



VULCAN / Deviant Dip 92JFrc04

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Voting:

proposal #.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
Austria	-1	+2.....		
England	+3.....			
France		+3.....		
Germany.....	+1	+1.....	-1.....	
Italy	+3.....			
Russia	+3.....			
Turkey.....	-1.....	+2.....		
totals.....	2.....	6.....	6.....	1.....

Rules now in effect:

0. **Master.** Each turn, each remaining player may propose a rule change. All proposals will be submitted for a vote, each player having as many votes as he has supply centers (exception: Russia has only 3 votes until after Winter 1901). Players may divide their votes among the proposals as they see fit, or not cast them at all, and may vote 'yes' or 'no' (each no vote cancels one yes vote). The proposal which receives the most votes takes effect following the deadline of the vote; if two or more proposals tie for most votes, all such tied proposals take effect.

2. **More Deviant.** Any rule proposal which receives a total of three or more votes is passed.

So that this does not lead to a premature ending of the game, the following types of rules are banned: (1) "quick-win" rules, i.e., any rule which directly or indirectly causes a win or draw; (2) "not-so-quick-win" rules, i.e., any rule which is designed to award a dominating advantage to any player or players; (3) "quick-kill" rules, i.e., any rule which eliminates a player or players, or else screws him so bad that his elimination becomes imminent; and (4) "pork-barrel" rules, i.e., any rule which hands out small favors to a selection of players, for the purpose of securing each player's vote.

Determination of which rule proposals fall into these categories is according to the judgment of the GM. The GM may make general statements about how he will rule in such cases. However, he is not allowed to answer questions about specific proposals, nor may players make orders conditional on whether a proposal would be banned. Any time a player makes a proposal which is deemed illegal under this rule, one-third of that player's units (rounded up, chosen at random) are removed from the board.

3. **Veto Power.** A rule change only goes into effect if no "no" votes are made against it. *[[GM Interpretation: As both More Deviant and Veto Power passed, I rule that in order to pass, a proposal must have at least three yes votes AND not receive a no vote.]]*

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The Roar of the Greasepaint

(the letter column)

Eric Brosius

You can always get Cheesecake if you offer to standby.

[[Thanks, I thought it was players only.]]

Runestone Poll: I've pretty much decided to remove myself from the voting options, as you did for the Marco.

Daf Langley

I've been depressed lately. I lost my job. The companies which were contracted into the Hiring Hall decided they wanted to do their own hiring. So, I'm out. It's like losing a part of my family. I have been hanging around at home, sleeping until 10:30 or 11 and not getting dressed. I was even beginning to watch soap operas!! That's when I decided to sign up with a temporary agency. I've gotten a few jobs and I'm feeling better. I'm covered by my health benefits until the end of the year, so that's one worry off my mind. I'm hoping to get a permanent position after the first of the year.

[[Hm, sorry to hear. Hiring halls and independent sales reps (like me) have a lot in common—it's tough to get hide-bound, traditional corporate execs to see all the advantages. Love and good luck.]]

Mike Magnuson

Sorry about having to phone my SnowFight orders in last time and not writing any press. I was getting ready for a two-week hunting/backpacking trip. We went deep into the back country, hiking about eight miles a day and saw nothing. Luckily I was able to bring a deer in on the last night as we were driving home. A word to the wise: while army rations (MRE's) are light and easy to pack into the woods, a person doesn't want to have to live off them. After ten days of nothing else, I was grateful for my civilian status.

[[Driving home? Are front bumpers legal hunting weapons in Colorado? grin]]

There is an outside chance that I could make it to DipCon over Labor Day. I have a friend who is transferring to Berkeley. If he actually does it, I'll have a place to stay and will be out there. I will probably be missing the sob by then and would be killing two birds with one stone.

[[Richard Weiss has already suggested a housing co-op for Dipcon—matching up local Dipsters with out-of-towners who can't or won't stay at the hotel (hotel will be about \$65/night, up to four in a room). Cathy and I will be at the hotel, so our place is off-limits (and a bit far away, too) but I'll play match-maker if someone wants to volunteer their house.]]

Melanie Winters

Yay!!!! O! Bill pulled it off! Now maybe this country can get back in the swing of it. This is the first time in my life that I really cared about an election. Despite his "sickness" and other human

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faults, there's something about Bill Clinton that makes me believe he can make a REAL change for the better. Just a gut reaction, but then gut reactions are usually the most trustworthy. Let's face it—no one could do a worse job than was done in the last 12 years. I certainly appreciated the fact that Clinton's first act upon winning his 270 electoral votes was to keep his promise to California: he did not accept the presidency until our polls closed, even though it was over long before 7 P.M. our time. I had decided that would be the 'litmus test' for me—whether he'd break or keep that promise. I'm happy to say he came through. Long live our draft-dodging, pot-puffing President—may his bong never run dry!!!

[[Speaks a person with her head screwed on right...]]

Greg Ellis

I finally bought the computer I wanted. After waiting years for the computer industry to select a standard, and after years of watching the standards turn obsolete in less than a year, I finally decided to get a 486DX, 33Mhz, 100+Mb HD, and SVGA monitor. Than all I had to do was wait for the price to come down to \$2000 and I was in business. I'm still waiting.

In the meantime, the 486SX machines completely rubbed out the 386DX and forced the 386SX prices down to the \$1400 range. As I was about to decide to buy the 486SX (if I could find one cheap enough), one of the folks at work put up a poster for a used computer: a 3-month-old 386DX 40Mhz, 130Mb HD, SVGA monitor with a lot of software; and they only wanted \$1400 for it. Couldn't pass it up.

[[Another good thing about Macintoshes—they don't go out of style nearly so fast. They don't make our SE/30 any more, but everyone we meet is willing to buy it for at least what it cost new! Plus, just about every Mac will adapt to new systems and peripherals, so only speed freaks (40Mhz, eh?) need to buy a whole new machine.]]

Roger Cox

Election farce is over, thank God (or whomever you wish to thank!). No real change I can see—just a few lying sacks of shit getting money for nothing.

[[Whew—did someone turn up the venom-stat?]]

Two point I'd like to address. I must disagree with your editorial on Stan's article. Taxation is a form of extortion. It's also stealing. It's taking my money at gunpoint, since if I refuse to pay, I'll go to jail—and if I try to leave, I'll be shot. Simple, pure logic. Without attempting to quote our founding fathers, our original, perfect Constitution said no tax shall be levied without the unanimous consent of the people. U-N-A-N-I-M-O-U-S! Hell, I protest. There's no mention of "dues to pay for belonging to this nation." I didn't ask to be born here; I am not to blame, so why should I pay "dues?" I think it is the height of arrogance to liberally tell others what they must pay (for their own good, good of others, or whatever) to "insure tranquility" or promote their general definitions of general welfare.

Second point—I see no evidence of human "ruining the earth's surface for carbon-based existence." Go on, agnostic, surely you see my point—I go outside, have no trouble breathing, never saw anyone die from using styrofoam or lack of ozone, and still I see plenty of small, furry creatures running around. The benefits of "the development of intelligence" so far outweigh greenhouse effects (which I have not observed), holes in the ozone layer (also, I haven't seen), and baboon and spotted owl "rights" (if they don't pay taxes, they don't have rights—plus human welfare is more important than that of any animal), that it makes environmental issues worthless. Occam's Razor in full force—if I can't see it, it

likely ain't there.

[[I'll leave the tax question until David gets a shot.

I've never claimed owls have rights, but I don't think taxes earn you rights. Human rights are those that we believe all people have, inherent in their human person-ness. Civil rights are those that we all agree should be granted to each other in a civil society. Owls don't qualify for either one. But that doesn't mean that I give up my right to argue that public land, air and water (and the critters therein) should be kept natural.

[[I assume you're not just trying to get my goat (though your flat-earth comments could be satire). Do you have a landfill in your county? Have you ever been in a city with smog? Don't you know anybody with a cancer that could have been produced by PCBs, UV light or pesticides? Didn't you hear that 90% of freshwater fish tested by the EPA are contaminated with chemicals like DDE or Dioxin? Our smarts have made the planet harder to live on in more ways than it's easier.

[[I'll make it simpler, Mr. See-No-Evil: if you don't think that air pollution is a problem, please start your car and put your mouth over the tailpipe.]]

Russ Rusnak

Do you remember the old 'Untouchables' show where Frank Nitti would offer to help someone continue living or off the continued use of their property in return for a specified payment? It was usually referred to as a protection racket, with protection being a synonym for extortion. In most cases, people had no reasonable alternative, so they would pay. The fact that Nitti's representatives could make the collection didn't make it right. Nowadays we have assorted special interests using the government to make tax collections under the guise of a social contract. Once again people with no viable alternative are given a choice between paying up or a loss of freedom and property. (Personally, I have more respect for Nitti, at least he was honest about what he was.)

Years ago on the way to Pudgecon, my responsibility under my "social contract" came up. As one of the people in my car passed a joint around, he explained to me that it was my duty to live up to my social contract by society's rules. He defined my social contract as living up to and helping to finance the accepted ideals of the society. When I mentioned that society had deemed grass inappropriate and that he should either flip the joint out the window or admit that he was a hypocrite, I was being unreasonable.

While I'm not sure I remember correctly, I think you are against abortion. Does your social contract include paying for a legal abortion? Does it include paying for my life support when my drinking habit wipes my liver out? Getting extremely absurd, did it include 1940 Germans exposing Jews in hiding so they could be led off to death camps?

Supposedly, the most important cornerstone of this country is freedom. Freedom implies a right to accomplish as much or as little as you can. I agree that I have no right to impede anyone's growth for whatever reason. By the same token, I have no duty to provide anything for anyone unless I freely choose to do it. To force me, or anyone else, to support the special interest, mistakes, or misfortune of others diminishes any society based on freedom.

[[Your friend with the joint was a hypocrite, a slur which you will not be able to tag me with. Even when I was morally opposed to abortion, I was even more strongly against government preventing it. I don't think public health funds should cover self-inflicted injuries—I would much prefer the kind of self-responsibility represented in a law preventing insurance payments for helmetless bikers than a law requiring helmets.]]

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David Hood

"Taxation is dues"? Well, no. Dues are something paid voluntarily by someone making the conscious decision to join an organization. Taxation is money extorted at the point of a gun. The gun analogy is absolutely correct, and should be remembered whenever a big spender proposes more spending.

[[Look, doesn't anyone here recognize a metaphor when it's put before them? Here, let's make it a simile: "Taxation is like dues." I'll even give you two alternatives to taxes. First, we could make paying taxes 'voluntary'—but Reagan-Bush deficits have been big enough without that disaster! Second, we could make taxes and the benefits voluntary—if you want welfare, schools, police services, et al., you can choose to pay in, but if you don't pay you don't collect... Naw, anyone with any meaningful amount of money wouldn't pay so in a month we'd have twice the crime and filth and poverty we have now. Or would we? You seem to think not.

[[Certainly lower taxes is a goal. I don't like paying 36% of my commission (and I'm in the "15%" tax bracket) in federal and state tax. And yes, many current government programs can and should be eliminated. But the scale of cuts proposed by government-haters is dangerous to society. (Maybe you're just upset with the arrangement of payments? If there was no income tax, but a driver's license cost \$40,000 a year, all those poor folks would be put out of work and you could have the road to yourself while the cost of roads and traffic enforcement would be borne only by those who use them?)

[[For years, whenever I criticized US policy, I was told "Love it or leave it!" And I, better than many others because of mobility and language, could have left. But I stayed.

[[So now I say to those who don't want to pay taxes, "Love it or leave." If this country isn't important enough to pay for, get out. Whiny conservatives who can't part with a few dollars don't deserve the blessings of liberty. Roger's flat wrong—nobody will shoot you if you try to emigrate. You are in this country voluntarily, whether you want to admit it or not.]]

Richard Weiss

Agnosticism and Occam's Razor: If one believes in God, how about believing in who or what created God? My beliefs rest on there was nothing, then there was something and time. I can't decide if there will be nothing again. Since it's all "impossible" (isn't that the definition of faith/belief?), why worry/argue?

I'm not sure that there is an inner sense of right and wrong (Rousseau vs. Locke) but your answer of "from within" is as simple and precise and reflective to the questioner as can exist.

I still knee-jerk a response to religion and then get bored. Now, politics is much more fun. Protect me from the individualism of myself and others, please—let's have a community with standards and let the community be so prosperous that we become a population and need laws to serve as surrogates for the community's peer pressure. Let those laws rejoice in diversity and allow/reward freedom and individual choice as long as the greater good is not unduly harmed. Vote Clinton.

[[I did.]]

Stan Johnson

Russ, I thought you had been cured at the end of A Christmas Carol. What happened, you have a relapse? You obviously know close to nothing about what our government does. It robs the middle class to give free lunches to millionaires; gives subsidized water to millionaire farmers in California; gives \$40 million loans to millionaires at 3% at a time when interest rates were 17-18%;

limits sugar imports from the Caribbean so the sugar industry can rob consumers. The so-called tax reform bill had 250 pages of special breaks for particular businesses. In the last election PACs gave over \$111 million to congressional races. Compared to sweetheart deals with rich businessmen, what the government devotes to good works is a pittance and that's only done to keep the poor from storming the mansions and stringing the bastards up by their toes.

I would agree to stop having government provide for the poor, if they also stopped providing for the rich.

If [Russ's] view of what government should do was followed, wouldn't government also have to get out of the business of making dope illegal, and stop trying to (supposedly) save people from themselves? Junkies would be the most reliable workforce in the world, if their fix was part of their pay.

I agree that everything is done out of self-interest of one type or another. When I saw a 20/20 story on welfare fraud I was willing to scrap the whole program. I don't know how these people can rip off the government so easily. When I had a broken leg and couldn't work for six months and had medical bills out the wazoo, I could barely get any help. My mother worked with an Italian woman who hadn't been in the country a year but knew ways to get things from the government that my mother had never heard of.

I believe the Libertarian Party is for basically what Russ described, and I might be too if it was done right. Thomas Jefferson said that the government that governs least governs best, which sounds good; but that was said before the days of the big monopolies. Power corrupts and therefore must be carefully controlled.

[[I was afraid you were going to start making Russ' arguments for him, so I was glad to see you acknowledge that some aspects of your views are close to his.

[[Allow me to take the conversation in a different direction, lest we get to merely repeating our opinions in each others' faces. I have a vision of society which I'd like to see achieved. It includes peaceful interpersonal relations and meaningful roles for everyone, as well as (obviously) high value on wilderness and creativity. The only vision I can extrapolate from the comments in this column recently is "Leave me alone!" It seems to me that by arguing that you shouldn't be taxed, shouldn't be required to care about the less-fortunate or disabled or even your neighbors, you are advancing a vision of the ideal society as something like Thieves' World or (here it is again) Atlas Shrugged. Convince me otherwise.]]

[[Stan continues:]]

My well-documented fact was on tv news, and in the newspaper (that the nonrich gave a higher % of their income to charity than the rich). It goes to figure if I make \$20,000 and give \$100 to charity, and a guy who makes \$1,000,000 gives \$1,000 to charity, I'm giving a higher percentage than he is.

[[That's obvious, but it doesn't prove that millionaires only give \$1000.]]

My only beef with the Maelstrom ratings that standby spots don't count. I feel they should if you improve the position you inherit. My proudest moments were turning a couple losing sb spots into wins.

[[Thanks for trying, but no—standby play is distinctly different. The DragonsTeeth Rating System had separate scores for starters and standbys—if you want to rate standbys then compare them to each other, not to starting players. DTRS had a formula for combing them to get one rating, but you have to be careful not to just mash starts and standbys together. That's like giving catchers an error for every passed ball!]]

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Chuff Afflerbach

Couldn't have been more delighted to be so wrong about my election prediction. The big question is can Bush pardon himself before he slinks out of town?

I really missed out on much of the election hoopla and all the returns on everything from constitutional amendments to transit board elections. I usually follow this stuff closely, but at six A.M. Wednesday I was on a plane to Oregon. We filed a report Wednesday afternoon on the defeat of the anti-gay measure. (The war is far from over up there.) Then, to get our money's worth out of the trip, we stayed in Portland two more days and shot two more stories. Best part of the trip: the rain quit the minute we landed and began again as soon as we took off! I hadn't been to Portland in almost 15 years, and I was very impressed with the beauty (and planning) of the area. Probably not a bad place to live, if you're white, hetero, and have auto insurance. If you aren't, you could get shot and have your car towed, maybe at the same time...

[[Since I was an election clerk (see Among the Trees), I wasn't able to do my usual couch-potato stint on Election Night. See, I'm a news junkie, and ever since 1972 I've spent every Election Night glued to the tube. But this year, I got my dinner break at 4:00, just in time to hear CBS Radio glue New Hampshire, Vermont and Georgia to Clinton—and when I heard that I knew he was going to win.

[[I didn't get home until nine, and Cathy was watching TV and eager for me to interpret the gobbledeegook for her. We jumped into audience-participatory news, yelling when a measure we favored was ahead, trying to predict whether totals from 10% of precincts would hold all night. We were both worried Barbara Boxer would lose, but as usual Republicans voted early so it turned out that the 'late' vote went Boxer's way. We also slapped each other each time the welfare-reform amendment flashed on the screen—it was winning, then losing, then winning, then losing all evening. Cathy voted no, I voted yes.

[[Sidebar: Boxer won where she was predicted to: the mountains, central coast and the Bay Area. Herschensohn won his home base in Orange County and San Diego plus the desert and Central Valley. L.A. county turned out to be the swing, and Boxer's win there was by just about as many votes as she won the state.]]

Mark Weseman

I assume that by now the U.S. election results have been dissected on every talk show, news show, sitcom and what have you in America. I was very pleased with the outcome. Not so much because of Clinton's victory, but because the size of the gap between Clinton and Bush was quite large. I sincerely hope that the Republicans have learned that the viciousness and nastiness that they displayed at their convention just isn't the American way. I'm also pleased because I believe it was way past time for America to move beyond the World War II generation of people in power.

It was quite interesting for me to be in Korea for the last part of the campaign. When I left the States, I was quite sure that Clinton was going to win. It became difficult for me to determine how the candidates were doing, though. I obtain my news from an English-language daily *The Korea Times*, which is printed in Seoul. The Koreans were so pro-Bush that they skewed their reporting to show that Bush was going to win. Wishful thinking on their part, I guess.

(A side note here. There are other English-language papers here: *The Korea Herald*, *USA Today* overseas edition, and the *Wall Street Journal Asia* edition, but they are either too expensive

or not available where I am located. on the military posts you can also buy the *Pacific Stars and Stripes*. And, of course, there is always Armed Forces Korea Network radio and TV.)

The Korean government was very pro-Bush. They have two main concerns about Clinton. They are afraid that he will speed up withdrawal of U.S. forces from Korea, and they are afraid that he will be tougher with Korea on trade issues. In the long run, it will be advantageous for the Koreans to be weaned from the American security umbrella. It will also be helpful for them to find other markets for their goods. Whatever Clinton's policies are, his election has the Koreans scared.

p.s.—prediction: North and South Korea will be unified by 2000, and it will be a disaster for the Korean economy.

[[You may not be aware that all the news sources here were reporting that Bush was gaining in the polls the last week of the campaign. Clinton's people have said that their tracking didn't show any such change, but the news was full of Bush 'closing the gap.'

[[After the election, Bob Dole immediately began saying that 57% of the voters voted against Clinton, as if Dole could speak for the Perot-nistas (In fact, I later heard him specifically say that he would try to represent all the non-Clinton voters). Disgusting. Hey, Bob, even more people (62%) voted 'against' George Bush!

[[Still no Korean font in sight (at least, not on shareware; I'm not willing to go out and buy one!).]]

Hugh Magen

Having just been to the Tokyo Airport duty-free shop, as well as Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore, I just wanted to add to your comment about a "free market." Japanese cameras and electronics sell at a higher price in Asia than they do in America. Supposedly, we have import taxes and shipping expenses to deal with when we buy Japanese products at home, yet the products are still cheaper here. I had to wait until I got to L.A. to find the cheapest prices on Sony CD Walkmans.

[[That varies widely—professional cameras are considerably less in Japan, tempting some airline pilots to smuggle them into the U.S.]]

[[Several of you had one last comment on the movie, 2001: A Space Odyssey. I should point out that some of the editorial notes in Cathy's column last time were mine, not hers. I'm sorry I didn't label them as such. From here on you can assume that anything in Tekton Is Cathy's work.]]

Steven McKinnon

I have no problem with pros earning their keep. But it somehow profanes the quality of 2001 to make 2010 so poor by a long way. As for Kubrick doing 2001 for the money: Well hey! It's still Kubrick-like. He didn't make 2001: *Home Alone on Jupiter*, now, did he?

John Schultz

Ms. Gaughan: I was being facetious when I mentioned 25 words-or-less in relation to brevity. They showed 2001, 2010, and *Quest for Fire* on the institution movies this weekend. They show our movies continuously over and over for the two days. I tried watching for hidden meanings, etc, but Sunday night I watched with my 'child's eye' and I enjoyed it much more. Next chance you get try to forget the philosophical, psychological angle and watch it like you watched *Snow White* or *101 Dalmations* when you were a little girl. Perhaps that will help.

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Stan Johnson

Cathy, I don't think it's fair (or politically correct) to say I wussed out. I didn't see your original question. I did not read 2001 (I think), I saw the movie; it left me with many questions (any one of which could have been yours). I spent a lot of time asking people what was the meaning of that; what was the significance of this; no one seemed to have any better idea than me. 2010, I read the book first then saw the movie; I liked the book better and it answered all my questions. One note: the beginning of the movie, when an ape uses a bone as a weapon, was written at a time when we believed that man was the only tool-using animal. Now we know chimps use them too.

[[I didn't mean to hurt your feelings, I was just trying to make my article interesting to read. But I, too, probably wouldn't have entered a contest when I didn't know what the original question was.]]

If you still have a question, ask; none of the printed answers I skimmed seemed right.

[[I'd actually prefer not to drag the topic out.]]

Rick Kohman

My "serious" answer would have been "Art for art's sake and ambiguity for ambiguity's sake." (Kubrick pulled an artistic cop-out.) I believe it became a cult classic by the combination of two factors: a) the best SFX to date, and b) the height of the hippie-drug-revolution. 'Nuff said. (Pete—you had to blow the "IBM myth," didn't you?)

[[And then we had, essentially, a late entry...]]

Randy Havens

Visualize a blonde, blue-eyed valley girl, dressed in a suede Indian-style skirt, blouse and jacket with tassels and beads. Oh, and cowboy boots that have holes cut out of them in some kind of design. She says, "I went out, the other night, with this guy, ya know, and like he takes me to see this like really weird movie, ya know, and like at first I was bored but then it like dawned on me that like the writer must be really hung up on sex—ya know? Or like some kind of brainy pervert, ya know, 'cause like there's this long thing with like this big round head on the front and it's like floating in this dark void—ya know? Then everybody on this so-called spaceship like kicks off, except one cute guy who escapes in this like pod thing, ya know, which just happens to come out of the end of the round part. That was when my date and I started sucking on each other's faces so like I missed a little of the movie, ya know, but I did like catch the end where there is like this really gross picture of an underdeveloped kid. What's those things called? Anyways, I like told my date that like next time he better take to like a concert or like he's on his own. Ya know? *



Osprey

It's Me Again!

by Cathy Gaughan

Hello, everyone! Gee, it's been a lazy Saturday for me today. Turkey Day was just a couple of days ago. We spent the day at Pete's folks' house with his sister, Peg, who was in town for the weekend. (well actually she left today) I really enjoy Peg, she's in love right now down in Bakersfield and it seems to agree with her. I hope it all works out for her.

Can you guys believe how close Christmas is? I, of course, have done no shopping at all. I actually have some ideas which is better than usual. Oh, now that I think of it, I have 2 presents; one for my parents in Florida and the same thing for my brother and his wife. I was too impressed with a picture that I took over at Point Reyes. I think it looks good enough to be a post card. So, my family gets a print in a frame for X-mas. What do you think? Pretty snazzy, huh? Of course, I feel my family will appreciate it; whereas Pete's family, most of them take great pictures themselves. So, I don't like to brag to them, too much.

That's one thing I wish I would get out and do more of is taking pictures. Right now, I usually just set the camera to automatic. I would like to get to a point where I could adjust them and know if I was letting in more light or less. Or if I was slowing down or speeding up the shutter speed. I know what it is that the camera can do, but I can never remember which thing does what. I think I need to put the directions to a song, and then I could memorize them better. Maybe instead of "On Top of Spaghetti" it could be "On Top of my Camera" etc.

Well, I am planning a trip to see my folks in February. My mom should have already undergone her surgery, and I'm hoping she'll be up to having some company. She's a real trooper. This cancer stuff is the pits, but she's hanging in there. She's getting ready for 5 weeks of radiation treatments, before she has her surgery. So, if you pray keep her in your prayers.

Oh, I was very disturbed to find out that Daf was laid off. That is such a terrible thing to happen. I got totally depressed when I was laid off. Thank goodness, I found something else pretty quickly. I wish you all the luck in finding something new, AND something you like. People told me not to take it personally, but it is very hard not to. I know your circumstance was another company bought out the one you worked for, so maybe that makes it easier. But, missing all the folks that you worked with is hard. I definitely empathize with you. It's really tough. But, hang in there! There is always a reason for everything and usually a lesson to be learned.

Hope things are looking brighter for most of you dipsters out there. Just remember... Whenever you think you're on the bottom, there's always someone worse off than you. This season make an effort to help one of them.

Love to All and Merry Christmas,

Cathy Gaughan

p.s. What do you call a clairvoyant midget who's escaped from jail?
p.p.s. What do you call two banana peels?

The Broom Closet

sweeping out the corners of the hobby

I really didn't expect this column to take up this kind of space. After this issue, I may cut back to commenting only on certain zines (and try to mention everybody at least once every several months).

Brad Wilson dropped me a note to the effect that his hobby hiatus has been caused by losing his job and moving. He'd like everyone to know that his zine, *Vertigo*, and his games will be out soon since he's 'coming around now' from all the problems.

I received a sample of *Pilot Light* 46, but with no note from Kevin I don't know whether he was inviting me to subscribe or just sent me a copy by mistake. Anyway, *PL* endorsed Libertarian Andre Marrou for President, but the only other contents were Kevin's United league. \$10/12 issues (free to standbys), Kevin Brown, 100 Patton Drive, Warner Robins GA 31093.

C'est Magnifique 119 is really *C'est Magnifique* Volume III Issue 50, sez Pete. The first 50 issues were published from 1985 to 1988, then he cut back to flyer until issue 70, when he graduated from university. From #70 on, Peter has averaged 15.3 pages per issue and 3.42 (!) weeks between issues. The lettercol is largely involved with American politics, but don't let that scare you off. 45p (send roughly \$7/10 issues via the ISE), Peter Sullivan, 55 Brunton St, Darlington, County Durham DL1 4EN, United Kingdom.

Carolina Command & Commentary 54 receives and publishes a missive from Denis Jones about music by Ministry, which is described as similar to being run over by a tank. Reading Denis' letters is sometimes like being run over by a bicycle. Subzine *DIDOES* reports that Gary Behnen has been suspended from postal Dip for steroid use! \$1, Michael Lowery, 3005 Kenninghall Court, Charlotte NC 28269.

Absolute! 15 talks games and computer viruses. The Beer Hunter, Andy Bingnear, discovers Cajun beer (Dixie Brewery's Blackened Voodoo Lager). The usual or 35¢, Paul Kenny, 75 Maple Ave, Collingwood NJ 08108-1008.

Northern Flame "Lite" 40, a slim and trim *NF* as Cal has run into a disk crash-type software problem. Assurances are given that the zine will be back up to its large and desktop-pretty self nextish. Mr. White advise that I have taken too much upon myself with the *Zine Register*, not the first person to express this opinion and likely not the last. Even this "lite" issue gets five pages of Crazie Markie Nelson's subzine, this time on U.S. and British television. \$2 (\$2.50 overseas), Cal White, 1 Turnberry Avenue, Toronto Ontario M6N 1P6, Canada.

Andy York reports, in *Rambling Way* 24, that he loaned his copy of Shakespeare to Patrick Stewart... lucky bastard. Andy, like Buz Eddy, is maintaining a list of upcoming cons. \$1 (\$1.25 in Canada, more elsewhere), Andy York, Box 2307, Universal City TX 78148-1307.

Speaking of Buz, along comes *Maelstrom* 9, wherein Bux (omigod what a typo) Buz launches the American Diplomacy Registry. Similar to agency which supervise the chess and bridge hobbies, the ADR will provide four main services:

Registry—of local clubs, tournaments and games.
Ratings—performance evaluations using *Maelstrom's* ruthless win/lose/draw system

Features—stories on Dip (presumably historical, archival, and strategic)

Entertainment—current news and Dip items

Maelstrom will serve as the linchpin to this beast, which is part service, part zine, part organization. Although still in rough draft this is a promising start toward an agency that will be enthusi-

astic about promoting the hobby. No real sub fee yet, Buz Eddy, 7500 212th St. #205, Edmonds WA 98026.

The new alternative zine directory, *Grass Roots 2*, is out. Although John began this ostensibly as a neutral publication, and although its claimed purpose is to 'return' to some past, original-intent *ZR*, *GR* is highlighted by slams on the *Zine Register*. There are eight overseas zine listings, a page of Dip services, and a page listing games available (but this is not a game openings service). Averages 7.5 zine listings per page, so if all you need is an address and a list of games this is for you. \$1, John Caruso, 636 Astor Street, Norristown PA 19401.

Maniac's Paradise 45 sees the return of Flap Jack McHugh's subzine, and Flap's continued beating on DipCon. Movie reviews, music reviews, and the shocking news that Sack Kent has only just turned 24 years old. So young, and yet producing so many pages and pages of drivel, including *Foolhardy* 4, wherein Yawn Caruso provides a more mature point of view (Ghod help us!). *MP* and *F* each \$1, Doug Kent, 54 West Cherry Street #211, Rahway NJ 07065.

The cover of *Diplomacy World* 68 features Stan Johnson and Paul Glenn's articles on Germany, but my favorite section is Conrad von Metzke's contest. He lists 24 zine names which were also fictional places—a tradition of the early Dip hobby which *Perelandra* still honors. I'll give you one answer free: *Perelandra* is C.S. Lewis' True Language word for the planet Venus (from his Space Trilogy). The usual good stuff is in here, international news, why ratings are no use, Calhamer's comments on how *Diplomacy* came to be—if you're not getting this what's your problem? \$10/four issues (\$15 Canada, \$20 overseas), David Hood, 2905 - 20th Street NE, Hickory NC 28601.

An excellent election summary is presented in the comic strip "Life in Hell," reprinted in *Dipadeedoodah!* 27. In small print you'll also see letter after letter telling Phil not to worry about the Poll, that we like his zine just fine, but he insists he'll continue to try to subvert it. (Phil: I was teasing lastish. Really. Teasing.) There's a puzzle among his selection this month, in which three AL East teams win 100 games in a season—purely as a mental exercise, you understand! 75¢ (\$1.50 overseas), Phil Reynolds, USF #4286, 4202 Fowler Ave, Tampa FL 33620.

Diplomag 108 reports several pieces of hobby news, most notably some of the Controversy scores in this year's Runestone Poll. No surprise, *Upstart* had the widest gap between high votes and low votes; among GMs, Bill LaFosse and John Boardman rated as most controversial. Thanks, Fred, for this sample. \$5/year for Mensans. Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3210-K Wheaton Way, Ellicott City MD 21043.

Help Garret! He needs a new title for his editorial column now that "Read My Lips" is out of date! *Upstart* 57 bashes Perot as a fascist (though Steve Cooley thinks he was a legit alternative), reams Ayn Rand for writing boring, stupid novels, picks nits over who was the bigger nuclear bully in the Cold War, and debates the debates—too bad *U* has mellowed to this wallflower style. \$1.50, Garret Schenck, 40 - 3rd Place, Basement Apt, Brooklyn NY 11231-3302.

As David puts it, "*Metamorphosis* continues to evolve." #5 provides the rules and openings for Snowball Fighting, so David is now completely within my power (moohahahahaha!). *Colonia* and *Sovereignty* are also reviewed, while subzine writer Herman Bingham is pushing postal Dodgeball! If you want another shot at me besides Phil Reynolds' FicDic, *Metamorph* has a Lit Quiz in

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which I could only provide answers for 9 out of 20 questions! 75¢, David Wang, Box275, Summit NJ 07901.

There aren't many zines with a 'Dead Languages Section' (though I'm certainly making the attempt! maybe Iain will write me something in Aramaic) but *Spring Offensive* is one. *SO* continues an archaic fanzine tradition—numbering pages over all issues (#6 has pages 111 through 134). This month's oops, sorry, *SO* is four-weekly—this issue's variant is the Hoplite Wars, set in Greece and the Aegean beginning in 450BC; because it uses the Multiplicity multiple-unit module, that is also printed in #6. Now, I don't do much with variants myself, but I've always wanted to run a multiple-unit game; any of you interested in playing something like that? If I run a variant, I want it to be something exotic like this and not just the standard board. 90p (about \$7/five issues, sent to me for ISE transfer), Stephen Agar, 79 Florence Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 6DL, United Kingdom.

Aren't...?, like many other zines, analyzes why Bill Clinton will be a Good Thing, but you also get, as a special feature, *Why Maryland Democrats Hate Their Governor*. Andy has promised to begin grovelling before me soon—watch for it. 75¢, Andy Marshall, 775 Quince Orchard Blvd. #32, Gaithersburg MD 20878-1672.

Just wanted to mention that Jeff McKee's *Metamorphosis* (issue 37 reports on Jeff's latest trip to Singapore) is very politely running his games down by flyer. If you publish and you fold, that's how you should do it (but we don't want you to fold any way). not taking new readers.

You may already know all about the *Costaguana* publishing empire, but here goes. Conrad von Metzke pubs *C*, and *Pedro in the Rain Forest*, and *Disoriented Express*. Conrad goes through a cycle in the hobby—he publishes for several years, running more and more games, more and more pages, and (as now) even multiple zines. Conrad finally ends up getting overloaded and either cuts back or drops out. Right now he's cutting back—the two rail zines, *PitRF* and *DE*, will likely merge—but he's still a swell guy and a good GM. And he just gave *Perelandra* the sweetest, most complimentary plug I've ever received. He has room for one or two more on the Calif./Nevada RR map, in case you want to play here and there. Free, Conrad von Metzke, 4374 Donald Avenue, San Diego CA 92117.

Ramblings by Moonlight is always a fun read. #23 reports on Eric's redneck neighbors and how this mellow, forest-loving guy takes them apart in a poker game. Pictures of Eric, Cathy, and Shannon (two of them in Halloween costumes) plus mild politics in the letter column and the return of Keith Sesler to the postal Diplomacy hobby! \$1 (\$1.50 in Canada and overseas), Eric Ozog, 9509 - 209th Avenue East, Bonney Lake WA 98390.

Another edition of *World Diplomacy* has arrived, this mailing involving issues 6, 7, and 8, plus assorted maps, censuses, and newspaper reprints. Larry's patience with the hobby—its criticism of him and continued ignoring of his ideas—seems about run out, and his convention reviews (which were terrific otherwise) really beat up on several Dipsters. If you like geography, geopolitics, classical music and eclectic verbiage, you may enjoy this. (*WD* began as a journal of the international Dip hobby, at \$15/year.) \$who knows/quarterly, Larry Peery, Box 620399, San Diego CA 92162.

The Abyssinian Prince has been running excerpts from the e-mail hobby's current hullabaloo over GMing and burnout. #123 also notes that if Eric Brosius doesn't get three more sign-ups soon for his 'Dip game within another game's press' they'll drop the waitlist; and Doug Kent's list of his favorite music has nothing from before 1970! 50¢/issue or \$5/12, Jim Burgess, 100 Holden Street, Providence RI 02908. *

GIEDI PRIME / 1992??

Winter 1901: Rack 'Em Up

- Austria (Roger Cox): builds a bud, a vie, f tri; also has a ser, a bul, f gre.
- England (Mike Magnuson): builds f lon; also has f eng, f nwy, a yor.
- France (Pat Conlon): builds f bre; also has a mar, a bel, f mid.
- Germany (Lance Anderson): builds f kie, a ber; also has a mun, a den, f hol.
- Italy (Hugh Magen): builds f rom; also has f tun, a tyo, a pie.
- Russia (Greg Ellis): builds a war, f sev; also has f swe, a fin, f bla, a rum.
- Turkey (Jon Rosenthal Andy York): builds f ank; also has a smy, f con.

Deadline for Spring 1902 is December 27.

Saint Pat to Doubting Peter: The bottom half of my letter count looks like this: from Turkey, nothing; from Austria, nothing; from England, one letter three lines long. Combining this with his excellent start and his past performance, I predict Greg Ellis will win this game outright before 1910.

Mike to Greg: When I got your card, I almost died. Glad you decided to write!

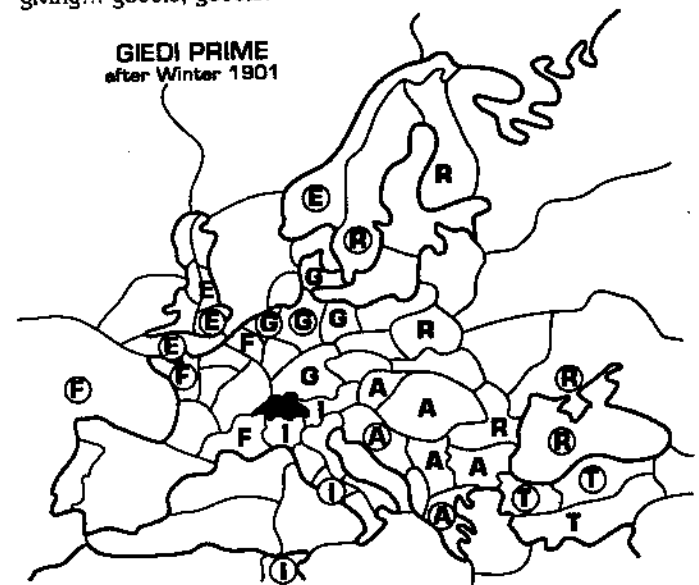
E to F: More like a Timex... takes a licking and keeps on ticking.

Left Bank Letters: In an isolated garret in the north tower of the cathedral of Notre Dame sits a precocious half-Irish-half-black little nine-year-old nicknamed Nappy by his nanny. It is a dark little room with only one small window. To see out the window, Nappy must balance a chair atop the straw mattress and then climb gingerly to the very top of the chair. It is very precarious up there; a fall would almost certainly kill the young boy. But the view from the window... All of Paris and its surroundings stretch out below this tiny window. With a boy's imagination, Nappy can see all the way to Calais and the ships that patrol there, guarding against the pasty-faced Englishers.

Far below, in front of the main altar, lies the body of the King of France, lying in state as mourners come to pay their last respects. Little do they know how precariously balanced is the fate of their nation, as the King's sole heir strives for a better view and the Church plots to exact every advantage from its role as Regent.

E to G: Aren't you feeling a little pinched?

Turkey to World (standby): I guess I'm the roast for this Thanksgiving... gobble, gobble.



Among the Trees

by Pete Gaughan

NovaCon 1993

You are all invited to spend the weekend playing games, snacking, chatting, and sleeping on our floor! Dates this year will be **February 5-7**. Gamers: I want to play Merchant of Venus, and maybe we can try the Titan expansion kit. Socializers: I promise that game activities will not interfere with fun.

With Daf losing her job, I'm not sure she will make it, but all the usual assorted locals will be present (Buz, if you want to list NovaCon in the ADR you may—we always get one game of Dip in some time over the weekend) Still, many of you are saving to come to Dipcon in September and that's okay. But if you can attend both please let me know—we'd love to have you!

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Doug Kent was kind enough to send me a copy of the Hirsch study on the stock market, referred to in the newspaper piece I printed lastish (Democratic presidents get higher increases in the Dow than Republicans). The report actually pushes Republicans, factoring in inflation (which is also higher under Democrats) to show that 'real' returns are higher under Republicans. ('Real' returns on investment are the numbers you get when you start with a lot of money and an attitude that you're owed something, then add time.) Like I said, the economy is not completely the government's fault, let alone the president's—and statistics lie!

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And in the Why-Oh-Why department, my in-laws live in Orlando, which gets priced on airfares just a little under Miami. So what are the airfares to the east these days? Atlanta \$288, Boston \$298, New Orleans \$310, NYC \$298, Washington DC \$298... Miami \$530. For crying out loud. But we will be sending Cathy back to Orlando just after NovaCon, and possibly I'll be along for a couple of days (I have to be in Atlanta Feb. 14-21).

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I was an election clerk this year. \$55 for more than fourteen hours (arrive 6:30 to set up for 7:00 opening, polls close at 8:00 and counting and checking takes an hour). And it was the best way I've ever spent Election Day!

In the precinct I was working, two miles south of our home, there's a mix of executive commuters, retired country-club types, Hispanic working class, and young families. There are 1268 registered voters, and a pretty high success rate at getting people to register. 235 people got an absentee ballot (more than 30 brought these in to the polling place!). Of the 1033 remaining, 956 voted on November 3. That's 92.5%. If every absentee ballot got turned in, that means that precinct had a 94% turnout.

(Countywide turnout was 85% of the 153,338 registered, which may be the highest percentage in the state.)

This is not just another rich suburb. Northern Marin County is more middle-class than upper, and this area (Ignacio Valley, though it is part of the city of Novato) has the benefit of many military housing facilities to keep it from getting developed into nothing but rich estates. (The military personnel themselves mostly vote in a separate precinct at their base.)

In the past year I've also donated blood (after not doing so for several years) and served on a jury for the first time (Cathy has been called for mid-December). (My cousin sarcastically called this the "grand slam.") Funny how every time I think to actually do these things, I ask myself, "Now why was I unwilling to do this?"

As simple and easy as these helpful things are, I am even more puzzled by anyone who complains about having to serve jury duty. Okay, so not everyone can do everything—but everyone can do something.

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Players: I continue to appreciate your comments on how the negotiations and plots are going in your game(s). It occurs to me that these notes are usually hanging around in my game files until the game's end anyway—would you be opposed to my printing them with the endgame statements? I would edit for space and sense, of course; the main consideration is whether you want all your at-the-moment tactical and negotiating decisions made public.

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Commentary on Ross Perot's informercials: Beware Greeks bearing gifts AND bar graphs whose baselines are something other than zero! In flip chart after flip chart, Perot made the U.S. economy look even worse than it is by having the bottom of the chart be \$100 million or 100,000 jobs or some such. Of course, if we have \$110 million of something and Switzerland has \$120 million, we're behind by 9%—but Perot's tactic makes it look as though Switzerland is doing twice as well as we are!

And then he just flat-out lied in places, such as the percentage of semiconductors we import and the amount of money Taiwan will spend next year on infrastructure.

But I will concede to Ross that he brought a new style and focus to politics which we need. As I said many times, he had the right ideas but he was the wrong jerk to implement them. I liked his phrase about government officials becoming lobbyists or foreign agents—'economic treason.' You could tell he was sincerely angry about that, since it made him use the first-person pronoun. All impressions aside, Perot actually said "I" very seldom! Even "we" was not common, but on officials becoming lobbyists he said, "If we get in there we'll clean this up day one."

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I have a fickle little bit of thinking about economics which you may want to skip as being too serious—but I welcome those of you who know more about it telling me off.

Part of the reason supply-siders still think their idea worked was brought home by Perot's constant banging on the doubtfulness that we'll be able to own homes in the future. Real estate prices have ballooned in relation to the real value of the property. Stock-market price/earnings ratios are likewise way out of line. Both of these things produce paper profits—and, for the timely investor, real profits—but neither one increases the wealth of the nation, and both prevent the steady increase in standard of living that our country had for many years. Think about it—if house prices go up faster than your income (and your income has, on average, not gone up as fast as inflation lately), and if stocks cost more than they're worth, how on earth do you save money?

And government income didn't even go up to compensate. Reagan slashed tax rates but didn't eliminate all the many ways to claim that something is a 'loss,' so all these capital gains didn't produce tax revenue sufficient to, say, provide housing for the homeless. And even before that, tax revolts like Prop. 13 kept us from enjoying the increased property taxes that would come from an overpriced market.

Enough. Merry Christmas and may you prosper in 1993!

VEXVELT / 1992??

Spring 1903: Change of Heart

- Austria (Michael Alterio): f alb s turkish f aeg-ion, a tri-ven, a vie-boh, a two-mun, a gal-sil, a ber-kie, a ven-apu, a sev h.
 England (Lance Anderson): f pic-bel /annihilated/, f eng-ion, a yor-edi, f nwy-nwg?
 France (Mike Magnuson): a spa-mar, f mid-eng (f bre s), a par-pic (a bur s).
 Germany (Richard Weiss): f nts-hel, a bel-ruh, a ruh-kie (f den s /ska nts otb/).
 Italy (Steve Nicewarner): a rom-ven!, f ion h /tun nap otb/ (f tyn s), a mun-ber.
 Russia (Russ Rusnak): f stp/nc-nwy, a swe-den (f bal s), a mos h.
 Turkey (Steve McKinnon): f aeg-ion (f gre s), f con-aeg, a bul-rum, a smy recites Proust in 12-part harmony [truly a failed move if I ever saw one] burns Pope in effigy [nope, not that either].

Deadline for Fall 1903 is December 27.

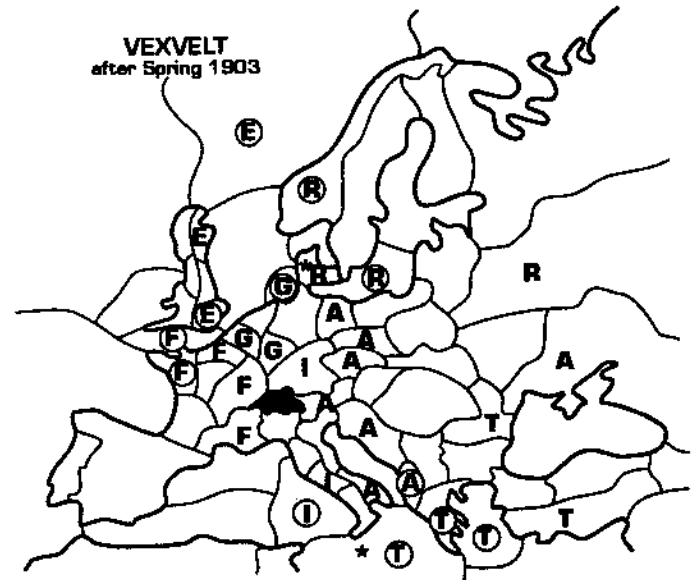
- New Guy to All: Glad to be aboard.
 Germany: I will propose a concession to A/T next time if we Westerners can't mount a crusade. Call me "Lion-Heart."
 Italy to Germany: As you requested...
 GM to Italy: He asked for this??
 Turkey sings: "With my hand on your grease gun, / Oh, it's like a disease, son. / I'm in love with my car. / Gotta feel for my automobile."
 Kaiser to Bus Driver: The Kaiser on the bus says, "Move on back, move on back."
 Turkey to GM: Lastish lyric was from XTC's "Knuckle Down" on the album English Settlement. The above is from Queen's "I'm In Love With My Car" off the A Night At The Opera album, from whence also cometh "Bohemian Rhapsody."
 Windshield wipers on the bus to the Kaiser: The wipers on the bus say, "Swish, swish, swish. Swish, swish, swish."
 F to T: I missed the new "Blade Runner." Really wanted to see it, too! Ridley Scott is God!!! BTW, do you do requests?
 GM to France: Yeah, but he writes anyway. (rimshot)
 Turkey's Babes o' the Moment: From NBC's "Mad About You" comes Helen "Butt-that-launched-a-thousand-ships" Hunt. And, I'll jump the gun with "Bram Stoker's Dracula's" Winona "I'll-suck-that-neck" Ryder.
 Turkey to GM: Blondes only?!? Joana Cassidy's a redhead & Sean Young a brunette! Much as I'd like to mention your delightful wife, I, unlike 51% of Pere's subbers, have this tattooed on my forehead: No Toadying Allowed!
 GM to Turkey: I don't mind not toadying, but I can't recall ever having seen Cassidy or Young so how would I know you're telling the truth?

from Turkey's Minister of the Scents:

The essence must be understood
 By sample of its substance.
 The head should tilt beneath the hood
 To better air the fragrance.

Thus, from the pulse points might the scent
 So strong alluring rise,
 To gift the olfact' sagely bent
 And sweetly close the eyes.

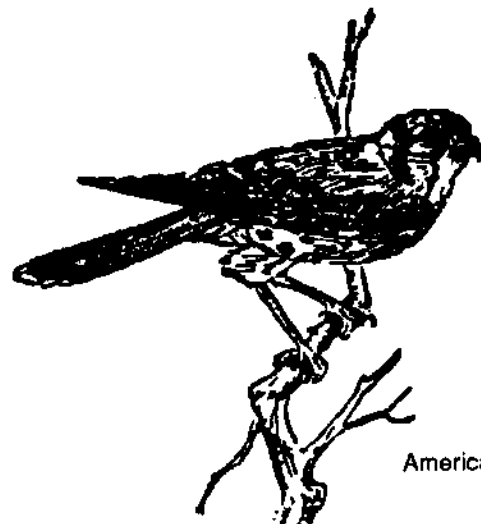
No weighty drowse or startled wake
 Should come from uses dense
 To mar the pleasures that we take
 From this, the higher sense.



- F to G: I've heard of foreign embassies in your cities, but foreign garrisons? We need to talk... *shake of head*
 Italy to Turkey: Face it, Austria will get all my centers before you see any of them. Perhaps you should consider ditching such a limiting alliance?
 Captain [Stransky] to Corporal Steiner: I'll show you how a Prussian Officer can fight.
 Steiner to Captain: And I'll show you where the Iron Crosses grow.
 Turkey to GM: It's Khan Noonian Singh. He's a Sikh Indian, not a Chinese. And you forgot to boo the villain. Here's your chance.
 Turkey Noonian Singh to Captain: Seventy of my people remain alive. You will revive them!
 GM to Khan: Boooooo! (Last turn I thought that you thought you were quoting Nguyen (sp?) Tsung, Data's creator.)

VEXVELT / SUPPLY CENTERS held as of Winter 1902

	tri	bud	vie	war	ser	ber	ven	sev	
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



American Kestrel

VULCAN Spring 1901: The Meat of the Matter

- Austria (Dennis Young): a bud-ser, a vie-gal, f tri-alb.
- England (Greg Ellis): f lon-nts, f edi-nwg, a lvp-yor.
- France (Tim Goodwin): f bre-mid, a par-bur, a mar-spa.
- Germany (Lance Anderson): f kie-hol, a ber-kie, a mun h.
- Italy (Mark Lew): a ven-tyo, a rom-ven, f nap-ion.
- Russia (Jason Bergmann): f stp/sc-bot, a mos-ukr, a war-gal, f sev-rum.
- Turkey (Steve Nicewarner): f ank-con, a con-bul, a smy h.

New Proposals

Proposal 5 (I): **Everybody Plays.** Four new countries join the board: Switzerland, Sweden, Greece and "Greater Ireland." Ireland, Iceland, Switzerland and Crete become passable supply center spaces, and Wales becomes a supply center. The following units appear on the board: Swiss A Swi; Swedish F Swe; Greek A Gre and F Cre; Irish F Ire, F Ice, A Wal. Any unit occupying a space where a new unit appears is dislodged and may retreat as normal. The new powers take immediate possession of the centers where their units appeared, and subsequently may gain or lose centers in the normal way. These centers are the home centers for the new powers. In addition, Mun, Mar and Ven are build centers for Switzerland, and Nwy, Den and StP are build centers for Sweden. (But these centers can only be used for builds if they are owned by the power which would build there.)

Ireland is played by Pete Gaughan. Pete must write his orders before he sends the game report to the other players. Other than that, he is free to negotiate and play with all the rights of a player in this game. He will continue to GM fairly, but any incidental advantage he gains by virtue of being GM is OK. Switzerland, Greece and Sweden are democracies. Any participant in *Perelandra* may send orders (one set only) for democratic units. For each democratic unit, the most frequently suggested order (ties settled randomly) is considered valid, and it is the only one printed with the game report. "Participants" includes all *Perelandra* subscribers (including players in this game), plus Pete, Cathy, and anyone else whom Pete considers a legitimate participant.

Proposal 6 (A): **Open Builds.** New units can be constructed on any controlled supply center.

Proposal 7 (E): **Even More Deviant.** Each player must submit a new rule proposal each turn and failure to do so results in an NMR. The proposal that receives the most net votes each season is adopted for a period of five game years, at which point the rule is repropose and is treated as any other rule proposal for that season. This rule shall take effect retroactively and shall apply to all rules passed prior to the adoption of this rule.

Proposal 8 (T): **Garrison.** Any player may build one garrison unit per supply center. Garrisons may move to any adjacent area or be convoyed. They have a strength of two when defending, but a strength of 1/2 when moving or supporting. *[GM Interpretation: Garrisons may be built instead of, not along with, armies and fleets.]*

Proposal 9 (R): **Perpetual Balloting.** Cathy gets two votes. Anyone in the zine, except John Galt, may propose a rule. All of the seven original players will always own one off-board supply center, which will not count toward the victory criterion.

Proposal 10 (F): **Secret Ballot.** Voting on rule changes is kept secret. *[GM Interpretation: If passed I will also keep secret the country making each proposal, just for the hell of it.]*

PRESS:

Germany to England: What's the deal with J.R.? 'Required'? If he nmr's is there punishment? Lay down the (shudder) law.

Two players asked me to rule that Proposal 5 (Everybody Plays) is a quick-kill rule. One said that it crippled England to generate a new opponent right next door, even ceding part of England (Wales) to the new player. The other said creating Greater Ireland would benefit England greatly because Ireland would be a year behind and would be easy prey for England (although he then tried to say that if Ireland and England worked together, it would give England a "dominating advantage" and invoke a different clause of proposal 5).

Sorry, guys, I don't think Everybody Plays "screws England so bad that his elimination is imminent." It'll have to be worse than this before I'll invoke quick-kill. And the proposal does not give England a dominating advantage—his use of it might, but that's not at issue here!

	Voting					
proposal #	5	6	7	8	9	10
Austria	-1	+1			-1	
England	-1		1	-1		
France	-1	-1				+1
Germany			-1	-1	-1	
Italy						+3
Russia						+3
Turkey					+2	+1
totals	-3	0	0	-2	+3	+5

GM Interpretation: I thought long and hard on proposal #10, and have determined that secret 'voting' does not mean that players are in the dark as to which proposals have passed. It's tough to rule this way, since the player's intention was to keep the results of voting secret, and I like that idea—but such a drastic move had better be explicit.

In line with Rule 10, you will now only be told which rules pass, not how many votes they receive, nor whether they are vetoed.

Fall 1901: Legal Eagles

- Austria (Dennis Young): a vie-gal, f alb-gre (a ser s).
- England (Greg Ellis): f nts-den, a vor-nwy /impossible/ (f nwg c).
- France (Tim Goodwin): f mid-spa/sc, a bur-bel, a spa-por.
- Germany (Lance Anderson): f hol h, a kie-den, a mun h.
- Italy (Mark Lew): a tyo-boh, a ven-tyo, f ion-tun.
- Russia (Jason Bergmann): f bot-swe, a war-gal (a ukr s), f rum s turkish f con-bul/sc.
- Turkey (Steve Nicewarner): f con-aeg, a bul h, a smy-ank.

Deadline for Winter 1901 votes, builds and proposals is December 27.

Remember, Number of Votes = Number of Centers.

Proposal 11: **Two Games.** Vulcan is split into two games, Vulcan A and Vulcan B. Vulcan A would be the current game of Deviant Diplomacy with all the new rules that have passed except Veto Power. Vulcan B would be Regular Diplomacy with the same players and positions. None of the new rules would be carried over to Vulcan B.

Proposal 12: **Perpetual Deviant.** This game may not end in a victory by any one person. If conditions occur which would result in a win, the player who would have won must pay a supply-centre tax of half of her centres (chosen randomly) to all other starting players (divided equally and randomly).

This game may also not end in a draw of less than eight players. If conditions occur that would bring about a draw of less than eight players, Pete may congratulate those players for their achievement but the game will not end.

This rule may only be repealed by a rule which specifically

repeals it and does nothing else. This rule will not expire as the result of the action of any other rule. *[[GM Interpretation: Such amendment conditions as these will be enforced.]]*

Proposal 13: **Brevity.** To be voted on, a proposal must be twenty words or less.

Proposal 14: **Seven Is Not Enough.** The game changes to the most recent version of Cline 9-Man. Brad Wilson and Garret Schenck are invited to play the extra two powers; if they decline Pete can select others. For all purposes, the two "new" players are considered "original players." *[[GM Interpretation: The new game would be Deviant Cline 9-Man. I like it.]]*

Proposal 15: **Line-Item Veto.** Any rule which may be easily broken down into separate provisions can now be line-item vetoed. When a player uses the veto power, he may veto the entire rule, or any part or parts of it. Using the veto power requires all of a player's votes, not just one. *[[GM Interpretation: I will label proposals so you will know which segments can be vetoed. It will still require some number of yes votes for the non-vetoed portion of the proposal to pass.]]*

Proposal 16: **Appeals Board.** All rules decisions made by the GM may be appealed to a mediation board made up of J.R. Baker, Daf Langley, and David Hood. Anyone wishing to appeal a rule must do so before the game deadline following the GM ruling to be appealed. The results of the appealed decision shall be suspended until the final ruling of the tribunal.

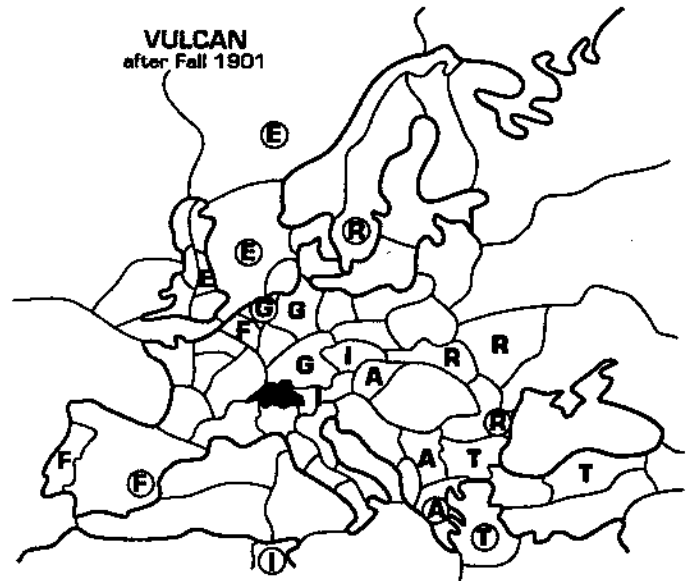
Press

Ig Lew to Bozo Bergmann: I understand you've had a lot of success with this Italian opening. Where do I go next, Silesia?

Turkey to Italy: Why so defeatist? Obviously nobody has told you the real victory conditions—to drive Pete nuts by making the game last as long as possible with as many rules as possible.

Rome (UPI): Following an all-night session of parliament, the Republic of Italy declared war on the Russian Empire at 5:12 this morning. The formal declaration listed several complaints against the tsar, including his brutal suppression of democracy in Poland and in Sweden.

The declaration was seen as a victory for the Liberal Party's new coalition government, led by President Luigi Ignatelli. "Tsar Bergmanov is an enemy of Italy, and an enemy of the entire Free World."



VULCAN / SUPPLY CENTERS held as of Winter 1901

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

A high-ranking administration official said that the war declaration was occasioned by Russian military maneuvers in Galicia. "Russian diplomats are representing this to us as a mobilization against Austria-Hungary, but many of us believe it is a prelude to an invasion of the Italian homeland," the official said.

At a press conference this afternoon, President Ignatelli said that the first and second armies are moving north to prepare to meet the Russian advance. When asked if the armies would participate in the liberation of Poland, the President had no comment.

Turkey to France: Got your note, sorry I haven't written.

GM to Turk: Apologies are for wimps, real men just write!

DAGOBAH / Metropolis

Round Fifteen: Crackerboxes

HICK (David Hood—Hickory Indus. Const. Kingpins) buys lot 23.

JGC (John Galt—John Galt Company) buys lot 65; builds house on lot 64.

BBL (Chuff Afflerbach—Bailey Building and Loan) buys lot 31; builds store on lots 17/18.

SSI (Andrew York—Southern Slum Industries) buys lot 74; builds house on lot 26.

HICK: office 55-56/51-58 (\$20), department store 81-83/86-88 (\$30); empty lots 21, 23, 24, 54.

JGC: houses 50 (\$1), 64 (\$5), and 70 (\$1), store 61-62 (\$6); empty lots 21, 25, 27, 32, 35, 38, 60, 65, 66.

BBL: store 17/18 (\$5), houses 15 (\$2), 63 (\$5), school 67-69 (\$9); empty lots 11, 12, 13, 16, 19, 31.

SSI: houses 26 (\$1), 40 (\$2), hospital 41-42/45-46 (\$28), factory 71-72/76-77 (\$14); empty lots 49, 73, 74, 79.

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

Deadline for Round Sixteen is December 27.

DAGOBAH after Round 15

Legend:

- APT BLDGS. [Grid]
- HOUSES [Grid]
- STORES [Grid]
- SCHOOLS [Grid]
- OFFICE [Grid]
- HOSP [Grid]
- FACTORIES [Grid]

Player Colors:

- HICK [Pattern]
- JGC [Pattern]
- BBL [Pattern]
- SSI [Pattern]

GRAMARYE / British Rails BR8901

Round Sixtyeight

<p style="text-align: center;">Railroad: Wrobel's Wrailway Owner: Paul Gardner</p> <p>68: Dump cards. Draws cards #85, 129 (70), 60, 132, 45.</p> <p>card 45: bristol/oil/£10; Carlisle/textiles/£10; york/jute/£25. card 60: glasgow/steel/£17; gloucester/tourists/£13; lincoln/pottery/£12. card 85: newc'stle/lead/£28; penzance/pigs/£40; dover/tourists/£6.</p> <p>Superfreight carrying no loads.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black;"> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 5px;">color: purple</p> <p>Opening Bal: £ 57 Income: + Expenses: — Balance: £ 57</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">order this time: 2 next: 5 GOs? no</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 5px;">color: purple</p> <p>Opening Bal: £ 57 Income: + Expenses: — Balance: £ 57</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">order this time: 2 next: 5 GOs? no</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Railroad: Puppytail Rail Owner: David McCrumb</p> <p>68: Move 12mp S.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Fast Freight carrying pigs and jute.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black;"> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 5px;">color: green</p> <p>Opening Bal: £ 85 Income: + 4 Expenses: — Balance: £ 89</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">order this time: 1 next: 1 GOs? yes</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 5px;">color: green</p> <p>Opening Bal: £ 85 Income: + 4 Expenses: — Balance: £ 89</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">order this time: 1 next: 1 GOs? yes</p>
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NATURE CORNER

Items in this column will be quoted from many sources—bibliography is available on request. Although this first month's collection is entirely California, we'll range all over North America.

Tree (of the Month)

GIANT SEQUOIA (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) The Giant Sequoia, one of the tallest trees in the world, is also one of the longest-lived; mature Sequoias are typically more than 1500 years old. Fortunately, this species is resistant to fire, insects, and disease—a factor that probably contributes to its longevity, but the tannin in the bark which provides this resistance also hardens cones, making reproduction difficult.

Height: 150–250'; diameter: 20'; sometimes much larger. Massive evergreen with reddish-brown, tapering trunk and narrow, conical crown of horizontal branches; very old trees have an irregular, open crown. Leaves blue-green with two whitish lines; scalelike and overlapping, 1/8–1/4" long; oval or lance-shaped, with sharp-pointed tip. Cones reddish brown, elliptical; 1 3/4–2 3/4—" long; hanging from twigs; with flat, short-pointed cone-scales; maturing in second year and remaining attached.

Habitat: moist mountain slopes with rocky soils; in groves with other conifers. Range: western slope of Sierra Nevada in central California; 4500–7500', rarely higher or lower. Don't walk too near, they don't like having the soil packed down!



ARRAKIS / 1991HM

Autumn/Winter 1905: Try A Little Tenderness

Austria (Tom Hurst): retreats a tyo-pie; removes a gre, f aeg; still has a pie.

France (Don Scheifler): builds f bre, a mar; also has f nts, f ska, f hel, f hol, f nwy, a ruh, a bel, a pic, a bur.

Germany (John Schultz): builds a ber; also has a kie, a mun.

Italy (Mike Stewart): builds f nap; also has f eas, f alb, f ion, a bud, a tri, a tyo, a vie.

Russia (Eric Voogd): builds a mos, a war; also has f den, a swe, a stp, a ukr, a arm, f con, f smy, a bul, a rum.

Deadline for Spring 1906 is December 27.

McKinnon to Austria & GM: It's too late. I heard that. Prostitution of one's vocal chords, indeed! I call on your enemies to silence you.

GM to McKinnon: They're working on it.

Plucked Pullet to Pasta Pusher: This is what I call gorilla warfare.

Italy to Germany: I feel like a linesman in a hockey fight. I hope the referee is assessing penalties.

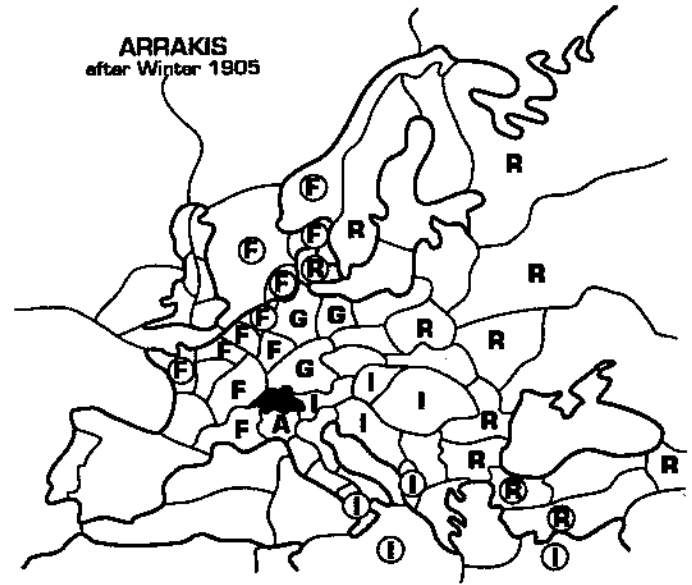
Germany to Italy: The world needs you!

Italy to Russia/France: F Naples Heads west, Tails east. This probably explains my play.

Spring 1901 Standby to Russian Bore: Housewreckers come in after the beginning, too!

Russia to France: Let's see, you've beaten my buns tactically at every opportunity and we're still even. I love being Russia!

Austria to GM re Italy: No, it's how he *treats* his allies, not how he



chooses them!

Italy to Austria: Who will receive your dying stab?

GM to Italy: He's going to fry the French.

Chopped Chicken to French Fry: Just taking a tour to sample the cuisine!

Germany to Russia: Probably not... but you know you'll get all I have to give.

Russia to Germany: 'Nuff said.

GM to R & G: You two are deafening.

ARRAKIS / SUPPLY CENTERS held as of Winter 1905

Austria	gre												1
France	par	bre	mar	por	spa	lvp	edi	lon	bel	hol	nwy		11
Germany	mun	kie	ber										3
Italy	rom	nap	ven	tun	ser	vie	tri	bud					8
Russia	stp	mos	war	sev	swe	rum	bul	ank	smy	con	den		11

JINX / 1990AV

Map Errors: I forgot to push France's A Gas to Par, and I put Italy's army in Tunis instead of Naples. The adjudication was correct.

ER draw, EIR draw: FI yes, R no, AE nvr.

Italy proposes concession to R. Remember, in *Perelandra*, one-dot powers cannot veto draws.

Autumn 1907: England retreats f swe-bal.

Winter 1907: England builds f lon; Russia builds a war.

Spring 1908: Major Blunder

AUSTRIA (Ron Cameron): nmr. a tri h, f ven h.

ENGLAND (Mike Gonsalves): f bal-swe (a nwy s [f nwg s]), f nts-ska (f den s), f lon-nts, f por-mid, a bur-par!, a ruh-kie, a bel-hol.

FRANCE (Melinda Holley): a par-bre.

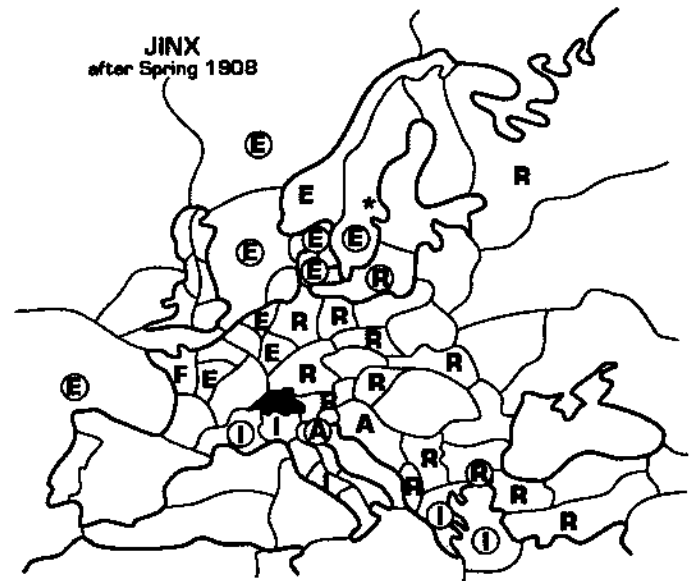
ITALY (Richard Weiss): f spa/sc-mar, a mar-pie, a nap-rom, f ion-gre (f aeg s).

RUSSIA (Kathy Caruso): a nwy-stp /nsu/, a stp unordered?, f bot-bal, f ska-den /annihilated/ (f swe s /fin bot oth/), a mun-kie (a ber s, a sil s), a war-gal, a boh-mun (a tyo s), f con-bul/sc, a gre-alb, a bul-ser, a vie-tri, a ank-con (a smy s).

No standbys are called for powers with only one or two centers.

Deadline for Fall 1908 is December 27.

GM to Jinxed: Actually, the miswrite isn't that major (it may just speed up the inevitable) but I was astonished to see Kathy mess



up. Anyone want to send in other examples of KC's errors?
Italy to KK: No Inquisition here, other than, How'd you do it AGAIN? Congratulations.

Russia to Italy: If Austria joins you, the only help he will need is into a body bag!

Russia to Austria: Better to be a toady, than a dead smelly fish!

DRUUFON / Snowball Fighting ASF18

Turn Seven: Hit 'Em While They're Hot

WARRIOR (PLAYER)	loc	segment 1 / segment 2 / segment 3	new loc	up	hp	sb	di
Arsenic O'Reilly (Mike Stewart)	H2	-I3-K3-L4-M4-K5 / collect 2 Sb / RR at BL* (95,66)	K5	8	2	1	0
The Blizzard (Lance Anderson)	L6	collect Sb, -K5-I5 / -J6-I7, collect Sb / BB at AO (65,43) & CA (35,18)	I7	7	9	0	0
Box o'Rocks (John Schultz)	kit	sit / sit / -V8-T8-R8-Q7	Q7	6	10	2	0
Brandy Snifter (Tom Hurst)	U11	Di at TG (70,20) / BB at CL (70,96) & TG (fails) / -V10-U9-V8-kit	kit	10	4	0	0
Calvin (David Wang)	K15	CS at Q7 (75,96) / collect Di / Di at HBA* (50,25)	K15	9	4	1	0
Cassius Clark (Clark Millikan)	S7	Di at TG (75,44) / collect Di / collect Di	S7	9	7	0	2
Clarence (David McCrumb)	kit	-V8-U9-T10-S11 / RR at TG (fails) / collect Di	S11	11	9	1	1
GMS (Daf Langley)	M13	collect 2 Sb / RR at TG (fails) / RR at TG (fails)	M13	9	1	0	0
Half-Baked Alaska (Rick Kohman)	L14	collect Di / Di at CA (80,52) / RR at CA (95,74)	L14	10	5	0	0
Orel Hershiser (John Galt)	kit	-V8-T8-R8-P8-N8-L8 / BB at GMS (45,04) & SC (65,14) / collect Di	L8	3	10	0	1
Scih (Richard Weiss)	P8	RR at CC (95,64) / RR at CL (95,60) / collect 2 Sb	P8	7	4	2	0
Terry Gross (Paul Gardner)	Q9	collect Di / run indoors / flop on sofa	kit	10	0	0	0

Weather roll = 33. Oops: BL was at L6, not M7 as on map. TG may move out on Segment Three next time.

Deadline for Turn Eight is December 27.

Segment One: And now we find out whether Clarence, Terry Gross, or Brandy Snifter can score enough to win. Box o'Rocks "sniffs out the gin stash" indoors while CL and Orel Hershiser head outdoors. TG, GMS, Half-Baked Alaska and the Blizzard collect ammo while Arsenic O'Reilly scurries forward for better position. Calvin takes a long shot, trying to nail Cassius under that tree at Q7, but shooting over his two opponents he misses the conifer completely. Scih, from his closer vantage point, is able to peg Cassius with each. It's even easier, in fact, because CC is busy lining up on Terry as Terry packs a Dirigible. Clark and Brandy Snifter both launch Di's, wiping TG off the map.

Segment Two: This time AO, BL, CA, and CC are collecting, while BR "sips some o' that gin and refills the bottle with tap water" just in time to hide the bottle from the incoming Gross. Clarence and GMS mess up, wasting their 'balls shooting at the retreating TG. Scih, though, turns and uses his on the newly-arrived Clarence. Orel pitches two quick strikes at CL and Scih; BS's Bolero is two quick balls as he misses CL and, like the others, wastes a shot at TG. Half-Baked, though, is scoring big, as he brings his brand new Dirigible down atop Calvin's noggin.

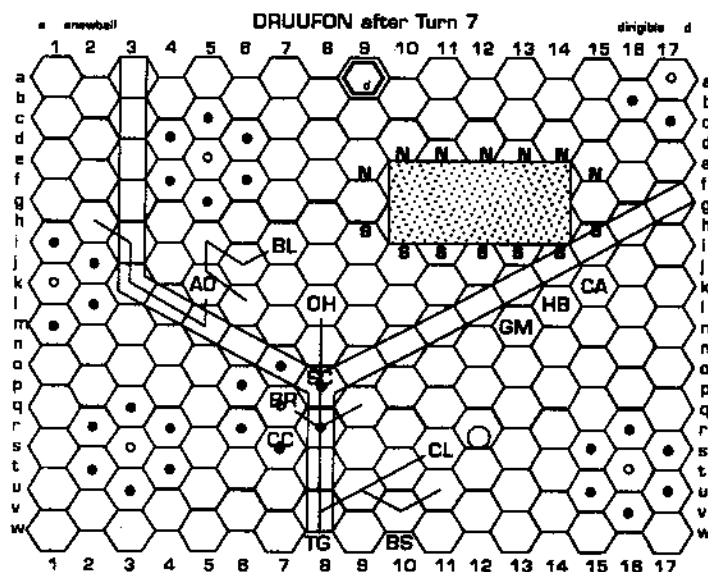
Segment Three: Clark stays under the tree, plotting Dirigible deviousness; Clarence, Orel and Scih all pack as well. BS disappears inside, on the off chance that CL is targeting him. The Bliz and Arsenic trade shots, with Da Bliz also taking a successful shot at Calvin from long-distance. Alaska hits Calvin again, but Calvin is returning HBA's Di favor. GMS is still ignoring her neighbors, trying to smash Terry G. (who is enjoying the warmth of the pot-belly stove).

CC to Scih: Back again? Guess you found that the snow's not whiter on the other side of the yard.

SnowMaster to Clark: Notwithstanding rumors to the contrary, all our snow is white.

Calvin: A crimson bolt streaks across the sky! Buildings shake and tremble at his passing! Ordinary mortals gaze upward in joy and wonder! Evil-doers cringe in fear! It's, it's... STUPENDOUS MAN!

Scih to Snow Fairies: I received a long-distance telephone call, originating after midnight, to coordinate strategy and moves in Druufon. Victory shall be ours—we have devised the "R-WITS" (Rock-With-In-The-Snowball), an old ploy of my youth. One facial hit and the recipient is out for good. I have launched the first towards the Grottesque Misogynist Smurfette and Hobbes is unloading with all four paws at the players with "B" in their *nomme de snowwe*. If the GM disallows this, he shall be fusilladed. P.S. the phone call part is true.



Calvin to Scih: Umm, what was the plan again? Who are double-teaming this turn?

Rikko to Weiss: Read my lips... "No Collecting on Sidewalks!"

Calvin to Box o'Rocks: Why are you staying inside? Come on out and play! ...Hey, wait a minute! What are you doing? Are you reading my comic books? Leave 'em alone!

SM to Calvin: Don't worry, I'll get Steve Langley to look after your comic books—you could not ask for a better "comic sitter".

Box o'Rocks to GMS: I will burn sage, cedar and sweetgrass. I hope things improve. Aho mitakyasin. Hau kola.

SM to BR: I think I had a Hau Kola when I was in Japan...

GMS to Toady Schultz: It's got good poetry, sufficient humility and it's easy to dance to—I'll give it an 85.

BS to Bo'R(e): What did you do, OD on saccharin?

SM to BS: Yeah, t'oo much Hau Kola...

GMS to Snowy: And as to the allusion to another Goddess—that's why he isn't Golden. I must tell you that I noticed that point as well. I was formulating my rebuke, but your response to his press was masterful. I was laughing so hard I had to sit down. Beautifully done.

SnowMaster [squirming and blushing] to GMS: Always a pleasure, m'lady.

Calvin to Half-Baked Alaska: Ooooooh, you're in my way again! Move it, move it! Where's that tiger when I really need him?

Bakelite to GMS: See how swiftly and niftily I blocked Cal from

stealing that cute little cotton bunny-tail from your snowsuit? I get it rubbed in my face for a reward, don't I?

Clarence to CC: You missed me, you missed me!

SM to CL: If he missed having you around, he's the only one.

CC to TG: Coward! Come back and fight like a man!

Clarence to Gross: Now it's your turn in the middle.

TG: Taking the direct approach (and probably also the indirect approach to the kitchen).

GMS to TG: Golden Toady is a sublime state of love between two (or three) people who met outside of space and time. Of course, as in all things of this nature, you just had to be there.

Clarence to GMS: I missed you, I missed you! I was so excited about us warming each others feet up that I stayed in an extra turn waiting for you. Where were you?

BS to GMS: I see you've got them lining up now to take their punishment. Or are you lining the firing squad up pending Clarence's reappearance?

HB to Yard: I hope most of you are popping Clarence to set the Guinness Record for "Fastest Return to Kitchen." I'd be helping, but I got one hand full of Cal, and the other groping for a little 'tail.'

GMS to Calvin: I hear you say tunafish one more time and I'll hang you from that conifer by your intestines!

Ad: Dominant male will reward servants. Apply at basement, back door.

SnowMaster to Advertiser: So now we have baboons, is that it?

Calvin to Scih: Okay, I get it. Snowball's Chance in Heat, right?

Scih to Calvin via GM: Hey, with press like that and a costume like you have Hobbes in (that Stupidendous Man-Cat [stupidendous is the opposite of innuendo, I think]), you can have one of my hp's.

Clarence to Calvin: Let's send a few people into the kitchen. Now that you have converted to Stupendous Man, I'll be happy to help you clean up this yard.

GMS to TG: The kitchen crowd can just wait. Besides, I have the key to the liquor cabinet.

SnowMaster to GMS: There are a lot of duplicates of that key...

BS to Gang: Time for a nip or two from Daddy's liquor cabinet.

SM to BS: Just stay out of the cheez doodles, you.

GMS to Calvin: Aren't you a little young to be eating such strange things!? It might stunt your growth.

Calvin to SM: I've been thinking how to improve this game. How about some penalties? You know, for things like building a Snow Fort or getting in my way. How about free hits? Noogies? Indian burns? Charley horses?

SnowMaster to Calvin: If I didn't know you better, I'd say you'd been thinking too hard.

Clarence to Scih: Fully redeemed. I promise not to throw any dirigibles at your beloved mistress. After the way she disappointed me, why would I bother wasting any on her?

Clarence to GM: But how often does the GMS want to get lucky?

GMS to BS: Luck has nothing to do with it!

Box o'Rocks to Yard: Beware... I'll be slinging venomous rattles with the Mistress's blessing.

GMS to Rocky: Just sit tight, Sweetie. I'll be in with the magic Fingers very soon. You will wait for me, won't you?! You'll forget you know Spanish when I'm through with you. Of course, if you're too busy writing press for other women, maybe I can interest one of these other red-blooded males in a massage.

Clarence to AO: Hey! you're going the wrong way! The action is down here in the south! Or would you rather go off by yourself and play?

Calvin to Hobbes: Ha ha! So you hit a tree! So what?

SM to Calvin: HEY! Curb your tiger, kid!

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!)

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. (*Inspired by* is the key phrase here, not necessarily *take place on*.)

Walpurgis Night (Walpurgisnacht) or the Witches' Sabbath takes place on the eve of May Day. In Hawthorne's allegorical version, Goodman Brown leaves his wife Faith to venture into the forest and a meeting with the Devil and his congregation of the fallen. The scene for these dark festivities is seen vividly: "At one extremity of an open space, hemmed in by the dark wall of the forest, arose a rock, bearing some rude, natural resemblance to either an altar or a pulpit, and surrounded by four blazing pines, their tops aflame, their stems untouched, like candles at an evening meeting." Andy York and Lance Anderson guessed the Summer Solstice, June 21; Jamie McQuinn said June 16; Mike Stewart said "Witches' Sabbath, June 4?"; Stan tried Midwinter's Night (the longest night of the year, which I think is also June 21). Rick Kohman, Jim Burgess, Phil Reynolds and Brad Wilson got the right answer (although Phil doesn't even subscribe!); David McCrumb sent these notes with his answer:

"Beltane Eve (or Walpurgis Night) is on April 30. It is one of the major Druidic holidays, representing the division between winter and summer. It is also my son's birthday. We should have known he would be born on that day. The day we found out Sharyn was pregnant, a deer jumped into side of the car on the way home. On his official due date, a tree limb fell on our car, messing up the whole back end. And finally, on the evening he was born, our dog died."

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."

You were asked to name the poet—Dylan Thomas died in 1953. Mike Magnuson got this one, saying "I saw the play 'Dylan' based on his life. My school's drama department put it on a couple of years ago. If you get the chance, you should check it out." Dave M, Mike, and Jamie also got it right. Jim-Boob said, "I know it's not Poe, how about Thomas Wolfe?" Roger Cox, Stan, Rikko, Lance and Brad all guessed Edgar Allen Poe... hmmm...

FOR NEXT ISSUE: Many thanks to Stan Johnson for these quizzes, each worth one free issue or one free button...

SJ1: Name the title and author of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel about POWs in the Civil War.

SJ2: Name the book, by the same author, which is mentioned in the film "Guadalcanal Diary."

SJ3: Name the movie based on *another* of this author's books, about servicemen returning from WWII.

[[Button winners may select their prize from the following list: Nuke a Gay Whale for Christ; Wage Peace; Minds Are Like Parachutes - They Only Function When Open; People Before Profits; Sure, I'm A Marxist (portrait of Groucho, Chico, Harpo and Karl); Save the Humans (whale illustration).]]

ZIRN / Snowball Fighting ASF20

Turn Four

WARRIOR (PLAYER)	loc	segment 1 / segment 2 / segment 3	new loc	up	hp	sb-di
Digitous Rex/DR (Mike Magnuson)	M7	De at K (85,78), -O7 / RR at K (95,66) / collect Sb, -N8	N8	7	4	1-0
Hobbes/H (David Wang)	D8	-E7-D6-C5-D4 / RR at TI* (85,65) / RR at TI* (75,03)	D4	6	8	0-0
Katspaw/K (Tom Hurst)	K9	BB at DR (50,69) & M (45,68) / RR at DR (95,58) / run for cover	W11	6	0	0-0
Maelstrom Melli/M (Melanie Winters)	Q13	RR at K (95,70) / collect 2 Sb / RR at K (fails)	Q13	4	5	1-0
Snowpaw/S (John Schultz)	S7	collect 2 Sb / RR at DR* (95,72) / RR at DR* (90,44)	S7	5	8	0-0
Thin Ice/TI (Clark Millikan)	B12	-C11-E11-F10 / collect Di / Di at H (35,41)	F10	4	3	0-1

Weather roll = 17. Danimal has apparently chickened out. Katspaw will reach the kitchen on Segment One.

Deadline for Turn Five is December 27.

Segment One: Thin Ice leaves the shelter of his snowman for the tree, as Hobbes retreats in the same direction to avoid his wrath. Snowpaw reassembles weapons while Katspaw hurls his—both ends of a Barnard Bolero miss. But the Bolero makes it easy for Maelstrom Melli and Digitous Rex to nail K, and they do.

Segment Two: DR continues his assault on Katspaw, and K is forced to leave the yard for a while, but not before K hits Rex. Snowpaw also turns his sights on Rex and scores with a Rattler, while Hobbes flings his RR from one tree to the other and hits Ice.

Segment Three: Digitous Rex steps away from the now-hostile Snowpaw, but that doesn't help him avoid another Rattler. Melli flings a 'ball at Katspaw and is shocked to find out he's off limits while running for cover. Hobbes beats Thin Ice again but TI can't retaliate with the low-percentage Dirigible at this distance!

Melli to Thin Ice: Thanks for the games and the hospitality. We had a great time!

Thin Ice to SnowMaster: If I'd known I could pick up women's phone numbers in this zine I'd have joined long ago.

SnowMaster to Thin: Well, come to NovaCon and you can fawn all over each other as much as you like (or as much as Randy will allow).

Digidude to K: Here, kitty, kitty, kitty...

Hobbes to Snowpaw: Calvin is playing in another yard (Druufon) because we tigers play too rough for him!

Snowpaw to SM: Don't sweat. It's my broken Español. You've seen my abuse of the English language; I can only speak about a third of my native language. It's only natural that I should butcher Spanish as well. Besides, I'm out of practice and my favorite writers are e e c and Trumbo.

SM to S: Whew, some role models!

Digidude to Hobbes: Where did the guy in the toady outfit go?

Hobbes to SM: Hey, I did better during the blizzard than during normal weather! Bet you didn't know us tigers have excellent "blizzard vision!"

Melli to Hobbes: Wow—what a throw! I'm so-o-o impressed! I'm also cold and wet, you mangy cur!

Digidude to Those who doubted his press ability: HA!

Melli to Snowpaw: Speak all the Español you wish. I got a friend at work named Juan who can handle even your fractured Spanish. ¿Tienes sus libros ahora?

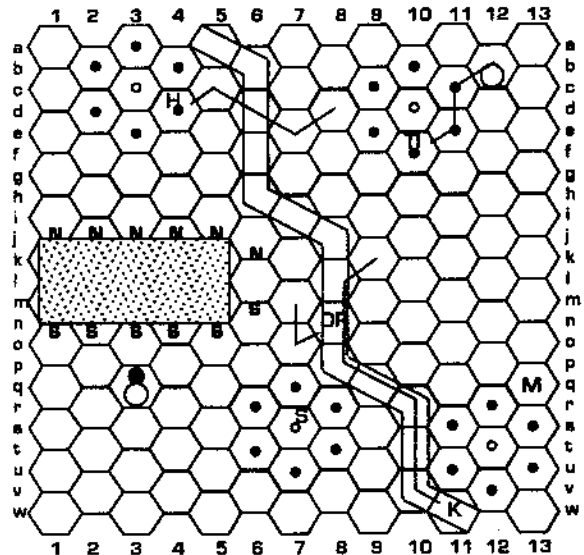
Snowpaw to Mel: Not yet amiga! It has to go through OT first. Sometimes it takes a while. I'm anxious to get into it. I'll drop a line to you guys soon as I receive it, or next month, whichever comes first.

Melli to Danimal: Your mama wants you RIGHT NOW! I'll just hold your snowballs for ya till you come back. I swear to God I'll give 'em RIGHT back—I'll be waiting just outside the door... (snicker, snicker, teehee!)

SM to MM: Sorry, just because he's left doesn't mean I can let you have his ammunition.

Katspaw to SM: Mike is in a different time zone!

ZIRN after Turn 4



SnowMaster to Katspaw: You mean, he's a taco shy of a combination plate?

Digidude to SM: Weak no, shy maybe. I challenge you to play a game of rugby. That is where I learned to keep my smart mouth shut and speak with my actions.

SnowMaster to Dude: Don't start with me, I was a mean right full-back in soccer.

Digidude to K: Here, kitty, kitty, kitty...

SM to D: You just sent him off, and now you want him back?

Katspaw to Melli: Of course I need cooling off! If it wasn't for these insulated coveralls, there wouldn't be any snow left to fight with!

Digidude to Danimal: When you go to the kitchen, will you bring me a cookie? It might be pretty late before I get in.

Melli to SnowMaster: Randy says I throw like a girl. Shouldn't I get an extra 10 or 20% allowance to make up for lack of testosterone?

SM to MM: I'd just have to take it right back for having an excess of estrogen. No way—besides, being a girl in this game gets you extra attention...

Digidude to Mel: Why don't you slide up here where we can talk? I'll even brush some of that snow off for you.

Hobbes to Calvin: Did you see that last turn? How's that for a "killer eye"? (Hmm, I wonder which one it is?)

TI to K: I wouldn't have to throw so hard if you'd stop running away.

SM to Ice: Look, you can't hit the targets you do have. Concentrate on that before you start making long-distance calls.

TI to H: Nice tree shot. Did you see what they were doing under that tree?

SnowMaster to Thin Ice: I don't want to hear anything about Hobbes doing stuff under trees, you understand me?

RUFFIAN / 1990IY

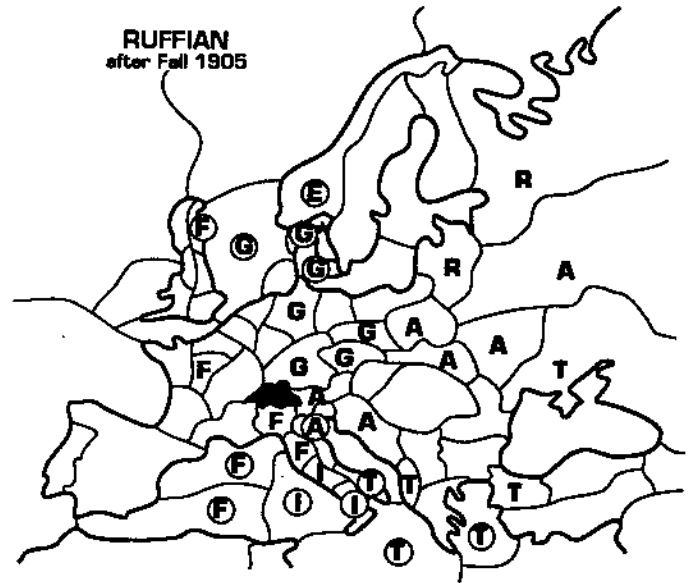
Fall 1905: Pearls Before Swine

- Austria (David Polley): a mos u, a ukr-gal (a war s), a vie-tyo (a tri s), a gal-vie, f ven s turkish f apu.
 England (Chuck Mercer): f nwy h, f ska-den /swe otb/.
 France (Michael Alterio): a mar-pie, a spa-tus (f lyo c), a pic-par, f wes s italian f tun-tyt, f cly-edi.
 Germany (Steve McKinnon): a hol-kie, f nts-ska (f den s), f lon-nts, a sil-gal, a boh-vie, a mun-sil.
 Italy (J.R. Baker): f tun-tyt?, f nap h (a rom s), a tyo s german a boh-vie /annihilated/.
 Russia (Art Shulman): a lvn-mos (a stp s).
 Turkey (Kathy Caruso): a sev s austrian a mos, a smy-con, a alb-nap (f apu s, f ion c), f aeg s f ion.

Deadline for Winter 1905/Spring 1906 is December 27.

Seasons will be separated on Three+ Requests.

- J.R. to Art & Chuck: Race you to Switzerland.
 GM to J.R.: Too bad you didn't say something sooner, I could've opened a hostel for your Tyrolean troops.
 J.R. to GM: This is one of my favorite stalemate lines... I think it was the first one I ever learned (I was playing Turkey at the time and I won!).
 Turkey to Austria: This is like beating your head against a brick wall.
 J.R. to All: Guess you'll have to settle for the 3-way (GFT) because if you try anything fancy, Kathy will steal the win.
 Litzzeiner, on the German/Austrian border: In a recently-erected command facility, a group of multinational officers have met to determine the course of the Austrian campaign.
 Reichshuaptamblütenführergesacht PanzerEßen: Willkommen meine Heren. Ich bin sehr delightent to habt du hier.
 Generalissimo Alberto Altonado: A-Thanka you, my fina, fina palomo Misserra Eßen.
 Marshal Jean-Paul Zatapatit: Mais, oui! Monsieur Rafg Eßen, c'est à nous le plaisir.
 Rafg PanzerEßen: Ich asken Sie fuhr seine Kommitment oder Seine Intentionat für unserer Heeres uber den gefilte Osterreichen Herren. Vishen Sie ihr bekillen?
 Gelo Altonado: Si! Si! Widda muchofervora. Forte. Forte.
 Mshl Zatapatit: Oui! Avec la préjudice extrême, oui?
 Rafg PanzerEßen: So, ein Alliansenshaft sehr grossen formen uns ihr. Aus den Oster-Ottoman Tots, ja!
 All: Oui! Si! Ja!
 J.R. to Michael: It's not as much fun when the game plays you...
 Berlin to Vienna: You may have noticed that our forces have crossed the border into your lands. Previous reports that this was due to the North/South symbols on our maps having been



- reversed are correct! However, we've discovered that the peace-loving peoples of Tyrolia/Bohemia are most interested in joining TIGGER (The Immense Greater German Economic Region). Operations of a military kind will continue until we have convinced the rest of your nation that this is what they, too, desire. Portions of the TIGGER will be administered by our Italian and French economic allies for the duration of the TIGGER treaty. You can greatly assist by removing your excess military personnel to more useful regions of Europe as are found in the South East.
 Berlin to Constantinople: You know my father always told me to be wary of women who discuss fruit. That you discuss FIGs and not apples makes no difference. Figs are the apple of the East, and that could well mean you're the serpent. Go ahead, give in to the temptations of that shiny Red fruit you hold before you.
 J.R. to Steve: Perhaps we can do it again some time.
 Turkey to Italy: All the French units are headed your way, so tell me—is he going to protect the Italian centers for you or for him?
 J.R. to Kathy: Dot snatcher!
 GM to KK: So, how does it feel, hm? I'm so glad I got rid of that label!
 J.R. to Dave: Goodby—parting is such a rip.
 Turkey to France: So what are YOU getting out of all this—I mean, besides seasick.
 Germany to Turkey (re: lastish to France): You might well ask yourself the same question.
 GM: For those of you who threw away issue 103, ~~shame on you~~ here's that question again: Where does one to go grow when he is surrounded by allies?

RUFFIAN / Supply Centers Held as of Winter 1905

Austria	vie	bud	tri	ser	rum	war	mos	VEN	7/8	may build one
England	edi	nwy	SWE?						2/1?	even
France	par	bre	mar	spa	por	lvp	EDI		6/7	may build one
Germany	mun	ber	kie	den	hol	bel	lon		7/7	even
Italy	ven	rom	nap	tun					4/3	even
Russia	stp	swe?							2/2?	even or remove one
Turkey	con	ank	smy	bul	sev	gre			6/6	even



CHUCK YOU, FARLEY / Snowball Fighting ASF19

Turn Six: Will He Last or Will He Be Last?

WARRIOR (PLAYER)	loc	segment one / segment two / segment three	new loc	up	hp	sb-di
Friendswood Flinger/FF (Greg Ellis)	B8	-C7-D6-F6-H6-I7-K7 / Di at IM (55,27) / collect Di	K7	7	6	0-1
Ice Man/IM (Andy York)	P6	RR at SL (55,34) / RR at SL (90,86) / collect 2 Sb	P6	12	0	0-0
Mr. Snow Blues/SB (Brad Wilson)	kit	-U7 / RR at SL* (85,26) / -O9	O9	5	10	1-0
Seattle Slew/SE (Daf Langley)	W11	reaches kitchen / gets out J.R.'s cookbook / concocts treat	kit	8	10	2-0
Slushee Slammer/SL (Chuck Mercer)	Q13	collect Sb, -T12 / collect Sb, -T10 / BB at ZP (30,51) & IM (65,62)	T10	10	3	0-0
El Zorro de Plata/ZP (Rick Kohman)	Q11	Di at SL (35,93) / -S11-T12, collect Sb / RR at IM (95,83)	Q11	6	3	0-0

Weather roll = 87. Seattle Slew may exit Segment Two next Turn; Ice Man is running for cover and will reach the house on Seg. Two.

Deadline for Turn Seven is December 27.

Segment One: Friendswood Flinger runs down into the midst of the confusion as Seattle Slew finishes her slinky walk back to the house. She passes Mr. Snow Blues, whose orders are a bit confused by too much rum punch but nonetheless navigates out the door. Slushee Slammer grabs a ball and ducks under the conifer as El Zorro de Plata takes aim and fires—bam, bark flies but Slammer is safe. Ice Man has a better shot, though, and he nails SL.

Segment Two: Slammer keeps moving, packing another weapon on the way. El Zorro decides ducking under the tree was a good idea and takes over SL's spot. Ice Man and Bluesy get a gleam in their eyes as they see the Slush emerge, and each pounds him with a Rattler. Flinger takes Ice Man's back as an invitation to soak, scoring the big three-pointer on 'im.

Segment Three: While Snow Blues crosses the path, FF and IM pack weapons. This gives Slushee and Zorro the opportunity they need to smack Ice Man, who is staggered so badly it'll take him a while to reach the house. Slushee's Bolero also tries to hit the Zipper, but the conifer interferes again!

GMS to Steve McKinnon: I think you forgot Grab My Shotgun!

Zip to Yard: How the heck is this game s'posed to be played, anyhow?

Slammer to Zipper: Another megalomaniac with an oversized ball. I hope you miss.

SM to SL: To which I believe the appropriate response is, "I know you are, but what am I?"

Grey Rat to Goddess: I hope I can weaken these Bozos for you.

Slew to Ice Man: Once I shrug out of this wet snow suit, put on my teal silk robe, drink a hot buttered rum while playing footsies with Snowy, put on a clean, dry snowsuit—purple with pink accents—and grab my two new snowballs... your butt is mine!!

SnowMaster to Slew: Your purple snowsuit isn't back from the cleaners.

Slew to Snowy: What do you mean, my purple snowsuit isn't back from the cleaners?!

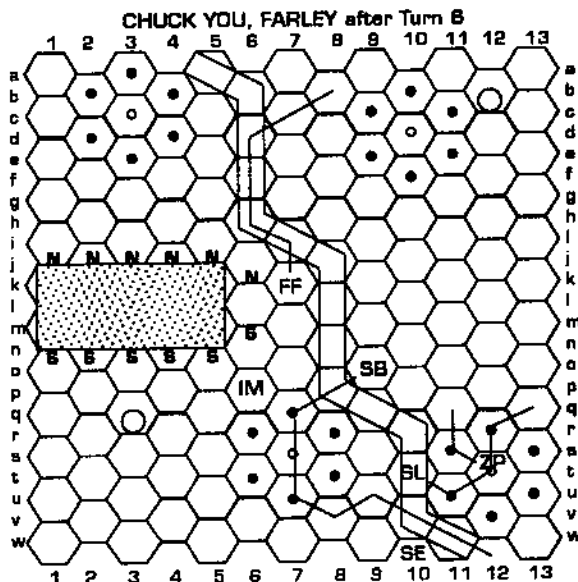
SnowMan to Seattle Slew: I wanted to keep you indoors with me. Let me make it better; how about a reprint from 1989...

Highlights from J.R.'s Cooking Show: Polaris to SnowMaster: Oh, please Brer Fox, youse can do anything to me, but pleeeese don't put me in da kitchen!

Gimme dat frying pan and lemme at 'em! First we need a 1/2 pound of sausage. Looks like nobody in here qualifies; how about hamburger? You look like ground meat, FF! [ed: No, he's chopped liver...]] Who's been kicking you in the face with track shoes?

Daf, I know you're good with that knife, would you chop up a cup of onions for me, please? Now we brown 'em with a little spice and spoon 'em over these nacho chips; cover with shredded cheese (I like sharp cheddar), add a slice of jalapeno if you're feeding real men, sprinkle on a dash of that 151 on each and light with a match. Wamph! Instant snacks! Hot lips without dips...

And for something to quench your thirst...We need a large



saucepan to heat up a jug of cider—add three cups of that lovely 151 rum (please don't boil, just almost). Scoop out a mugful, add a slice of butter, lemon, a stick of cinnamon, a whole clove and enjoy HOT CIDERIFIC. Happy Holidays to all of you!

SM to J.R.: If you're watching, I'd love to have new stuff... but I do have two more blasts from the past I can run in future issues.

Slew to Ice Man: Velcro! I love Velcro! Tell you what—why don't you come on into the kitchen and we'll see how many panels you're packing.

Slew to Flinger: I have just one word for you—~~plastic~~ no, no, wrong—Ice Man and Slushee Slammer. We will never be able to hold our heads up in this zine if we let a couple of rookies beat us!! Get your little half-pint butt in gear. Quit trying to throw those dirigibles that are bigger than you are.

SM to Slew: Calmly, Princess, it looks to me as if they will be ripe for your picking when you exit the house!

Slammer to SnowMaster: I can barely see the supply-sider, trickle-downer over on the other side—is he having a problem with us?

SM to SL: Which supply-sider?

Slew to Blues: Hi, Sweetie. Would you pass the rum and throw another log on the fire? Sweetie? Are you listening to me?

Slew to Zorro: The strong, silent type this turn, Silver Toady Kohman? Or has the Toad God struck you pressless for throwing a snowball at me!?

Slammer to Slew: Did you get the chill out in the kitchen? Can you bring me a cookie?

Slew to Slush: "Lob your dirgies at me!?" That's one even I haven't heard. Good job, Slush.

Zorro to FF and IM: You guys are gonna have to face off each other sooner or later... make it sooner!

SM to Z: I'm sorry, did you say 'rip the face off each other'?

EDDORE / Gunboat Snowball Fighting ASF22

Turn Two: Archrivals

WARRIOR.....	loc.....	segment 1 / segment 2 / segment 3.....	new loc..up.....	hp.....	sb-di
Abominated Snowmonster.....	B12	RR at GP (95,18) / RR at GP (70,100) / RR at GP* (70,60)	B12	2	9 1-0
Chiller Cowalski.....	Q3	Di at IS (05,56) / collect 2 Sb / BB at FN* (50,93) & RS* (22,41)	Q3	3	4 2-0
Felis Negris.....	P6	Di at CC (50,34) / RR at CC (95,91) / RR at CC (95,09)	P6	6	5 1-0
Georgie Porgie.....	C11	Di at AS (60,88) / De at AS (70,100), move -D10 / collect Di	D10	0	8 0-1
Ice Slinger.....	U7	-V8-W9-V10-W11-V12 / -T12-R12, collect Sb / RR at FN* (75,29)	R12	2	9 1-0
Ricky Skitless.....	F4	collect 2 Sb / collect Di / collect Di	F4	0	9 3-2
Shagmaster.....	N8	-L8-J8-I7-H6-G5 / RR at RS (95,42) / collect Sb, -F4-E3	E3	3	10 1-0

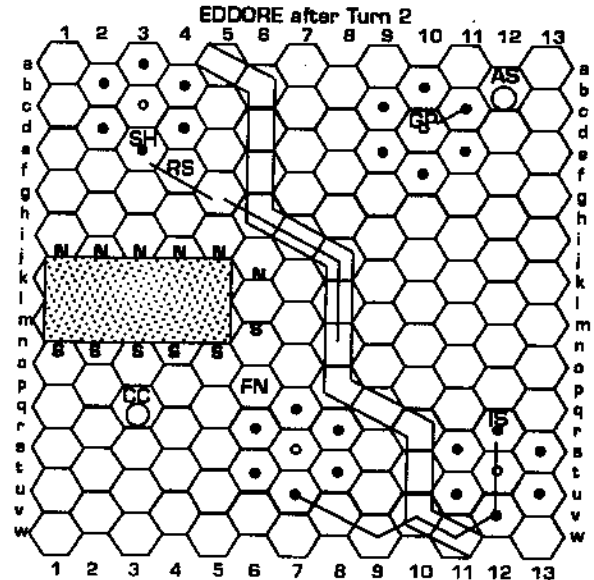
Weather roll = 14 (whew!).

Deadline for Turn Three is December 27.

Segment One: The snow flies all around Ricky Skitless without hitting him; he's picking up standard Snowballs. Shagmaster runs up the path at Ricky as Ice Slinger runs south under the tree (as a moving target, IS is able to avoid Chiller Cowalski's Di shot). Abominated Snowmaster pounds Georgie Porgie, but Georgie's return shot is blocked by the snowman. Felis avoids the other snowman, though, and manages to hit Chiller with his three-pointer.

Segment Two: Georgie's Demon-move means this time he avoids the Abominated attack, though he still can't score himself. Chiller bends over to pack snowballs and Felis hits him again. Ricky likewise tries to collect ammo and Shagmaster smears him at point-blank range.

Segment Three: The northerners mostly build, including GP, who "builds the mother of all Dirigibles," but that just makes him an easier target for his old nemesis. Felis plays that one note so well, as he scores *again*—five points in one turn—on CC, who is vainly trying to fling a Bolero at far-off opponents. Ice Slinger slings his at Felis Negris' back for a hit.



CC to SH: And does picking me mean you're tossing snowballs my way, or does it mean that we're plastering Felis Negris until he/she is Felis Blanca?

FN to CC: No race. I dislike making myself any more of a target than I already am.

Shagmaster to Ice: YOU'RE NEXT!

CC to SH: Of course, I'm opting for Option 2.

FN to CC: Speaking of which... take that... and that... and this...

CC to FN: Take that and that. I'm going to turn you into a ghost before this fight is over.

Georgie Porgie: All the best things come in small packages... I'm looking for a small package!

SnowMaster to GP: Felis is making deliveries.

Ricky Skitless to AS: From the laws of the Bene Gesserit—Thou shalt not suffer an abomination to live. Or, for that matter, to go home with any body part unsoaked.

Felis Negris to SnowMaster: Do I have to explain my "Latino" voice? Would it help to say that "Felis Negris" is Latin?

SM to FN: Latin I got—getting from that to Latino is a leap.

Slinger to F&N: See ya! (What's a Negris?)

SM to FN: See, I wasn't the only one!

Ricky Skitless warns: Eddorans of his complete lack of mental stability. His poorly developed and quite unstable mind could easily become a mania of pure revenge-bent lunacy. to wit, in the manner of The Incredible Hulk; The Thing; Steve Martin's Rigby Reardon in "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid" when hearing the words "cleaning woman"; Ricardo Montalban's Khan when his intellect is challenged, and other such deadly-when-enraged personae. If the dashing handsome, yet surprisingly modest Ricky Skitless is hit by any Eddoran more than once, he will eschew the glory of victory for the orgasmic pleasures of total revenge,

and pursue that culprit to the exclusion of all else and take measures to ensure that criminal's banishment to the kitchen hearth. With extreme prejudice, no less.

CC to SH and SM: I don't know about self-abuse going unrewarded. I have heard rumors that Daf gives brownie points to self-abusing toadies.

El Gato to Shaggy: You, at least, are not nameless or faceless—as I suspect I am the same to you.

Slinger to S&H: It's time to even the score. Hold still.

Shaggy to Skiky Witless: A Dirigible! You're goin' down! Me an' Georgie don't like being targets, even if you do throw like a girl!

You can go spout your "Family Values" to the shed spiders!

SM to SH: Shed spiders! I like it! (Hey, have you noticed that the girls throw pretty good in this sport?)

Ricky Skitless to Shagmaster: You got lucky. I'll do you a treat, mate! Just you wait.

CC to FN: How dare you hit my brand new North Face parka?! I have another dirigible with your name written all over it.

SM to CC: Throw it quick, his name changes every time he opens his mouth.

Felly to Ricky Witless: You and your "family values" didn't have to enter the yard if you have to be boorish about it! Fortunately, a sense of humor is one of my "family values"! Be like the snow and lighten up, will ya?

Chiller to Ricky: All alone and no one to play with?

Georgie to Ricky: Go tell your mother she wants you!

SnowMaster to Rick: Well, that's one solution.

Ricky Skitless to Georgie: You can run, my friend, but I will chase you to the corner of the yard to keep you from winning.

[[incredible as it seems, there's more press on page 20]]

NICRON / Merchant of Venus

Oops. VVV has a Shield to protect him from that \$20 penalty.

Turn Three

Voogd's Venusian Voyager—Eric Voogd, Nik

Dice are 334. Move: -Terror Station/o-? [[Y30]]-Titan's Tower/o-B10-A-R-B-Y-Airhome/o.

Trade: none. Accounting: \$120 - \$10 reduced penalty = \$110.

Interstellar Master Traders—John Galt, Dell

Dice are 124. Move: -R-B-Y-Airhome-A-R10-Asteroid City East and stop; discovers 7b culture (Eeeppeep), picks up IOU worth \$100.

Trade: Sells Rock Videos for \$200; out of the cup comes a Demand for Immortal Grease at 7b (Eeeppeep)—\$50 bonus.

Accounting: \$60 - \$10 penalty + \$200 trade = \$250.

StewBall III—Howard Hugh, Whynom

Dice are 156. Move: -R-B-R/ne-? [[B10]]-Y-Grandport/o-B-Greathome/o-B-Goliath/o-Goliath/s and land; discovers 1b culture (Volots), picks up IOU worth \$120.

Trade: Barter IOU and \$20 for one Voll Silk.

Accounting: \$97 - \$10 penalty - \$20 trade = \$67.

Ishmael 2.0—Garret Schenck, Qossuth

Dice are 256. Move: -R-B-R-Wet Landing/o-Wet Landing/s; discovers 10 culture (Qossuth!), picks up IOU worth \$120.

Trade: Sells Impossible Furniture for \$180; out of the cup pops a Demand for Melf Pelts at 6 (Yxldyx—not yet discovered).

Barter IOU+\$40 for one Psychotic Sculpture.

Accounting: \$67 + \$180 trade - \$40 trade = \$207.

X—Ed Wrobel, Human

Dice are 125. Move: -NC2-NC2-R-B-R-Interstellar Biosphere and stop; discovers 5 culture (Shenna), picks up IOU worth \$90.

Trade: Barter IOU for one Melf Pelts.

Accounting: \$10.

Robocop—Andrew York, Eeeppeep

Dice are 126. Move: -Moonport/o-Y-B-R-B-Y-B-R-? [[Auto Pilot]] and stop. Pick up relic. Trade: none.

Accounting: \$40.

Deadline for Turn Four is December 27.

Order of play and dice for Turn Four:

1. Robocop	124	4. StewBall	366
2. VVV	235	5. Ishmael	166
3. IMT	223	6. X	114

Dice up to this point have been stingy for X, generous to StewBall.

Overall average roll is 3.3; StewBall has gotten an average 4.1 but X has been stuck with 2.1!

Turns 5 and 6 may be combined—we'll see.

Fishbreath to GM: Earth is around here...somewhere. And when I find it, out go the lights! Bring me the family atomics... or the comfy chair...

GM to Fishbreath: Go away, your prayers were already answered 'above.'

StewBall III to GM: thanks for the get-up-and-go numbers.

Fishy to Roboid: Me...a carp? Ooop, ooop. I still insist you're in my power. To prove it, I order you to leave the Graw system immediately! You see? I control you. You are helpless before my necromancy.

StewBall III to Robocop: Get the spacegram? Need a G.M. [How about an ? to get niner.]

Ishmael 2.01a to VVV: Yes, the upgrade was well worth the money. Your responsibility, should you wish to accept it, is to go out and find a bunch of worthless 5s, 6s, and 7s's. Simple enough, really.

VVV to Ishmael: If loosely interpreted, your press last turn would be a compliment. My heart's all aflutter.

Thish-mail to VVV: Oh, and this body was once yours? That would explain the flashbacks I seem to have been experiencing lately. In fact I feel one coming on right now. GET BACK! Omigod they're crawling all over me, little tiny robots programmed by the X factor. They're inserting electrodes into my brain, and telling me what to see, what to think, what to feel. Aaaaauuughh! It's you, isn't it. All of you! You're after me. I know you all think I'm paranoid, I just know it!

Ishmael to Robo/VVV/IMT: Hah! You seem to have overlooked this rather dampish sort of world. My, is it ever wet here. HEY! isn't there any land here? HELP! <blub, blub>

X to Ish: You shake me! Ha! you knew the Space Station was mine. Mine, mine, mine. Now, for once in your life, keep to the right, or you'll be eating dirty space snowballs. (A special secret Perelandra Snowball Fighting variant rule.)

Itsashame to X: Nay, nay, tis you who are following me this game. Just the way I like it. If I were you I'd be looking for something, anything to help you get the heck out of the damn Cloud.

StewBall III to Ish and X: I.B. and W.W. await your trading and "manning."

Whatsinaname to StewBall 3.0: You realize, of course, that you're the only one on the left side of the board. The rest of us dummies are all clumped together over here on the right. As Mad magazine once said, "in sameness there is strength." Or as a song goes, talking about the London buses, but it's applicable to any form of public transit, "We like to drive in convoys, we're most gregarious!"

GM to Ish: Oh, so you're a public carrier now? I'll have to confiscate your profits for deficit-reduction then. Read My Lips: No New Spaceways!

StewBall III to VVV and IMT: Don't get to zero riding the "pay-as-you-go" trip in space (War-torn and A.S. cost!).

VVV to IMT/StewBall: Race you to Ice Station. Name the wager.

GM to VVV: Maybe a pool on which year would be more appropriate.

X to VVV: By my calculations, you are the frontrunner and current favorite. Maybe Ish can find some way to rain on your parade.

GM to X: Well, he is on the Water World.

VVV to X: Got change for a twenty? (heh, heh)

Ishmyhell to X: In honor of Malcolm, I presume?

GM to Ishmael: Yeah, in classic Merchant mode he's capitalizing on all those ball caps they've turned out.

Eddore Press

Georgie AS: Dat's my snowman and if youse comes out from behind 'dare I'll makes youse eat it!!!

Chiller to SM: Like I said, this snowman is mine. And don't even think you can kick me out your yard. My Mom can beat you up, so there. Phwtt!!!

SH to All: A hint on the handle... Anybody ready for some Scooby snacks? Although doing it on the floor with a vacuum cleaner...

SM to Shagmeister: If you messed up my real estate, I'll turn you into sausage, you schnauzer.

RS to SM: You're the d-IE-ty? Puttin' on a few too many?

SnowMaster to Ricky: Have put on, already. My college chums wouldn't recognize me, I'm sure.

Slinger to ~~SM~~ SM: C'mon, now! How can you be the landlord when you're not charging rent? Or allowing snow to pile up on the sidewalk?

SnowMaster to Sling: That's landLord to you, peasant. Geez, I wish I didn't have to get so rough with you clowns!

RAMA / Spectrum Titan

Round Twentyseven

BLACK LEGIONS (Vince Lutterbie) die roll 6: Eye Brush B141—Jungle J135; Hand holds in Swamp S42; Gravestone holds in Plains P115; Arrowhead holds in Tundra 4000; Skull holds in Tundra 2000; Rose Hills H23—Plains P29.

BLUE LEGIONS (John Galt) die roll 3: Trident Tundra 6000—Brush B38.

GOLD LEGIONS (Marc Peters) die roll 1: Sun Brush B137—Marsh M136; Talons Hills H18 (E27); Lamp Marsh M117—Marsh M116; Bearclaw Brush B109 (E30); Fireball Plains P110 (E32).

RED LEGIONS (Art Shulman) die roll 1: Torch holds in Jungle J104; Spiral Marsh M126—Jungle J125; Double Eagle Plains P1—Mountains 1000; Sword Plains P110 (E32); Jester holds in Desert D35; Scimitar holds in Marsh M131; Star Brush B102—Plains P101; Salamander Hills H18 (E27); Bleeding Heart Swamp S111 (E30); Shield Marsh M13—Swamp S14.

Engagements

E27: Gold Talons attacks Red Salamander in H18.
E30: Gold Bearclaw attacks Red Bleeding Heart in S111.
E31: Red Jester defeats Gold Coins in D35. 2 Trolls, 2 Rangers die; 32 points to Red.
E32: God Fireball attacks Red Sword in P110.
Point Count: Gold 649, Red 673, Black 39, Blue 36.
Musters, Round 27: 2 Behemoths, Minotaur, Wyvern.
Die rolls for Round 28: Black 245, Blue 246, Gold 246, Red 256.

Markers Owned: Red holds Green, Brown markers.

Deadline for Round Twentyeight is December 27.

Black to All: Ready or not—here I come!

RAMA Creature Status

after rd. 27	orig	box	dead	board
Angel	18	13	—	5
Archangel	6	5	—	1
Behemoth	18	4	6	8
Centaur	25	0	18	5
Colossus	10	2	0	8
Cyclops	28	0	21	7
Dragon	18	16	0	2
Gargoyle	21	7	10	4
Giant	18	12	2	4
Gorgon	25	1	9	15
Griffon	18	13	3	2
Guardian	6	4	—	2
Hydra	10	0	5	5
Lion	28	2	21	5
Minotaur	21	11	9	1
Ogre	25	1	20	4
Ranger	28	4	12	12
Serpent	10	0	2	8
Troll	28	6	19	3
Unicorn	12	1	2	9
Warbear	21	13	4	4
Warlock	6	4	—	2
Wyvern	18	10	3	5

GIFFARD / Gunboat Titan

Oops! I added Blue's E32 points to Green by mistake!

Round Fortyeight: Something For Everyone

BLUE LEGIONS (rolled a 5): Moon Desert D7—Plains P6; Bat Tower 500—Jungle J125; Cloud Brush B109—Jungle J104; Lightning Brush B3—Marsh M8; Cracked Egg Tower 100—Desert D7; Anchor Brush B31—Marsh M126.

GREEN LEGIONS (rolled a 2): Medallion holds in Tower 400; Harp holds in Desert D21; Dagger Plains P15—Brush B17; Scales Plains P15—Tundra 4000; Wreath holds in Jungle J26; Frog Marsh M112—Plains P110; Hook Plains P34—Brush B38; Boiling Pot holds in Brush B141; Hoop Snake Marsh M13—Plains P15; Diamond holds in Tower 300; Claw Plains P110—Jungle J12.

RED LEGIONS (rolled a 1): Double Eagle Desert D128—Brush B127; Torch Mountains 1000—Plains P1; Star holds in Tower 200.

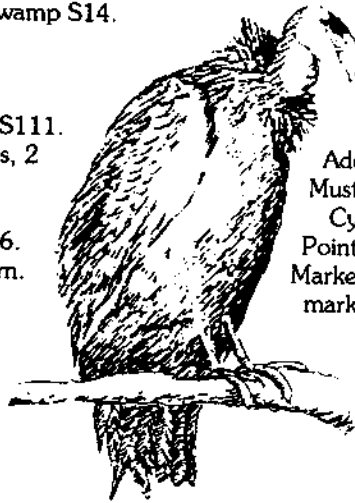
Additional Muster, Round 47: Archangel
Musters, Round 48: 2 Behemoths, Cyclops. Out of Cyclopi.

Point Count: Green 646, Blue 617, Red 485.

Markers Owned: Blue holds the Gold, Black and Brown markers.

Deadline for Round Fortynine is December 27.

Maps for Rama and Giffard are on Page 22.



Nature Corner

Bird of the Month

'Subadult' indicates a bird older than one year but not yet of breeding age (most birds are capable of breeding when they turn one year old, so they don't ever go through this stage). Primary feathers are the longest outside feathers on wingtips; secondary feathers are next-longest, on the trailing edge of the wing next to the bird's body.

CALIFORNIA CONDOR (*Gymnogyps californianus*) A huge black raptor with large white triangles on underside and white bar on upper-side of long, broad wings. Adult has orange-yellow head; subadult's is orange-yellow with some black mottling; immature's is dusky grey. Adult and subadult secondaries are silvery above. Immature white triangle is mottled dusky. Condors soar with wings in a slight 'V' (called a 'dihedral'). Golden Eagles and Turkey Vultures are smaller and fly with more pronounced dihedrals.

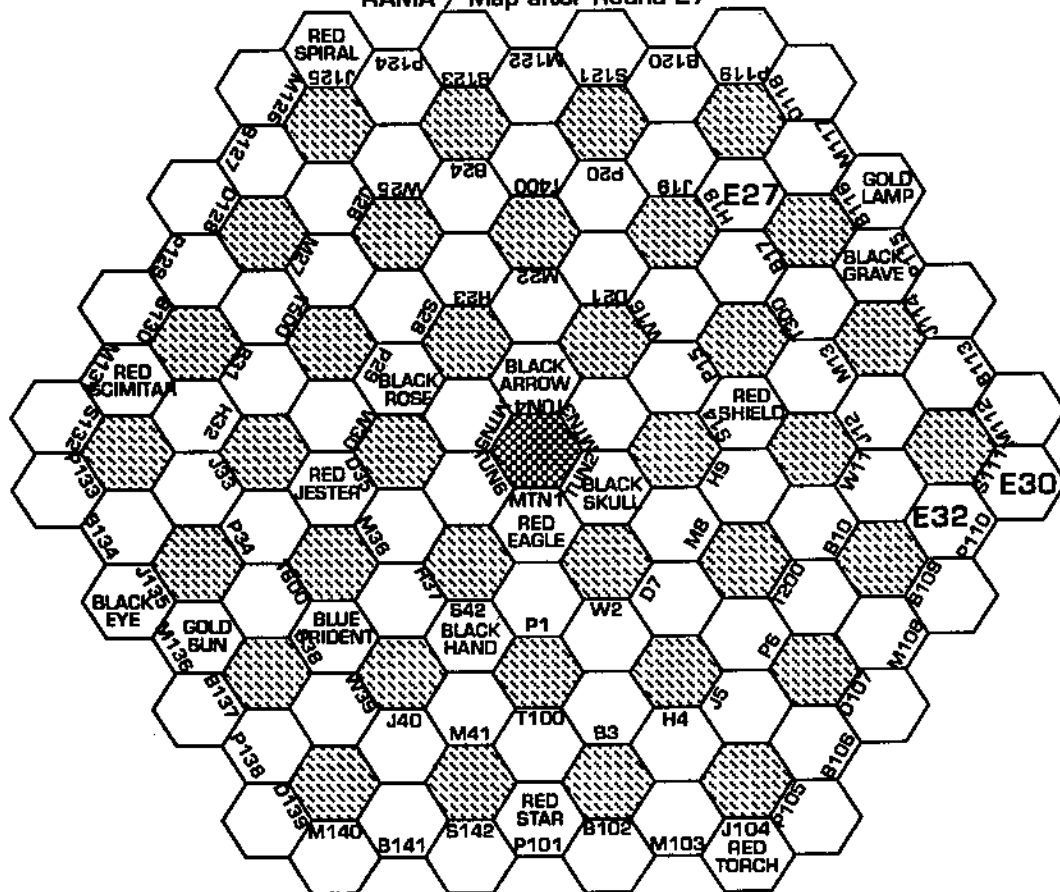
Habitat: open hills and chaparral (nests on bare ground, usually on cliff or ledge). Despite

the name, this bird was once common across the continent, according to bone finds, even in the swamps of Florida. But as early as 1492 the condor was already abandoning its east-coast territories; when the '49ers were trekking to California, the condor had retreated west of the Rockies; by WWII it was limited to the chain of hills and foothills connecting Santa Barbara with the southern end of the Sierra Nevada. All known condors (more than thirty birds) have been taken into captivity for breeding; two were reintroduced into Cespe Condor Refuge this spring but one has already died and the other has had potshots taken at it; six more were released December first.

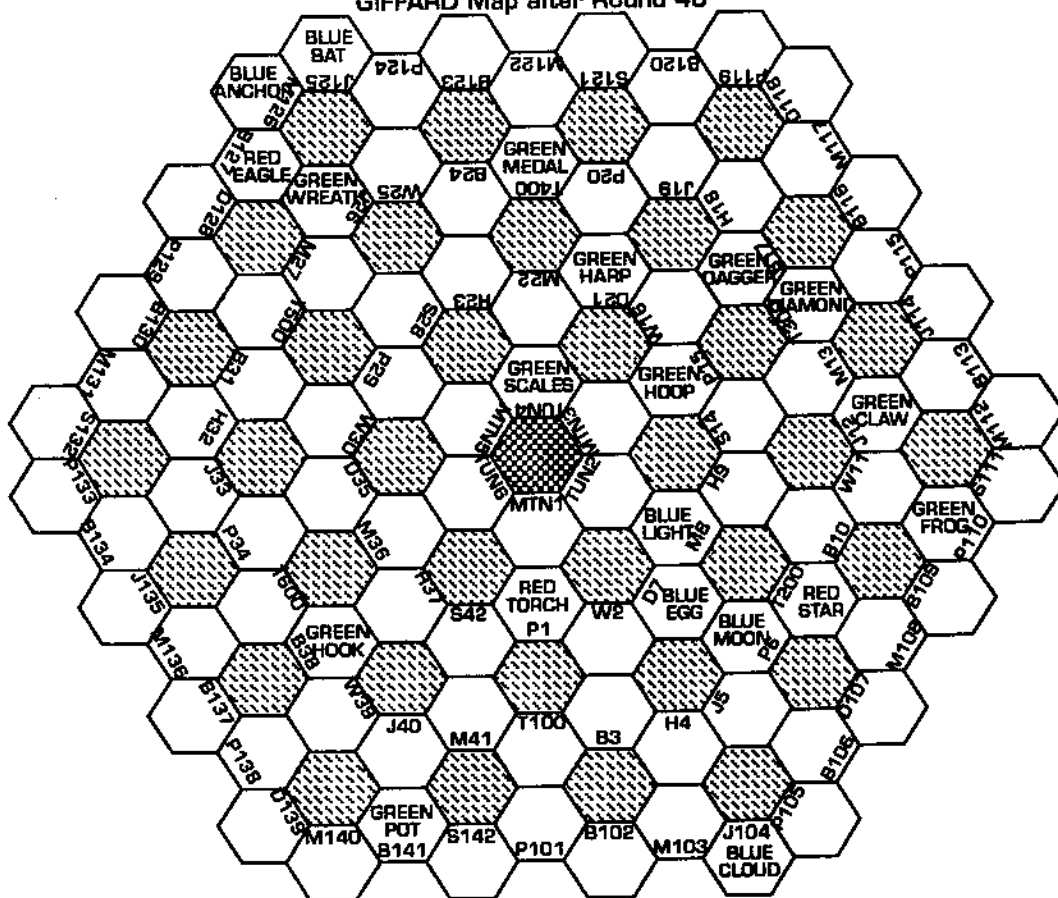
GIFFARD Creature Status

after rd. 48	orig	box	dead	board
Angel	18	12	—	6
Archangel	6	4	—	2
Behemoth	18	11	2	5
Centaur	25	2	20	3
Colossus	10	3	0	7
Cyclops	28	0	17	11
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

RAMA / Map after Round 27



GIFFARD Map after Round 48



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 at the end of lists. * = player holds Comm. Chest Get Out of Jail Free card; † = Chance card.

TUPILE Round Twentyone: Drain on the Community Chest

player	dice	ending position	windfalls	debts	possessions
Roger Cox *	7/5	Luxury Tax	100	75	\$119, Med, Bal, Ten, Ken, Ven, MG, pac, nca
Melinda Holley	8/8	B&O		25, 150	\$794, Con, EC, Rea, PRR, ShL
Jason Bergmann	9/9	St. Charles	25, 200, 45	625	\$279, Ori, StJ, ind, atl, penav, Park ² , Boa ⁴ , B&O
Ed Wrobel	5/7	Jail - 0	625, 200, 200		\$27, ver, StC ⁴ , Sta ⁴ , Vir ⁴ , ny, ill, WW

Player Debts: EW mortgages Illinois and Vermont (\$170). Sorry, I was wrong about RC needing to raise cash.
 Development: JB buys a house apiece on Park Place and Boardwalk, and unmortgages Oriental and St. James (\$554).
 Movement: RC lands on Community Chest, where the Xmas Fund pays out \$100 to him, but pays most of it back at Luxury Tax. MH also hits CC, where School Tax costs her \$150, then she's off to B&O. JB passes GO on his way to C-Chest (his Sale of Stock nets \$45) and eventually to St. Charles (ouch). EW passes GO also—his Community Chest card is Advance to GO, so he spins around the board! Then he lands on Chance, which Send him Directly to Jail!
 Cash Shortages: JB is short by \$101, but my estimates are notoriously unreliable.

ALTHAR Round Twentyone: Weird Dice

player	dice	ending position	windfalls	debts	possessions
Vince Lutterbie	9/8	Tennessee			\$149, ori, ver, vir, atl, ven, mg
Mark Lew †	3/12•8•8	Connecticut	20, 200, 400, 200		\$541, bal, Sta, Ken ² , Ind ² , Ill ² , Park ¹ , Boa ² , 2 Utls, 4 RR ^s
Claire Brosius	12/6	Pacific		400	\$385, Pac ² , NCa ² , PenAv ²
David Hood	12•5/9	Jail - 1		200	\$194, con, stc, stj, ten, ny

Correction: Mark and I calculated David Hood's assets and found that I was wrong—he was not yet bankrupt. My sincere apologies.
 Players were informed of the correct situation in midmonth. As it happens, though...
 Player Debts: VL sells and mortgages everything.
 Development: CB builds back a house each on North Carolina and Pennsylvania Avenue; ML builds a house each on Park Place and Boardwalk.
 Movement: VL lands on Go To Jail, but immediately rolls doubles out to Tennessee. ML hits Kentucky, then boxcars takes him to Community Chest (Income Tax Refund—the second this turn?—of \$20); doubles again past GO to the last unowned, Mediterranean; and finally Connecticut. CB gets Out of Jail to Chance, which Advances her to the next Railroad (B&O) and extracts twice the otherwise huge rent to which ML is entitled; her second roll takes her to Pacific. DH also lands on B&O (at normal rates), then Go To Jail and he can't get out on his first try.
 Still unowned: Mediterranean (ML may purchase).
 Cash Shortages: This time DH is bankrupt. No? Unless someone buys one of his mortgaged properties. CB will have to tear down one of those newly-rebuilt houses.

PYRRUS Round Nineteen: Nibbling at the Margins

player	dice	ending position	windfalls	debts	possessions
Mark Lew	8/2•11	Luxury Tax		100, 44, 75	\$432, ver, Ken ² , Ind ² , Ill ² , shI
Kay Shapero *	3/5	Vermont	100		\$1115, Bal ² , Med ² , StC ² , Sta ² , Vir ² , Rea, PRR, B&O
Randy Davis	6/10	Jail - 1	44		\$94, ori, con, StJ, Ten ¹ , NY, Atl, Ven, MG, pac, noa, penav, park, boa, ec, ww

Correction: Mark Lew has pointed out that my misinterpretation of the order of play cost him \$1 extra in Income Tax, which dollar is added back into his balance above. I also don't know why I phrased the cash shortages as I did lastish, but ignore my comments.
 Player Debts: RD sells the houses off and mortgages the Dark Blues, then sells six of seven Orange houses. GM sells off remaining AS house, so his cash-on-hand is \$199—divided proportionately \$157 RD, \$14 ML, \$29 KS, property to RD as the largest creditor.
 Mortgage fees cost RD \$102.
 Development: KS builds two houses each on Baltic and Mediterranean; ML builds another house on Kentucky and Illinois.
 Movement: ML lands on B&O, Ventnor, and Luxury Tax. KS creeps along to Baltic and Vermont. RD hits Go To Jail and can't roll his way out.
 Cash Shortages: none.
 RD proposes a concession to Kay Shapero.
 KS to RD: Sorry about that—hope you enjoyed your visit!

Deadline for all games is December 27.

LAMETH / 1992??

Spring 1901: Creme Filling

Austria (Dan Sellers John McLaurin): a bud-ser, a vie-bud, f tri-
alb.

England (Stan Johnson): f lon-nts, f edi-nwg, a lvp-yor.

France (Martin Johnson): f bre-mid, a par-bur, a mar-spa.

Germany (Randy Havens): f kie-hol, a ber-kie, a mun-tyo.

Italy (Dennis Young): a ven-pie, a rom-ven, f nap-ion.

Russia (James Bailey): f stp/sc-bot, a mos-ukr, a war-gal, f sev-bla.

Turkey (Tim Goodwin): f ank-con, a con-bul, a smy-ank.

Deadline for Fall 1901 is December 27.

Emperor Martin to John McLaurin: Let me be the first to congratulate you on your rise to power in Austria-Hungary. My diplomatic staff will soon contact you to establish an embassy in Vienna. I only hope the coup d'etat was bloodless. Monsieur Sellers may be insociable and unreliable, but he deserves to be honorably divested of office.

Russia to World: If the Austrians remain leaderless, we would naturally feel the duty to fill that void. The long-held affinity between our peoples (plus a few Russian divisions) should insure a peaceful and orderly transition of power.

Mr. Citroen to Rome: I hope you are just lazy and your silence doesn't signify aggression! My actions show that I am a man of my word... do not force me to change my intentions.

Tsar Jim to Emperor Martin: I wish to inquire about the authenticity of the credentials of one Renault de Citroen. I have activated 20 million troops for the upcoming conflict, with the understanding of a Franco-Russian mutual-assistance treaty. However, I have recently heard some unsavory rumors that cause me to doubt his veracity. Please let me know his status in the French Empire.

Renault de Citroen to World: My Emperor has requested that I personally lead our troops in the liberation of the Spanish people from their inadequate government. My deputy, Monsieur Guy LaPlage, will conduct affairs in my absence. He speaks for myself and the Emperor.

GM to Tsar: I guess that gets Citroen out of your way.

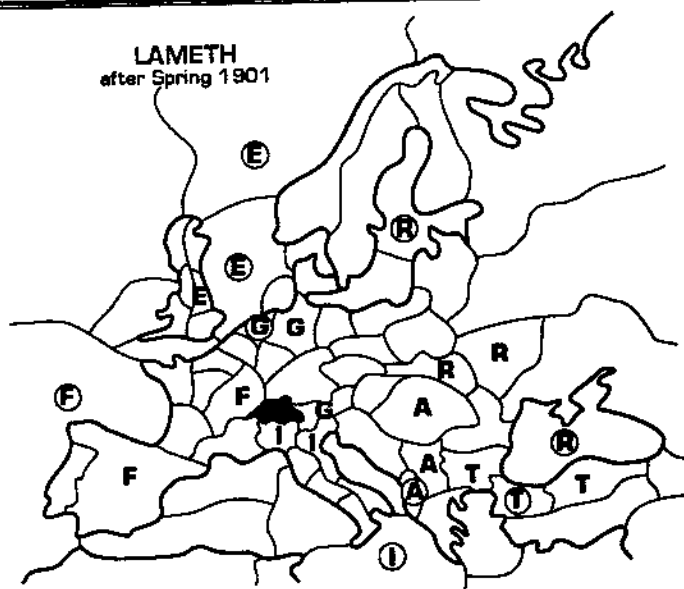
JB to GM: Does that rig of yours handle the Cyrillic alphabet? If so, perhaps I can dust off the ol' textbooks and supply some authentic Russia. We can't let the Ruffians have all the fun.

GM to JB: I have now gone to the (minor) trouble of tracking down some of our foreign-language fonts. Now forgive my inability to speak some of these, but now I can print press in Greek (Καλημέρα); Hebrew (בקר טוב; שלום); Japanese (おはようございます), hiragana only; Russian (Доброе утро, Cyrillic); and a limited amount of Chinese (早上好), in child's alphabet only, no characters.

For those who care, that's "good morning" in each language except the second Hebrew term is *shalom*, "peace;" and the Chinese is just the keys A-B-G-H-L because I can't find any reference work that shows words in anything but character.

The *Champs-Elysee Semaine* reports that French farm workers have promised to riot if any foreign country tries to meddle with domestic affairs. This includes military aggression. They are sure that the thought of the innocent French citizens wearing last week's moldy cabbage will give anyone contemplating such interference second thoughts.

GM to Photographers: Be sure you get me pictures of these people wearing cabbage! If *Time* scoops us on this you'll be out of jobs!



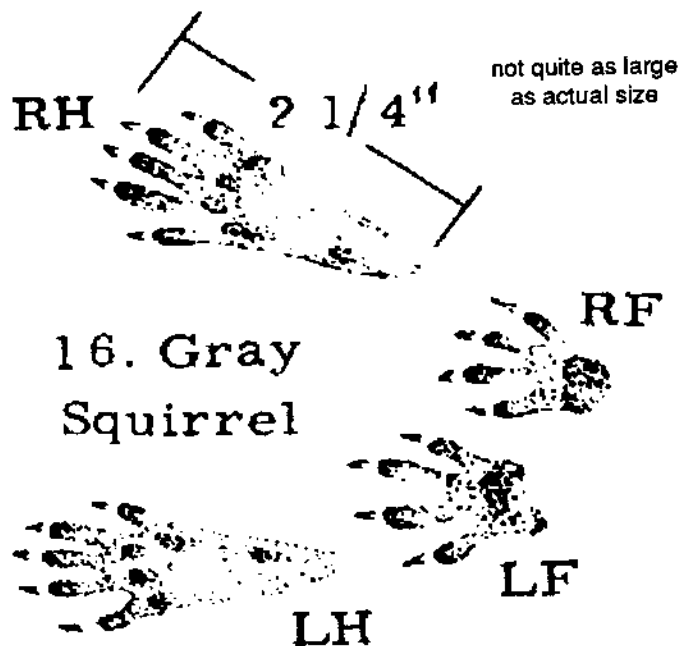
NATURE CORNER

Animal of the Month

CALIFORNIA GROUND SQUIRREL (*Citellus beecheyi*)
9-11" long (tail additional 6-7½"), rounded nose and slender tail. A dull yellowish-brown body ticked with black and white hair tips; sides of neck and shoulders grizzled white with dark brown patch on nape. Like other ground squirrels and chipmunks (but unlike tree squirrels and marmots), has thin inner cheek pouches for carrying food or nest material. Voice is a sharp metallic click.

Habitat: plains and open foothills up to 8200' altitude (Calif. Grey Squirrel up to about 6000'). Likes open terrain, eating mostly the seeds of grasses and herbs, but will occasionally climb trees for acorns. Burrows 4½" diameter; runways in grass between burrows are about 3" wide.

Calif. Grey Squirrel, by comparison, has a pointed nose, bushy tail, and eyes set forward. Grey Squirrel is active year-round while the Ground Squirrel hibernates.



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bold = new address; * = no nmr insurance

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GAME OPENINGS / ZINE BUSINESS / HOBBY STUFF

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WUNDERLAND/Snowball Fighting (free): Can take two more players (on larger map). John Schultz, Tom Hurst (Phightin' Phule), John McLaurin, Duncan Adams, Mike Magnuson, Randy Davis and David McCrumb (Daf's Daydream) signed up. Send a game name if you don't have one listed here.

BELT 17/Regular Diplomacy (\$5 gamefee): Les Casey (pd), Rich Irving (pd), Tom Johnston (pd), Stan Johnson. This will be the last regular Dip game to start for a month or two; can take three more.

AURORA/Railway Rivals (\$3 gamefee includes map): I'll use the new, revised California/Nevada map. Richard Weiss, Chuck Mercer, Pat Conlon, Bob Theriault and Bill Wordelmann are paid, will take one more.

ZYRA/Dip Battleship (no gamefee): Six people are signed up—see the back cover if you think you're in the gamestart.

Poets' Corner (Standby Calls!): NONE as the result of a big batch of mail and two phone calls the day after Thanksgiving. Thanks to everyone.

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. Canadians can buy postal money orders in US funds much more easily than vice versa, check out the rates.

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I'm publishing a free bimonthly newsletter, *DIPCONVERSATION*, about Dipcon 1993. *Pere* subscribers will get it free; others may get on the list for all issues just by sending one SASE.

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, Lakkdarol. If you give me the hint that leads to an answer you'll get credit.

Freshman Zine Tracking

If you are aware of a zine begun in 1992 (or very late 1991) other than the following, please let me know right away: *36 Miles of Trouble*, *Zero Sum*, *iGOL!*, *Loco Mottues*, *Foolhardy*, *Autumn Madness*, *Pennant Madness*, *Election Headquarters*, *Aren't...?*, *Metamorphosis*, *Standard Gauge*, *Rainbow Warrior*, *Off the Shelf*, *Boris the Spider*.

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You are all cordially reminded that postal service can be wretched during December, and urged to MAIL EARLY. I will be home around deadline, so phone and fax orders (for those emergencies among you) will be accepted.

ZYRA Dip Battleship: If you are signed up, you should have a check here: I need from you a game-name to play under, and I would like the names to be fictional characters—comics, nursery rhymes, TV, novels, whatever. No requirement, just a guideline. Then I also need a Battleship set-up—grid is A through K down the left, 1 through 12 across the top, ships are 1 Battleship (5 spaces long), 1 Aircraft Carrier (4 spaces), 3 Cruisers (3 spaces), 2 Destroyers (2 spaces) and 2 Submarines (1 space each). You must state which end is the 'front' of each ship; that's the only direction the ship will be allowed to move.



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