

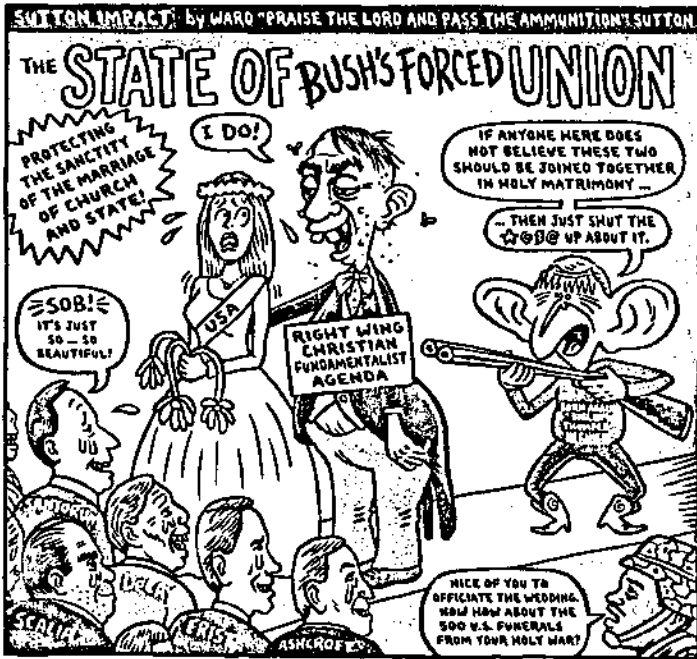
# GRAUSTARK

The first 'zine for the postal play of Diplomacy, a game of negotiation and conflict designed by Allan B. Calhaver and published by Hasbro

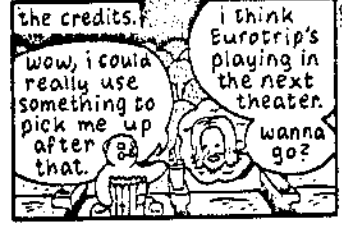
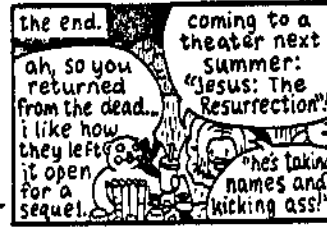
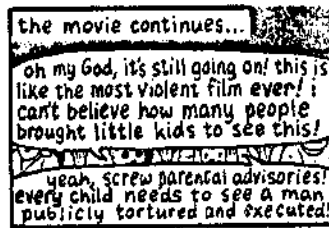
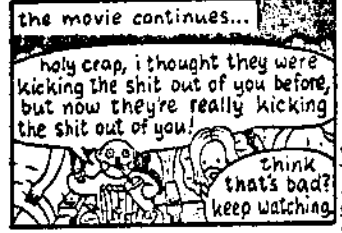
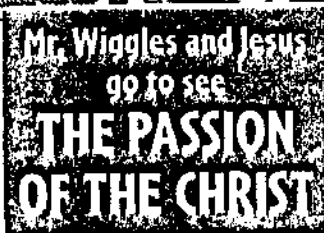
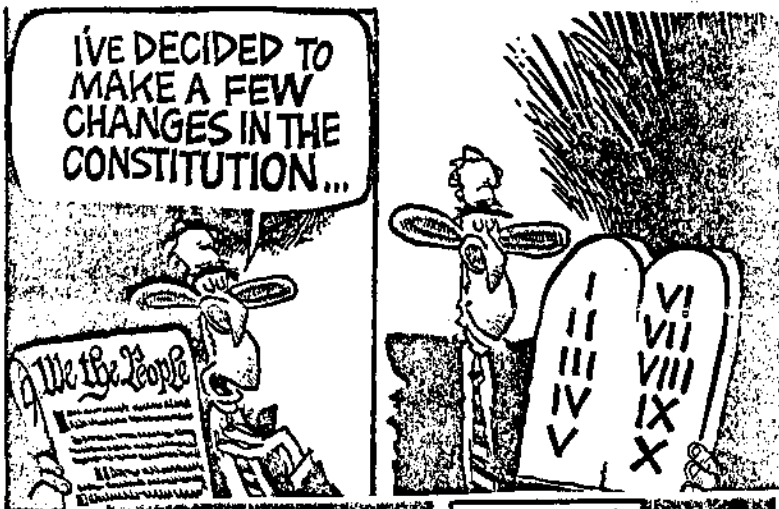
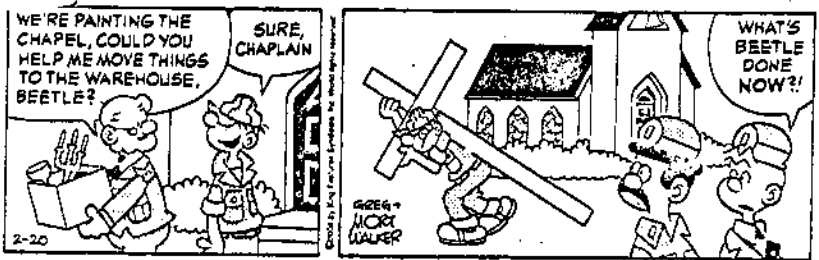
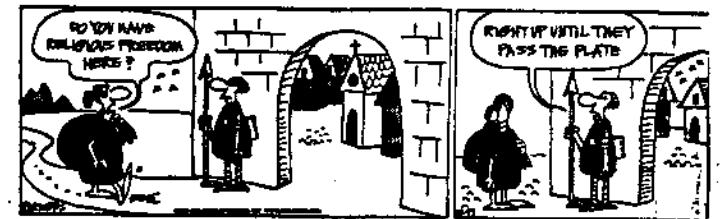
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27 March 2004



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In this issue: DUNGEONS & GIBSONS (See p. 3)

2002A

"Fall 1907"

## TRAFFIC JAM IN MITTELEUROPA

FRANCE (Street): F Mid-Bre; A Par S F Mid-Bre; A Gas S F Mid-Bre; A Mar-Bur;  
F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Tyr-Wes; A Tus-Pie; F Lon-Nth.

GERMANY (Bourgeois): A Yor-Liv; E Nth-Lon; A War-Gal; F Bre-Mid; A Mun-Bur; A Bur-Par;  
A Ruh S A Mun-Bur; A Sil-Mun; A Kie S A Sil-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Watkins): A Tyr-Mun; A Ven-Tyr; A Boh-Sil; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Vie-Boh;  
A Bud S TURKISH A Gal; A Ukr-War.

RUSSIA (McKinsey): F Nwy-Nth; A Mos-War; A Sev-Mos; A Liv S A Mos-War.

TURKEY (Jordan): A Arm-Sev; F Rum & F Bla S A Arm-Sev; F Ion holds; F Nap-Tyr; A Gal S  
AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Sil.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany must retreat A War-Pru and F Bre-Pic  
or -Eng, or remove either or both units. The High Combatant Powers now control the  
following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Rom,  
Spa, Tun. (8)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie,  
Liv, Mun. (8)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven,  
Vie. (7)

RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Nap, Rum, Sev, Smy. (6)

Russia may build one unit, and Germany must remove one. If both dislodged German units  
are removed then Germany instead has one build. These "Winter 1907" orders, which may  
be made conditional upon the fate of the dislodged German units, should be sent in by  
IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL OR TELEPHONE so that they arrive by FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2004. All  
players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1908" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 23  
APRIL 2004.

## PLEASE STAND BY

I am willing to take over games that have been abandoned by their game masters.  
So if you are a postal game master who is no longer able to publish, or if you are a  
player in a postal Diplomacy or Colonial Diplomacy game that has gone for two or three  
months without a move being published, please get in touch with the Orphan Games Direc-  
tor, Michael Lowrey. (See p. 11 for his address.) If the game is to continue in Graustark,  
I would need the addresses of the players, the current position, and who owns  
which supply centers. If subscription money can be passed along to me, fine. Otherwise  
I will ask players to join a new game in Graustark, or to subscribe to Graustark if they  
do not already do so. Players who resign or drop out can be replaced by Graustark  
stand-by players.

Stand-by players are always needed for postal games in Graustark. If you  
volunteer as a stand-by, you may be called upon whenever a current player misses a move.  
If you send in moves for that country for the next turn, and the present player does  
not, you will take over play of that position. No game fee will be asked, though you  
should keep your subscription current, or enroll in a new Graustark game. No stand-by  
will be called on in a game in which he or she has already played.

Stand-by volunteers who are willing to take on additional games of postal Diplo-  
macy are listed below. A stand-by player who is already playing in a Graustark game is  
indicated by "\*". If you wish your name added to or removed from this list, please let  
me know.

Hank Alme\*

John R. Biehl

Gary Floyd

Paul Milewski (CD)

Brendan Mooney (CD)\*

Michael Neal

Michael Quirk\*

Eric Verheiden\*

Fred Wiedemeyer\*

"(CD)" indicates a stand-by for the Colonial Diplomacy game.

## DUNGEONS &amp; CHRISTIANS - CLXXIII

"We, the people of the United States, humbly acknowledging almighty God as the source of all authority and power in civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler among the nations, His revealed will as the supreme law of the land, in order to constitute a Christian government..." - a change to the preamble to the U. S Constitution, proposed in 1863 "to indicate that this is a Christian nation" by the National Reform Association, a coalition of eleven Protestant denominations  
(*Newsday*, 24 March 2004)

Most of this column's information about attacks on, and defenses of, role-playing games (RPGs) comes from *CAR-PGa Newsletter*, the monthly publication of the Committee for the Advancement of Role-Playing Games (CAR-PGa). This bulletin for "An international network of researchers into all aspects of role-playing games", is edited and published by Paul Cardwell Jr., 1127 Cedar, Bonham, TX 75418. *CAR-PGa Newsletter* also carries a listing of upcoming gaming conventions, and of science-fiction and fantasy conventions at which games are played. Its issues are \$12.00 a year. The international rate is \$13.50.

But of course the campaign against Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) and other RPGs is only a small part of the contemporary Christian fanaticism which is trying to dictate every aspect of American life. For details from one of their own, see Tipper Gore's 1987 book *Raising PG Children in an X-Rated Society*, a call for widespread censorship that leaves us grateful to the five most venal members of the Supreme Court that she is not now using a First Lady's prestige to ram these notions down our throats.

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In defending the words "under god" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, with their insulting implications that Atheists and Polytheists cannot be good Americans, conservatives appear to be unanimous in their determination to officially impose a state religion, probably a bland, generalized form of Christianity, on our secular nation. They claim that America was founded on a Christian basis, and allege that this was the belief and intention of the Founding Fathers. In reality, while Thomas Jefferson believed in god, he was certainly not a Christian, nor was Benjamin Franklin. Thomas Paine was an Agnostic, and Ethan Allen was so fervent in his Atheism that his state of Vermont reacted by enacting a \$200 fine for Atheism, which is still on its books. And eight states still forbid Atheists to hold public office.

The "under god" gang claims that the Founding Fathers imposed an official Christianity on us from the beginning. They cite a proposal by Benjamin Franklin that each session of the Constitutional Convention should be opened with prayer. But they neglect to note that Alexander Hamilton responded that prayer would be seen by the public as an act of desperation. Aside from three or four men, the members of the Convention thought that prayer would be unnecessary. And anyway they didn't have the money to pay a chaplain. (Kenneth C. Davis, *New York Times*, 26 March 2004)

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In other attempts to codify American law so that it agrees with Christian superstition, "President" Bush is trying to get a definition of marriage written into the U. S. Constitution. In her column of 15 March, Liz Smith reports that a website belonging to the Presidential Prayer Team is "urging us to pray for George W. Bush as...he seeks, among other things, the wisdom to legally codify the definition of marriage" as solely the union of one man and one woman. But another website, quoted in several newspaper columns, points out just how the bible describes marriage. "[H]e will have to consider that biblically, it shall consist of a union between one man and one or more women. (Genesis 29:17-28; II Samuel 3:2-5) Also, marriage shall not impede a man's right to take concubines in addition to his wife or wives. (II Samuel 5:13; II Chronicles 11:21) Marriage shall be valid only if the wife is a virgin. If she is not, she shall be executed by stoning. (Deuteronomy 22:13-21) Marriage of a believer and a nonbeliever shall be forbidden. (Genesis 24:3; Numbers 25:1-9; Ezra 9:12; Nehemiah 10:30) Marriage is for life, no state or federal law shall permit divorce. (Deuteronomy 22:19; Mark 10:9)...There you have it. It's right there in the Bible, as Mel Gibson says."

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The Gospel According to Mel is drawing huge crowds at the theaters, and will probably break the record for an R-rated film. There is already a grim joke going around that, since *The Passion of the Christ* is such a success, Gibson will follow it up with a film version of *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*.

For what it's worth, Gibson himself says that his next film may be a dramatization of the Maccabean revolt, which began in 169 BCE against one of the successor kingdoms to the empire of Alexander the Great. This moderately successful revolt is celebrated by Jews every December with the festival of Hanukkah, and is described in the Books of Maccabees, which are regarded as scriptural by Catholics and as apocryphal by Protestants. Gibson says of the Jewish rebels, "They stuck by their guns and they came out winning. It's like a Western." To which *Newsday's* editorial cartoonist Walt Handelsman replied, "What are you going to call it? *Gunfight at the Oy Vey Corral?*" (21 March 2004)

#### WEREN'T YOU A CIVIL WAR GENERAL?

Your review of *The Passion* ("Film," 2/25) was written by a Jew, obviously. Jews just can't accept the fact that they did something bad once. They can't accept that more non-Jews died during the WW2 atrocities than Jews, they want to have a monopoly on the sympathy so as to manipulate public feeling. And the major news orgs in the U.S.A. allow the Jews to freely spout slander and write libel and never a word is said about it. Maybe you should ask Seitz to visit [www.supportmelgibson.com](http://www.supportmelgibson.com). Maybe you should watch it. If you can defend your Jewish slander after being presented with the facts, then you are nothing but trash just like the author of that review. And by the way, I am not writing to you as a 'Jew hater.' I'm writing to you as a concerned American and because of the fact that the author of the review took every cheap shot a Jew could take at Mr. Gibson. If Jews wish to be respected, maybe they should start by showing some respect.

Robert Jackson, Spartanburg, SC

Matt Zoller Seitz responds: *First, it may surprise you to learn that not everybody with a Germanic last name is Jewish. My parents and my parents' parents are proud German-Americans whose ranks include Episcopalians, Lutherans, Jehovah's Witnesses and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Go back and re-read my original review closely, and you will notice a description of a painting of Jesus Christ that hung on the wall of a church I once attended.*

an antidote to all the hysteria about Mel's movie." (Henry Jaglom, Rainbow Film Co., *Newsday*, 25 March 2004)

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And now, back to CAR-PGA Newsletter. Last October's issue led off with a long and interesting article by Carsten Obst about the German RPG scene and how it has developed since the 1980s. And Cardwell has discovered that the notorious game-basher Dr. Thomas Radecki, founder and probably sole member of the National Committee on Television Violence, is back in "private practice" as a psychiatrist again. He once lost this status for unprofessional activities with his female patients, but is on "infinite probation", whatever that may mean. It was Radecki whom Tipper Gore cited in her book as an "authority" on the allegedly horrible effects of D&D.

The November issue carries a brief report from <[yahogroups.com/car-pga](http://yahogroups.com/car-pga)> about the new TV series *Navy CIS*, which in its second show attacked RPGs. And there is alleged to be a "lawsuit over the videogame *Grand Theft Auto* being acted out in real life." Considering the uniform failure of lawsuits which blame crimes on books, games, or

## PATRIOTISM - XXVIII

PATRIOTISM is the principal cause of war.

PATRIOTISM is the unprincipled cause of war.

PATRIOTISM is described by the statement: "Support our troops!", which really means "Support the President!"

PATRIOTISM is a Marine in full dress uniform, smartly saluting as a passenger gets off Marine One, the presidential helicopter, on the south lawn of the White House. The passenger is "President" Bush's pet Scottie, Barney. (photograph, *Newsday*, 15 March 2004)

PATRIOTISM is the belief of "President" Bush that all U. S. territory is a "combat zone", and that he is therefore justified in indefinitely holding, without charges, a hearing, or representation, anyone he chooses, even American citizens, provided that he calls them "enemy combatants", a term undefined in American law.

PATRIOTISM is the attempt to burn down the Masjid ("Mosque") Almuhaymin in Houston on 23 February 2004.

PATRIOTISM is some guy on the XM Radio "Open Road" (truckers) channel show "The Trucking Bozo" responding to complaint that Muslims are being "singled out" with words along the line of, "If a pit bull starts attacking your neighborhood, you don't go after the other breeds of dogs." (with thanks to Don Del Grande for this item)

PATRIOTISM is a Massachusetts woman getting a visit from a state trooper (by way of the trooper shining a flashlight through her sliding door one night) after she had mentioned at a Staples that she was buying a copy of Microsoft Flight Simulator for her ten-year-old son. (also with thanks to Don Del Grande)

PATRIOTISM is arresting a congressional aide and anti-war activist on charges that she is an Iraqi spy.

PATRIOTISM is the attempt by the U. S. Army Intelligence and Security Command to get information about a conference on Islamic law at the University of Texas Law School in February 2004.

PATRIOTISM is the top secret American request that Great Britain tap the communications of United Nations diplomats.

PATRIOTISM is the accusation by Secretary of Education Rod Paige, that the National Education Association, a teachers' union, is a terrorist group.

PATRIOTISM is the Pentagon's reliance, in planning military strategy, on a computer game called "MD-WAR" in which enemy missiles are launched "from a mythical country on an island in the Sea of Japan called Midland, which is not (wink, wink) North Korea." - James Glanz, *New York Times*, 17 March 2004)

PATRIOTISM is the attempt to deport a deaf 8-year-old Muslim girl from Bangladesh, in America for extended treatment at the New York Eye & Ear Infirmary.

PATRIOTISM is the attempt to deport back to Guinea a retarded Muslim refugee who came here at the age of 16, whose father was murdered by the government there, and who is likely to share that fate if he is sent back.

PATRIOTISM is denying a visa to a Ukrainian woman, her husband, and their son, so they could not attend the funeral of her father, a pizza deliveryman who was murdered in Brooklyn.

PATRIOTISM is the refusal of the Custom Plates Unit of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to make a license plate proclaiming "DUMPBUSH".

PATRIOTISM is dropping the cartoons of anti-war cartoonist Ted Rall from the *New York Times* website because "they don't fit the tone of the site".

PATRIOTISM is the *New York Press* editorial applauding this censorship.

PATRIOTISM is the denial by American Airlines that it broke federal anti-discrimination law in removing "passengers it thought were of Arab, Middle Eastern, or South Asian descent" from planes, despite a federal finding to the contrary.

PATRIOTISM is the statement by Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) of the New York State Assembly that "Curbing rights in the name of terrorism is fine when they are legitimate curbs to people's rights." (*Newsday*, 17 March 2004)

PATRIOTISM is poking fun at the independent presidential candidacy of Ralph Nader, presumably out of fear that Bush and Kerry will split the pro-war vote and Nader will waltz in.

PATRIOTISM is the principal cause of war.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Today's terror alert color code is Infra-Red, which generates a great deal of heat but no visible light.

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My copier is now back from the shop, making it possible for me to print and mail out the last issue, albeit a little late. As you can see, it is now producing considerably better copies. I hope that I am at last able to get my publications out on a regular four-week schedule, although this issue will be delayed a few days because of Lunacon, a science-fiction convention which took place on the weekend of 19-21 March. The next issue of my science-fiction fanzine *Dagon* and of APA-Q, the amateur press association through which it circulates, will be one week from today on Saturday 3 April 2004. And *Graustark* #755 will be published on Saturday 24 April 2004.

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*Graustark* is the Very First bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy. It is published every fourth Saturday by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226-5302. Diplomacy is a board game of negotiation and conflict for the period of World War I. It was designed by Allan B. Calhamer, and is now published by Hasbro, which bought out Avalon Hill in 1998. A new postal Diplomacy game is now being organized at a game fee of \$35. (For Canadian and Mexican addresses the game fee is \$50, and for other foreign addresses it is \$100.) This game fee includes a subscription to *Graustark* for as long as the game lasts, whether or not you are eliminated. With your game fee send in a list of the countries that you'd like to play, in your order of preference, and I'll try to put you as close to the top of that list as I can. If you do not already have the postal rules for Diplomacy, let me know when you send in your game fee and I'll send you a copy.

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O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
T To  
I Inflamm  
O Optic  
N Nerves

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*Graustark* subscriptions for non-players are 10 issues for \$15 for U. S. addresses, and 10 issues for \$40 for foreign addresses. Back issues from the beginning of 2001 are 10 issues for \$5 for U. S. addresses. To foreign addresses, back issues have the same cost as foreign subscriptions.

Players who phone in their moves should call me at 718-693-1579. There is also an answering machine which can take your moves if I'm out, at 718-951-5808.

We now have six entries for the next postal Diplomacy game in *Graustark*, four of whom have already sent in their game fees. Anyone wishing to play in it should enroll right away.

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I want to again remind players that the U. S. Postal "Service" is not capable of reliably getting mail here in less than a week. Please take this into account in sending in your moves. If, a few times, your moves have taken less than a week to get here, do not assume that this will always be the case.

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*Graustark* readers who are interested in postal games which don't run here, are invited to write to the publishers of 'zines with which I trade, and ask what game openings they have. For their addresses, see all the readers indicated by "(T)" for "trade" in the *Graustark* Directory on pp. 10-11. Several of these publishers run a wide variety of postal games.

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In my review of Paul C. Doherty's *Corpse Candle* in the last issue, I inadvertently interchanged the titles of two of the books in his series of the detective adventures of Sir Hugh Corbett during the reign of King Edward I of England. It was in *Devil's Hunt*, the tenth book of the series, that Sir Hugh's clerk Ranulf told his master about his plans to become a priest, but it was in the eleventh book, *The Demon Archer*, that Ranulf fell in love with a beautiful murder suspect, and abandons those plans. Nor have I yet discovered why *The Demon Archer* is no longer listed on the brag sheet in subsequent books in this series.

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A few years ago someone in India presented to a bank clerk a U. S. currency note in the denomination of \$1,000,000, and asked for the equivalent in rupees. The clerk

was instantly suspicious, even though this would-be client also presented a certificate of the note's authenticity. For one thing, the U. S. has never issued a million-dollar bill. For another, the bill had President Clinton's picture on it.

Now this has been tried in the U. S. On 5 March, Alice Regina Pike, 35, tried to pay for \$1,671.55 of purchases, in a Wal-Mart in Covington, GA, with a "million-dollar bill" which she said her husband had given her. The story broke in the national media on 10 March, with pictures of this alleged bill. It shows a picture of the head of the Statue of Liberty, and the inscription "U. S. Millennium Note". On its back was a picture of the U. S. Capitol building, remarkably similar to the one on the back of the \$50 bill.

The highest denomination bill ever issued by the U. S. was \$100,000, and those bills, which depict Woodrow Wilson, are used only in transactions among the U. S. Treasury and Federal Reserve banks. Bills of the denominations \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 exist, respectively depicting William McKinley, Grover Cleveland, James Madison, and Salmon P. Chase. (Chase was one of the greatest Secretaries of the Treasury in American history, successfully accomplishing the difficult job of financing the war effort during the Slaveholders' Rebellion. Later he became Chief Justice, in which capacity he reversed a ruling he had made as Secretary of the Treasury.) These high-denomination bills once circulated as widely as the others; if you know the short stories written by Damon Runyon in the 1930s you know that his lovable gangsters were always throwing around "G-notes", as \$1,000 bills were called. They are still legal tender, although Federal Reserve banks retire them as they come in. However, they have not been issued since 1969, in a vain attempt to prevent drug dealers from conducting large-scale cash transactions. According to this year's *World Almanac*, 165,952 \$1,000 bills, 351 \$5,000 bills, and 344 \$10,000 bills are still out there somewhere.

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During World War II, the *Reader's Digest* popularized the slogan "There are no Atheists in foxholes," a line which also appeared in a 1942 movie acclaiming the dogged defense of Wake Island against the overwhelming Japanese attack of the previous December. This line occurred to me when I saw an article in the 14 March issue of *USA Weekend*, the Sunday magazine section of the *New York Daily News*. It was entitled "Five Who Found Faith," and related the stories of five American soldiers in Iraq who, as one of them said, are "...intensely involved in God's work." Considering the religious justifications that have been found, over the centuries, for mass slaughter, she was probably right.

However, this article also included something that is usually absent from such reports of religious faith on the battle lines. It seems that there really are "Atheists in fox-holes". "The Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers is an active, online resource for non-religious people in the military."

This revelation may upset the religious fanatics who seem to be fashionable these days. A few years ago a Funny Mentalist preacher discovered that the U. S. armed forces have chaplains, and provide religious services, for their Neo-Pagan members. (A woman I know, who is high priestess of all the Witches of her tradition in this area, helped to write the specifications used by the armed forces to cover the situation of the Neo-Pagans among them.) The preacher erupted in horror, and urged Christians not to enlist or re-enlist in the armed forces while this horrible situation continues to exist.

For my own part, I found the existence of the Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers to be a disappointment. I had hoped that anyone with the perception to reject religious superstition might also be able to reject patriotic superstition, and to stay out of what "President" Bush has openly called a "Crusade", thus invoking earlier wars also motivated by religious fanaticism.

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The political metaphor of the "red states" and the "blue states", which I cited in the last issue, seems to crop up everywhere in this election year. Analysts are claiming that only about 12 or 15 states are actually in play, and that the others are either unalterably "red" (Republican) or, like New York, "blue" (Democratic). This even got into Matt Zoller Seitz's review of *The Passion of the Christ* in the *New York Press* of 23 February 2004. He referred to that sanguinary film's theme as "red-state deicide", since the Republican Party seems to regard itself as the political arm of the Christian Right.

For Christian reaction to that review, see p. 4.

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The most important issue of the 2004 presidential campaign has already been settled. It is not who will govern the United States of America, but who will govern the Democratic Party. The risk that the Democratic Party will end the hemorrhage of American lives and money in the Muddle East, and once again boldly support affordable health care for all Americans, and oppose poverty and ethnic, sexual, and religious discrimination, has been dissipated for the time being by the successful campaign of the self-styled "New Democrats" against the presidential candidacy of Howard Dean. This campaign was summarized by Dr. Dean's former campaign manager Joe Trippi, who was asked "If you were to give one reason for the campaign's collapse, what would it be?" In the *New York Times Magazine* of 22 February 2004 he replied:

"You have a party that's tried to make every rule that it can to stop an insurgent...the second Al Gore endorsed Howard Dean, alarms went off in newsrooms and at every other campaign headquarters. At the campaign headquarters, they all had meetings and said, 'We've got to stop Howard Dean right this second.' That's what the Al Gore endorsement meant. It meant, 'We've got to kill this guy or he's going to be the nominee.'"

Media involvement in this sort of thing is nothing new. The infamous 1876 backroom deals that stole the presidential election from Samuel Tilden (D) and gave it to the second-place finisher Rutherford B. Hayes (R) were hatched by John C. Reid, then editor-in-chief of the *New York Times*.

So what have the "New Democrats" won, now that they have won? They have won themselves a lower voter turn-out, and several independent candidacies which will pull away many of their usual voters. This will not concern the party bosses, who take the classic stance "This may wreck the party, but we'll own the wreckage." And if they lose in November, they will blame people like Ralph Nader and his supporters for what is really their own fault.

This is how it worked in the last four presidential elections, according to figures from the *World Almanac*:

	1988		1992		1996		2000	
	% of voters	% of eligibles	% of voters	% of eligibles	% of voters	% of eligibles	% of voters	% of eligibles
Republican	53.3	26.7	37.45	20.9	40.7	19.9	47.9	24.6
Democratic	45.7	22.9	43.0	24.2	49.3	24.2	48.4	24.8
Reform			18.9	10.6	8.4	4.1	0.5	0.3
Green					0.7	0.3	2.7	1.4
others	1.0	0.5	0.65	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.3
not voting		49.8		44.1		51.0		48.7

For 2000, both the Buchanan and Hagelin voters are included under "Reform", since the Reform Party split between these two nominees, with one running on that ticket in some states, and the other in others. All Buchanan and Hagelin votes are included here, without regard to their party labels.

As a portion of those eligible to vote, the major party vote has remained nearly constant over the years. In these four elections it was, respectively, 49.6%, 45.1%, 44.1%, and 49.4%. The only deviations came in the years of the Perot candidacies, since Henry Ross Perot was mainly a Republican who was exercising a personal animosity against Bush the Father.

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On 13 December 2003, the media breathlessly reported the assertion of Mohamed El-Baradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, that Israel has a stockpile of nuclear weapons. This is actually the latest news of 1967. Israel has had nuclear weapons at least since then. (Like all scientists, Israeli physicists tend to gossip a lot about their work at international meetings.)



2001Bea04 (Colonial Diplomacy)

## "TIS THE SEMI-FINAL CONFLICT..."

BRITAIN (Watkins): A Yun-Sik; A Ran-U.Bur; A May S A Ran-U.Bur; A Ass-Ben.FRANCE (Neal): F HK-Can.HOLLAND (Floyd): F WIO holds; F GOM, F EIO & F Cey S F WIO; F BOB S BRITISH A Ass-Ben;  
A N.Sam-Ban; A Ban-Ran; F AS holds.JAPAN (Biehl): A Chu-Lan; A Nan S A Chu-Lan; A Can-Chu; F Ton-Can; F SCS S F Ton-Can;  
A Cam-Ton; A Pek-Mon; A Irk & A Mac S A Pek-Mon; A Vla S A Irk; A Kyu-Sha; F YS  
C A Kyu-Sha; F ECS S A Kyu-Sha; F SOJ, F OS & F Ann hold; F Sun.S-GOS; F GOS-Coc;  
A Sha-Pek; F SIO S DUTCH F WIO.RUSSIA (Quirk): A Mon S A Lan; A Kra S A Mon; A Sik & A Lan S A Mon; A Mos-TSR-Omsk;  
A Kag S A Sik.TURKEY (Mooney): A Mys S F Mad; F GOA-WIO; F Mad & F Ara.S S F GOA-WIO; F PG & A Ben  
hold; A Tib S RUSSIAN A Sik; A Luc, A Hyd & A Nep S A Ben; F RS-GOA; A Bom & A Nag  
S A Hyd; A Raj-Del; F Mec-Aden.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Mon-Uru, and the Russian A Lan is dislodged and annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers. Each Power's starting colonies (home supply centers) are listed in italics. New units may be built only in these.

BRITAIN: Ass, Mal, May, U.Bur. (4)

FRANCE: HK. (1)

HOLLAND: Ban, Bor, Cey, Java, New, Ran, Sar, Sin, Sum. (9)

JAPAN: Ann, Can, Cebu, Chu, Coc, Dav, For, Fus, Kyo, Kyu, Mac, Mna, Mon, Ota, P.Art,  
Pek, Sak, Seo, Sha, Tok, Ton, Vla. (22)

RUSSIA: Kag, Mos, Ode, Omsk, Sik, Tas. (6)

TURKEY: Ade, Ang, Bag, Ben, Bom, Con, Del, Egy, Kam, Kar, Mad, Per, Rum, Shi, Sud, Tab.  
(16)

Japan may build two new units, and Russia, Holland, and Turkey may each build one. Russia has a second build if the dislodged A Mon is removed. The deadline for these "1917" orders is NOON, FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2004. For Michael Quirk's new address, which takes effect on 1 April, see p. 11.

TOKYO (Mar. 21, 1916): Yamagata Automo, Minister of War, declared, "The Imperial Russian Army has suffered and will suffer further defeat. Czar Michael would do better to contain his adventurism towards the south-west."

TOKYO (Apr. 1, 1916): Kido Takayoshi, Minister of Foreign Relations, announced, "To show our benevolence, the Imperial Japanese Navy has arranged passage so all French nationals may vacate East Asia."

KYOTO (May 1, 1916): In the garden of the Imperial Palace, Mutsuhito was heard to serenely murmur, "The East is Red."

KYOTO (Nov. 1, 1916): Emperor Mutsuhito spoke, "Arise Saigo Takamori, most illustrious servant. I declare you first Marshall of the Imperial Army. Your deeds shall echo through the centuries to the glory of our blessed Japan."

FRANCE: Vive la France! Meure le Japon!

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This directory is accurate to the date of 20 March 2004. Please let me know of any corrections or additions that need to be made, particularly if you want your nine-digit ZIP code, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address added to your listing. This is particularly important for electronic addresses, which seem to change more frequently than do postal addresses.

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#### DUNGEONS & CHRISTIANS (continued from p. 4)

films, I don't think we have to waste much worry over this.

Also in this issue is a thought-provoking article by Neil Faulkner about alignment (good-neutral-evil) in D&D. The way D&D settings are created, "There are good guys and there are bad guys, and anyone opposed to you is a bad guy." We get altogether too much of that in the Bush Administration; do we also need it in the games we play to escape from our present environment? If followed out as its author clearly intended, "President" Bush's belief, that those not supporting us are opposed to us, will eventually lead to war with France, or perhaps with the entire European Union. What price D&D alignment then?

The January 2004 issue includes the CAR-PGa annual report. Again CAR-PGa pleads for help from readers who have access to Lexis (court cases) and Nexis (mass media articles) for follow-up information on RPGs. CAR-PGa's series "Setting the Record Straight" has published rebuttals to William Schnoebelen's "Should a Christian Play Dungeons & Dragons?" and "Straight Talk on Dungeons & Dragons". Dr. Radecki is now on the "Psychology and Political Science Faculty" (an odd-sounding combination) of Siena

Heights University in Adrian, MI, a small denominational college with about 2,000 students.

Despite the total failure of previous such cases, "Sony, Take-Two Interactive Software, Rockstar Games and Wal-Mart have been sued over the deaths of two people from snipers allegedly trying to play" Grand Theft Auto for real.

This review will continue in the next Graustark. Whenever I mention an Internet address in this column, I would appreciate it if readers who are on the Web (as I am not) would look it up and pass along any further items of interest which it has.

Finally, I want to thank Paul Cardwell for plugging Graustark in CAR-PGA Newsletter.

2002D

"Winter 1903"

Following "Fall 1903" moves, France removes the dislodged A Ruh and Russia removes the dislodged F Swe. France therefore now has two builds, and Germany and Russia each now have one. Kiel remains a German supply center, and the corrected list of supply centers appears below.

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)  
 FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)  
 GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe. (6)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Ven. (4)  
 RUSSIA: Ank, Bud, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Vie, War. (8)  
 TURKEY: Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy, Tun. (6)

The "Winter 1903" orders are:

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): Removes A Ruh.  
 FRANCE (Lischett): Builds F Bre and F Mar.  
 GERMANY (Quirk): Builds A Kie.

RUSSIA (Grose): Builds A Sev.  
 TURKEY (Alme): Builds F Con and A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2004. Hank Alme is now playing Turkey. Michael Quirk has a new address, which becomes effective on 1 April. For these addresses see the directory on pp. 10-11.

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