

Magus

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I am having a lot of trouble figuring out where the keys are this morning. I am taking a 'C' language course and needed something to do my homework on, so I got a PC clone. I've spent so much time on it lately that any other keyboard takes a bit of re-training. I have the same problem at work. Funny thing, I don't really like the new keyboard. It's CONTROL, ALT and SHIFT keys are too close together for me to hit accurately without looking. Since the editor I use is based on WORDSTAR (and uses the ALT and CONTROL keys in conjunction with other keys to perform odd functions) I have zapped myself more than once while trying to shift to upper case.

But enough about me, let's talk about the weather. It snowed again last Wednesday. The weather gods dropped a foot of snow on us in one day. That's more than the previous storm did in a week.

Two record snow storms in a single winter make me wonder about this Greenhouse effect we are all worrying about. Probably, if I understood the physics of it, I could put it all together into a cohesive theory. As it is, all I know is that it is cold out.

Thursday morning I awoke to a foot of snow and no power, so I did what any self-reliant pioneer would do, I went back to bed. Instead of going to work, I was a snow-wimp that day. Of course, I have no reason to believe that I could have made it as far as the freeway, much less the rest of the 38 miles I drive to work every day. Once the power came back on, and the boys plugged into their TV fix, I got to work on the program I am developing on my PC. Talk about your Busman's Holiday.

In the real world, I have decided that it is time to put some pressure on my people at work to find me another assignment. I have been at Blue Cross for a year now, and I like the place and the people, but I noticed yesterday in a meeting that when the questions as how the system worked came up, they all turned to me. If I have been there long enough to become the expert, it is time to do something new.

Actually, that's what the 'C' language course is all about. There is a whole bunch of new stuff being developed now, and most of it is being written in 'C'. If I have any hope at all of getting into that, I have to be able to speak the language. Funny thing, I have been working in computer development for most of my life, and I am on the verge of being obsolete. Things are changing so fast in computer biz that most of my experience is worthless. Of course, the people who hire programmers haven't figured that out yet, so I am still doing well.

Daf just got back from her second trip to Albuquerque in a month. The first trip was because Daf's mother was only given a couple months to live, and wanted to say goodby and straighten out her affairs. The second was for the ceremony following her death. Judie was always a free spirit, and even in death, went with style. We miss her and mourn her, and we celebrate her wherever she is now.

This is the list of those who are getting MAGUS. To be on this list, you have to play, standby, or have some other quality that makes me want to send this to you. What that quality might be, I leave to your imagination.

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Standby list: Mark Keller, Dick Martin, Melinda Ann Holley, Jim Burgess, Tom Hurst, Bill Quinn, Don Williams, Mike Pustilnik, Larry Botimer, Andy Lischett, Richard Hurley, Rick Kohman, and Glenn E. L. Petroski.

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ZAT for the games will be April 7, 1989.

ZAT would have been March 31st, but that is Daf's birthday, so we have made other plans.

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Fall 1906

Check the address list for Kathy's new address.

The E/F/A/T draw was defeated but has been repropoed, along with an E/A/T draw. No one sent in orders for the Italian unit. Considering the confusion involved, I am leaving it to Steve Emmert to order.

AUS (Gary Behnen 9) A Sil-MUN, A TYA S A Sil-MUN, A BOH S A Sil-MUN,
A War-SIL, A PIE-Mar(fails), A VEN S F ROM, A Mun-RUH, A Gal-WAR,
F ROM S TUR F ION-Tyh
ENG (Mike Pustilnik 8) A Yor-BEL, F NTH C A Yor-BEL, F Bar-NWG,
A KIE S AUS A Mun-RUH, A STP H, A FIN S A STP, F BAL S A KIE
FRA (Richard Hurley 7) F SPA(sc)-Gol(fails), F NAF S ITA A TUN,
F MAR S F SPA(sc)-Gol(cut), A HOL H, A BUR-Mun(fails),
A Ruh S A BUR-Mun(cut, dislodged), F WES S F SPA(sc)-Gol
ITA (NMR Steve Emmert 3) A TUN H(u)
TUR (Kathy Caruso 9) F CON-Aeg(fails), A MOS S A LVN-Stp(fails),
F ION-Tyh(fails), F TYH-Gol(fails), A PRU S A BER,
F AEG-Ion(fails), A BER S AUS A Sil-MUN, A LVN-Stp(fails),
F TUS S F TYH-Gol

Winter 1906 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Bud Tri Vie Gre Ser Ven Rom Mun War	+0; even
ENG	Edi Lon Lpl Nwy Stp Swe Den Kie BEL	+1; builds 2
FRA	Bre Mar Par Bel(lost) Por Spa Hol	-1; removes 1
ITA	Tun	+0; even
TUR	Ank Con Smy Bul Sev Rum Mos Nap Ber	+0; even

1987 HX Slimey Dogs Press:

TURKEY to EVERYONE: Shit or get off the pot!
GM to TURKEY: It's really hell when you have to go, and there is no place available, isn't it?
TURKEY to ENGLAND: How can you be from Brooklyn - you don't even know how to use a switch blade?!
GM to TURKEY: I thought it was Uzis and AK-47 these days. Are they really that far behind the times in Brooklyn?
TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Nothing like growing old together!
GM to TURKEY: So that's the secret.
TURKEY to GM: How about growing ancient together?
GM to TURKEY: Too late, I've been there already.
ENGLAND to FRANCE: Sorry, Richard. I couldn't bear to have the game end with nothing having happened.
GM to ENGLAND: Way to talk!
AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Well, if these damn slippers don't work, I'll be seeing that Wiz one more time!
GM to AUSTRIA: If you hadn't slipped your strings, you'd be a real threat now.
VIENNA: There's no draw like 4, there's no draw like 4,....
GM to VIENNA: We don' need no steenking draws!!!
AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: If you didn't do Hurley this time, you won't be doing him. Everyone says draw, let's end this! If you made your move, IT'S ABOUT TIME!!
GM to AUSTRIA: See ENGLAND to FRANCE above.
AUSTRIA to FRANCE: If your partner chickens out, do you want a 3-way draw? (Offer void if he's killing you.)

1987 AL Euro Style Fall and Winter 1910

Please check the address list for Kathy's new address.

F/G/R was defeated. F/G/R, F/G/T, G/T, and F/G/T/R are repropesed.

AUS (Kathy Caruso 2) A TRI H
 FRA (Rick Kohman 9) A Tus-ROM, F NAP-Apu(fails), A GAS H,
 F Gol-TYH, F TUN-Ion(fails), F BRE-Mid, F Ion-AEG,
 A PIE S GER A VEN
 GER (Bob Slossar 9) A TYA-Tri(fails), A RUH H, F NTH H, F Pru-BAL,
 F NAT H, A BOH-Vie(fails), A GAL S A VIE-Bud(cut),
 A VEN S A TYA-Tri(cut), A VIE-Bud(fails)
 RUS (Richard Hurley 5) A LVN H, A MOS S A UKR-Sev, A WAR S GER A GAL,
 A UKR-Sev(fails), A NWY H
 TUR Larry Botimer 9) F Adr-ALB, A ARM-Sev(fails), A SER-Tri(fails),
 A RUM-Gal(fails), F BLA S A ARM-Sev, A BUD S AUS A TRI-Vie(nso),
 F EAS-Ion(fails), F APU-Ven(fails), F Aeg-GRE

Winter 1910 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Tri Vie(lost)	
FRA	Bre Mar Par Por Spa Lon Tun Rom Nap	-1; even
GER	Ber Kie Mun Den Bel Hol Edi Lpl Ven VIE	+0; builds F MAR
RUS	Mos Stp War Swe Nwy	+1; builds A MUN
TUR	Ank Con Smy Bul Sev Bud Gre Ser Rum	+0; even
		+0; even

1987 AL Euro Style Press:

KATIE to RIN TIN: If Russia deserves a part of a draw, then you deserve the Medal of Honor!

AUSTRIA to GERMANY: And you deserve a kick in the ass!

GM to AUSTRIA: In life, the deserving rarely get their just dues. It's the same in Dip.

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: Someone ought to drown you!

KK to RIKKO: How did you ever get in with this motley crew?

RIN TIN to GM: I'm so ashamed, I thought no one knew, but Yes, I am a cross gamer, just ask Hurley. He told the whole board that in "Slimey Dogs" on the basis of one game with Caruso as a standby. Fortunately, I don't play with these yutzes anywhere else and I can avoid them in the future.

GM to RIN TIN: That's the intelligent way to cross-game. I did it myself a few times.

RIN TIN to KATIE: You blew it babe, but why not go down dot grabbing!

1987 CV New Kids Fall 1906 (again)

Thanks to Derik Levison for sending in standby orders. I couldn't use them because there was no NMR. Last month followed a replay of the previous month and Steve Emmert had orders on file. I just failed to look for any orders in the file. Sorry Steve. For those of you who would like to see this game progress more quickly, tough tookies. We are once again replaying a previous season (pray that I remember to look in the file for your moves next month).

All proposals have failed to pass. I'm not sure what proposals are still on the books, but I think that the concession to Austria and the A/F draw are pretty safe bets. Please vote with your orders.

1987 CV New Kids Fall 1906

AUS (Russ Rusnak 12) F Adr-APU, A Gal-WAR, A Bud-RUM, A Ven-PIE,
A PRU S A Gal-WAR, A Bul-CON, F Aeg-SMY, A SIL S A Gal-WAR,
A Rum-UKR, F EAS S F Aeg-SMY, F Ion-AEG
ENG (Don Williams 4) F Iri-NAT, A DEN-Kie(fails),
F Nwy-NTH(fails), F Wal-LPL
FRA (Steve Emmert 10) F Eng-IRI, A Pic-BEL, F MID S F Eng-IRI,
A BUR H, A MAR H, A MUN H, A KIE-Den(fails), A Hol-YOR,
F EDI H(u), F NTH C A Hol-YOR
RUS (Ron Cameron 5) A MOS S A War, A Ukr-GAL, F Bla-SEV,
A War S A Ukr-GAL(cut, dislodged), A STP-Nwy(fails)
TUR (Mark Weseman 3) F Con-BLA, F ANK S F CON-BLA, A Smy-ARM

1987 CV New Kids Winter 1906 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Bud Tri Vie Ser Bul Gre Ven Rom Tun Rum Nap Ber	+3; builds 4
	WAR CON SMY	
ENG	Lon Lpl Den Nwy	+0; even
FRA	Bre Mar Par Por Spa Bel Mun Hol Edi Kie	+0; even
RUS	Mos Stp War(lost) Swe Sev	-1; removes 1
TUR	Ank Con(lost) Smy(lost)	-2; removes 2

1987 CV New Kids Press:

FRANCE: Ah, Christmas in Yorkshire. If all these moves work, I'll have me an island next year.

1986 A Slowtime Winter 1912 and Spring 1913

The R/T draw failed to pass and has been repropoed, along with a concession to Russia.

ENG (Tom Hurst 1) removes F Iri, F Eng; F NAT-Ireland(fails, imp)
FRA (Bill Quinn 4) even; A PAR S A Bre-GAS, A Bre-GAS,
A PIC-Bur(fails), F Por-SPA(sc)
ITA (Larry Botimer 1) even; A NAF H
RUS (Don Williams 16) builds A WAR, A MOS, A STP still 2 short;
A Mos-UKR, A Stp-MOS, A War-GAL, A BOH S A War-GAL, A Edi-LPL,
F NWG-Nat(fails), A Lon-BEL, A RUH-Mun(fails), A Sev-RUM,
A MAR S A Bel-BUR, F NTH C A LON-Bel, A PIE S A MUN-Tya, A Bel-BUR,
A MUN-Tya(fails)
TUR (Flash Fassio 12) no builds, plays 3 short; A Gre-SER,
A VEN S A Tri-TYA, F TYH H, F GOL-Wes(fails), A Tri-TYA,
A VIE S A Tri-TYA, F WES-Mid(fails), F MID-Nat(fails), A BUD H

1986 A Slowtime Press:

IRELAND - Love those coleen's an th' poteen, too.
FAZ to GM & BOARD: Before I get silly and whatnot in the press, I want to make public what I already sent in private to a certain player in this game: I hereby tender a public apology to Tom Hurst, for whatever reason I've pissed him off. If it's because of a non-alliance, biting press, or just being me, I stand here for potshots. Take me as I am, but take my apology nonetheless, for it is offered in sincerity. Now, that out of the way, back to having fun!

TURKEY to ENGLAND: Whoops, sorry; I said I wasn't going to do any more anti-England press, so consider this space for rent.

FAZ to LAME DUCK: Well, fellow traveller (Lee's horse was also called that, by the way), we dood it. The last of enemy opposition is gone, and with it, hopefully, a path to a quick game end for this puppy. Kudos to your efforts this game. I wondered about you every NMR or so, but deep down, in my heart, you know he's right (hey, how did that Goldwater commercial sneak in here?!). Good moves, Tsar-man.

GM to TURKEY: Maybe the NMRs were to throw you off the scent.

TURKEY to FRANCE: We share the French outrage at losing Mar, and at being denied Belgium. Subpeona me for The World Court; I'll testify! Oh well, you have seen it all this game, and your enemies are ground to dust - Fate has vindicated you.

1982 CH The Aliens' Game Autumn and Winter 1929 and Spring 1930

Both the AEIR and EIR draws were defeated.

AUS (Steve Dorneman 1) A Bud R OTB
ENG (Jeff Martin 17) A MOS S A Sil-WAR(cut), A TYA-Tri(fails),
F NTH H, A Sil-WAR, A GAL-Ukr(fails), A BER H, A PRU S A Sil-WAR,
A LVN S A Mos(cut), F BAL H, F BOT H, A MUN H, A MAR H, F HEL H,
F NAF S F MED, F SPA(sc) S A MAR, F MID S F MED, F WES H
ITA (Jim Burgess 11) A Gal R OTB; A VIE-Gal(fails), A Tri-VEN,
A Boh-SIL, F ALB-Tri(fails), F Bul(ec)-RUM, F PIE-Mar(fails),
F TUN S F TYH, F TYH S F GOL, F ION S F TUN, F GOL S F PIE-Mar,
RUS (Andy Lischett 5) A Mos R OTB; A SEV S A Ukr-MOS, A BUD-Gal(fails)
A War-Lvn(fails, dislodged), A Ukr-MOS

Winter 1930 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Bud (lost)	-1; out
ENG	Edi Lon Lpl Den Bel Swe Kie Bre Nwy Hol Par Ber Stp Spa Mar Mun Por WAR	+1; wins
ITA	Nap Rom Tun Con Gre Smy Ven Bul Tri Vie Rum	+0; even
RUS	Ank Sev War(lost) Mos Ser BUD	+0; even

1982 CH The Aliens' Press

Lord Geoffrey to Ceiling: "Am I dreaming?"

The time for dreams is past with this one. Please send in some end of game statements. I find that I have something to say, and I would like it to be in a context.