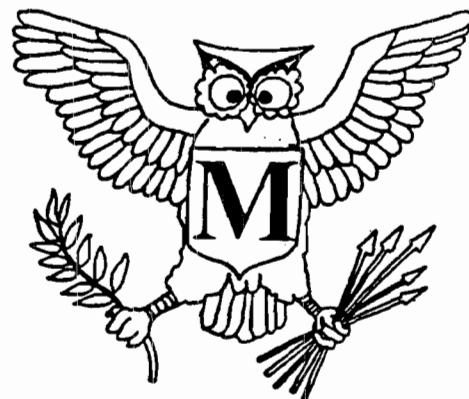


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ELECTION NEWS

This summer, there will be an election for two-year terms for the posts of Chairman and Jr. Committeeman. Current terms expire October 31, 1993. Now is the time for anyone wishing to run for office to notify me.

I've been back to see my doctors, and they seem to think that this old body will hold together for a while longer, so I will throw my hat in the ring for another term as Chairman.

People may nominate themselves, or nominate someone else. Only active members of American or Canadian Mensa may serve. We also need someone to volunteer to serve as Election Commissioner, if two or more candidates run for any office. Please let me hear from you on these matters no later than April 30th. Anyone serving as a SIG officer, including the post of Election Commissioner, is excused from paying SIG dues for the term of office.

In the May DIPLOMAG, we'll announce the names of the candidates and of the Election Commissioner. We will then ask each candidate for a short (200 words or less) campaign statement. These statements, plus a ballot, will be printed in the July issue, with an August deadline for voting. The results will be announced in the September issue, with the winners beginning their two-year terms on November 1, 1993.

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CENSUS NOTES. There was at least one duplicate listing in the 1993 Census, when a player was listed at two different addresses (Jon Rosenthal), so that drops our total to 667. However, I've been advised that a lot of Francophone players from Quebec were omitted. It will be interesting to see whether the introduction of the DeLuxe sets with the PEM flyer causes any increase in our numbers next year. By the way, a count of names by me shows that nearly 9% of all of the people listed in the 1993 Census are members of the Postal Diplomacy SIG. How about that!

You can still order a copy of the PDO Census from: Doug Kent, 54 W. Cherry St., #211, Rahway, N.J. 07065, for just \$1.00.

HOBBY AWARDS NOMINATIONS

As the Deadline for nominations is April 1, 1993, I'll just mention this briefly. There are four categories of Awards. These are the Don Miller Memorial Award for hobby service (the most prestigious award), the Rod Walker Award for Literary Excellence, the John Koning Memorial Award for outstanding play of Diplomacy (PBM, FTF or Tournament), and the Melinda Holley Award for general participation in the hobby (to recognize those people who make the hobby so enjoyable and functional year in and year out).

In theory, this year's nominations are for 1992 services and performances, but in fact the Awards can consider activities slightly earlier and later than that. Anyone who won an Award in the past two years is ineligible this year. Thus, John Caruso and David Hood are ineligible for the Miller Award nominations; Gary Behnen can't be nominated for the Koning Award. Please list the reasons for your nominations. For the Walker Award, a copy of the article would be appreciated.

Send your nominations to: David McCrumb, 3636 Oldtown Rd., Shawsville, VA. 24162.

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SUPERNOVA REPORT

I discovered that the SUPERNOVA Novice Package was not listed on the initial PBM flyer being prepared by John Caruso. This is the flyer which will be sent to everyone who inquires about playing Dip by mail after seeing the notice in the DeLuxe Game Box. I asked John what had happened, and he advised me that he had not been able to contact Bruce Reiff, who was listed as the point-of-sale person for the past two years. (I've been selling SUPERNOVA to SIG members, but Reiff was the salesman to everyone else).

I then contacted Bruce Reiff, and found that he was looking for someone to take over the sales job. So, I've agreed to be the SUPERNOVA salesman for the hobby. This is also agreeable to Bruce Linsey, SUPERNOVA's editor. Reiff is mailing me a box with the unsold copies, and I'm going to update the "Insert" which shows the current list of Hobby Custodians and services. John Caruso will also list this in the PBM flyer. As I type this, the box has not yet arrived here, but in a very short time I will be able to sell SUPERNOVA to everyone. The price is \$1.00 to Mensans. The price to others has not yet been established, but may be \$2.00.

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SALE OF DELUXE DIPLOMACY SETS. Herb Barents, pubber of BOAST, is also a games wholesaler. He is able to offer DeLuxe Diplomacy sets for sale at just \$45.00 postpaid. If the sets haven't arrived in your town yet, you may wish to consider ordering one from Herb. His address: 17187 Wildemere, Detroit, Michigan 48221. Sorry, if you just want a copy of the 1992 Rulebook, you'll have to order that from Avalon Hill. Don't know the price yet, but their (new) phone no. is (800) 999-3222.

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COPIES OF GRASS ROOTS #3, the "Short" version of a zine directory - available from John Caruso, 636 Astor St., Norristown, PA. 19401, for \$1.00. This gives you the names & addresses of most North American zines, plus about 16 Overseas zines, plus a listing of "Some Dipdom Services" on the back page. Some game openings listed; some very brief reviews. 20 pages.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As I write this, we've gained only one member since my last report. Bruce Poppe, who served as our Chairman in 1983-85, has rejoined after an absence of 6 months. His address:

Bruce Poppe, 16018 Hiddenridge Ln., Cerritos, CA. 90701

SIG memberships will run out for the following people as of April 30, 1993. Please renew as soon as possible. Remember, you save one dollar if you renew for two years for \$9.00 (cheap):

→ James Lewis, Karen Lewis, Jon Rosenthal, Robert Stimmel. Imad Libbus' membership will also expire, but his whereabouts have been unknown since November 1992, so there's no way I can notify him.

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MENSA MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS. If you're curious about what your number means, it shows the approximate month and year you joined Mensa, unless you lapsed and then renewed, in which case it will show the time of your renewal. For example, my no., 1001060, shows that I joined Mensa shortly after Dec. 1964. (January 1965, to be exact). However, this doesn't mean that I was the 1060th person to join American Mensa. It means that by the time the Great Computer started issuing these numbers in 1980, so many M's had died or lapsed that I was #1060 on the list. I guess that makes me an Old Timer. The complete list was printed in the Nov. 1992 INTERLOC. About 210,000 people have belonged to American Mensa at one time or another. If you didn't see this piece in INTERLOC and would like a copy, send me a SASE and request it.

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CORRECTION ON THE DATES FOR AVALONCON

AVALON CON III will be held over the weekend of August 5-8, 1993, rather than the weekend before, as previously reported in the January DIPLOMAG. The location will be in the Hunt Valley Inn, a posh hotel with lots of meeting space, a few miles north of Baltimore's Beltway, at the Shawan Rd. exit (Exit 20) of I-83. The latest A-H flyer also shows that the 1994 Avalon Con will be held at the same site in August of '94. Registration information for the '93 Con will not be available until April 1, 1993. You may then contact TAHGC at 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21214.

Incidentally, the flyer refers to the presence of Baltimore's new Light Rail Line, which is supposed to terminate right in the Hunt Valley Mall and Industrial Park, mentioning that you could ride it to the Inner Harbor or Baseball park. However, I regret I have to advise you that in 1993, the line will end a few miles further south, just north of the State Fair grounds in Timonium. So, you'll need either a bus ride, a taxi, or a hitch-hike to get to our Light Rail this summer. But, if all goes well, the Light Rail will reach Hunt Valley by August 1994.

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AND, SPEAKING OF CONS, don't forget that our own Andy York will be the Diplomacy Tourney Director at ORIGINS, to be held in Ft. Worth, Texas, over the July 4th weekend. For more information, contact Andy at: P.O. Box 2307, Universal City, Texas 78148. Phone: (210) 658-6066.

ANYBODY GOING TO THE MENSA AG in Orlando? Inge and I plan to be there. I've requested the SIGs officer to give us a half-hour of time to display a copy of the game board, and answer any questions about our favorite game. We'll also have extra copies of the May DIPLOMAG to pass out. I'd appreciate it if any other Diplomats planning to attend would let me know. I don't know when our "half hour of fame" will be, but I've asked for it to be on an evening, so as not to interfere with any speakers and seminars. Look up the time in your program and join your Chairman in the SIG Room. Help me to explain to others that we're not crazy; all we want to do is to conquer Europe.

This game ended after 8 "game-years" in a two-way Draw between ITALY (Bo Johnson), with 14 SC's, and ENGLAND (Ken Marcinonis), with 13. Third place went to U.S.A. (Andy York), with 14. CANADA (Fred Chang) and MEXICO (Ron Brown) survived.

ENGLAND (Ken Marcinonis): I have to give much of the credit to Bill Young. I inherited a strong position from him and only played for a few turns. I joined with Italy (Bo Johnson) against USA (Andy York), mainly because Bo offered me the most in the way of territory and support. I also had a tough decision on attacking Bill's long-time ally Canada (Fred Chang). In the end I decided it was in the best interest of England. I enjoyed the game even though I played in it for just a short time.

ORIGINAL ENGLAND (Bill Young): Credit for our alliance victory goes to Italy. He was an effective persuader. Insight, tact and diligence such as Italy's makes a winner. The variant is fun. I suggest that USA start with three Centers. Here, USA's early threat to dominate the game became his problem.

(I am pleased to report that after the Doctor diagnosed my disease, polymyositis, about Dec. 20th, all symptoms have been relieved by the drug, prednisone.)

USA (Andy York): No end-game statement. Congretulations to E/I.

MEXICO (Ron Brown):

My thanks to Fred for another enjoyable well-run game. I'm surprised it ended when it did, as I thought USA and his puppet were determined to get a few more dots from me. Ah well.

Of very minor historical note: after 14 years in the hobby, I was stabbed for the first time. (I don't count attacks by declared enemies as "stabs".) It was bound to come sooner or later. Of course I always keep in mind, "what if my ally stabs" when making up orders, but if you are too defensive you'll never get anywhere. I knew that as my fleets got into the Ionian Sea ~~and~~ area that I was vulnerable at home. But, at times all you have with allies is trust. I hope Andy learned well from this experience about short-term gain and long-term pain.

Thanks to all players. Sorry I didn't have time to write as often as I should have.

FRANCE (John Schultz): What's to say? I came, I saw, I was crushed like the bug I am ... was. I had no realistic chance to survive more than a turn or few, so I decided to have my fun in the press. I was moderately successful in my own view. I tried to pull a slick little retreat gambit on the Italian but he was wise. My hat's off to both him and England.

ITALY (Co-Winner) - Bo Johnson

Wow, it's hard to believe it's over. The ending came rather suddenly and I fear I shall miss the monthly updates, mail, and phone calls from newfound friends. Indeed, this game has provided me the most steady source of non-junk mail now for the past year and a half. I owe Fred for his long initial correspondence without which I'd never have considered playing a game which might last two years. Then, everyone I contacted throughout the course of this game was uniformly friendly, helpful, encouraging, and considerate (were we all Boy Scouts?), even if we weren't allied. So a hearty thank you to all players and replacements for this enjoyable and unique entertainment.

My initial goals were pretty modest. I was hoping to attain more than 7 or 8 sc's and not be one of the first 3 eliminated. Then with a little help and luck, I decided 10 sc's and 3rd place was the thing to shoot for.

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ITALY (cont.)

Italy might easily have been squashed early on by the New World forces, with US and Mexico pushing me out of Africa and Spain while Canada came around behind, so I was pretty desperate for new allies. At that point there was no way for Italy and Germany to do more than fight a doomed delaying action. Andy York is a fearsome opponent and a great diplomat (I saw his name everywhere in the literature) so I was always worried about getting steamrolled by the US. Luckily, Bill Young also saw him as an easy, quick winner unless concerted action was taken. With the strongest navy in a strong northern position he was probably the only ally with whom joint naval action stood a chance to push back the US. ¶ The US turn on Mexico really took the heat off Italy and gave a chance to develop this strategy. I had felt for a long time that the New World was pretty unbalanced, with countries on both sides of the US just waiting to be gobbled up. It sure looked inviting for either Andy to clean up, or one of the other two to make a move on the US. Bad luck for Andy created a static situation, taking so much of the US effort that it allowed the Italy-England alliance a chance to catch up. I'm glad Ron Brown was able to hold US off so long.

I was sorry Jeff Eide got dumped on as he did a remarkable job and is a clever, strong player. I had some good letters from him early on. I also feel John Schultz did a great job in a hopeless French position. He has a great attitude and the most impeccable handwriting I've ever received (note to all: it's worth a letter to him just to see his incredible penmanship). I guess the downside of this game is that nice people have to get squashed in order to make gains.

I was greatly distressed to hear that Bill would have to drop out. The fact that we were just delivering up a winning strategy quickly became a minor concern, reminding me that there are many things more important than a mere game. Very gratified to hear it was not so serious. Ken was a very capable replacement for England.

I enjoyed the letters and phone calls from Fred Chang and Ron Brown. Both did a good job in this game, even if I felt sometimes they helped Andy too much and were too trusting.

In sum I'd like to thank you all again for a very enjoyable and illuminating experience. If you're ever through Madison give me a call so I can put a face to the name.

Bo Johnson

Thus ends the report on Atlantica IV. There isn't room this issue to discuss the next variant to run. I'll just suggest "Ring Around the Rosie" Dip, which was discussed in the January 1992 DIPLOMAG, and printed in full in the Fall 1991 DIPLOMACY WORLD. If you'd care to suggest a game, please do so. More details in the next issue.

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The 1993 Marco Poll:

Your Chance to Reward the Best!

In each category, you may list up to five choices.
List your choices in order from #1 (favorite) to #5 (fifth-favorite).

No Ballots required. Just list your choices in 1,2,3 order on a blank piece of paper.

- Best Zine of 1992
- Best Player of 1992
- Freshman Zine of 1992

Restrictions: *Perelandra* is not eligible for Best Zine, and Gary Behnen is not eligible for Best Player. A Freshman Zine is any zine whose first three issues came out in 1992. This includes but is not limited to the following: *36 Miles of Trouble*, *Zero Sum*, *¡GOL!*, *Loco Motives*, *Foolhardy*, *Pennant Madness*, *Election Headquarters*, *Aren't You the Guy Who Hit Me in the Eye?*, *Metamorphosis* and *Rainbow Warrior*. (For the purpose of the Freshman Zine Poll, *Call Me President*, *Making Love in a Canoe*, *Wild Gypsy Rose*, *off-the-shelf* and *Standard Gauge* will be considered 1993 start-ups.)

Send ballots, **before May 1**, to:

Pete Gaughan
1521 South Novato Blvd. #46
Novato, Calif. 94947

THOSE MENSA GAMES

MENSA #33, 1990 HT. GM: Eric Young, THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN

Russia (Peter Kohnke) captured Marseille and Rome but lost Brest, as white units roamed all over the board. However, he had no open Centers in which to build, so he has only 7 units and is playing 2 short as of Winter 1912. Germany (Mike Morris) also owns 9, having captured Brest but lost Venice, to stay even. Austria (Peter Fuchs) had been playing one short, so his loss of Naples left him with 7 units on the board, and no need for a removal. France (Mike McCabe) leads a charmed life, losing Mars. and Rome, but capturing Venice and Naples to remain at 3. Turkey (Andy York) owns the southern half of Russia, but gained no Centers in 1912, so stands pat with 6. A proposal for a 2-way German-Russian Draw is on the table.

MENSA #36, 1991 IG. GM: Tony Dousette, THE CONTINUAL CRISIS

Austria (Andy York) continues to lead as of Fall 1906, with 11 SC's, but did not add to that total this year. Italy (Jeff Eide) captured Mars. and Warsaw, the latter with Austria's help, and may go up to 8, depending on the direction of the retreat of the dislodged French F Tyrr. Sea. France (David Hood) will own either 7 or 8 after losing Mars. Germany (Ralph Baty) has 5 Centers, 4 units, and no room to build. Three proposals for ending the game have been proposed, including one for an Austrian win.

MENSA #37, 1991 AF. GM: Ralph Baty, BATYVILLE GAZETTE

In Fall 1904, Turkey (Jim Grose) took Tunis and St. Pete to go up to 9 to take the lead. France (Ken Henke) captured London & Liv, getting two builds in the Winter, which was played as a separate season. Austria (Jim Lewis) failed to capture Munich, and so he remained at 7. England (Eric Young) lost 3 Centers due to a Fall NMR and the retreat of a Russian F to Norway, so he survives with just Edi and Sweden. No German Centers changed hands, so Adrian Tymes stands pat with 5. Italy has 2, and the lone Russian F in exile is in Norway.

MENSA #39, 1992 U. GM: Stephen Glasgow, WAR FAIR

In Spring 1904, Russia (Mike Morris) still leads the field, with 7 Centers. He's taken Ankara from Turkey and reoccupied Norway, while turning Rumania over to Austria (Julien Beasley). Thus, Austria will have 7 this Fall, assuming no surprises. Italy (Cliff Woodhall) is feasting on Turkey, and may have 6 SC's by Fall. Tim Shaw NMR'd out as Turkey, and his last unit is clinging for dear life to Con. While England (Matt Schonlau) has seized Holland from Germany (Dennis Klein), France (Jim Lewis), in turn, has taken Belgium from England. Stay turned for further developments.

MENSA #40, 1992??. GM: Eric Young, THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN

Peter Fuchs replaced Jon Rosenthal as Germany, and Dennis Klein took over Italy from Carl Nail, who had resigned. Spring 1901 results awaited.

MENSA #41, 1993??. GM: Ralph Baty, BATYVILLE GAZETTE

Spring 1901

This game has started ahead of #40. Many traditional/moves, with the often-seen stand-offs between Austria & Italy over Trieste/Venice; and between Austrian and Russian A's for control of Galicia. Also, the Russian F in Sevastopol either went AWOL or had that famous mutiny aboard the Potemkin, so Black Sea remains empty. France got Burgundy without a fight, as Germany went to Ruhr instead. Too early to spot any trends.

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THE NEXT MENSA GAME, #42, will be run by Keith Sesler in his subzine, I'M STILL ALIVE. To date, only a couple of people have signed up. If your current game will be ending soon, now is the time to sign up for your next Mensa game.

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GAMES DELAYED. I don't have any reports for Mensa #30, 1989 Y, or Mensa #38, 1992 AP, both being run by Craig Reges in AGAINST THE ODDS, as I haven't received anything from Craig since Christmas. I'm sorry for the delay. As soon as I can find out what the situation is, I'll let you know.

SPEAKING OF DELAYS, John Galt sent out a flyer in late February advising his former players in THE ASSASSIN'S BLADE that he is now ready to resume publishing. While Mensa #30 and "Mr. Natural" were taken over by other zines, John would like to resume his other two games, if the players are interested. His new address is: John D. Galt, 803 Capitol St., Vallejo, CA. 94592. Ph: (707) 557-9655.

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SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER that I had a subzine called FRED'S COLUMN in Bruce McIntyre's EXCELSIOR zine. This started shortly after I folded BUSHWACKER, to give me an outlet for eclectic comments on matters not related to Mensa or Diplomacy. However, the last issue of EXCELSIOR was published in September 1992, and no one has heard from him since. I phoned in January, but Bruce was snowbound in that British Columbia blizzard, so I was only able to speak to his fair lady, Nancy. I finally wrote to Bruce again at the end of January, and advised him that if I had not heard from him by a certain date in February, I would assume that EXCELSIOR had folded.

Well, I haven't heard from Bruce. So, I will be transferring the FRED'S COLUMN subzine to another publication shortly. I'll let you know which one by the next issue of DIPLOMAG. I may back up and have one or two of the older columns repeated first, since the majority of XL readers were Canadians.

I see that both XL and FRED'S COLUMN are included on the 1993 Runestone Poll ballot. I don't really know whether they're qualified, but since two issues did appear after July 1, 1992, I guess they're legal. In any case, I'm going to miss EXCELSIOR, which always had some interesting reading material.

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NEW BOARDMAN NO. CUSTODIAN. I've received reports that as of Feb. 1, 1993, the new BNC is: Vince Lutterbie, 1021 Stonehaven Rd., Marshall, MO. 65340. So, all GM's should send their gamestart and game finishing material to Vince from now on. If you applied for a Boardman No. to Gary Behnen and haven't received it, I suggest that you send a follow-up request to Vince.

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AS PROMISED, a reprint of my article on Who Was Who in the Seven Great Powers on the Regular Board as of Spring 1901 will be on the next page. This was printed in BUSHWACKER, Vol. IV, No. 6, in May 1975, and subsequently reprinted in Ron Brown's SNAFU #15 in October 1981. This is something you may wish to consider the next time you're writing a "Golden Age" press release.

You'll also find a copy of the Runestone Poll Ballot on Pg. 9, where it can easily be detached and used. We hope many of you will participate in the 1993 Runestone Poll. Even if you only see a couple of zines, your ratings will be helpful. Last year, DIPLOMAG received 18 votes, with a mean of 6.58 points. (Hint, hint).

we are reprinting an article which should be of interest to all players. This list of the Chiefs of State and leading figures of each of the 7 Great Powers of Europe in 1901 was initially compiled by Dr. John Boardman and printed in the first issue of his FREDONIA. It was reprinted one week later in BROBDINGNAG #1, then published by Richard Schultz. Both 'zines came out about May, 1964. We understand that it has only been reprinted once since that date, so we felt that it was high time to reprint it again. We wish to thank both Walter Buchanan and John McCallum for their assistance in obtaining this information from the Hoosier Archives.

The listing of Edward VII as King of England is based on the presumption that the Standard Game begins in Spring, 1901. Queen Victoria died on January 22, 1901. John McCallum has also advised me that the correct designation of the Turkish Sultan was Abdul Hamid II. The original article showed him as Abdul Hamid I. I have also added President Loubet's age, and made several additions to the list of Chiefs of State for the neutral countries. Heirs to the throne have been deleted as of little interest to the writers of press releases, who may have some ideas of their own as to who should inherit the power in their respective countries.

The names are given in the following order: Chief of State, age, and dynasty; Prime Minister; Foreign Minister; War or Defense Minister; Navy Minister. Due to the Ausgleich of 1866, Austria and Hungary had separate prime ministers, although a common foreign and military policy.

ENGLAND: King Edward VII, 59, House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (later changed to Windsor). Prime Minister: Marquis of Salisbury. Foreign Minister: Marquis of Lansdowne. War: W. St. John Broderick. Navy: Earl of Selborne.

FRANCE: President Emile Loubet, 62. Premier: Waldeck-Rousseau. Foreign Minister: Delcasse'. War: General Andre'. Navy: Ode Lanessan.

GERMANY: Kaiser Wilhelm II, 42, Hohenzollern. Chancellor: Graf B. von Bülow. Foreign Minister: Baron Dr. von Richtofen. War: Graf B. von Bülow (same person as the Chancellor). Navy: Admiral von Tirpitz.

ITALY: King Vittorio-Emanuele III, 31, House of Savoy (called "Victor-Emanuel" in English). Premier: G. Saracco. Foreign Minister: Marquis E. Viscounti-Venosta. War: General Count C. Panza di San Martino. Navy: Admiral Morin.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Kaiser Franz-Joseph I, 70, Hapsburg-Lorraine. Austrian Prime Minister: Dr. F. von Koerber. Hungarian: Koloman von Szell von Duka... Foreign Minister: Graf A. Goluchowski von Goluchoro. War: Baron E. von Krief-Hammer. Navy: Baron H. von Spaun.

RUSSIA: Tsar Nicholas II, 32, Romanov. Prime Minister: J. N. Durnovo. Foreign Minister: Count Lamsdorf. War: General Kuropatkin. Navy: Admiral Tyrtov.

TURKEY: Sultan Abdul Hamid II, 58, House of Osman (Ottoman). Prime Minister: Halil Rifat Pasha. Foreign Minister: Ahmed Tewfik Pasha. War: Riza Pasha. Navy: Hassan Pasha.

"Graf" is German for Count. "Pasha" was an honorary title, placed after the name, given to officers of high rank in Turkey.

For further information on the dynasties and administrations of these and other nations, consult the Almanach de Gotha or Statesman's Year Book for the relevant years. Other rulers of interest for 1901 are: Alexander I, King of Serbia; Ferdinand of Koburg, King of Bulgaria; Leopold II, King of Belgium; Oscar II, King of Sweden & Norway; and Wilhelmina, Queen of Holland. Spain was under a regency until March, 1902, when Alphonso XIII ascended the throne on his 16th birthday. Greece, which is shown on the board with its 1913 boundaries, was ruled by King George I from 1863 to 1913. And, of course, William McKinley was President of the U.S. until Sept. 14, 1901, when Theodore Roosevelt took over upon his assassination.

The 1993 Runestone Poll

ZINE POLL

A postal or e-mail zine that you've read enough of to rate fairly. This would have seen if not for delays) at least two issues since July 1, 1992. Zines are eligible, but anyone may vote. Rate each zine from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. Do not rate your own zine. Blanks are for zines you do not vote for me or my publications.

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A subzine is a regular section of a zine which is (a) edited by someone other than the zine editor(s), or (b) edited by the zine editor(s), but devoted to a specific hobby service. Any subzine of a North American zine is eligible. The other instructions are the same as those for the Zine Poll.

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GM POLL

You may rate any GM under whom you played any postal or e-mail game since July 1, 1992 for long enough to judge him or her fairly. Only North American GMs are eligible, but anyone may vote. List GMs alphabetically by name (not zine). Rate each GM from 0 (the worst) to 10 (the best)—no fractions, please. GMs may not rate themselves. Do not vote for me.

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Send this ballot to **Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward St., Milford, MA 01757**. Your ballot must arrive by June 30, 1993. Please vote early if you can.

Indicate one way in which you take part in the North American postal or e-mail gaming hobby (sub to zine XXX, play in game 1993YY, etc.) _____

Signature _____ (If I can't tell who you are or your ballot isn't signed, it may not be counted!)

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RUNESTONE POLL CONTEST

Guess the Zine Poll winner—the prize is a travel Diplomacy board with magnetic pieces. To be eligible you must vote in the Poll and correctly guess the winning zine; I will pick the contest winner at random from the set of eligible entrants. The names of the winner and any other eligible entrants will be published in the Poll publication.

To enter, print your address neatly: _____

The zine you think will win:

THE RUSTY BOLT AWARDS nominations have already been published. This will appear in many zines, but if you haven't seen a copy, you can request one from: Doug Kent, 54 West Cherry St., #211, Rahway, N.J. 07065.

FLASH! The Fall 1993 report for Mensa #39 has just arrived. Russia (Mike Morris) gained one to go up to 8 SC's. Turkey was wiped out as Italy (Cliff Woodhall) captured Con, to climb to 7. More details next issue.

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1993 Baseball Predictions-"Fred's Fearless Forecast" (An Annual Feature)

AL. EAST

	<u>1992</u>	<u>Change</u>
1. Toronto	1	--
2. Baltimore	3	+1
3. Milwaukee	2	-1
4. Cleveland	4T	--
5. N.Y. Yanks	4T	-1
6. Boston	7	+1
7. Detroit	6	-1

N.L. EAST

	<u>1992</u>	<u>Change</u>
1. Pittsburgh	1	--
2. Montreal	2	--
3. N.Y. Mets	5	+2
4. Chi Cubs	4	--
5. St. Louis	3	-2
6. Phila.	6	--
7. Miami	--	--

A.L. WEST

1. Chi Sox	3	+2
2. Texas	4	+2
3. Oakland	1	-2
4. Minn.	2	-2
5. K.C.	5T	--
6. Calif.	5T	+1
7. Seattle	7	--

N.L. WEST

	<u>1992</u>	<u>Change</u>
1. Atlanta	1	--
2. Cincy.	2	--
3. Houston	4	+1
4. S.F.	5	+1
5. L.A.	6	+1
6. San Diego	3	-3
7. Colorado	-	--

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See you in May. Beware the Ides of March!

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