

Why Vote Bush?

by Greg Ellis

So you want a Republican viewpoint, and you haven't heard of anyone who is voting for the President based on his record. Well here it is and now you have.

[[Pete here—I actually didn't make that second comment.]]

The President has earned a second term by doing an outstanding job in *all* areas of the presidency as it was designed in the Constitution. The President is supposed to be the single voice for the U.S. in foreign relations. Because he can act with more freedom and less congressional interference, the world is much safer today than it was four years ago, and much safer than twelve years ago. Because congress takes the lead in internal budgetary matters, the federal budget deficit and the national debt are bigger today than four years ago. The President did make a major mistake by signing the tax and budget compromise in 1990, and that one mistake may cost him his job. I believe the President learned from that mistake, and it would be ludicrous to elect one of the other two who both advocate tax increases, which would devastate the economy.

President Bush has been quick to act and has always moved in the right direction in foreign policy. You don't like wars and neither do I, but every armed engagement in the past four years has been necessary to protect the U.S. national interests, AND has resulted in remarkably few American casualties. In each case the military was sent in to do a specific job, given the full go-ahead to do whatever is necessary to accomplish that goal, and met the objective with minimal loss and in a minimum amount of time. That is the very definition of effective leadership!

President Bush has many foreign policy victories through negotiations, not the least of which is leading the world through the breakup of the Soviet empire. With the possible outbreak of civil war throughout the former Soviet Union, and the strong possibility that one of the new republics will use nuclear weapons, the President has taken the lead in helping them maintain their economy and thereby lessen the likelihood of war. Where civil wars have broken out, such as Yugoslavia, the President is cautious and careful. We cannot act to stop the suffering and violence without a set objective and the ability to carry out that objective. AND there should be American interests at stake besides our natural tendency to want to stop injustice.

President Bush has helped keep the lid on government growth, but without the line-item veto or the balanced budget amendment his hands are tied. Even if he vetoes every budget bill that isn't balanced, the congress will simply override and the media will call it a crisis in leadership (the exact scenario that will occur is Perot manages to get elected). He did act as a statesman, and he has paid a dear price for that mistake. President Bush has helped pass landmark environmental legislation (too many restrictions for my tastes, not enough for yours), and civil rights legislation (again, too strong for business interests). If there is any valid criticism of the President's domestic policy, it is that he has been too liberal!

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It's Me Again

by Cathy Gaughan

Well, I know now why I didn't 'get' 2001: A Space Odyssey—I've never had an acid trip! That seemed to be the main theme in all the explanations. Thanks to everyone who participated, except maybe Mike Stewart, who sent me so much reading material that I think he should lose two issues. I choose Chuff as the winner. It always helps to sympathize with me—you'll always get extra points for that.

Melanie Winters wins the funniest but Pete isn't giving out that prize due to lack of entries. Jim Goodwin just confused me more; Stan Johnson wussed out. John McLaurin, you were very close to being first, but you sympathize with my confusion like Chuff did. John Schultz was short and sweet and helpful. Al, I'm sorry, but 'tweak' makes me think of... ..well, I'm embarrassed to say. But Pete knows all about tweaking.

Rikko, your answer was—I don't know, too you. Thanks so much for the great answers, although I'm still reading Mike's! It was fun.

Well, life seems to be treating me better than it was in my last column. I got a raise at work. My mom is hanging in there—she has one more chemo treatment and then she starts radiation. But she's one tough cookie. She constantly tells me not to worry about her.

One problem is, I got this nasty cold and my quartet is paying someone to come and coach us tomorrow. My voice sounds a bit like a sick frog, but I'm trying to take enough medicine to be better. We'll see.

Thanks for all the well wishes over the past month. I appreciate it. It's nice to know that you guys don't think this is totally weird. I'm glad you like to hear things from my side as well as Pete's; it's why I don't have a problem with the Dip hobby. Most of you guys are real people with real lives. God, I think this cold is affecting me—I'm getting too serious!

Later, dudes and dudettes.

Cathy

Contest entries:

Rick Kohman

This is merely a rehash of the age-old story—Man, stupid, greedy and stubborn (though always well-intentioned), vs. the Gods.

When the Black Slab appears at the start of the movie, it represents Lucifer/Prometheus/etc. bringing the yin (knowledge) to man, thereby also unleashing the yang (Pandora's box).

But you don't defy the Big Guy. Lucifer gets kicked out of heaven and loses his 'Light' title to become Prince of Darkness. "Oh, wow! Big hurt!" cries Prometheus. "Better than being chained to a rock with an eternal-vulture picking at your eternal-liver!"

And the mysterious demi-god Black Slab? He rebels by 'possessing' the main drive of a computer (he 'drove' HAL crazy...)

When the Kler Dulca character ('man') successfully withstands the Temptations of Evil, he traverses the long dark tunnel into the 'Light' and becomes 'Re-born.'

[[Q: Do you know why the Computer was named "HAL"?]]

[[Pete here: No, it was not because those letters preceded IBM. Clarke himself has said that this was a coincidence he discovered later.]]

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As for his opponents, they both represent economic disaster. Character issues aside (and neither has the necessary character to be President), they both advocate huge tax increases at a time when we can least afford them. Perot is by far the worst because his tax increases would reduce the private sector demand at the same time he cuts government spending to reduce public sector demand. The result will be a world-wide recession if not a cataclysmic depression. Clinton at least advocates replacing the lost private sector demand with more public sector spending, but his plan is also recessionary. When people have less to spend, the basic manufacturing industries are hurt. The money government spends will help replace some of the lost demand, but not in the manufacturing areas; almost all government money is spent on services. Clinton represents a return to the failed Keynesian policies of the past, and will once again lead to record unemployment, inflation, and interest rates.

Supply-side economics worked, and it is unfortunate the President didn't stick with it. The Reagan tax cuts resulted in higher federal revenues through the growing economy; the 1990 tax increase resulted in lower federal revenues by more than 3% since FY90. The federal deficit as a share of GDP was lowest when the tax rates were the lowest and highest when the tax rates were the highest. The excess disposable income created by supply-side economics funded new capital investments. The stock market soared to new heights, and the basic manufacturing industries saw new and stronger growth, including steel, chemicals and paper. And the doom and gloom nay-sayers who like to quip that the rich got richer and poor got poorer during the 80's are simply wrong. Many poor and middle-income families did so well that they moved up into higher-income brackets. Those in the bottom fifth income bracket saw their incomes grow 77% from 1980 to 1989. The middle fifth income bracket grew 20% during that same time period (source: Urban Institute and *Investor's Business Daily*).

There is an inherent problem with funding government: the taxes have to come from people who have money, the very people who need tax relief to encourage investment and economic growth. The only solution to paying for government programs AND maintaining a healthy economy is to limit the growth of government spending. Only President Bush advocates this sound fiscal economic policy; the other two want to increase taxes, and only Clinton wants more government instead of less.

President Bush deserves a second term. He has earned our votes by leading the free world (a much bigger group now than when he took office!) through difficult and frightening times. He has earned our votes by working to hold the line on spending. And he deserves our votes because he is the only candidate with a sound, responsible economic policy.

There you go. Probably too late, but it had to be said!

[[Thank you my friend—we'll find out next week whether you've just written Bush's eptaph.

[[Actually, I agree (after years of opposing it) that the President should have a line-item veto. I think it is probably too much power for the Executive branch, but government spending needs to be cut drastically and I don't see the needed turnover in Congress coming any time soon.

[[If you watch C-SPAN for more than a day or two, you'll see a Republican (probably Dan Burton of Indiana) at some point try to amend a bill to wipe out some \$100,000 piece of pork—a parking lot or an academic grant or whatever. He'll occupy a half-hour of the House's time as seven or eight of his buddies stand up to agree and the bill's sponsors all stand up to oppose—and at the end of that time the move will die. We can save that time AND the money with the line-item veto.]]

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John Schultz

Whew! What is the meaning of life in 25 words or less? That's a tall order. *[[We didn't say anything about word limits.]]* It boils down to this. Man could not have become the extraordinary thinking creative creature that he is without the aid of some superior outside influence. And now that same superior outside influence is needed to save man from himself. To search for that source on a scientific basis is immeasurable vanity. I think not only Kubrick but Clarke as well tried to say they believe in "god."

Melanie Winters

2001 makes no sense AND was boring!

Al Tabor

RE: 2001. A superior race decides to tweak earth's evolution. They bump apes up to sapient intelligence (an important milestone) with the first monolith. They plant a second monolith on the moon to set up the next intervention when/if the intelligent apes achieve space flight. Achieving space flight is a test; the intelligent apes pass it. As a result they earn the next tweak which transforms them into galactic beings. The precise nature of this change is left deliberately ambiguous so you're not supposed to know just exactly what's going on there at the end. Except that it's a major change on the level of getting intelligence and that we have now left the earthly womb and started out into a new realm of existence. The reasons for HAL's freak out are explained in the sequel.

John McLaurin

The basis of the story is the evolution of man, starting at "the dawn of man", when the first man-like apes learned to use tools, on up to the year 2001, when an expedition is sent to Jupiter (Saturn in the book).

The black monoliths which appear at the beginning, on the moon and at Jupiter, were set there by an advanced alien race. The first monolith guided the "apes" to become "men" by inspiring them somehow. Another was on earth's moon to guide them further. Detected by its magnetic field, it was unearthed and emitted radiation briefly. At the same time, a disturbance was detected through the area of Jupiter, so a decision was made to send a space ship, the *Discovery*, to investigate. The true nature of the expedition was not told to the astronauts, who would sleep for most of the long journey.

In charge of the mission is the Hal 9000 computer, which has a highly advanced artificial intelligence, and is almost a person. In an attempt to assure the success of the mission, Hal kills off all but one of the crew, David Bowman, who manages to disconnect Hal's higher brain functions. Earth then tells him the true purpose of the mission, and he goes out to investigate a large monolith near one of Jupiter's moons. He is carried and transformed into a higher state as the limitations of what his mind can conceive are removed. All the "acid trip" stuff in the movie is this journey (hard to represent on film). He has then become the 'star child' which you see looking at the Earth at the end of the film. The strange scenes where David is seen in late life knocking over a glass, lying in bed near death, are part of his evolutionary journey to become the more advanced being. The advanced aliens were supposedly so far ahead that they no longer required bodies, but existed as an integral part of the universe. They 'planted' the great black monoliths to boost the evolution of mankind as a species. Their influence on man can best be explained by a paragraph from the book:

It was a spectacle to grasp and hold the attention of any child—or of any man-ape. But, as it had been three million years before, it was only the outward manifestation of forces too subtle to be consciously perceived. It was merely a toy to distract the senses, while the real processing was carried out at far deeper levels of the mind.

The reason for Hal's homicidal action is explained in the book, which to some extent ruins the mysterious, frightening nature of his actions in the movie. In the book's explanation, Hal's action is the result of a programming conflict, thus reducing him from being a monstrous 'character' or 'person' to being merely a malfunctioning machine.

In my opinion, the movie is flawed, because you have to read the book to understand it. It is still an excellent movie.

That's my serious explanation of the movie. Since you refer to the movie only, I am assuming that you have not read the book, which does explain the movie quite well. If you are interested enough, I can recommend the book, which is pretty light reading, so it doesn't really take too long to get through it. The film has gotten a lot of praise from a lot of people, but I think one of the best endorsements is when Elwy Yost said that Hal was his favourite movie monster.

Chuff Afflerbach

I can sympathize with your confusion over *2001* because I felt the same way the first time I saw it. But I think I have the simple answer you're looking for—it's just a bad acid trip!

Consider the time it came out: 1968. The psychedelic era. When I saw it as a callow youth, I too, was mystified—as much by the odors and behaviors of the people around me as by the images on the screen. But in the subsequent years I have gone back and read first the short story by Arthur C. Clarke that inspired the film, and then the novel Clarke wrote to explain (and excuse) the film. While I agree that the first two-thirds of the film is superb science-fiction, once the "acid trip" begins the story gets lost. So here, in broad strokes, is the gist of the story...

In the short story (the name escapes me now), astronauts on the dark side of the moon discover a beacon beaming an indecipherable signal into space. After considerable effort to get inside the thing and turn it off, they realize that they have just signalled to someone that man has left his planet.

So Kubrick tells the author, "Artie, you're beautiful, I love you and your aliens, but you gotta give me more! Flesh it out, give me some space ships, I'll pad it to two and a half hours. We'll do lunch!" So Clarke has the aliens visit Earth when it is populated with unintelligent primates. The ape touches the glowing crystal... ("No, no, no, Artie, think big! Think sinister! Think big black monolith!") ...he touches the big black monolith and voilà! the divine spark. Mission accomplished, the aliens put the human pot on to boil for a few thousand? million? years, but they leave behind a safety valve. Yep, the Monolith in the Moon. Astronauts find it, dig it up, and when the first solar rays strike it, a solar battery sends off a message to the home office saying "they're heeereers..." Man, still not too bright, follows the signal. And that's where we slip on the Cosmic Banana Peel. The third monolith orbiting Jupiter is supposed to be a portal to hyperspace, a black hole to the aliens. So we get twenty minutes of "dazzling" (yawn) special effects. After a trip like that, of course, all the rules are out the window. He sees himself coming and going, aging, dying, and—this is so groovy!—being reborn! Then, the galactic superbaby, he reaches out and, one by one, snuffs out the nuclear bombs orbiting the planet Earth... ("I liked it up to the nukes, Art. I get your message, peace and love, I'm with you on that one, brother. But hey, I've done the bomb. Besides, there's a war on. So let's keep it simple, okay, babe? Well, just make it an orbiting embryo, okay? Great. You're beautiful!") And the rest, as they say, is movie history. But they also say you have to read the book. I wouldn't have gotten any of this from watching the film!

Tim Goodwin

Pullulation. I am convinced I am right, I hope this clears things up for you. [[pullulation, sez the dictionary, is "to sprout, germinate, breed quickly."]]

Stan Johnson

I understand *2001* perfectly but don't know what you want to know about it. I didn't get issue 101, so I didn't see the original question. I recommend the sequel, *2010*, it answers all the questions *2001* left you with.

Steve McKinnon

I choose to view this film as an example of my own optimistic/benevolent view towards mankind. No matter the evil we do, we have the capacity to make great strides. I view the HAL 9000 as an example of our own failings. Despite my agnostic view (defined as lack of belief in a greater being, not denial of such), I see it possible that Hal is an example of a religious concept, i.e. the power to create life is given only us as a natural process, that we can only do so as 'God' wishes, by procreation of a sexual type. To create Intelligence without the shell of humanity, and therefore without the 'soul' that a body is imbued with is sacrilegious or profane or blasphemous, and that 'evil' is the result.

In line with this is the creation of the Star Child. Dave becomes the Star Child by evolution, becoming a 'disembodied intelligence' capable of physical action. He is, as Star Child, what Hal was, essentially mind only. However, as a progression of natural evolution he is man at the next step, as evidenced by the monolith, whereas Hal is the failure by man to evolve (without the blessing of the Omnicient).

These similar concepts are visible in other instances such as:

the replicants of *Blade Runner*;

the child in *The Demon Seed*;

the 14 creatures in *Forbidden Planet*;

the AIs in *Neuromancer* (cyberpunk book by Gibson);

the Star Trek episode, "The Ultimate Computer";

That Clarke throw all this out in *2010* for the sake of \$ is a shame. We should also remember that the film *2001* would be nothing like it is had Stanley Kubrick not directed it.

[[Ah, but Kubrick did it for the money! C'mon, Steven, you can't chastise professional writers for earning their keep!]]

Economic Sweepstakes Quiz

Arthur I. Blaustein

The rules are simple. Guess which president since World War II did best on each of the eight most generally-accepted measures of good management of the nation's economy. You can choose among five Republicans and four Democrats.

1. Highest growth in the gross domestic product? Truman
2. Highest growth in jobs? Carter
3. Biggest increase in personal disposable income after taxes? Johnson
4. Highest growth in industrial production? Kennedy
5. Biggest rise in hourly wages? Johnson
6. Lowest Misery Index? (inflation+unemployment) Truman
7. Lowest inflation? Truman
8. Lowest interest rates on long-term treasury bonds? Truman

Democratic presidents trounce Republicans eight times out of eight! If this isn't enough to destroy the myth that the economy has performed better under Republican than Democratic presidents, a recent study by the Hirsch Organization found that the stock market has also performed better under Democrats.

According to their data, the Dow Jones industrial average, so far this century, has risen 7.3% on average per year under Republican presidents, and 10.1% under Democratic presidents.

[[The only people to take this as a serious contest (which it wasn't) were Chuff, who guessed Eisenhower for all eight; Richard, whose guesses were Reagan, Reagan, Ike, Truman, Carter, Truman, Truman, Ike (two correct); and Stan Johnson, who guessed Carter, Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, Carter, Kennedy, Eisenhower, and Truman (one correct but had the right idea).

[[Clearly the data are skewed by the postwar economy under Truman, but it can also be said that Ike couldn't keep those numbers rolling into the fifties!]]

Two Views of Greed

[[I hope I can be forgiven for moving these two letters out of the letter column proper, but when they came in—on the same day—I felt they just worked too well as commentary. I have edited these pieces somewhat, and welcome replies.]]

Self-Interest Russ Rusnak

While charity & service to others may have been well and good when you were in college, you're an adult now. Ideas like that should have gone the way of the Easter Bunny and the Great Pumpkin.

In a society based on freedom, government should play as small a role as possible. Our government guarantees the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That means you have a right to work for them, it doesn't mean that you have a right to expect others to provide them for you.

People should feel free to enjoy the rewards of their victories or suffer the consequences of their mistakes. If you build a better mousetrap, spend every damn penny you get as you wish without a single thought about your fellow man. If you want an education, find a way to earn it. If you decide to have kids, feed, clothe, and educate them yourself. Our government should allow people to be as brilliant or as foolish as they wish without penalising the brilliant by making them pay for the foolish. Government's role is to provide a court system and a basic defence, nothing else.

I'm tired of hearing about how I owe my fellow man something. More importantly I'm tired of an assortment of "do gooders" getting the government to extort (tax if you wish) money from me to pay for things they consider essential. I'd prefer these people get together and try to get people to voluntarily contribute. If you can't raise the money voluntarily, maybe it ain't worth doing. Actually, taxation to pay for some do-gooder's pet project seems fairly hypocritical in a land based on freedom.

I do have to admit that part of my problem is the widespread abuse. Twice in the past few months, I have had fathers (one of whom always seems to find a way to get dope) make entertaining remarks about how since I am more responsible than they, I get to pay more for their children's education than they do. I'm sure we've all heard the stories about low interest educational loans being used for dope, a down payment on a car, a new stereo, computer games, an engagement ring, etc. Food stamps being traded for 80% of the face value so someone can buy booze is always fun. The sad part is that liberals refuse to admit that their efforts may be wasted, instead they always scream throw more money toward the program or we have to force all the selfish people to help. There is never anyone who says that more than enough has been invested, time to admit a mistake.

Anyone who says they aren't in it for themselves is either a liar or a fool. I give checks to the Salvation Army and children's organizations because it makes me feel good to do it. I used to host parties for the midwest because I enjoyed them. I'd even be willing to bet you married Cathy because you knew it would improve your life. In all cases we may have given something up, but we knew we were getting more (profit need not be measured financially) in return. Service to anyone other than ourselves had no real part in those decisions.

I don't owe anybody anything. I'm selfish and I don't see anything wrong with it. I especially don't see any reason to apologise for it or deny it. I resent the man who feels he has the right to take what I earned to satisfy his idea of a better world. Selfishness need not imply dishonesty, it only implies that one work in his own best interests. That only seems rational.

I am not all that good at writing but I think you get the idea. Despite all your good intentions, Pete, you don't have the right to extort the resources and talents of others to achieve your goals. Unfortunately, you and people like you have proven they have the ability to get the government to do it for you. Sadly you actually seem proud of your support of this extortion, as long as it's used to finance what you consider worthwhile. Come to think of it, don't you feel hypocritical extorting from others to accomplish your own selfish goals?

Love of Money Stan Johnson

Is David Hood so naïve that he really believes there are such things as a Free Markets? If environmental concerns were left up to businesses we'd all be living in a toxic dump. Look at the record. No business has ever cared a damn about their effect on the environment, or ceased exploiting labor, until they were forced to. The labor movement had to fight its battles to get humane treatment and a decent living wage for workers; many died in those fights!

Maybe David Hood never said the things he lists about the Democrats, but the National Republican Party has and makes TV commercials saying as much.

Greed is never good. Look at billionaires like Ludwig who had more money than he could ever spend—yet he contributed to the S&L mess so he could steal a few million more, then used his influence to avoid punishment. The S&L mess was caused by the rich and will be mostly paid for by the middle class.

The desire for money drives the worst of human activities, like murder, prostitution, drug dealing and robbery—whether with a gun or with clever white-collar weasel deals (which actually rob more).

The most beneficial human activity is altruistic; the hand reaching out to help someone in need, with no thought of reward—that's when humans rise above their animal nature.

It's well documented that poor and middle-class people give a much higher percentage of their income to charity than the rich. The Bible does not say money is the root of all evil; it says the love of money is the root of all evil.

The Republican tax cuts only benefitted the rich; now when the Dem's want them to pay their fair share, they scream like stuck pigs. Hey, like they always told us, if they don't like it, move somewhere else. They ought to try those European countries and see what real taxes are like!

[[I should also point out that, like most publications, the writers had nothing to do with the headlines here!

[[Look, I will agree that some things are best left to self-interest. Government operation of business is a bad idea—the profit motive is taken away. But government regulation of business is necessary, or else a businessman's self-interest would override my rights.

[[The people of this country agree that social services like public schools, student loans, and welfare programs are in the common best interest. Although we try to prevent tyranny of the majority, these things fall within the scope of the Constitution (general welfare and insure tranquility). Those few who can't sign that social contract are certainly welcome to try to convince the rest of us—that's the heart of free speech—but so far they are only a fringe. Their other options, as Stan points out, are to shut up or leave (I think Switzerland is the most likely destination).

[[Taxation is not extortion—it's the dues you pay for belonging to this nation.]]

Brotisserie League 1992

statistics through season's end; bold = league leader

<u>AL East (pre-season)</u>	player	ba	pts	hr	pts	rbi	pts	sb	pts	win	pts	sv	pts	b.r.	pts	era	pts	total
Everglade Alligators	DW	.2784	4	309	4	1192	5	213	4	73	2	163	4	1.15	5	2.78	4	32
David's Men	DM	.290	5	233	2	995	2	305	5	77	3	177	5	1.18	3	2.83	3	28
Montpelier Mudhens	EV	.2781	3	254	3	1075	3	132	2	83	4	132	3	1.20	2	2.77	5	25
New Orleans Crawdads	RW	.268	2	333	5	1166	4	127	1	90	5	85	1	1.16	4	2.95	2	24
San Antonio Armadillos	AY	.260	1	143	1	837	1	174	3	42	1	130	2	1.35	1	3.43	1	11
<u>AL West (June picks)</u>	player	ba	pts	hr	pts	rbi	pts	sb	pts	win	pts	sv	pts	b.r.	pts	era	pts	total
Tacoma Aroma	DW	.2908	3	275	5	1100	3	328	5	93	5	154	5	1.18	3	2.69	5	34
Boring Games	RW	.2914	4	264	3	1104	4	246	3	87	3	71	1	1.12	5	2.86	3	26
Nome Gnomes	EV	.301	5	268	4	1179	5	169	1	92	4	144	3	1.22	2	3.08	2	26
Reno Rejects	AY	.288	2	232	2	984	2	327	4	86	2	151	4	1.17	4	2.80	4	24
Idaho Idiots	DM	.295	*	93	1	477	1	218	2	37	1	113	2	1.27	*	3.18	*	7
<u>NL East (Aug. picks)</u>	player	ba	pts	hr	pts	rbi	pts	sb	pts	win	pts	sv	pts	b.r.	pts	era	pts	total
Montpelier Solons	RW	.297	3	209	1	1059	1	404	5	104	4	150	2	1.09	5	2.38	5	26
Buffalo Meat	EV	.290	2	310	5	1280	5	186	1	139	5	75	1	1.14	4	2.69	3	26
New Jersey Possums	DW	.298	4	306	3	1209	2	274	3	95	1	172	4	1.16	3	2.62	4	24
Waco Wackos	AY	.302	5	287	2	1226	4	216	2	96	2	172	4	1.19	2	2.76	2	23
Radford Rednecks	DM	.282	1	307	4	1217	3	290	4	99	3	172	4	1.20	1	2.80	1	21
<u>NL West (Oct. picks)</u>	player	ba	pts	hr	pts	rbi	pts	sb	pts	win	pts	sv	pts	b.r.	pts	era	pts	total
Idaho Potatoes	DW	.2932	4	325	4	1287	4	254	3	108	4	144	4	1.05	4	2.29	4	31
Charleston ChooChoo	EV	.2929	3	265	3	1067	3	262	4	118	5	121	3	1.08	3	2.44	3	27
Eu-Genes	RW	.283	2	389	5	1378	5	135	1	88	2	90	2	0.97	5	2.07	5	27
Lost Angeles Angels	AY	.303	5	227	2	1063	2	313	5	95	3	181	5	1.11	2	2.45	2	26
Tucson Twits	DM	.278	1	175	1	708	1	178	2	24	1	26	1	1.25	*	3.13	*	7
league averages:		.281		224		983		229		86		99		1.17		2.87		

* = did not meet league minimums of 4250 AB or 900 IP



Players are DM—David McCrumb, DW—David Wang, RW—Richard Weiss, EV—Eric Voogd, AY—Andrew York.

(Eric says, "If Atlanta is in the NL West, why not Charleston?!")

Divisions won: David Wang 3, Richard Weiss and Eric Voogd tie for the other. Congratulations to David!

Lurking beneath the ".3" and ".7" in your pitchers' innings are ".333" and ".666," but these are truncated in the space of the worksheet. All ratios and averages within .01 of each other were figured to another decimal place, but only the (apparently) 'tied' races are extended above. The only true tie was number of saves in the NL East, a three-way split.

David McCrumb's original team did pick up a bunch of ground at the end. Unfortunately, he was too busy to get a final set of picks in and the Twits are therefore comprised of Rednecks who were still eligible in the final round.

When Richard's final picks came in, I immediately saw what he was going for—power hitters and pitchers with exceptionally low BR and ERA, but sacrificing batting average, wins and saves—and feared he would win the battle while losing the war. Sure enough. David won the last division without

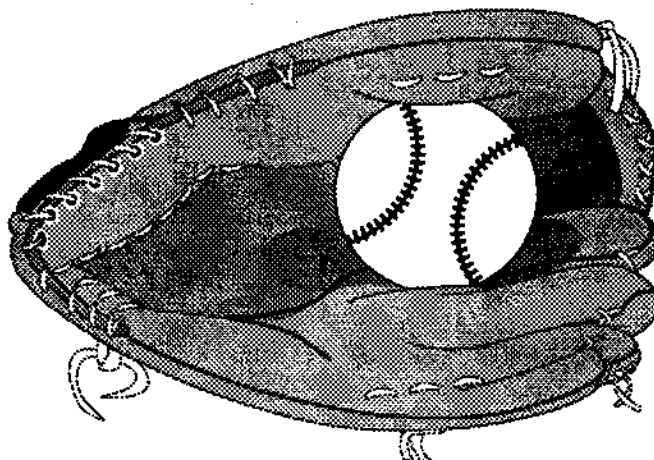
winning any one category—he finished second in all but stolen bases, where he finished third.

I actually have notes from a couple of you that you'd like to play again next year. I'll consider the idea—this was not that hard to run, just very repetitive data-entry work.

Richard says, "I'd like to have 5 offensive and pitching categories—adding Runs Scored and Strikeouts. I believe this would lead to a more balanced selection and greater strategy." Thoughts? I could take additional players, but I think four "divisions" or turns is about all I can handle. And do we need tiebreakers?

David Wang writes, "Thanks for running Brotisserie League, Pete! I had fun and am glad I did well! Thanks to Richard, Eric, Andy, and David for the game! Good luck next year!"

"I like Richard's idea of including Runs Scored and Strikeouts as categories next year. I, too, think this would lead to a more balanced selection and greater strategy. In addition, Walks might be another good category for position players (as just getting on base helps your team, too). However, I can't think of a sixth category for pitchers." Maybe losses, as a 'reversal' category? Stolen Bases against (to get really esoteric!)?



VEXVELT / 1992??

Error: I forgot to transfer Greece from Austria to Turkey in the SC chart. The Turk had no removal after all, Austria received only two builds.

Autumn/Winter 1902

Austria (Michael Alterio): retreats f gre-alb, builds a tri, a vie; has a gal, a ven, a tyo, a ber, a sev.

England (Lance Anderson): even, has f pic, f eng, a yor, f nwy.

France (Ferry-Tallman Mike Magnuson): builds f bre, a par; has f mid, a spa, a bur.

Germany (Richard Weiss): even, has f nts, f den, a bel, a ruh.

Italy (Steve Nicewarner): retreats a ven-rom, removes a tun; still has a rom, f ion, f tyn, a mun.

Russia (Russ Rusnak): builds f stp/nc; also has f bal, a swe, a mos.

Turkey (Steve McKinnon): even, has f aeg, f gre, a bul, a smy, f con.

Many thanks to Mike for stepping in.

Deadline for Spring 1903 is November 27.

Turkey sings: "Be-be-because, / one fine morning the world might end with a big bang, / a big bang. / And you'll never, ever get yourself a second chance... / For my sake won't you put your knuckles down, boys?"

GM to Turkey: Is that from "Bohemian Rhapsody"?

Turkey to England: Exsqueeze me? Baking powder?

Germany to I/R: Am I the only one who noticed Austria has 9 SCs and attacked each of you?

Gm to Germany: Is this a trick question?

Italy: Eight centers?!? How did Austria get eight centers?!?

GM to Italy: You should know, you were there for one of them!

Turkey's Babes o'the Moment: In recognition of the release of Ridley Scott's cut of *Blade Runner*, we have Sean Young, Joanna Cassidy, and, grudgingly, Daryl Hannah.

GM to Turk: My wife has not been on your list yet—get with it. Or is this a blondes-only game?

Germany to Casket-holding ToadGhodFrog: It's a full moon on order day, you can send some in again—just to make sure you keep screwing up the game.

GM to Original Frog: Sorry, full moon was October 11.

Transliterated Turkey (in peurile mode): Hey, England, translate this to Latin: So peaceful. Ha, bloody, ha!

Germany to GM: In this game's orders, as elsewhere, there are "non-standard rules written" as in "!" and "?". Are these yours or those of the ruler? Maybe Schrödinger's cat walked on your keyboard?

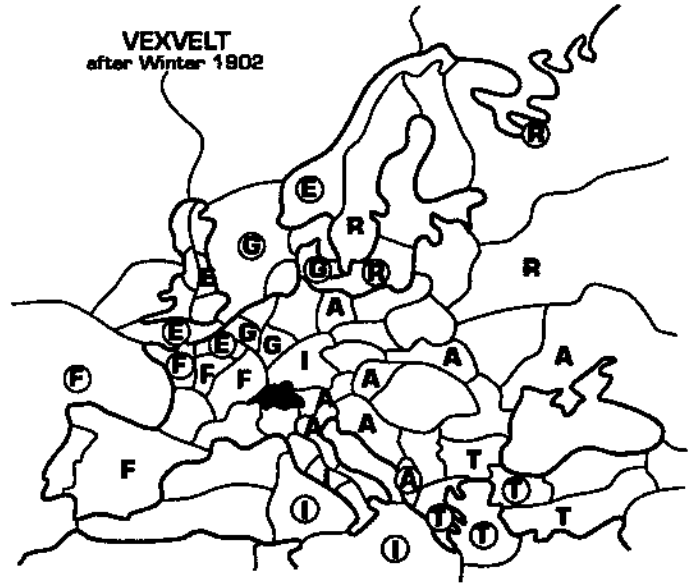
GM to G: Those are my notations of unusual, surprising, good, or bad orders—entirely in my opinion. Cathy is allergic to Schrödinger's cat.

Turkey's Hockey Corner: Winnipeg Jets! Team of the Future!!

GM is no hockey fan but: San Jose Sharks! Team of the 22nd Century!

Prince Dur-tee Bast-a Aard muses on his affair with England's

VEXVELT
after Winter 1902



Duchess of Cambria:
There was no taste before the taste
That came to me from on her skin
And never had the silence spoke
Of emptiness until the thin
And seamless air no longer shook
In honour of her words.

There was no wight to draw the eye
As did the traces of her lines.
And never was the ticking clock
Immutable until the time
Would race or crawl to herald of
Her coming or her flight.

And now I'm searching all the time
To taste that fading time anew.
I clutch the memory of her,
Unshakeable, until that hour,
I fear she is a presence
I will never know again.

Turkey Noonian Singh to Captain: Once again I find myself growing fatigued.

GM to Turk: Isn't that quote from Khan? And I thought it was spelled 'Tsong'...

VEXVELT / SUPPLY CENTERS held as of Winter 1902

Austria	tri	bud	vie	war	ser	ber	ven	sev	8
England	lvp	lon	edi	nwy	.	.	.	.	4
France	par	mar	bre	spa	por	.	.	.	5
Germany	kie	hol	den	bel	.	.	.	.	4
Italy	rom	nap	mun	tun	.	.	.	.	4
Russia	mos	stp	rum	swe	.	.	.	.	4
Turkey	con	ank	smy	bul	gre	.	.	.	5



DAGOBAH / Metropolis

Round Fourteen: Boomtown

HICK (David Hood—Hickory Indus. Const. Kingpins) buy lot 21 /already owned!/.
 JGC (John Galt—John Galt Company) buys lot 38; builds store on 61-62.
 BBL (Chuff Afflerbach—Bailey Building and Loan) buys lot 69; builds school on lots 67-69.
 SSI (Andrew York—Southern Slum Industries) buys lot 76; builds factory on lots 71/72/76/77.

HICK: office 55-56/51-58 (\$20), department store 81-83/86-88 (\$30); empty lots 21, 24, 54.

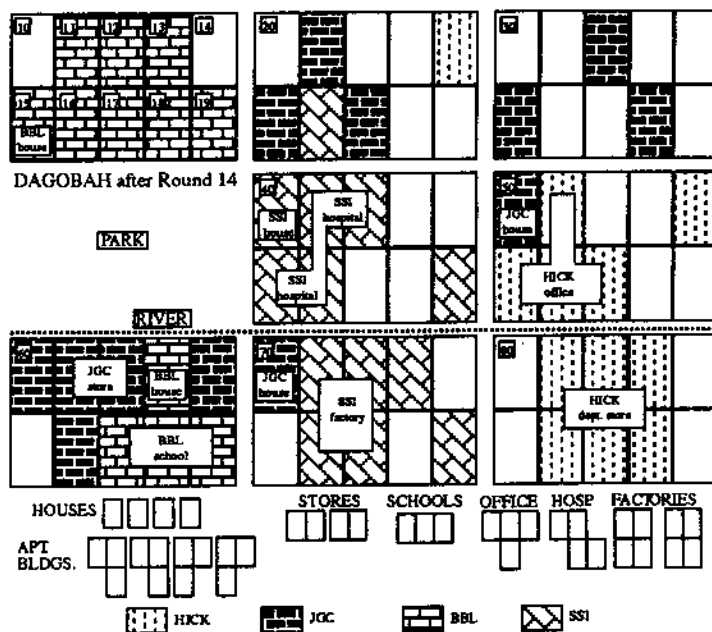
JGC: houses 50 (\$1), and 70 (\$1), store 61-62 (\$5); empty lots 21, 25, 27, 32, 35, 38, 60, 64, 66.

BBL: houses 15 (\$2), 63 (\$4), school 67-69 (\$8); empty lots 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19.

SSI: house 40 (\$2), hospital 41-42/45-46 (\$28), factory 71-72/76-77 (\$14); empty lots 26, 49, 73, 79.

"\$" are current values, not final scores.

Deadline for Round Fifteen is November 27.



JINX / 1990AV

AEIR draw: AEFTT yes, R no.

R win: AFTR yes, EI no.

ER draw: AFT yes, EIR no.

T win: AT yes, EFIR no.

England proposes EIR draw; France repropoases ER draw.

Summer 1907: France retreats a spa-gas; Russia retreats f nwy-ska, f swe-fin.

Fall 1907: Trap Door

AUSTRIA (Ron Cameron): a tri ms f ven.

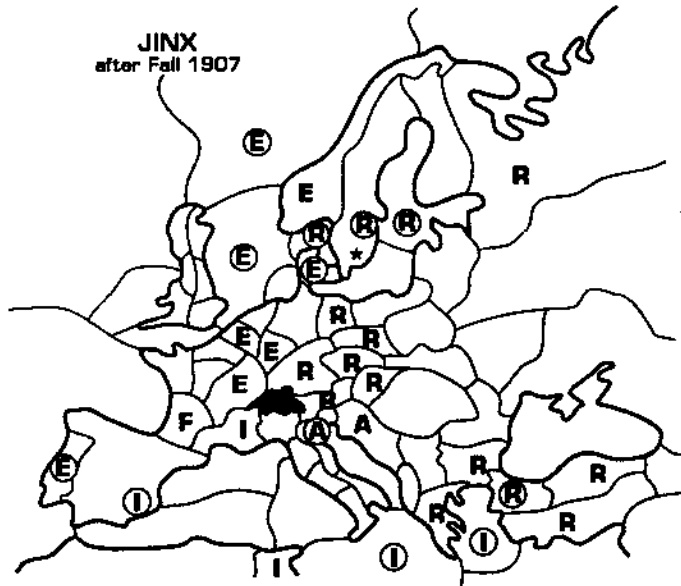
ENGLAND (Mike Gonsalves): f swe h /bal otb/ (f nwy & f den s (f nts & f nwg s f nwy)), f mid-por, a bur s a ruh-bel /nso/, a ruh-kie, a bel-ruh.

FRANCE (Melinda Holley): a gas-par, f por h /annihilated/.

ITALY (Richard Weiss): f spa/sc s english f mid-por (a mar s), a gre-nap (f ion c), f aeg-gre.

RUSSIA (Kathy Caruso): f fin-swe (f bot s), f ska-den, a stp-nwy, a pru-ber, a mun-kie, a boh-mun (a tyo s), f con-aeg, a ser-gre (a bul s), a bud-vie, a gal-sil, a arm-smy (a ank s).

TURKEY (Gary Behnen): a smy s russian a ank-con /nso, annihilated/.



let him have is a butter knife.

Smyrna: If the Russian beurette pops me *after* she eeks out the NL East, *after* I take 2 of 3 from the Cubs; well, there is *no justice!* Beware the riots...

GM to Smyrna: Consider yourself popped. Did you think there was *gratitude* in the Bag Lady??

Italy to Austria: Stand there and defend yourself. My skirts aren't big enough for you to hide behind.

GM to Austria: Yeah, Italy's wearing a miniskirt.

KK to Gonzo: Hold and support just ain't my style. I'd rather play risky and lose it all!

GM to Gonzo: And she hasn't lost much in this game.

JINX / SUPPLY CENTERS held as of Winter 1907

Austria	tri	ven																		2/2	even
England	lvp	edi	lon	hol	bel	den	kie	bre	par	NWY	POR									9/10	+1?
France	por	spa	PAR																	2/1	even
Italy	rom	nap	tun	mar	gre	SPA														5/5	even
Russia	stp	mos	war	swe	nwy	mun	ber	rum	ank	sev	vie	bul	ser	bud	con	SMY	GRE			15/16	+1
Turkey	omy																			1/0	out

CHUCK YOU, FARLEY / Snowball Fighting ASF19

Turn Five: The Quiet Men

WARRIOR (PLAYER)	loc	segment one / segment two / segment three	new loc	up	hp	sb-di
Friendswood Flinger/FF (Greg Ellis)	B8	collect Di / Di at SE (50,86) / collect Di	B8	4	6	0-1
Ice Man/IM (Andy York)	P6	RR at SE (95,74) / RR at SE (95,08) / collect 2 Sb	P6	10	5	2-0
Mr. Snow Blues/SB (Brad Wilson)	kit	nmr / nmr / nmr	kit	4	10	2-0
Seattle Slew/SE (Daf Langley)	K9	collect 2 Sb / RR at SL (85,71) / run indoors	kit	8	0	0-0
Slushee Slammer/SL (Chuck Mercer)	M13	RR at IM (85,05) / -O13-Q13, collect Sb / RR at ZP* (95,51)	Q13	9	6	0-0
El Zorro de Plata/ZP (Rick Kohman)	U7	RR at IM (95,81) / -T8-S9-R10-Q11 / collect Di	Q11	5	3	0-1

Weather roll = 16. Seattle Slew will have to rest indoors all of next Turn.
Deadline for Turn Six is November 27.

Segment One: The chatter dies down as the snowwarriors get deadly serious. Mr. Snow Blues is still thawing out, so there are just five fighters for now. Friendswood Flinger packs a lethal weapon, while Seattle Slew prepares two of her own. Slushee Slammer and El Zorro take on the leader, Ice Man, with hard and fast Rattlesnake attacks; Ice Man is unperturbed, though, and pads his lead with a shot on Slew.

Segment Two: SL and ZP zig and zag to new positions while Ice Man continues his assault on Seattle, driving her from the yard. Flinger wanted to help, but his rusty arm can't land a Dirigible at that distance. Before leaving, Slew gets one last shot off, nailing Slushee.

Segment Three: Everyone prepares new weapons except Slammer, who whams El Zorro de Plata in the neck with an RR.

Steven McKinnon ponders: Gigantic Meat Stick, Greek Men's Style, Guess My Sex.

Slush to All: Look at the Ice Man—he is cool, calm and collecting victory points!

FF to SE: Isn't it about time you sent Ice Man to the kitchen so we can get to the main event?

SnowMaster to FF: Not up to the task yourself?

Slush to Slew: A mean, green polyester disco suit for the Flinger. His gold chains and sweaty chest should make a good target.

Slew to Flinger: If I have to come up there you'll be sorry. Just be glad I've decided to initiate the novices rather than kick your half-pint butt!

FF to SL: It's a good thing you ran like that! I might have stood around staring at the snow again!

Slush to Flinger: What do you expect me to do, just stand there and let you lob your dirgies at me?!

SM to Slushee: Yeah, we go for the innuendo around here, but even we have our limits.

IM to ZP: Nope, didn't even feel you flying by. Not that I don't appreciate the attention.

Slew to Snowy: Please, you big hunk of enlightened man, you. Please dig into your files and give us one of J.R.'s concoctions. You're so strong and wise, I'm sure you could put your firm, gentle hand on them. You're such a benevolent and loving SnowMaster you'd do it for us, wouldn't you, oh paragon of all that is good in the world?

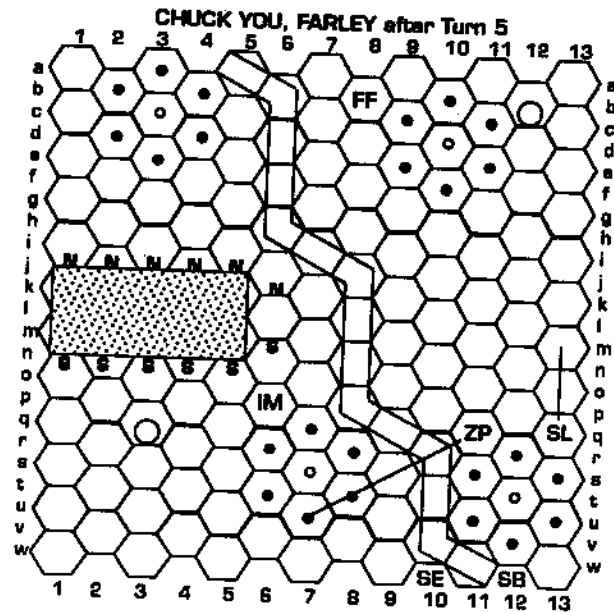
GMS to Snowy: How was that?! Will you print one of J.R.'s concoctions, or do I have to mention silk sheets, whipped cream and handcuffs?

SnowMaster to Daf: Don't let me stop you; mention away!

Slush to Slew: My white warrior suit also has Velco™ removable sections to help with certain body functions, like overheating.

FF to SM: I lost my snowball fight rules. How do you order up a run-across-the-yard, tackle-opponent, rub-his/her-face-in-the-snow-move?

SM to FF: First, you send the SnowMaster \$5. Then, you choose any target other than Daf...



LITERARY QUIZ

You may win free issues of Perelandra by sending in Literary Quiz answers... or by sending in Literary trivia questions. If I publish your question, you get one free issue; if at least three people respond to the quiz and none of them gets it right, you get another. (You must include the correct answer!)

21A (one free issue): The title of this novel refers to the procedures of an auction, in particular the selling of an esoteric collection of stamps left to one Oedipa Maas by her former lover. As Maas investigates these stamps, she stumbles upon an enigmatic underground postal network called WASTE, part of the world-wide conspiracy known as the Tristero System. Who created this philatelic intrigue and what is the novel called?

Thomas Pynchon wrote *The Crying of Lot 49*. Al Tabor got this, as well as Michael Alterio, David Wang, and Mike Stewart.

115A (one free issue for a complete correct answer): The titles of the following books become complete when filled in with the name of an animal. You were to identify their authors as well:

1. *The Red Pony*, by John Steinbeck
2. *Cat's Cradle*, by Kurt Vonnegut
3. *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*, by Mark Twain

In honor of the World Series, Chuck Mercer calls this quiz a "hanging curve ball." Melanie Winters, Jim-Bob, Al and Good Ol' Richard got 2 and 3 but Richard guessed *The Red Crane* for #1, saying, "Who wants to look up this stuff? Let them win." Rikko got

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GRAMARYE / British Rails BR8901

Round Sixty-six: Paying the Piper

Railroad: Wrobel's Wrailway
Owner: Paul Gardner

66: Move 7mp into Stoke, sell fish for £19M (card 111), stop. Build 1mp NW out of Stoke; rebuild Trent bridge (£4M). Draws card #77. Pays rail tax of £10M; derails.

card 64: london/steel/£7; swansea/machinery/£8; edinburgh/cotton/£17.
card 77: leeds/beer/£11; barnstaple/cattle/£29; swansea/textiles/£20.
card 90: barnstaple/oil/£19; portsmouth/hops/£11; middlesbrough/oats/£15.

Superfreight carrying no loads.

Opening Bal:	£ 52	color: purple order this time: 3 next: 4 GOs? yes
Income:	+ 11	
Expenses:	- 14	
Balance:	£ 49	

Railroad: Puppytail Rail
Owner: David McCrumb

66: Dump cards. Draws cards #11, 113, 121, 82. Pays rail tax of £15M.

card 11: barrow/lead/£20; brighton/cotton/£24; exeter/conmat/£27.
card 82: glasgow/oats/£7; dover/cattle/£11; hereford/machinery/£3.
card 113: ipswich/coal/£16; london/sugar/£13; newcastle/textiles/£9.

Fast Freight carrying pigs and jute.

Opening Bal:	£100	color: green order this time: 2 next: 5 GOs? no
Income:	+ 15	
Expenses:	- 15	
Balance:	£ 85	

Railroad: Silkworth's Sober Steamers
Owner: David Hood

66: Move 4mp into Manchester, pick up two coal, move 8mp further N.

card 13: lincoln/conmat/£9; penzance/tobacco/£18; swansea/cotton/£22.
card 15: holyhead/steel/£20; pembroke/cattle/£29; stranraer/conmat/£33.
card 104: dumfries/coal/£8; birmingham/machinery/£4; aberystwyth/oats/£31.

Superfreight carrying conmats and two coal.

Opening Bal:	£ 46	color: brown order this time: 1 next: 1 GOs? yes
Income:	+ 1	
Expenses:	- 1	
Balance:	£ 46	

Railroad: Bergmann's Boxcars
Owner: Jason Bergmann

66: Move 2mp into Northampton, sell cattle for £6M (card 59); move 7mp NW to Birmingham, sell conmat for £8M (card 118). Draws cards #16, 128 (37, 94), 130, 117.

card 16: hull/jute/£35; colchester/lead/£29; stranraer/fish/£32.
card 22: norwich/oil/£17; gloucester/beer/£8; holyhead/tourists/£13.
card 117: london/pigs/£18; aberystwyth/tobacco/£13; dundee/coal/£6.

Fast Freight carrying no loads.

Opening Bal:	£ 9	color: black order this time: 5 next: 2 GOs? no
Income:	+ 14	
Expenses:	- 1	
Balance:	£ 23	

Deadline for Round 67 is November 27.

Events for Round 67:

card 121: RAIL TAX. All players pay tax according to the following schedule: £0-49, pay nothing (SSS & BB); £50-99, pay £10 (WW); £100-149, £15 (PR); £150-199, £20; £200+ £30 (B&H). Deductions made this turn.

card 128: DERAILMENT. All superfreights within five mileposts of affected cities (Dover, Middlesbrough, Aberystwyth, Glasgow, Barnstaple, Stoke) lose one turn and two loads. Hits WW and B&H; PR escapes because they're not a superfreight.

card 130: WILDCAT STRIKE. No trains may move on the drawing player's (Bergmann's Boxcars) rail lines. No track building is allowed by the drawing player.

Cards remaining in deck: 2, 7, 17, 18, 28, 45, 52, 60, 67, 70, 85, 87, 98, 103, 127, 129, 132.

Railroad: Birmingham & Hereford Rail Road
Owner: Eric Brosius

66: Move 12mp into Newcastle, sell cars for £24M (card 53). Draws card #108. Pays rail tax of £30M; derails.

card 49: london/cattle/£4; nottingham/cotton/10; holyhead/pottery/£18.
card 65: london/pottery/£13; cambridge/clay/£30; manchester/chemicals/£21.
card 108: reading/steel/£8; carlisle/sugar/£22; manchester/cattle/£7.

Superfreight carrying no loads.

Opening Bal:	£181	color: red order this time: 4 next: 3 GOs? no
Income:	+ 24	
Expenses:	- 30	
Balance:	£175	

aberystwyth |
aye
barnstaple
barrow |
berwick |
brighton
BRISTOL

cambridge
CARDIFF
cardigan |
CARLISLE |
colchester
COVENTRY |
dolgellau |

dover
dumfries
DUNDEE ||
EDINBURGH ||
exeter
gloucester
hereford |

holyhead
hull
ipswich
lancaster |
LEEDS
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LIVERPOOL

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northampton
NORWICH ||
NOTTINGHAM ||
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Oil ○○○

Pigs ●○○
Pottery ○○○
Rubber ○○○
Sheep ○○○
Steel ○○○○
Sugar ○○○

Textiles ○○○○
Tobacco ○○○○
Tourists ○○○

ZIRN / Snowball Fighting ASF20

Turn Three: BLIZZARD!

WARRIOR (PLAYER)	loc	segment 1 / segment 2 / segment 3	new loc	up	hp	sb-dl
Danimal/DA (Dan Sellers)	R12	nmr / nmr / nmr	R12	2	1	2-0
Digitous Rex/DR (Mike Magnuson)	O9	-N8-M7, collect Sb / RR at K (70,45) / collect 2 Sb	M7	5	7	2-0
Hobbes/H (David Wang)	D8	CS at T12! (40,29;70,56) / collect 2 Sb / RR at K* (75,14)	D8	4	8	2-0
Katspaw/K (Tom Hurst)	H12	Di at T1 (40,76) / -I11-J10-K9 / collect 2 Sb	K9	5	3	3-0
Maelstrom Melli/M (Melanie Winters)	T12	Di at DA (55,91) / -S13-Q13, collect Sb / RR at DR (75,70)	Q13	3	5	1-0
Snowpaw/S (John Schultz)	S7	collect 2 Sb / RR at DR* (70,75) / RR at K* (70,25)	S7	3	8	0-0
Thin Ice/TI (Clark Millikan)	B12	collect Di / collect Di / Di at K (30,74)	B12	4	5	0-1

Weather roll = 01—everyone outdoors takes one hp of damage, all attacks are reduced by 20%

Deadline for Turn Four is November 27.

Segment One: While Danimal has a seizure and stands agog, the yard is struck by a blinding snowstorm! All players are soaked with driving white stuff for a point of damage. Digitous Rex steps across the path to pick up another snowball, while Snowpaw and Thin Ice pack new ammo. In the midst of the maelstrom, Katspaw and Maelstrom Melli heave Dirigibles (at T.I. and Dan), but both of them find their targetting screwed up by the storm.

The only person to overcome the weather is Hobbes, who sees a chance and exploits it. He hurls his snowball at the tree in the far corner—a long, hard shot in this weather!—and hits! Snow pours down off the conifer, nailing Melli for two points and Danimal for one.

Segment Two: Katspaw scoots south and Melli runs, belatedly, out from under the tree. The Thin One is still packing snow, as is Hobbes. Snowpaw, gleefully safe under his tree, throws a Rattler at Digitous, but just misses. Rex, in the meantime, is sneering at the on-rushing Kat and plastering him with his own weapon.

Segment Three: This time Rex and K are collecting, and each is a target. Melli gets Digitous from behind with a Ravenscroft Rattlesnake. Thin Ice wings Dirigible #1 at the points leader, Katspaw, but the wind carries it wide. Snowpaw and Hobbes take the sure thing, RR, and each scores off the Kat.

Kitty to Gang: Isn't it somewhat ironic that a Katspaw is standing on a K9?

Snowpaw to Katspaw: I'm paw to four... and claim or admit to all I have. Otherwise I couldn't claim my gorgeous grandchildren.

SM to Snowpaw: Knight to king's three.

Hobbes to Katspaw: Sure you can borrow the transmogrifier, but first I need to change into something that can throw snowballs better!

Katspaw to Hobbes: Sorry, but no tunafish. Better you send Calvin a shovel!

MM to Danimal: Step into my parlor... Wham! (I think)

Hobbes to SM: We tigers pounce because we're naturally exuberant! Besides, everyone needs a little excitement in their lives! And can I help it if everyone happens to be facing the wrong way?

MM to SM: Ah, but I love a man (or tiger) who pounces from behind! (That's what right with Randy!) (Oops! potentially X-rated remark!)

Hobbes to Calvin: Did you hear that? Melli called me a gentleman and you a creep! Woohoo!

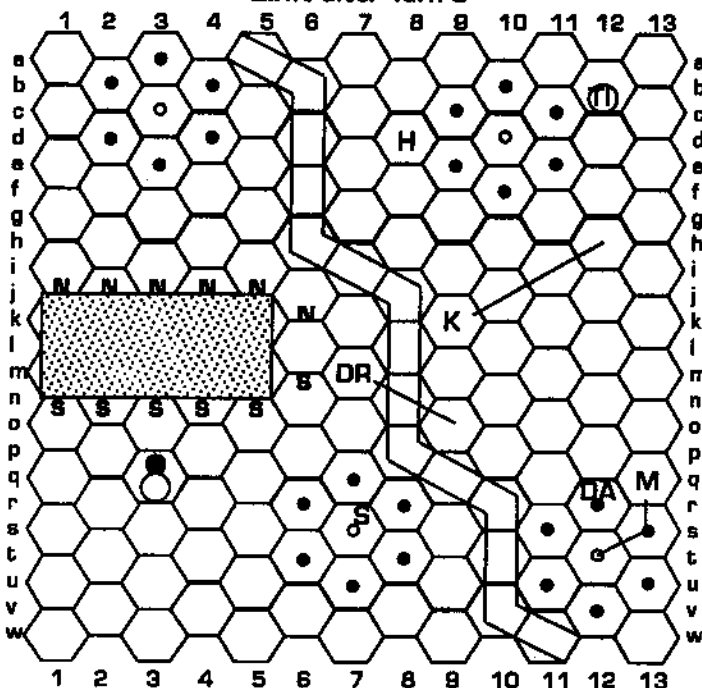
SnowMaster to Hobbes: And in lady-like language even.

Snowpaw to Melli: I've been chastised by the mistress for talking you up. Being the sleazy gender I am, I figure I can hide all my talkin' ups by writing everything in Spanish. Whadayathink? Can we get away with it?

SM to S: Daf was raised in Albuquerque, be careful.

MM to Hobbes and SM: A fur coat's only good if you're born

ZIRN after Turn 3



wearing it. Besides, velvet's not on the endangered list.

Snowpaw to Hobbes: Yeah! You too, huh? I didn't make the connection 'til you brought it up. Where's Calvin?

MM to Katspaw: Are you volunteering? You sound like you're the one who needs cooling off—how 'bout some snow down your pants?

SM to MM: You must have seen that press report about the guy who froze his wife's brain so she could be revived when they find a cure for cancer.

MM to Snowpaw: Get your care package yet, corazon?

Snowpaw to Melli: ¡Gracias, mi amigo! Yo tengo muchos aftos. ¿Que pasa para mí? Te llame barbablanco.

SM to Snowpaw: Is it just my broken Spanish, or is it your broken Spanish?

K to DR: Smile before you throw that thing!

MM to Dig Rex: Was I in your way? You couldn't just say "excuse me?"

K to DR: Kat got your tongue, or is your hand in a cast that you can't write press?

SM to K and MM: Rex is clearly the weak, silent type.

Katspaw to Thinman: You can have the snowman, but your arms are going to have to be pretty strong henceforth.

SM to K: Hey, it's not like he's in another time zone.

MM to Thin Ice: Our phone is 680-8789. Do you play Acquire?

GIFFARD / Gunboat Titan

Round Fortyeven

BLUE LEGIONS (rolled a 1): Moon Plains P6-Desert D7; Bat Brush B31-Tower 500; Cloud holds in Brush B109; Lightning holds in Brush B3; Cracked Egg Brush B3-Tower 100; Anchor Woods W30-Brush B31.

GREEN LEGIONS (rolled a 2): Medallion holds in Tower 400; Harp holds in Desert D21; Dagger holds in Plains P15 and splits with Scales; Wreath Plains P124-Jungle J26; Frog Jungle J12-Marsh M12; Hook Brush B134-Plains P34; Boiling Pot holds in Brush B141; Hoop Snake Plains P115-Marsh M13; Diamond holds in Tower 300; Claw holds in Plains P110.

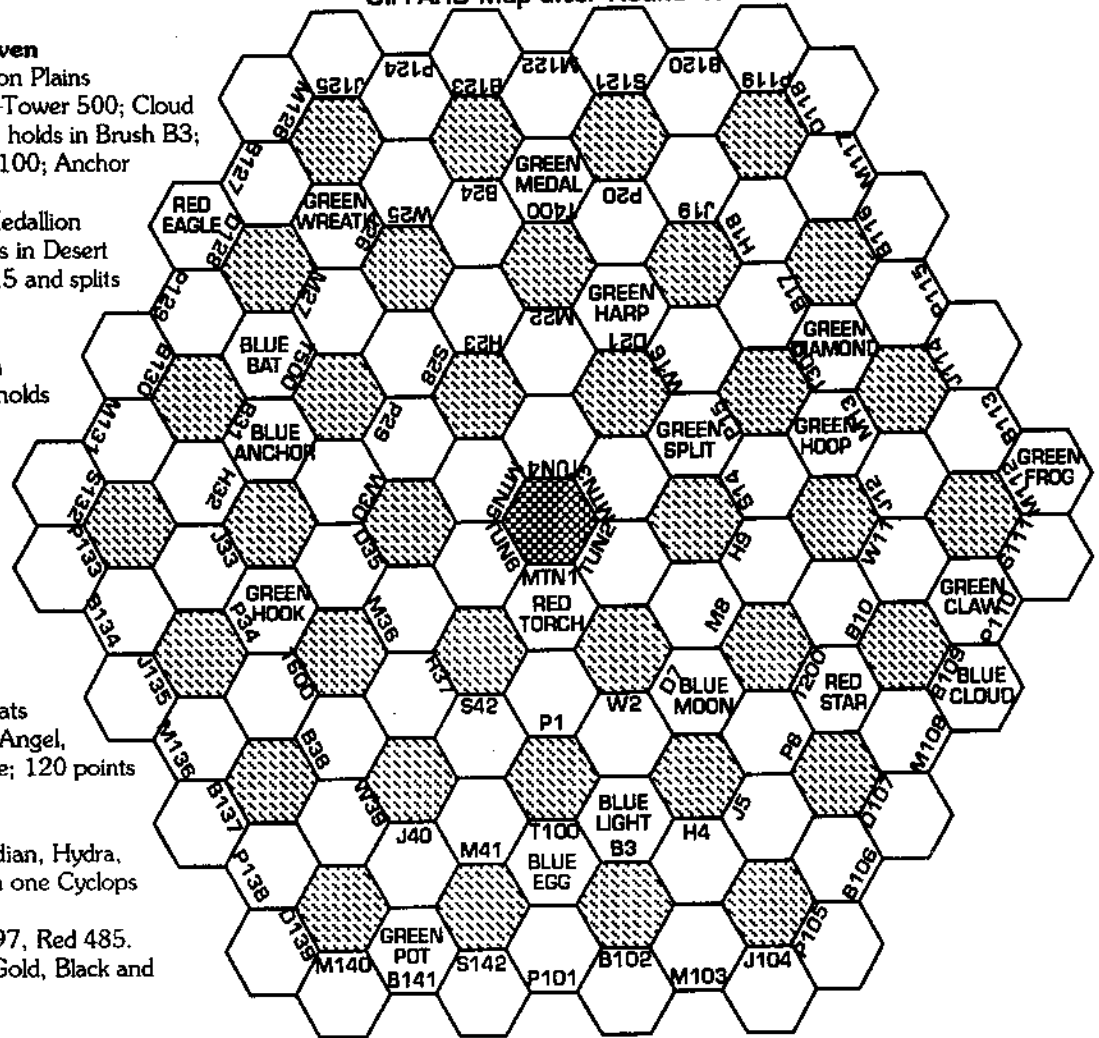
RED LEGIONS (rolled a 5): Double Eagle Plains P133-Desert D128; Torch holds in Mountains 1000; Star holds in Tower 200.

Engagement 32: Blue Moon defeats Green Dead Fish in Plains P6. Angel, 5 Rangers, 4 Trolls, Wyvern die; 120 points to Blue.

Musters, Round 47: Angel, Guardian, Hydra, Warlock; there were more than one Cyclops attempted so nobody gets one.

Point Count: Green 766, Blue 497, Red 485.
Markers Owned: Blue holds the Gold, Black and Brown markers.

GIFFARD Map after Round 47



Deadline for Round Fortyeight is November 27.

GIFFARD Creature Status

	orig	box	dead	board
Angel	18	12	—	6
Archangel	6	5	—	1
Behemoth	18	13	2	3
Centaur	25	2	20	3
Colossus	10	3	0	7
Cyclops	28	1	17	10
Dragon	18	13	3	2
Gargoyle	21	5	14	2
Giant	18	17	1	0
Gorgon	25	0	11	16
Griffon	18	12	6	0
Guardian	6	1	—	5
Hydra	10	4	1	5
Lion	28	6	17	5
Minotaur	21	5	12	4
Ogre	25	0	21	4
Ranger	28	0	23	5
Serpent	10	0	1	9
Troll	28	0	26	2
Unicorn	12	6	3	3
Warbear	21	12	9	0
Warlock	6	3	—	3
Wyvern	18	14	3	1

Literary Quiz

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all the titles but missed the middle author (his guess: Stephen King). Hugh Magen, David Wang, Mike Stewart, Tom Hurst, Tim Goodwin, Chuck, Stan Johnson and Chuff Afflerbach all hit this one out of the park. In Fact, Tom came up with Dorothy Sayers' *The Red Herring* (how appropriate); Stan gave me Thomas Harris' *The Red Dragon*; and David provided Anthony Hyde's *The Red Fox*!

FOR NEXT ISSUE:

59A: Goethe's *Faust*, Thomas Mann's *The Magic Mountain*, Joyce's *Ulysses*, and Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Young Goodman Brown" all include scenes that take place on or are inspired by a certain evil night of the year, a night when witches held festival. Name this night that is not Halloween, and the calendar day it falls on.

BD119: This poet died, at the age of 39, at St. Vincent's Hospital, following a six-day coma brought on by drinking 18 straight whiskeys in a New York tavern. One story has it that at the funeral parlor, a friend looking down at the body with its rouged face and garish suit, carnation in buttonhole, said: "He would never have been seen dead in it." Name the poet.

DRUUFON / Snowball Fighting ASF18

Turn Six: Surprise!

WARRIOR (PLAYER)	loc	segment 1 / segment 2 / segment 3	new loc	up	hp	sb	di
Arsenic O'Reilly (Mike Stewart)	N2	-M3-K3-I3-H2 / collect Di / Di at BL* (50,53)	H2	7	3	0	0
The Blizzard (Lance Anderson)	F8	-G7-H6, collect Sb / -J6-L6, collect Sb / BB at AO (55,13) & TG (65,96)	L6	5	10	0	0
Box o'Rocks (John Schultz)	P10	De at BS (75,90), dodge / run inside / sit	kit	6	0	0	0
Brandy Snifter (Tom Hurst)	U11	RR at BR (75,26) / collect Di / collect 2 Sb	U11	7	4	2	1
Calvin (David Wang)	shed	rest / -G15-I15-K15-L14 / collect 2 Sb	K15	6	9	2	0
Cassius Clark (Clark Millikan)	S7	collect Di / collect Di / Di at CL (sorry!)	S7	6	8	0	1
Clarence (David McCrumb)	kit	sit / sit / keep sitting!	kit	11	10	0	0
GMS (Daf Langley)	M13	collect 2 Sb / RR at SC (95,70) / RR at SC (65,95)	M13	9	2	0	0
Half-Baked Alaska (Rick Kohman)	shed	-G15-I15-K15-L14 / collect 2 Sb / RR at SC (60,29)	L14	6	8	1	0
Orel Hershiser (John Galt)	kit	sit / sit / sit	kit	1	0	0	0
Scih (Richard Weiss)	Q15	-R14-S13-R12 / collect 2 Sb / -Q11-R10-Q9-P8	P8	5	5	2	0
Terry Gross (Paul Gardner)	P4	-O5-N6-O7-P8-Q9 / collect 2 Sb / BB at BR (inside) & CC (55,11)	Q9	10	4	0	0

Weather roll = 65. Orel and Clarence may leave the kitchen; BR must stay in for Segments One and Two next turn.

I gave BS an extra Dirigible at the end of last turn; that's corrected above.

Deadline for Turn Seven is November 27.

Segment One: Calvin "struggles with his Stupendous Man costume" while Clarence and Orel rest up. Half-Baked Alaska leaps out of the shed and runs up to GMS. Everyone else is either running about or packing weapons, except for Brandy Snifter and Box o'Rocks, who are squaring off. BS fires, his high-percentage Rattler overcoming the dodge tactics of Rocky. Rocky's return shot is wobbled off-line by his own body motion.

Segment Two: Rocky is all wet and heads inside to join Clarence, while Calvin emerges from the shed right and runs smack up behind Alaska. More snow is piled up all over the yard. GMS rouses herself and plaster Scih with a Rattlesnake, despite the fact that he's stopped to catch his breath behind the Snowman!

Segment Three: Cassius Clark has been piling up Dirigibles in anticipation of Clarence running out of the kitchen—but Clarence sits inside one more segment and CC's bomb is harmless! Arsenic O'Reilly lobbs a similar Dirigible over the head of the Blizzard. Da Bliz is looking right at Arsenic—beaming him with half a Bolero, while the other half flies past Terry Gross. TG is throwing his own Bolero, hitting Cassius (but the half shot at Box o'Rocks splats on the kitchen door!). Half-Baked and GMS stand in firing-line formation to shoot at Scih; Alaska hits, but his breath unnerves GMS and her shot misses.

Calvin: Oh, no! The MegaBomb is useless! Spaceman Spiff is doomed! the Deranged Mutant Killer Monster Snow Goons attack! Our hero ducks into a nearby cave to make his last stand...

SCIH to CL: Hope to see you on the path to redemption.

SnowMaster to Scih: Look who's redeeming himself...

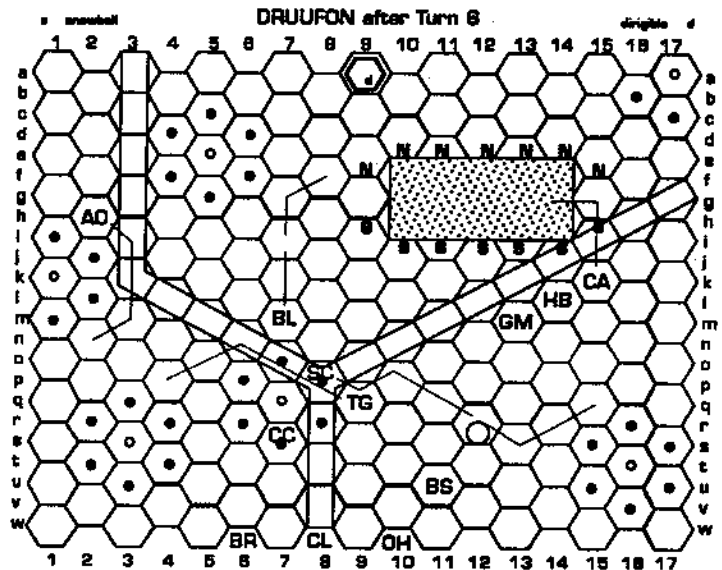
Toady Schultz to Goddess: I didn't know there was a manual, (stroke) I would never talk up another Goddess (stroke), I'm just a lowly mortal who doesn't have enough sense to follow rules (grovel, stroke), what's a poor mortal to do when his Goddess lives beyond him in Paradise while her servant by virtue of living outside her glorious presence exists in here (plea for mercy, grovel, stroke), If I could capture your tears to water my soul's garden it would flower for the very first time and perhaps even I could gaze upon your from the Silver Light (super-stroke).

Rocky to SnowMaster: That's the best weaselling you'll ever witness, mister.

SM to Boxo: Yeah, masterful slavery, I'd say. Only error I spotted was the implication that there is another Goddess.

Calvin: But wait! From the other side emerges—STUPENDOUS MAN! Defender of Truth, Justice and the Snowyard! Hooray! The day is saved!!!

SCIH to CAL: It may have been "he who smelt it dealt it" but, it is not "he who asked passed."



TG to Calvin: I do appreciate the mention. Maybe I should send you a copy—then maybe you'd be less inclined to plug me!

Calvin to GMS: Gee, you eat paint? Ewww! That's yucky! That's that's... Hey, how does it taste? Can I try?

TG to SM: What is this Golden Toady stuff? Hope there's no connection to golden showers.

Calvin to Half-Baked Alaska: My invitation was to GMS, not you!
TG to GMS: The kitchen krowd is going to be disappointed if you're late.

BS to SM: Alright, who greased my mittens?

Calvin to SM: I still can't remember what book has Clarence the Lion! This really bugs me!

BS to GMS: You can't get that lucky again!

SnowMaster to BS: GMS gets lucky whenever she wants to.

BS to Scih: You can get innuendo at any drug store.

Brandy to SM: OK, I'm a cheesehead, and you're headcheese. Care to keep trading insults?

BS to Calvin: Our SM was obviously referring to the odoriferous evidence of the majestic bovine presence, and not to tunafish salad. Poor guy can't tell the difference!

BS to GM: Just keep thinking all Wisconsinites are rubes and hicks. It makes dealing with you so much easier.

Calvin to Hobbes: Ha ha! So much for that "killer eye" of yours! You haven't scored a point yet!

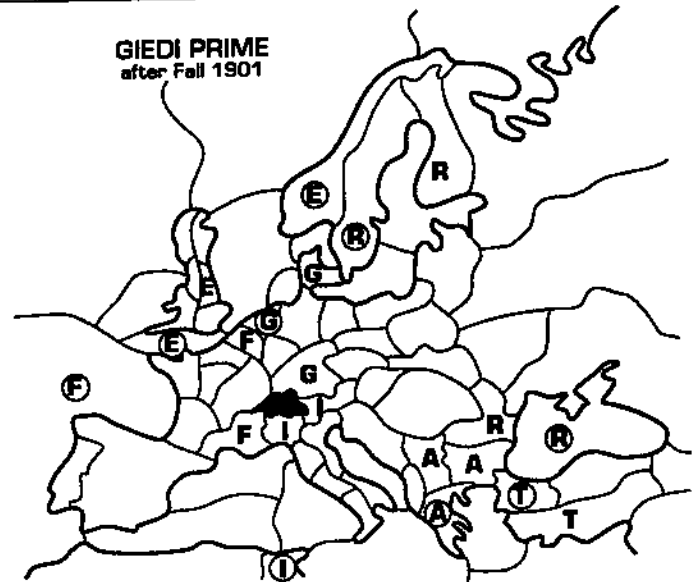
GIEDI PRIME / 1992??

Fall 1901: Middle Digit

Austria (Roger Cox): a tri-ser, a ser-bul, f alb-gre.
 England (Mike Magnuson): f lon-eng, f nts-nwy, a yor h.
 France (Pat Conlon): a mar h, a pic-bel, f bre-mid.
 Germany (Lance Anderson): a mun h, a kie-den, f hol s french a pic-bel.
 Italy (Hugh Magen): f ion-tun, a ven-tyo, a pie-mar.
 Russia (Greg Ellis): f bot-swe, a stp-fin, f bla s austrian a ser-bul, a ukr-rum.
 Turkey (Jon Rosenthal): nmr. a bul /annihilated/, a smy, f con.
 Will Andy York please stand by for Turkey?

Deadline for Winter 1901 is November 27.

France to GM: You must have guessed by now that I wrote my spring 01 orders on my congressman's House drafts.
 GM to France: Cute. What bill did you sell your vote on to get Germany's support?
 Russia to World: If I just stay over here, will all of you promise to leave me alone?
 France to Italy: Didn't mean to get in your way.
 England to All: Puppet available—inquire within.
 Russia to World: I didn't think so.
 Russia to France: Whatever you said to E/G/I, I appreciate it!
 France to England: Ever feel like an all-day sucker—you just keep getting licked?
 Switzerland to All: I thought I was neutral. If there were any less press, I'd think you were all computers—strategy and tactics, no diplomacy. That is the name of this game, is it not? Anyway...
 GM to Swiss: I think everyone likes to make the complaint that nobody writes negotiating letters any more...
 France to GM: I waited for a letter, any letter, to give me a clue how to order my units this fall. Finally I had to use a letter from Ed McMahan telling me that I could be a ten million dollar



GIEDI PRIME / SUPPLY CENTERS held as of Winter 1901

Austria	vie	tri	bud	SER	BUL	GRE	3/6	+3
England	lvp	edi	lon	NWY			3/4	+1
France	par	bre	mar	BEL			3/4	+1
Germany	mun	kie	ber	HOL	DEN		3/5	+2
Italy	rom	nap	ven	TUN			3/4	+1
Russia	stp	mos	war	sev	SWE	RUM	4/6	+2
Turkey	con	ank	smy				3/3	even

winner, if only I would subscribe to magazines. So here's some subscription money. After all, I wouldn't want it to be said that I would have won ten million dollars if only I had returned the entry form.

Russia to Turkey: If you have written me letters, you have not mailed them. Or maybe you mailed them to the wrong address. Silence tends to beget aggression!

NICRON / Merchant of Venus

Turn Two

Interstellar Master Traders—John Galt, Dell

Dice are 346. Move: Multi-Generation Ship-NC6-Y-B-R-A-R-Y10-? *[[Spy Eye]]* and stop, pick up relic. Trade: none. Accounting: \$70 - \$10 penalty = \$60.

StewBall III—Howard Hugh, Whynom

Dice are 135. Move: Cobbleport/s-Cobbleport/o-R-Y-B-R-B-Y-B. Trade: none. Accounting: \$97.

Ishmael 2.0—Garret Schenck, Qossuth

Dice are 133. Move: Space Station-R-Y-R-NC3-Y-B-R. Trade: none. Accounting: \$67.

X—Ed Wrobel, Human

Dice are 124. Move: Space Station-TeleGate 4-NC2-? *[[R40]]* and stop. Trade: none. Accounting: \$10.

Robocop—Andrew York, EeepEEP

Dice are 133. Move: Moonport/s-Moonport/o-? *[[R30]]* and stop. Trade: none. Accounting: \$40.

Voogd's Venusian Voyager—Eric Voogd, Nik

Dice are 346. Move: Poison Port/s-R-B-Y-B-R-B-Y-R20-Terror Station/o-Terror Station/s. Discovers 9b culture (Wollow) and collects IOU worth \$90. Trade: Barter IOU for one Megalith Paperweight. Accounting: \$120 - \$20 = \$100.

Deadline for Turn Three is November 27.

Rules Alert: you may not 'backtrack' over the same route within one regular turn. Also, you may not write orders conditional on

actions of players whose turn comes after yours!

Robo to Ishy (or is that Fishy?): You, controlling my mind? I think NOT. However, are you floundering for something to carp about? If so, I think you took a rumor hook, line and sinker—and got caught!!

Ishmael to GM: How typically 80s of you. Of course we all want to win, but our first responsibility is surely to our mother, the Earth. (Besides, in Merchant of Venus, winning starts with making sure that Wrobel doesn't!)

GM to Ish: I don't see Earth anywhere on our flight plans here...

Ishmael to X: I hope I shake you off my tail this time.

X: Wow! What an excitingly disastrous Turn One. Almost as bad as last game. Follow me, Ishmael, follow me... right into this little ol' gravity well...

Ishmael to StewBall: Go North, young man, go North!

StewBall III to GM: I need more horsepower.

VVV to Ishmael: Glad to see Ishmael 2.0. The last version had some bugs in it. A version 1.01a would have been inadequate. Give me back my Qossuth. So what's my responsibility this turn?

Ishmael to Robo/VVV/IMT: Well, geez, you guyz have cleaned out all the systemz I was heading for. Maybe I'm just being paranoid, but this strikes me as a conspiracy!

GM to Ishmael: Stop being paranoid—they are out to get you.

Ishmael to GM: Um, Pete, I'm Qossuth. I'm supposed to be paranoid...

Order of play and dice for Turn Three:

1. VVV	334	4. Ishmael	256
2. IMT	124	5. X	125
3. StewBall	156	6. Robocop	126

EDDORE / Gunboat Snowball Fighting ASF22

Turn One: Headbanging Moves

WARRIOR	loc	segment 1 / segment 2 / segment 3	new loc	up	hp	sb-di
Felis Negris	P6	RR at CC (75,67) / collect Di / collect 2 Sb	P6	1	6	3-1
Shagmaster	P10	RR at IS (75,56) / RR at AS (75,28) / collect Sb, -Q9-P8-N8	N8	2	10	1-0
m1 / Ricky Skitless	F4	RR at GP (50,52) / collect Di / Di at SH* (30,80)	F4	0	10	1-0
m2 / Ice Slinger	U9	De at SH (75,83), dodge / -T8-U7, collect sb / RR at FN* (95,35)	U7	1	9	1-0
m3 / Georgie Porgie	D8	-C9-D10-C11-B12 / De at AS (70,80), dodge / collect Di	C11	0	10	1-1
m4 / Chiller Cowalski	W3	-U3-S3-Q3 / SH at FN (70,69) / collect Di	Q3	3	9	2-1
m5 / Abominated Snowmonster	J12	-H12-F12-D12-B12 / SH at GP (70,91) / collect 2 Sb	B12	0	9	4-0

Weather roll = 63.

Deadline for Turn Two is November 27.

Segment One: Georgie Porgie and the Abominated Snowmonster race for the northern Snowman, and the Monster gets there first. Chiller Cowalski races for the southern one but nobody is contesting it! Instead, Felis Negris pastes Chiller with a snowball. Shagmaster and Ice Slinger trade jabs, IS's shuffle can't avoid Shaggy's attack but his Demon isn't as good. Ricky Skitless lobs a Rattler at Georgie's retreating back but it falls short.

Segment Two: FN and RS stop to load up on big stuff, but the two at the snowmen already have their big weapons—the snowman heads! Chiller heaves his in revenge at Felis, splooshing him good; Abominated has a dodging Georgie right next door but can't get the head to drop on GP! Of course, Georgie's shot bounces weakly off the snowman's now-headless torso. Ice Slinger ducks under the tree and packs another 'ball as Shagmaster turns and long-distances an attack on the Snowmonster.

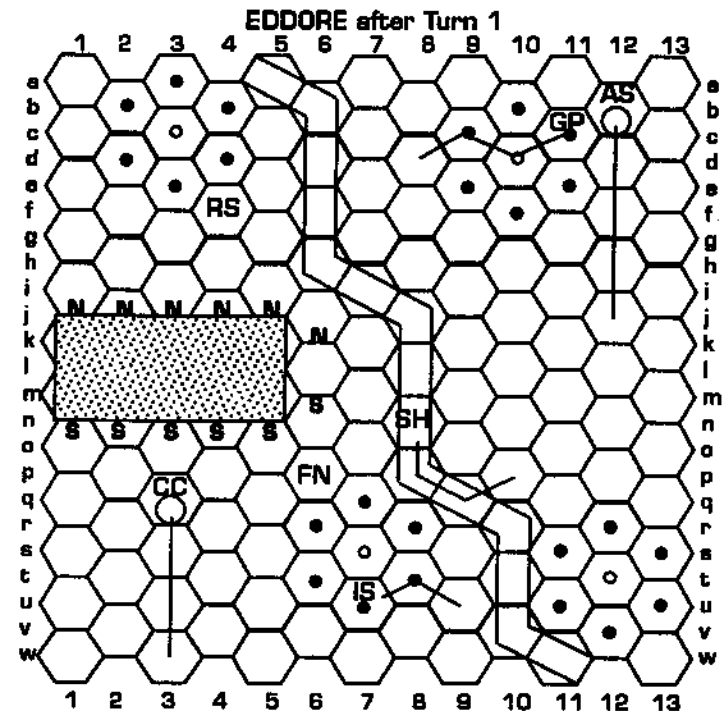
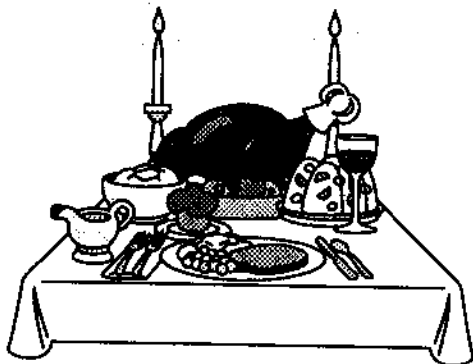
Segment Three: With everybody preparing new death, Ricky Skitless is ready to try his new toy. He flings his football-sized snowball into the air and it lands right next to Shagmaster. Ice Slinger hurls his new 'ball in the face of the black cat, whose coat has lost some of its shine.

Conditional orders: 1. RR at nearest may be used any time. 2. For all other attacks, you must list a specific target on Segments One and Two. On Segment Three, attacks may be conditional on what has happened in earlier segments—for instance, "if player X is within 6 hexes RR at him, else RR at Y." The if-then conditions can get quite complicated if you like but don't ever use them on Seg. 1 or 2!

Felly to Gang: Does this mean I'm a Latino?

SnowMaster: ???

Ricky Skitless announces: his intention to thrash; pound; grauituously grind into the chilled face, and laugh at the pneumonia-causing results of his monstrously accurate snowball-pegging activity until and unless a)he's soaked to the skin, b) he's yanked by the SM for being a first-rate phallus, or c) his mom



calls him in to eat the sprouts he hid in the freezer behind the three-month-old liver and onions no one wanted July 4th.

Fellow to Shagmaster: Was your mother a vacuum cleaner, or do you prefer doing it on the floor?

SM to Flow: I think it means his hair is in his eyes.

CC to Yard: OK. Let's keep this a clean fight.

SM to CC: Maybe the Shagmaster can help you with that.

Felon to Yard: First one hits me gets to wear this load I'm totin'.

Ricky Skitless to Georgie Porgie: You task me; you task me and I shall have you!

CC to FN: This snowman's mine.

SM to CC: Hey, I'm the diety, referee and landlord in this yard!

Shaggy to El Gato: No guilt in frosting nameless, faceless mystery guests!!!

SM to Shaggy: I like the way you think.

SH to FN: Let's pick teams... you and me be captains... scissors beat paper... I'll take Mystery #4...

Ricky Skitless warns: That as a 'Family Values' Valuer he will search out and destroy all rude people whose sexual innuendo goes over his head, or to his head, for that matter.

Shag to SnowMaster: If I stand under a tree and shake it, do I get any VPs for my HPs?

SM to Shaggy: Self-abuse is never rewarded. Fun, maybe, but never rewarded.

POSTAL MONOPOLY



Order of play is: Deals; collect Bank Windfalls; pay Bank Debts; pay Player Debts; collect Player Windfalls; Purchases, Development; then I report the next turn's movement. Bank Windfalls and Bank Debts will be underlined. Utilities and Railroads are now at the end of lists.

TUPILE Round Twenty

player	dice	ending position	owed	debts	possessions
Ed Wrobel	12•3/6	Park Place	20	500	\$337, Ver, StC ⁴ , Sta ⁴ , Vir ⁴ , ny, Ill, WW
Andi Gomolka *	5/6•6•11	Atlantic	200	8, 100	\$27, Med, Bal, Ten, Ken, Ven, MG, pac, nca
Melinda Holley	9/7	Connecticut	8, 100, 100		\$586, Con, EC, Rea, PRR, ShL
Jason Bergmann	4/9	CChest 3	100, 500	20	\$253, ori, stj, ind, atl, penau, Park ² , Boa ² , B&O

* player holds Get Out of Jail Free card.

Bank Debts phase: GM conducts forced-sale of all AG houses.

Movement: EW moves to Water Works and Pacific safely before getting nailed at Park Place. AG passes GO to Baltic, then hits Melinda's Connecticut and Pennsylvania RR before ending on Atlantic. MH also passes GO to Community Chest (where she inherits \$100) and stops at Connecticut. JB hits Chance, which Advances him 2 spaces to Illinois, AND Community Chest, which pays him Life Insurance of \$100.

Cash Shortages: EW and AG RC need to raise cash—will Roger Cox please take over Andi Gomolka's portfolio?

ALTHAR Round Twenty

player	dice	ending position	owed	debts	possessions
Vince Lutterbie	6/7	Kentucky	110	700	\$58, ori, Ver, vir, Atl ¹ , Ven ¹ , MG ¹
Mark Lew *	9/4	Tennessee	700	32	\$74, bal, Sta, Ken ² , Ind ² , Ill ² , Park, Boa ¹ , 2 Utils, 4 RRs
Claire Brosius	2•7/7	Jail - 0	32	110	\$654, con, stc, StJ, Ten, NY, Pac ² , NCA ¹ , PenAv ¹

* player holds Get Out of Jail Free card.

Player Debts: VL mortgages Oriental and Virginia. DH is bankrupt, GM sells his three houses, so his cash on hand = \$220. This is divided proportionately between his creditors (\$45 to ML, \$175 to CB) and his property goes to the creditor owed the most, CB. CB sent no orders to cover her debts, GM sells off one house each from Pennsylvania Ave. and North Carolina.

Purchases: VL buys Vermont.

Development: ML builds a house on Boardwalk.

Movement: VL tags Virginia and Kentucky (ouch!). ML tags Virginia also, then Tennessee. CB hits New York, skips over the Reds to Atlantic and finally Community Chest, which says, "Go To Jail!"

Still unowned: Mediterranean.

Cash Shortages: If VL sells off all buildings and mortgages everything, I calculate he's still alive with \$143.

PYRRUS Round Eighteen

player	dice	ending position	owed	debts	possessions
Randy Davis	7/2•11	Illinois	550	450, 450, 300, 50	\$414, con, StJ ² , Ten ² , NY ² , nca, Park ¹ , Boa ¹
Art Shulman	7/7	B&O	44	550, 100, 50	\$124, ori, Atl ¹ , Ven, MG, pac, penau, ec, ww
Mark Lew	6/7	CChest 2	300, 150		\$317, ver, Ken ¹ , Ind ² , Ill ² , shl
Kay Shapero *	8/6	GO	200, 450, 450, 100	44, 50	\$280, Bal, Med, StC ² , Sta ² , Vir ² , Rea, PRR, B&O

* player holds Get Out of Jail Free card.

Deals: KS buys Baltic from ML for \$200 and unmortgages it immediately.

Development: KS builds a house each on the Light Purples.

Movement: RD is racked up for rents, bouncing on both St. Charles and States to Illinois. AS lands on Tennessee and B&O. ML steps on Just Visiting and winds up at Community Chest, where everyone else pays him \$50 at the Opening of his Opera (Will you do a request, Mark? Lucia de Lammermoor?). KS steps on Ventnor, then Community Chest Advances her to GO.

Cash Shortages: Art and Randy are bankrupt unless they can work deals before debts are due (Randy is only about \$40 short, but don't quote me). If things stand as they are, then Mark would get part of his \$50 from each of them and Kay would get everything else, including the obligation to pay the mortgage fee next turn whether she unmortgages or not.

AS to KS: Congratulations, Kay, you just won. I shall just tag along until bankruptcy sets in...



Deadline for all games is November 27.

RUFFIAN / 1990IY

Winter 1904: England removes f yor; France builds f mar; Germany builds a ber; Russia removes a swe.

Spring 1905: Remove Thyself

Austria (David Polley): a mos s english f nwy-stp (a war s [a ukr s]), a boh-vie (a gal s), f apu-ven (a tri s).

England (Chuck Mercer): f nwy-stp/nc, f nts-ska.

France (Michael Alterio): a gas-mar, a spa h, a pic h, f wes-tyl, f mar-lyo, f lvp-ely.

Germany (Steve McKinnon): a ber-sil, a hol unordered, f bel-nts (f lon s, f den s), a sil-boh (a mun s).

Italy (J.R. Baker): f tun-tyl, f nap thumbs nose at Turks (a rom s), a tyo-ven.

Russia (Art Shulman): a lvn-mos (a stp s).

Turkey (Kathy Caruso): a sev s austian a mos, a arm-smy, a gre-alb, f ion-apu, f eas-ion (f aeg s).

Deadline for Fall 1905 is November 27.

Press ("because 'pull' doesn't make sense..."):

Turk to Italy: Just who is feeding you my moves?!!

Austria to Italy: Geez... Talk about living dangerously. With those gutsy moves and the success you've had with them, my hat's off to you. NOW CUT IT OUT AND ROLL OVER ALREADY! OK?

Turk to Austria: I always hated FIGs, now I know why.

GM to Turk: Figs, dates, they all get you in the end.

Danzig, Prussia: Outside a local bordello, two sharply dressed officers await the vehicle that will take them to the front. Despite the nature of their recent activities, both are dressed impeccably, with nary a hair out of place.

Reichshauptambkütenführergesacht Panzereßen: Keine Aktiviten komm das Nookie sind, ja, mein Herr?

Reichsheittotenblitzer Peiper: Nein, mein Freund. Und komm den Horen du Prussian den OsterMädchen sind.

Rafg Panzereßen: Realitenbitte?

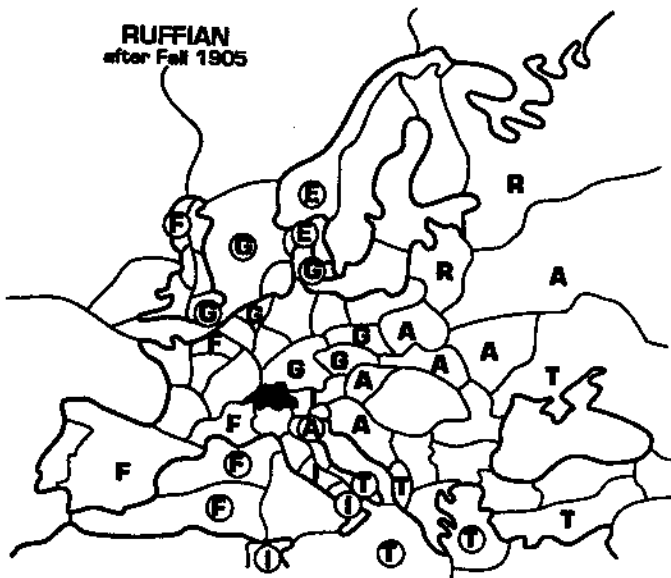
Rhtb Peiper: Aber jawohl, mein Freund. Butte den OsterMädchen sehr keinexperenzische sind; keine Marks ihr payen uns!

Rafg Panzereßen: Ha! Und also, komm wir hat masteneide das Entrenseite backen, so über den Hungarien Heeres victorienhat uns.

Austria to Turkey: Me? Do a wimpy Sissy La La? Never!

Gm to Austria: Only if you're told to, right?

Turk to France: So where does one go to grow when he is surrounded by allies?



The Broom Closet

sweeping out the corners of the hobby

☛ Don and Nayol Scheifler have had their second child, Nicholas Daehung (Nayol is Korean). Born October first; Don reports that older brother Alexander (age 3) is a tad jealous. (Or should that just say, "He's a tad"? hyork)

☛ Paul Kenny is trying to organize a Dipdom 'paintball' match. If you are into barbaric rituals and you live in eastern PA or in New Jersey, this might be just for you. (Gee, Phil, this might be a great tie-in to your 'Hobby Kremlin' game!)

☛ *Dipadeedoodah!* editor Phil Reynolds continues to rip the Runestone Poll while professing that he considers it a farce. Now he's considering a campaign to get his zine voted "0." Fortunately Phil still has a few items of interest in *doodah!*—puzzles, news bits, and a wild assortment of variant games. I'm on his waitlist for a gamestart of Fictionary Dictionary, just in case you *Pereleandra* word fiends want to pound on me there.

☛ Andy Lischett's *Cheesecake* has been running reports from Mark Fassio (you all remember the Faz, right?), who has twice visited Ukraine while stationed in Germany. Very interesting reading. Unfortunately, those game openings I told you about filled up, so Andy may or may not be taking subscribers now.

☛ Speaking of Andys, Andy York will be running the Dip tournament at Origins in Dallas next year and continues to provide international news in his zine, *Rambling Way*. He needs help with the tourney, write if you can assist.

☛ News from Monty—Don Del Grande says that the game industry press reports that (whew) *Deluxe Diplomacy*, the anniversary release with wooden blocks, will cost \$55! (The latest *General* has Rex Martin talking about *Deluxe Diplomacy* and the revised *Wargamer's Guide* coming out by the end of the year. Last word was that the game would include the guide.) Don still has openings in Dip, Trivial Pursuit, and Kremlin.

☛ *Maelstrom* has just begun a \$100 Prize Game, with this lineup: E, Larry Botimer; F, Gary Behnen; G, Chris Hurley; I, Eric Voogd; A, Bob Acheson; R, Art Shulman; T, Marc Peters. Hmm, four *Pereleandrans* in there—I'd say Bob is in trouble.

☛ I've just begun to trade with Duncan Adams' *The Laughing Roundhead* from Kent, U.K. Lots of satire, including a version of Chutes and Ladders where you are trying to get downstairs and home from a pub while drunk. Specializes in reviews of castles (seriously!), British history, British Civil War re-enactments. #4 presents several delightful Afghan recipes (that's Afghan hounds), and the rules for postal Snap!, a silly card game.

☛ Pete Sullivan is looking for players for a game of international Railway Rivals, and standbys for int'l Downfall VII. He's also a solid source of news on the Brit hobby.

☛ Before I get too far away from the latest issue of the *General*, Doug Kent got a letter published in their column by kissing up to Rex Martin and Kathy Caruso all at once. AND...

special announcement

Doug and Mara are also compiling a new Census, so if you are a publisher send them a copy of your subber list!

[[there's more of this stuff on page 18]]

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The Roar of the Greasepaint

(the letter column)

[[A word or two while I have everybody's attention. I am very grateful to those of you who have been keeping me posted on the course of negotiations in your games, and on what your ideas/strategies are—you naturally understand that I will not thank you by name or respond in detail. But I enjoy GMing Dip ten times more when I get these pictures of what's up.

[[I also want to remind players, especially newcomers, not to write orders for different games on two sides of a sheet. I am human—I will fail to notice your orders, and then misfile them under whatever was on the front of the page, and we'll both be upset when the game report comes out!]]

Rob Wittmond

I enjoyed playing Lakkarol, but playing Gandalf got pretty frustrating. Once Umbar put on the ring, everyone lost interest in

The Broom Closet

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☛ Paul Gardner's *36 Miles of Trouble* has openings in Dip and needs Mikes to sign up (kidding—he's got two Mikes on the waitlist already but I bet he'd accepted any name).

☛ If you're a James Bond fan you should write David Wang at once. He'll need your favorite Bond movie, lead actor, villain, female lead, gadget and song.

☛ The best part of the latest (hyork) *Canadian Diplomat* is the subzine, *The Unzine Voice*, which runs seven pages on the WWI battle of Vimy and its importance to Canada. TCD, despite the Canadian hobby news, is not its old self, the lettercolumn disappeared this and Margaret has set it all into a computer (she uses all the standard gimmicks like white press on black background, but she does apologize and says she's getting the hang of it). If the Letters From Bob's Adoring Public pick up this rag will be back at the top of Garret's list soon.

☛ Andy Marshall says bad things about the major-league baseball owners and finds a satisfying method of censoring other people's sexual language, two good reasons to read *Aren't...*?

☛ *Spring Offensive* #5 provides yet another stunning variant design, this one Zeus IV by Chris Northcott. When he's not preaching about the state of the hobby (which he does quite well mind, no attempt at shutting him up here), editor Stephen Agar dissects variants and maintains a list of variant openings in the U.K.

☛ Restored to its rightful place as the hobby's premier home for pointy-headed intellectuals, *Benzene* #92 dives into sexual provocation (should it be criminal?) and marriage-hater Hillary.

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me except to threaten me with destruction if I did anything to anyone. All I could do was move the Rangers towards Edoras as fast as I could. By the time I got my army, though, the only question (at least in my mind) was how long it would take E/U to crush Gondor. Gondor, by the way, refused to have anything to do with me, so I couldn't even ally with him. All in all, I enjoyed the game, but I'd rather play someone else besides Gandalf!

[[I have a much more jaded attitude toward the various versions of *Downfall* now that I've seen more of them played. No matter how complete the rules, there are always more questions on how to adjudicate; and no matter how careful the game balance, the options for players are still limited.]]

Mike Stewart

Not much to say except that I nearly aced your literary quiz this month. It was pretty much coincidence that I've read most of those books. I like Thomas Pynchon a lot, even—though I've never made it through *Gravity's Rainbow*. I thought V was probably his best book, but *Vineland* was a pretty decent effort.

Tim Goodwin

I feel kind of silly using this password, kind of like I'm a kid using my walkie-talkies agin. We used passwords even though there was only one possible person on the other end.

[[Y'know, I never had walkie-talkies... The passwords are primarily for phone orders when I don't recognize the voice. I know pretty much what everybody's handwriting/typing/order-format style is, and I can always check postmarks on mail. So don't feel obligated to dredge up your password unless you're phoning.]]

Richard Weiss

The military-industrial complex wanted Carter out and gummed up the works until he was gone. They didn't want to risk another assassination. Carter wanted a balanced budget and to draw in the belt and struggle until that was accomplished. That heresy alone was enough to do him in. "What, me suffer?" How many trillion ago in national debt was that?

[[I don't believe that the military-industrial complex ever assassinated an American. Go ahead, call me naive.

[[Reagan got away with blaming his first couple deficits on the recession, but as I recall the screaming was still pretty loud and that was when the annual deficit was under \$100 million. Ross Perot has the right ideas for reducing the debt but he's the wrong jerk guy to put in charge of implementing the plan.]]

Roger Cox

While my political and philosophical views mirror yours more than David Hood's, there are some things I agree with David on—particularly "greed is good." Since I vote solely on what is best of me, I will vote libertarian. I am a leftist, pro-choice, and a believer in a basic tax-the-hell-out-of-the-rich philosophy. I also do *not* recycle, I will not sort my trash, and most scientist I've read agree the Earth does not need to be saved—it will be here long after we and our progeny (in their entirety) are long extinct. As for this and "people being killed for their religion, sex habits," etc, I've never done any of the things mentioned by you in your attacks on Republicans. My answer to such accusations is always the same—if it bothers you, pay for it, but don't force others to pay for your guilty conscience. Mine is clean.

[[See the 'article' I've created from Russ Rusnak's and Stan Johnson's letters for more on this. I don't endorse those guys completely—among other things, Russ reports those dubious welfare-fraud examples as fact, and Stan provides no ☛

documentation for his "well-documented" fact.]]

[[Sure, the Earth will be here after we're gone. We haven't yet figured out a way, even with nuclear weapons, to shatter the rock itself. But that we are ruining the surface for carbon-based life is certain. The development of intelligence has thrown the timing of evolution completely out of whack, as we learn to change the chemical composition of the soil and water and air faster than other organisms can evolve to either adjust to us or correct the changes.]]

Chuff Afflerbach

I missed most of Presidential Debate #3 this afternoon, and I'm actually looking forward to watching a replay of it tonight. What I am particularly eager to see is Ross Perot grilling George Bush about just what his ambassador said to Saddam Hussein a few days before the invasion of Kuwait. If these questions make headlines just before the election, then there might be some hope for a win by the Democrats after all. (Not everyone knows the allegation that Ambassador April Glaspie gave Saddam an assurance of U.S. neutrality as he was planning a seizure of the disputed oil fields on the Kuwaiti border. Then Saddam queered the deal by taking the whole country!)

By now everyone is calling Clinton's victory a foregone conclusion, but I'm not so sanguine. My scenario has Clinton winning close to a majority of the overall popular vote, maybe even 50%. But his big tallies are bunched in the big states, and Bush scoops up all the little states for an electoral victory. I think Perot will be a small factor in helping Bush carry states with less than 50% of the vote; in essence, he'll be taking away anti-Bush votes from Clinton. I hope I'm entirely wrong about this, but then, I grew up on stories of ballot boxes stuffed by dead voters.

I'll even take a stab at the Economics Quiz. I suspect it's a trick question, with one answer to all eight categories. So for simplicity's sake, I like Ike!

[[The entire election, as a game or as a social study, could have been predicted months ago—big Demo boost out of the convention, Bush slogging through the bad news to come back, Perot popping off at the mouth every week. The step we reached this weekend was "Oh, look, Poppy's catching up!" but I hope that's a poll-created chimera.]]

Don Scheffler

I noted with interest your views on religion and would like to read any elaborations you have on your view that there is no Creator, and that it doesn't matter in this life whether there is or not. Have you written before on this subject?

As for needing "personal evidence of the supernatural," do you require personal evidence to believe that figures from ancient history really lived their lives? Or that black holes and quasars exist?

If there is no creator, where do you get your inner sense of right and wrong on moral issues?

[[From within.]]

As a former student of religious subjects, you will surely have well-considered thoughts on these subjects. I, however, have made no real study of the Bible, but find myself steadily moving towards a faith that is increasingly guiding my life.

[[I wrote (and preached) extensively while I was involved with Baptist churches and groups, but I've stayed off religion since leaving faith behind. I honor those who believe and have always felt that I would alienate devout friends if I went into detail on agnosticism.

[[I don't require personal evidence of anything that clearly lies in the past, or anything that doesn't involve me at all (if I'm

ever in a spaceship, I'll accept black holes as a possible explanation for phenomena that I can observe!). If I am told that so and so lived and here are the documents that bring us to this conclusion, I accept another's judgment that so and so must have lived. Jesus was a historical figure.

[[But to ask me to believe that there is a God today—and on top of that, that He is the same person who lived as Jesus two millennia ago—must pass a more stringent test! Now we aren't talking about trivial matters. The implications of a God who exists but makes no contact with my life are huge and tangled.

[[Essentially, I return to Occam's Razor. I can explain a world without God in far fewer statements than I can a world with God; the simpler explanation is more likely to be correct.]]

Howard Hugh

No matter what I say, after the debate last night I had to vote for Bill. Ross and George sound like real trouble and I am not ready for four more years of pain. Today I sent in my absentee ballot and voted straight Demo again.

Stan Johnson

Bush is close to the worst President we have ever had. It would take a lot worse person than Clinton to get me not to vote against Bush. Actually, the more I see of Clinton the more I like him, and I'm a Vietnam vet.

[[Stan, I think you and Howard would get along just fine—two good working stiffs with hard attitudes.]]

Mark Weseman

As you can tell by the stamp and postmark, I did arrive in Korea. We drove from Milwaukee to Washington, D.C. to see my parents before we left. They in turn left us on Sept. 9 to go to Hawaii just in time to ride out the hurricane. We flew the next day from D.C. to L.A. and then to Seoul all in one big gulp. Let me warn you. Never fly with a 2½ year-old. Boy, what a zoo.

We arrived in Korea on Sept. 11, which was the date for 'Chusok' this year. Chusok is the biggest holiday in Korea. It is similar to our Thanksgiving and Christmas all rolled into one. Chusok is really a harvest festival, but it's also a time of ancestor worship, so everyone goes back to the area where their families are from (mostly in the southern portion of Korea). Now, imagine the traffic jam as 11 million people try to leave Seoul all at once.

My brother-in-law picked us up at the airport and took us to where the clan had gathered. There were aunts, uncles, cousins, grandmothers, grandfathers, etc. What an introduction to Korea for our two kids. A good time was had for the remainder of the weekend, and then Korea returned to normal. Normal being busy, busy, busy 24 hours a day. A good introduction to Korea would probably be hanging out in Chinatown for a few days. I don't know about SF's but New York's is pretty close to what it is like here.

We signed Brion up for school (he's attending a private, foreign school) and I started work during the next week. The job is much better than I expected. Because I'm not in a partnership track (foreign lawyers are only consultants, we are prohibited from practicing law in Korea) there is much less stress on my here, and I am able to do my job without worrying about how a project will affect my career. After all, I'm leaving in a few years and everyone knows it. The situation allows me a freedom I didn't have in the States.

The situation in Korea has changed tremendously since I was here (1980-83). The most noticeable differences are the cars (150,000 privately-owned vehicles in 1981; 1.5 million now in

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Seoul alone) and traffic; the construction boom; the amount of money the people have (way more than in the States); and the freedom in society. In the early 1980s, Korea was still in the grip of a military dictatorship, but now it is moving towards a true democracy. In fact, in December the Koreans are scheduled to elect a new President in what will be the first peaceful transition of power in Korea since the late 1950s.

Hmm, I could go on and on here, but if I'm to be your Seoul correspondent (Hey, if Andy York can have diverse correspondents, so can you), I need to save something for next time!

[[Muchos gracias, Mark—and I'll rifle the Mac User's Group disks for a Korean font before nexttish, so I can say thanks for your next letter properly!]]

David Wang

I, too, enjoyed Mr. Afflerbach's article on the Republican National Convention. Don't worry so much about two little fact errors, Chuff; I know you're usually careful with details, because you've always spelled "Uzcludan" correctly!

By the way, if you're going to mention "Reaganomics" as a cause of the "force adjustment" at my workplace, you might also want to consider Governor Florio's (mis)management of our state, including his \$2.8 billion tax package of a few years ago.

[[Quite right, there's enough blame lying around for every politician to get his share. I did not mean to imply that you were upset with Reaganomics.]]

Jim Bailey

I have something of a computer advisory here. I recently ordered Computer Diplomacy for my Atari ST direct from Avalon Hill. Now, I wasn't expecting to get a master Dip-playing program of anything. After all, I've yet to see a computer version of a proprietary board game play the game well (Computer Monopoly and Risk come to mind), but I was expecting the thing to play by the rules. It seems that the adjudication routine allows the support of an attack to be cut by the unit being attacked. (E.g., FA Paris-Burgundy; FA Marseilles s FA Paris-Burgundy would fail if GA Burgundy moves to Marseilles.) I don't know how this error got through, but I think it's big enough to possibly warrant a recall. It's kind of like playing a computer chess game that doesn't allow casting. It can be played but all of the known strategies are useless. Along with the Atari version, I suspect that the Amiga program may also be similarly flawed, since the program design is the same. The C-64 and IBM version have completely different designs so I'm not sure whether they share this problem. At this time, I'm still trying to contact the person at AH that can answer my questions and let me know if I can return the game.

[[It's probably not news to Don Del Grande and our other game-industry wizards, but here's notice for the rest of us to stay away from this until Avalon Hill fixes it.]]

Meanwhile I've pretty much finished the adjudication routine for my own Dip program. It seems to handle all of the differnet situations without problems, although it still snags on a couple of the trickier paradoxes. The next step is to teach it to play the game, and I think I have some promising ideas on how to add some of the flavor of the human-to-human version. (I certainly can't do any worse than AH did themselves.) Perhaps I can get enough of it done to show off at your HouseCon. If at all possible, I'd like to try and make it, but planning that far ahead is always tricky.

[[We'd love to have you, but you'll have to bring your own computer! My Mac never leaves the office.]]

Among the Trees

by Pete Gaughan

Not much space for me this issue, but here's what's up. Business is way off. The camera business is a luxury industry. We represent a line of professional cameras for art and studio use in addition to camera bags, binoculars and accesories that everyday purchasers look for, so we're somewhat immune to consumer buying trends—but this recession has lasted long enough now that even the pros have held up buying equipment.

So when the biggest camera dealer in the city held a trade fair, we didn't see a lot of customers, but sales reps got to stand around and gossip, and the rumors were thick about which stores are going under and which distributors are closing down.

One interesting note is that the Japanese government is apparently forcing the nation's largest maker of camera filters—those special-effects pieces you screw on the end of your lens—to buy up the failing business of the second-largest maker. The theory here (and they've done it before in the photo trade over there) is that whatever difficulties the company will have assuming the debts, will be offset by the benefit of being in a near monopoly when times get better. The last thing they wanted was—and the rumors say this was a near thing this summer—an American company to start making optical glass to pick up the slack! They'd sooner lose money now than give up market share.

Now, which market did you say was "free"?

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Maelstrom Ratings

Buz Eddy informs me that the following folks from Perelandra's Player Roster have ratings over 1000 in his Maelstrom Dip rating system (these are current ratings, players may have achieved a higher category in the past):

GRANDMASTER

Gary Behnen.....	13522
Russ Rusnak.....	8205
Kathy Caruso.....	5648
David Hood.....	5295

SENIOR MASTER

David McCrumb.....	3655
Mike Gonsalves.....	3350

MASTER

Marc Peters.....	3151
Melinda Holley.....	2742
Ron Cameron.....	2583
Rick Kohman.....	2569

EXPERT

Stan Johnson.....	1983
Garret Schenck.....	1810
Arthur Shulman.....	1792
John Schultz.....	1539
Melanie Winters.....	1511
Pete Gaughan.....	1437
Vince Lutterbie.....	1359
Eric Brosius.....	1338
Mark Lew.....	1305
Don Scheifler.....	1255
Pat Conlon.....	1251
Greg Ellis.....	1216
Randy Davis.....	1215
Roger Cox.....	1115

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GAME OPENINGS / ZINE BUSINESS

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WUNDERLAND/Snowball Fighting (free): Can take five more players (on larger map). John Schultz, Tom Hurst (Phightin' Phule), John McLaurin, Duncan Adams and David McCrumb signed up.

BELT 17/Regular Diplomacy (\$5 gamefee): Les Casey signed up and paid. This will be the last regular Dip game to start for a while; can take six more.

AURORA/Railway Rivals (\$3 gamefee includes map): I have received, and will use, the new, revised California/Nevada map. Richard Weiss, Chuck Mercer and Bill Wordelmann are paid, will take three more. (You guys have each had money credited to your account, since I reduced the gamefee here.)

ZYRA/Dip Battleship (no gamefee): Six people are already signed up for DB, though the game was originally written for six. So—I'll wait one more month for entries, then start two games with the players evenly divided.

Poets' Corner (Standby Calls!): Roger Cox for Tupile; Andy York for Giedi Prime; John McLaurin for Lameth.

The Poets are for Diplomacy: Baker, KCaruso, Cox, Davis, Hurst, SJohnson, Magnuson, McKinnon, McLaurin, Mercer, Schultz, Shulman, Stewart, Voogd, Weiss, York.
For Dip variants: Baker, Davis, Hurst, McCrumb, McKinnon, Stewart, Weiss, York.

For others: Anderson (Titan), Cox (Monopoly), Gardner, Langley (SF), McCrumb, Millikan (MoV), Weiss.

A free issue to each standby when he picks up a game and when he plays it out (subber currently in fewest games will be chosen first.).

International Subscription Exchange

I am the North American representative. If you want to sub to a U.K. or Australian zine, send US or Cdn money to me and I'll arrange it, avoiding currency exchange fees. Canadian cash accepted at 1-to-1 with U.S.; Canadian checks will get about 75¢US on the Cdn dollar.

Free Issues Available

A free issue (for each name) to the first person who can tell me where these planet/game names came from (I've lost my notes on these): Marna, Nordeen, Rathillien, Quwhon, Lakkarol.



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BNC Gary Behnen assures me that Boardman Numbers are on the way for all new Dip games; I was late in requesting a Miller Number for Vulcan but that too should be ready next time.

Late word that the Canadian people have turned down the Charlottetown deal for a new constitution—I was kind of rooting for it. I think now it may finally be time for Canadians outside Quebec to say goodbye for good.



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