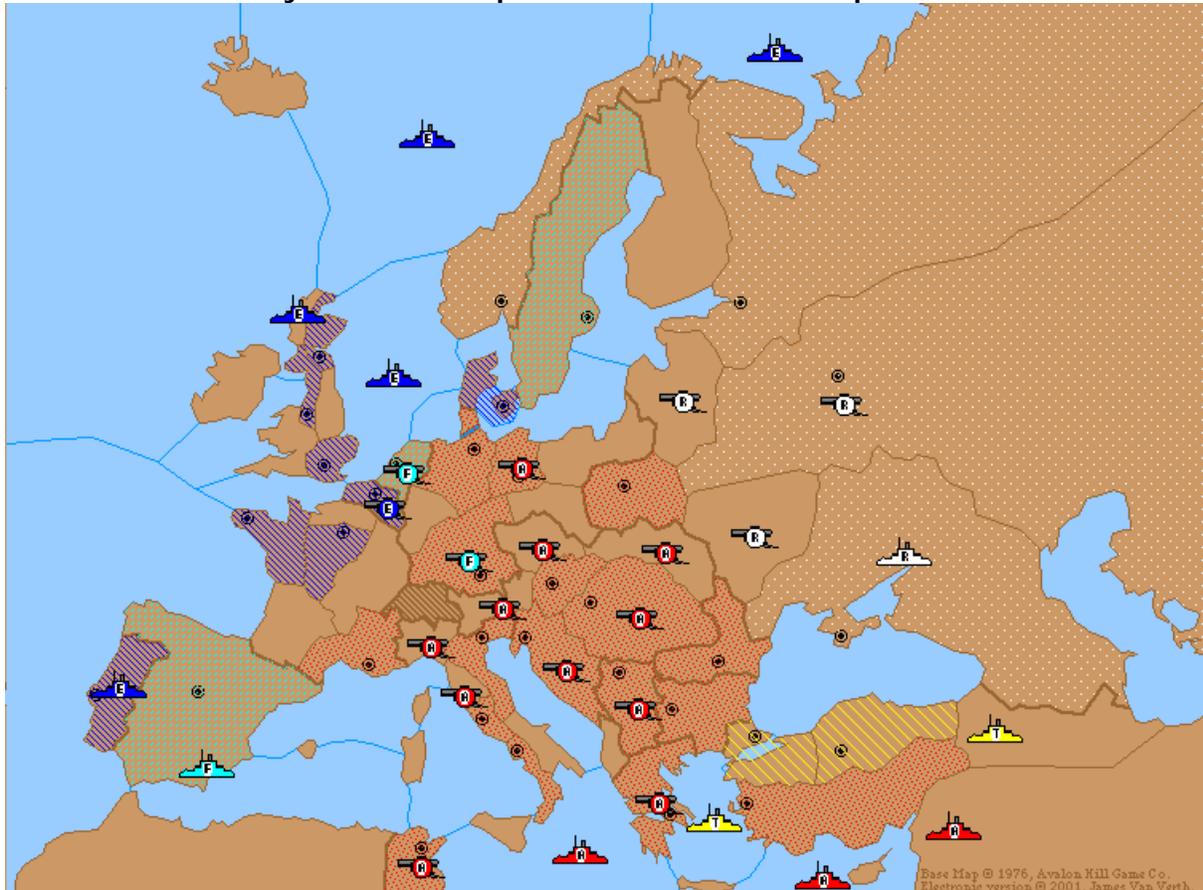
### PRESS

**CON:** Here we come, walking down the street, look out for us, we're R/T!!!!

**England:** Wish I had more fleets!

## Everybody Plays Diplomacy “Dandelion” 2010Cvj08, W 09/S 10

Player Names or Handles will be shown for any power they commanded each season.  
Remember, in some seasons if we get enough players you may not wind up commanding any nations. All press submitted will be printed.



**Austria (John Biehl):** Plays 2 short.. A Budapest Hold, A Bulgaria – Greece, F Eastern Mediterranean Hold, F Ionian Sea Hold, A Kiel – Berlin, A Marseilles – Piedmont, A Munich – Tyrolia, A North Africa – Tunis, A Piedmont – Tuscany, A Rumania – Serbia, A Silesia – Bohemia, F Smyrna – Syria, A Tyrolia – Trieste, A Warsaw - Galicia.

**England (Dave McCrumb):** Disband F Edinburgh..Plays 2 short.. A Belgium - Holland (\*Fails\*), F Denmark - North Sea, F Edinburgh – Clyde, F North Sea - Norwegian Sea, F Norwegian Sea - Barents Sea, F Portugal Hold.

**France (Tom Howell):** Remove A Ruhr, A Finland.. A Burgundy – Munich, A Holland Supports F Denmark - Kiel (\*Void\*), F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - Spain(sc).

**Russia (Rick Desper):** Retreat A Warsaw - Moscow.. F Black Sea – Sevastopol, A Moscow Supports A Sevastopol – Ukraine, A Sevastopol – Ukraine, A St Petersburg - Livonia.

**Turkey (Brad Wilson):** F Ankara – Armenia, F Constantinople - Aegean Sea.

## ***Fall 10 Deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am my time***

### **PRESS**

**Anon:** You are all deranged (except me, of course).

**Turkey:** Oy Vey! What now?!

**Italy Must Die -> World:** I win! I win! (sound of last Italian fleet sinking in Aegean Sea)

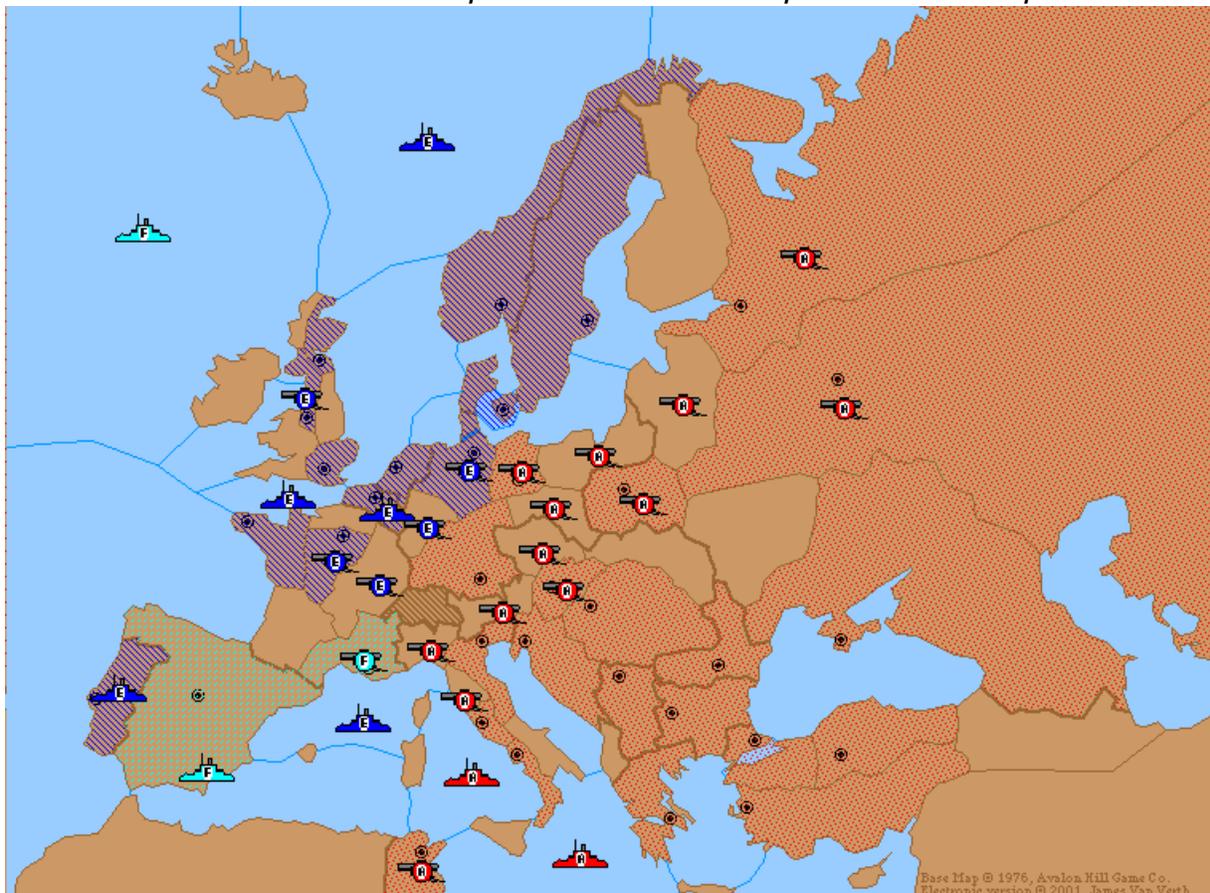
**TURKEY:** Got to get to Syria before the Hapsburgs do!!

**Austria Must Not Win-Board:** C'mon guys let's keep this gaming going for FOREVER!!! Mowhahahahah....

**Italy Must Win-Board:** If hadn't been for that dog and those meddling kids, I'd have won for sure...

**(ITALY MUST WIN NEVER GIVES UP):** My mission now is to make Austria die, help me guys!

### **Black Press Gunboat, "Streets of Soho," 2011Arb32, F 08**



**Austria:** A Bohemia - Munich (\*Bounce\*), ~~A Burgundy - Marseilles~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Gascony or OTB), A Galicia - Warsaw, A Greece - Tunis, F Ionian Sea Convoys A Greece - Tunis, A Livonia Supports A Moscow - St Petersburg, A Moscow - St Petersburg, A Munich - Berlin, A Piedmont Supports A Burgundy - Marseilles, A Prussia Supports A Munich - Berlin, A Silesia Supports A Munich - Berlin, A Tuscany Hold, A Tyrolia Supports A Bohemia - Munich, F Tyrrhenian Sea - Western Mediterranean (\*Bounce\*), A Vienna - Bohemia (\*Fails\*), A Warsaw - Moscow.

**England:** Retreat F Marseilles - Gulf of Lyon.. F Belgium Hold, ~~F Berlin - Prussia~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Baltic Sea or OTB), F Edinburgh - Norwegian Sea, F English Channel - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (\*Bounce\*), F Gulf of Lyon - Western Mediterranean (\*Bounce\*), A Kiel - Munich (\*Bounce\*), A Liverpool Hold, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - Portugal, A Paris Supports A Picardy - Burgundy, A Picardy - Burgundy, A Ruhr Supports A Kiel - Munich, ~~A St Petersburg - Moscow~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Norway or Finland or OTB).

**France:** A Marseilles Supports F Spain(sc) (\*Cut\*), F North Atlantic Ocean - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (\*Bounce\*), F Spain(sc) Supports A Marseilles.

**Concession to Austria Fails**  
**Deadline for EOG Statements is August 28th at 7:00am my time**

**Supply Center Chart**

Austria: Ankara, Berlin, Budapest, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Moscow, Munich, Naples, Rome, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Smyrna, St Petersburg, Trieste, Tunis, Venice, Vienna, Warsaw=20, WINS!!

England: Belgium, Brest, Denmark, Edinburgh, Holland, Kiel, Liverpool, London, Norway, Paris, Portugal, Sweden=12

France: Marseilles, Spain=2

**PRESS**

**France - England** : Unless you have given up on this game we need to work together to stop Austria but are you up for it?

**AUSTRIA - WORLD:** The victory is mine!

**Press:** Congrats to Austria....Well Played Old Chap!!

**Diplomacy - "Lighthouse" - 2011A - S 05**

**Austria (Don Williams - dwilliams "of" fontana.org):** A Serbia Supports F Greece - Bulgaria(sc) (\*Void\*).

**England (Paul Milewski - paul.milewski "of" hotmail.com):** A Clyde Hold, F Liverpool Supports F Norwegian Sea - North Atlantic Ocean (\*Void\*), F London Supports F North Sea - English Channel (\*Void\*).

**France (Kevin Wilson - ckevinw "of" gmail.com):** A Belgium - Ruhr, A Burgundy Supports A Belgium - Ruhr, F English Channel - London (\*Fails\*), ~~A Holland Supports A Belgium - Ruhr~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Belgium or OTB), F Marseilles - Piedmont (\*Bounce\*), F North Atlantic Ocean - Liverpool (\*Fails\*), F Western Mediterranean - Tyrrhenian Sea.

**Germany (Brad Wilson - bwdolphin146 "of" yahoo.com):** F Helgoland Bight Supports A Kiel - Holland, A Kiel - Holland, F Norwegian Sea Unordered, A Ruhr - Munich.

**Italy (Melinda Holley - genea5613 "of" aol.com):** F Aegean Sea - Bulgaria(sc), A Budapest Supports A Galicia - Rumania, A Galicia - Rumania (\*Fails\*), F Greece Supports F Aegean Sea - Bulgaria(sc), F Ionian Sea - Tunis, A Trieste - Venice, A Tyrolia - Piedmont (\*Bounce\*), A Vienna - Galicia (\*Bounce\*).

**Russia (Fred Wiedemeyer - wiedem "of" telus.net):** F Black Sea Supports A Rumania, ~~A Bulgaria - Greece~~ (\*Dislodged\*, retreat to Constantinople or OTB), F Constantinople - Aegean Sea, F Eastern Mediterranean - Ionian Sea, A Finland - St Petersburg, F North Sea - Yorkshire, F Norway - North Sea, A Rumania Hold, A Smyrna Hold, A Ukraine Supports A Rumania, A Warsaw - Galicia (\*Bounce\*).

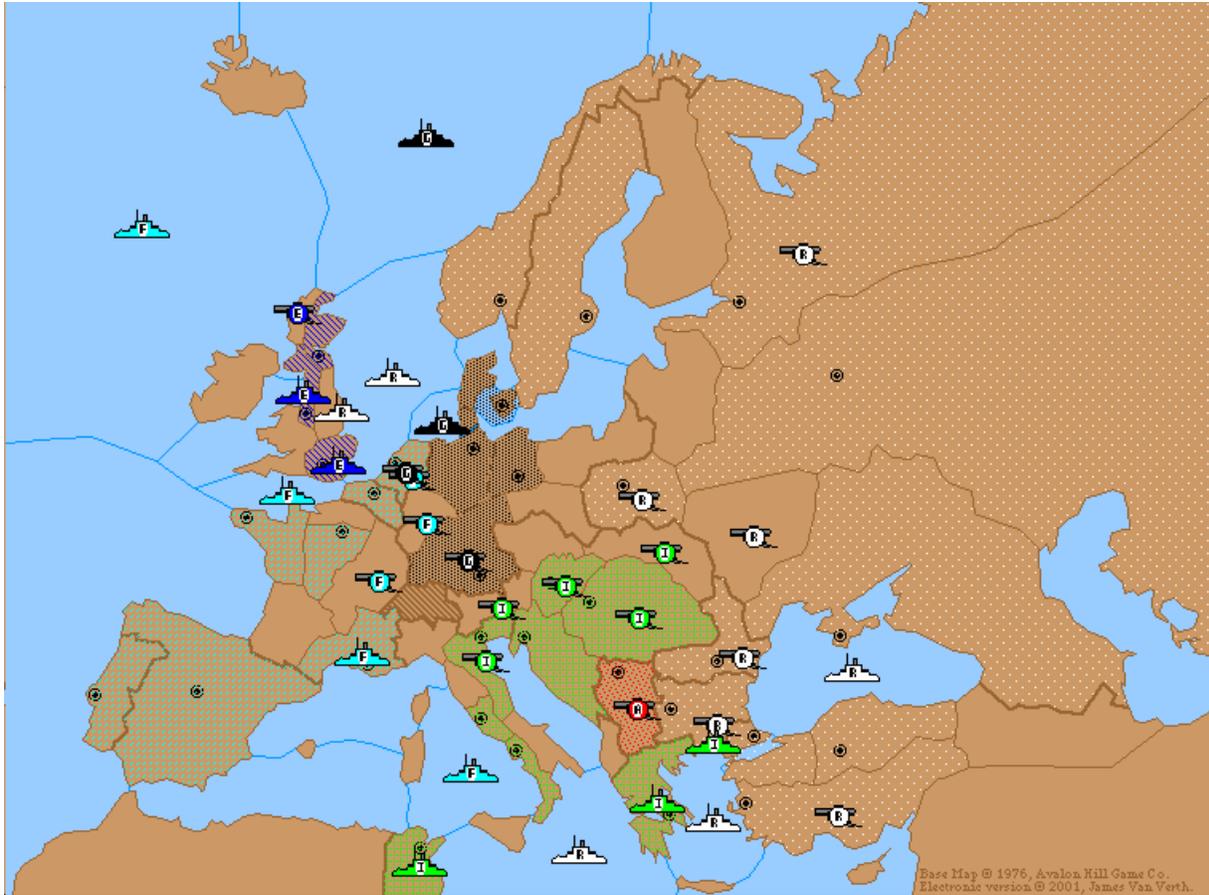
**F 05 Deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am my time**

## PRESS

**Borgia Queen - Austria:** Aww....you know how I hate to repeat myself!

**Borgia Queen - Kiel:** Yes, but he makes Doug happy....

**GER-ITA:** Nice Melinda! Nice Melinda!



## Diplomacy "Jerusalem" 2012A, Fall 1901

**Austria (Melinda Holley – genea5613 "of" aol.com):** F Albania – Greece, A Serbia - Trieste (\*Bounce\*), A Vienna - Trieste (\*Bounce\*).

**England (John Biehl – jerbil "of" shaw.ca):** F North Sea Convoys A Yorkshire – Denmark, F Norwegian Sea – Norway, A Yorkshire - Denmark.

**France (Jack McHugh – jwmchughjr "of" gmail.com):** F Mid-Atlantic Ocean – Portugal, A Paris – Burgundy, A Spain Hold.

**Germany (Don Williams – dwilliams "of" fontana.org):** F Holland – Belgium, A Kiel – Holland, A Munich - Ruhr.

**Italy (Mark Firth - mark.firth "of" bluefingroup.co.uk):** A Apulia Hold, F Ionian Sea – Tunis, A Venice Hold.

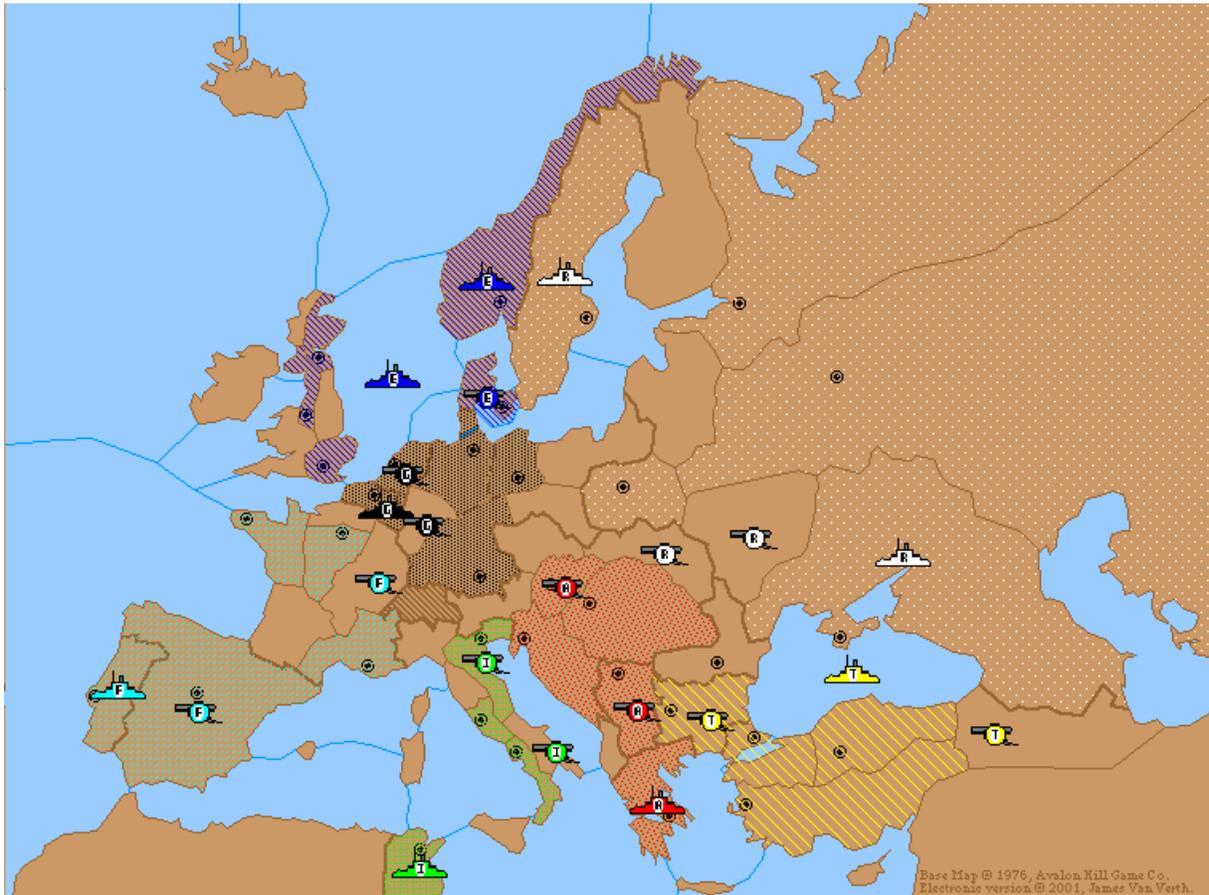
**Russia (Richard Weiss – richardweiss "of" higherquality.com):** F Gulf of Bothnia – Sweden, F Sevastopol Supports A Ukraine - Rumania (\*Cut\*), A Ukraine - Rumania (\*Bounce\*), A Warsaw - Galicia.

**Turkey (Geoff Kemp - ggeoff510 "of" aol.com):** F Ankara - Black Sea, A Armenia - Sevastopol (\*Fails\*), A Bulgaria - Rumania (\*Bounce\*).

### Supply Center Chart

Austria:	Budapest, Greece, Serbia, Trieste, Vienna=5, Build 2
England:	Denmark, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Norway=5, Build 2
France:	Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain=5, Build 2

Germany: Belgium, Berlin, Holland, Kiel, Munich=5, Build 2  
 Italy: Naples, Rome, Tunis, Venice=4, Build 1  
 Russia: Moscow, Sevastopol, St Petersburg, Sweden, Warsaw=5, Build 1  
 Turkey: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Smyrna=4, Build 1  
 Unowned: Rumania.



***W 01/S 02 Deadline now is August 28th at 7:00am my time***

**PRESS**

**(Inside the Vatican Walls)** - I said the Riviera! Damn public education...Generals can't find the Riviera on the map!

**(Channel 17 News)** - Reports are filtering out through the World Court about a Ponzi scheme allegedly being run out of a Munich beer hall. Confidential sources indicate that Belgian chocolate shoppes are being used as a front with French and English citizens as primary targets for exploitation. Stay tuned for further developments.

**France-Board:** All this press---yet so few letters, how strange, how strange....

**France-Germany:** Still waiting on that first letter from you. Your reputation does precede you, but you still need to write me a letter even if you are a hobby legend and all that...

**Jack to Brad:** You'll go to any lengths to avoid me, eh?

**France to Russia:** Don't expect to get many replies in this game to your notes...

**Russia to All:** Ah, back at Diplomacy, first this century. And the honor of playing Allan B. Calhamer's favorite country and the one he believed was most powerful. Thanks Brad for the good position. Now buzz off you Turkey!

**Russia to Turkey:** I had no voice previously, as an answer to your press. However, now I'm yelling into the ether "Go West, not North." At least help Italy take Greece. Heh, heh.

**Russia to France:** If beers are what you want, I'll send beers. Jax beer, best New Orleans can offer. I thought you wanted flap jacks though, so I sent griddle cakes and Aunt Jemima black face black syrup.

**Tsarina Catherine to Sara:** I'm glad you were resurrected. The first coming was immaculate and now resurrected. You starting a new religion?

#### **United Nations Mandate!**

- To Russia - When negotiating it helps to diplomate not order, after all, Negotiation is the art of Diplomacy!
- To Italy - A smokescreen is all very well, as long as there is smoke with which to form it!
- To England - The use of over whelming force to crack a nut usually means there is a soft option left uncovered elsewhere!
- To France - Are you one who can resist everything except temptation?
- To Austria - Honey is sweet but produced from the Bee!
- To Germany - Sitting on the fence is fine, the worry is falling off through inaction!
- To Turkey - It's never a great idea to change horses during a race!

**(BOOB to SARA REICHERT):** Remember that there is SOMEONE else who knows all the secrets and accompanied Mr. Duck on the quest. Be careful what you say.

**(BOOB to JERUSALEM):** Don knows how to entice me into some guest press... just mention that Japanese chef, we ALL know the one....

**(DW ANALYSIS COMMENTATOR to DON AND MELINDA):** Shall we have deja vu all over again?

**(BOOB to JOHN):** Glad to see you playing, hope all is well!!!

**(BOOB to BWAD):** Sorry to see you go, but you probably made the right decision.

**(BOOB to RICHARD):** Really? You're still here??

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### **By Popular Demand**

Credit goes to Ryk Downes, I believe, for inventing this. The goal is to pick something that fits the category and will be the "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. 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. A prize will be awarded to the winner. ***Research is permitted!***

***Note – This is the regular By Popular Demand, not the By ALMOST popular demand we did last time.***

#### **Round 4 Categories**

1. A soft drink brand or name which is either no longer available or hard to find.
2. A brand of dog food.
3. A Rolling Stones album.
4. A film with Roger Moore in it.
5. A nautical Strait.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Soft Drink</u>	<u>Dog Food</u>	<u>Rolling Stones</u>	<u>Roger Moore</u>	<u>Strait</u>	<u>Turn</u>	<u>Total</u>
Michael Moulton	Surge	Alpo	Black and Blue	<i>Live and Let Die</i>	Bering	49	229
Marc Ellinger	Tab	Alpo	<i>Let it Bleed</i>	Live and Let Die	Gibraltar	51	225
Dane Maslen	Corona	<i>Iams</i>	The Rolling Stones	Live and Let Die	Gibraltar	34	222
Kevin Wilson	RC Cola	Purina	Sticky Fingers	The Man With the Golden Gun	<b>Gibraltar</b>	45	215
Brad Wilson	Tab	<b>Alpo</b>	Sticky Fingers	The Spy Who Loved Me	Gibraltar	50	214
Jim Burgess	Coke Classic	<b>Alpo</b>	Let it Bleed	The Spy Who Loved Me	Hormuz	34	211
Allison Kent	Surge	Alpo	Sticky Fingers	A View to a Kill	<b>Gibraltar</b>	44	209
W. Andrew York	Fanta	<b>Purina</b>	The Rolling Stones	Live and Let Die	Hormuz	40	201
Rick Desper	Tab	Purina	Tattoo You	Live and Let Die	<b>Bering</b>	43	194
Carol Key	Nehi	<b>Purina</b>	The Carpenters	Live and Let Die	Gibraltar	47	187
John Biehl	Crystal Pepsi	Purina	<i>Exile on Main Street</i>	Live and Let Die	Malacca	29	186
Richard Weiss	New Coke	<b>Purina</b>	Beggar's Banquet	Live and Let Die	Hormuz	39	186
Heather Taylor	<b>Tab</b>	Purina	Sticky Fingers	The Spy Who Loved Me	Bering	39	185
Paraic Reddington	<b>Cherry Coke</b>	Pedigree	Some Girls	The Man With the Golden Gun	Magellan	13	180
Per Westling	Vanilla Pepsi	Pedigree	Hot Rocks	Live and Let Die	<b>Bering</b>	33	176
Dick Martin	<b>Orange Crush</b>	Alpo	Sticky Fingers	Live and Let Die	Bering	40	174
Brendan Whyte	<b>Tab</b>	Champ	Steel Wheels	Moonraker	Gibraltar	27	169
David McCrumb	<b>Tab</b>	Purina	Some Girls	Live and Let Die	Gibraltar	52	161
Andy Lischett	Kayo	Alpo	Let it Bleed	Unknown	<b>Gibraltar</b>	40	153
Geoff Kemp	Cresta	PAL	<i>Their Satanic Majesties Request</i>	Live and Let Die	Gibraltar	29	150
Hank Alme	Rondo	Alpo	Sticky Fingers	<b>Octopussy</b>	Taiwan	23	147
Richard Walkerdine	Kick	Winalot	<i>Sympathy for the Devil</i>	The Wild Geese	Gibraltar	17	146
Martin Burgdorf	Jolt	<b>Pedigree</b>	Sticky Fingers	Live and Let Die	Malacca	32	146
Melinda Holley	Diet Rite	Alpo	Hot Rocks	Live and Let Die	<b>Hormuz</b>	36	142
Don Williams	RC Cola	Alpo	Some Girls	The Spy Who Loved Me	<b>Magellan</b>	26	140
Philip Murphy	<b>Citra</b>	Cesar	Let it Bleed	Live and Let Die	Gibraltar	34	118
Kevin Tighe	RC Cola	<b>Purina</b>	Some Girls	Octopussy	Bering	33	115
Jack McHugh	Jolt	<b>Iams</b>	Greatest Hits Vol 1	The Spy Who Loved Me	Singapore	13	96
Mark Firth	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	NMR	13	79
<b>MOST POPULAR</b>	<b>Tab</b>	<b>Alpo</b>	<b>Sticky Fingers</b>	<b>Live and Let Die</b>	<b>Gibraltar</b>		

Congrats to Marc Ellinger who pulled a high score of 51, moving him into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Poor Paraic Reddington and Jack McHugh each brought up the rear with a lowly 13.

#### Selected Comments By Category:

**Soft Drink** – John Biehl “Crystal Pepsi’ - not a good choice of name in retrospect is it?” Geoff Kemp “Cresta “Its Frothy Man” !!! Did that survive long there?” **[[Don't even remember if it was ever marketed here.]]** Marc Ellinger “The government ruined Tab by claiming that saccharin was a carcinogen (if a year’s supply of Tab were distilled into one shot and give to a rat. Under that test, water is also a carcinogen).” Per Westling “What an interesting question... My first thought was “Chocolate Zingo” which actually appeared (with its factory being a sort of a “holy grail” in the Swedish children science fiction “Kenny Starfighter”. Well, you dont wanna know....But for something known internationally? I’ll go for Pepsi Vanilla. Actually I like both Vanilla Coke and Cherry Coke, and both were tried for a while here some years ago, but they were no “hit”. So when I visited USA a couple of months ago I did buy some in the local super market...” Richard Weiss “Fresca, Squirt, Fanta, Tab, New Coke, Jolt, Cream (a flavor, oops, who made the cream soda?). Hmmm, Regional brands like Barq’s (which went national)? I’m glad you didn’t ask about beer names, even more there. Is YooHoo a soft drink? I think a Coke or Pepsi product name will win.” Dane Maslen “A former UK brand of soft drinks is not going to score well, but it’s the obvious answer for me as I remember Corona very well from my childhood and had often wondered what happened to it (bought by The Beecham Group and then Britvic apparently).” **[[Here in the U.S. Corona is a highly-popular Mexican beer.]]**

**Dog Food** – Richard Weiss “I only know two brands, IAMS and Purina. I’ve seen one of Purina’s factories, big chute from the slaughter house next door to it, so I’ll go with it.”

**Rolling Stones** – Dave McCrumb “Some Girls was my college roommate’s favorite album.” Andy Lischett “Most popular will probably be Sticky Fingers, but I like Let It Bleed. Carol prefers The Carpenters.” Kevin Wilson “I’m

not a huge fan so I'm not real familiar with their history so this one was also tough for me." Andy York "first album released is as good as any." Marc Ellinger "Let It Bleed – Is there a better album by the Stones (or a better name of an album?)" Dane Maslen "Although "The Rolling Stones" is an obvious answer in the UK, no such album title was released in the US." Don Williams "Some Girls (the only album I actually remember by name ... not even one of my favorites."

**Roger Moore** – Marc Ellinger "Live and Let Die – The film that made him Bond (and even though the Saint was on British TV, really made him a star!)"

**Strait** – Richard Weiss "I only know three off the top of my head: Gibraltar, Hormuz, and Magellan. I'll go with Hormuz as it is in the news a bunch, but my hunch is Gibraltar." Dane Maslen "I'd be amazed if the Strait of Gibraltar sprung readily to Americans' minds. I contemplated going for the Bering Strait instead."

### Round 5 Categories

1. A famous film Director.
2. An Elton John album.
3. An English General.
4. A time adults go to bed.
5. A nation beginning with the letter T.

**Deadline for Round 4 is July 30th at 7:00am my time**

# Eternal Sunshine Movie Photo Contest

There are ten rounds of movie photos, and each round consists of ten photos. **Identify the film each photo is from.** Anyone may enter at any point. If you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds. A prize will be awarded to the winner – **and it might be a very good prize! Research is not permitted! That means NO RESEARCH OF ANY KIND, not just no searches for the photos themselves. The only legal "research" is watching movies to try and locate the scenes.** Each round will also contain one bonus question, asking what the ten movies being quoted have in common. **The player with the most correct answers each round gets 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place gets 2 points, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place gets 1 point. In the event of ties, multiple players get the points (if three players tie for first, they EACH get 3 points). High score at the end of ten rounds wins the game, and a prize (unless you cheated). If there's enough participation I may give a prize for 2<sup>nd</sup> and maybe even 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall too. The final round will be worth double points.**

## Round 9



1. **Speed Racer.** Correct – AL, KW, AY. KT. Xanadu – RD. The Addams Family – PR.



2. **Delgo.** Barry – AL. Mutant Ninja turtles – JM. Planet 51 – KT.



3. **Town and Country.** Ishtar – RD, KT. Bullworth – AL, KW, JM. The American President – PR.



4. **The Alamo.** Correct – RD, DM, AL, KW, AY, BW, JM, KT. The Patriot – PR.



5. **Cutthroat Island.** Correct – RD, KT.



6. **Heaven's Gate.** Correct – RD, KT. Ragtime – AL. Titanic – BW, JM.



7. **Inchon.** Correct – JM. A Walk in the Sun – BW. The Longest Day – RD, PR. A Bridge Too Far – KT.



8. **The Postman.** Correct – RD, DM, KW, AY, MM, JM, KT, PR. Waterworld – AL, JB. Mailman – HP, HA.



9. **The Adventures of Pluto Nash.** Correct – DM, KW, AY, JM, PR. Norbit – RD. Sphere – KT.



10. **Battlefield Earth.** Correct – RD, KW, AY, HP, MM, JM, HA, JB, KT, PR. Battlestar Galactica – AL.

**Bonus – What do these films all have in common? They were all “bombs” or “flops” (or lost a lot of money).** Correct – RD, AL, KT. All Nominated for a Golden Raspberry – DM. Most/All of the Characters Die – BW. All Based on a Book – KW. Warren Beatty Involved in All of Them – PR.

**Points This Round:** Kevin Tighe [KT] – 7; Rick Desper [RD] – 6; Kevin Wilson [KW] – 5; Jack McHugh [JM] – 5; Andy York [AY] – 5; Andy Lischett [AL] – 3; Paraic Reddington [PR] – 3; Dave McCrumb [DM] – 3; Michael Moulton [MM] – 2; Brendan Whyte – 1; Hugh Polley [HP] – 1; Jim Birgess [JB] – 1; Hank Alme [HA] - 1.

**Scores So Far:** Rick Desper [RD] – 20; Kevin Wilson [KW] – 18; Kevin Tighe [KT] – 9; Andy Lischett [AL] – 7; Michael Moulton [MM] – 4; Andy York [AY] – 4; Jack McHugh [JM] – 4; Paraic Reddington [PR] – 3; Hank Alme [HA] – 3; Per Westling [PW] – 1; Brad Wilson [BW] - 1.

## Round 10

Scores for this round are doubled (first place gets 6 instead of 3) and the Bonus is worth 3 instead of 1!



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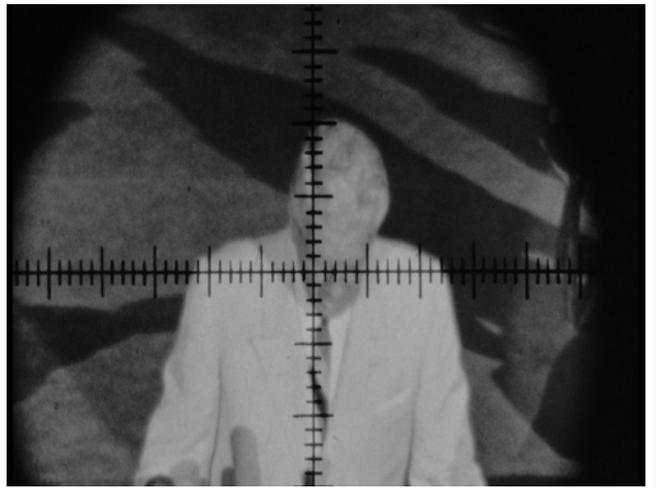
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Bonus (Worth 3) – What do these films all have in common?

*Deadline for Round 10 is August 28th at 7:00am my time*

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**General Deadline for the Next Issue of Eternal  
Sunshine: August 28th, 2012 at 7:00am my time.  
See You Then!**

