

# TRES HOMBRES

March 21, 1988  
Meaningless Meanderings

Hello m'baby, Hello m'honey  
Hello m'ragtime gaaaaaaal

#126  
DIAS

*Hakey in Yngvi*

*Pribe in Cinque*

*Cronin in Notorious*

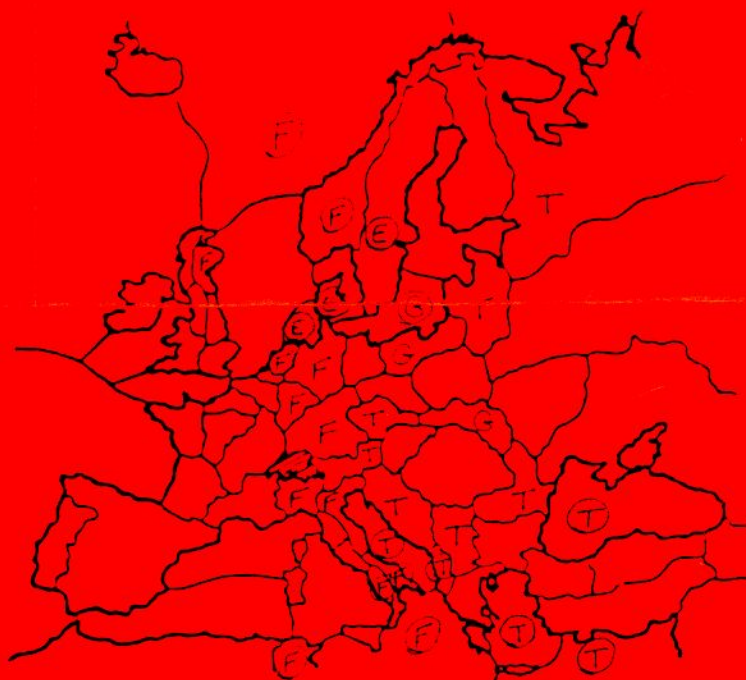
YNGVI Fall 10

**E (Milewski):** (retreat F Nwy-Swe) F Den S F Swe,  
F Hel S F Den, F Swe S F Den

**F (Hakey):** (retreat A Boh-Tyr) F Nap S F Tys-Ion,  
A Ruh S A Mun-Kie, F Apu S A Tyr-Ven,  
F Alb S German A Ven-Tri, F Nws S F Nwy,  
F Nwy S English F Bar-Stp, F Nth-Hol,  
A Yoi-Edi, A Sil-Mun, F Tun S F Tys-Ion,  
A Pie S A Tyr-Ven, A Tyr-Ven, A Mun-Kie,  
F Tys-Ion

**G (Dorneman):** (retreat F Den-Bal) A Ber-Pru,  
F Bal S French A Mun-Kie, A Ven-Tri,  
A Gal-War

**T (Wilson):** A Lvn-War, F Bla C A Con-Rum,  
A Stp S English F Stp-Nwy, A Ser S F Gre-Alb,  
F Adr S A Tri-Ven, A Boh S A Vie-Tyr,  
A Vie-Tyr, A Tri-Ven, F Gre-Alb, F Aeg-Ion,  
F Eme S F Aeg-Ion, A Con-Rum



Underlined moves do not succeed. The French F Alb is blown to bits. The German A Ven can retreat to Tus, Rom or the box.

France proposes a concession to France and a draw. However, the German player has elected not to retreat to Rome, giving France it's eighteenth dot. Hey, the Froggies win it! Thanks to you all for a really interesting game, and to Stephen for getting back to me so promptly with that one last retreat. If any of you have endgame-type statements, I'll be glad to print them in the next issue along with the game-end stats. Care to tell us how you did it, Ernest?

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**gained/lost**

**E:** nwy, swe, stp, den (2)

**F:** home, spa, por, tun, rom, bel, nap, lpl, ber, lon, hol, mun, nwy, edi, ven, kie (18) wins!

**G:** edi, ven, kie, den (0)

**T:** home, bul, sev, rum, ser, war, mos, bud, tri, vie, gre, stp (14)

**PARIS to ROCKVILLE:** Is it over? I'm almost afraid to look.

**ROCKVILLE:** What is there to be afraid of?

**PARIS to GERMAN FIELD TROOPS:** If this didn't work, feel free to occupy Rome in order to support further operations; if it did, then as agreed you may turn in your weapons and resettle your homeland under the benign guardianship of Le Grande Duke.

**PARIS to ENGLAND AND TURKEY:** Thanks for spirited and enjoyable opposition!

**STATE COLLEGE:** Maryland? Maryland *ever* beat Penn State? No, not in the 21st century, not in the 22nd — never! We like our turtle soup too much.

**JOE PATERNO:** Maryland? Maryhaha...Maryhaha...oh, God, I can't stop laughing...hahahaha...

**ROCKVILLE:** You weren't so hot yourself, this year, Joe.

**CON to PARIS:** I've botched up enough for you to win this ten times over.



## CINQUE Fall 03

**A (Maynard):** A Alb H, A Rom H

**E (McHugh):** A Kie S F Ska-Den, F Wme-Tun,  
F Gol S F Tys, F Tys S F Wme-Tun,  
F Eng-Nth, F Ska-Den, F Nao-Nws,  
A Ruh S French A Bur-Mun, F Nth-Nwy

**F (Sargent):** A Por-Spa, A Mar S A Por-Spa,  
F Spa(sc)-Wme, A Bur-Bel

**I (Swider):** A Ven-Rom, F Ion-Nap, F Adr-Ven

**R (Pribe):** A Tyr-Mun, F Den-Kie, F Eme-Ion,  
A Vie S A Tri, A Ber S F Den-Kie,  
F Aeg S A Gre, A Tri H, F Con-Bul(sc),  
A Boh S A Tyr-Mun, A Fin-Nwy, A Gre H,  
A Ser S A Tri, A Stp S A Fin-Nwy,  
A Mun-Ruh, A Smy H, A Sil S A Tyr-Mun

Underlined moves do not succeed. The English A Kie retreats to Hol or the box. But what difference does it really make?

And you know what? The concession to England failed too. Then again, so what?

**gained/lost**

**A:** gre, rom (1)

**E:** home, nwy, bel, hol, kie, mun, bre, tun, den (7)

**F:** par, mar, por, spa, bel (5)

**I:** nap, tun, ven (2)

**R:** home, rum, swe, den, ber, bul, bud, ank, con, tri, vie, smy, ser, gre, nwy, kie, mun (19) wins!

**MCHUGH to EMMERT:** Yeah, I can be had. Like at Clonecon I believed you, a shyster, I mean, lawyer!

**MCHUGH to EMMERT, PART II:** Sorry Dick already used that excuse, you toady — right, Dick?

**ENG to FRA:** Don't be mad — only attacked you because I thought you would NMR. Dick promised me all the Frogs would — shows you what this hobby is coming to!

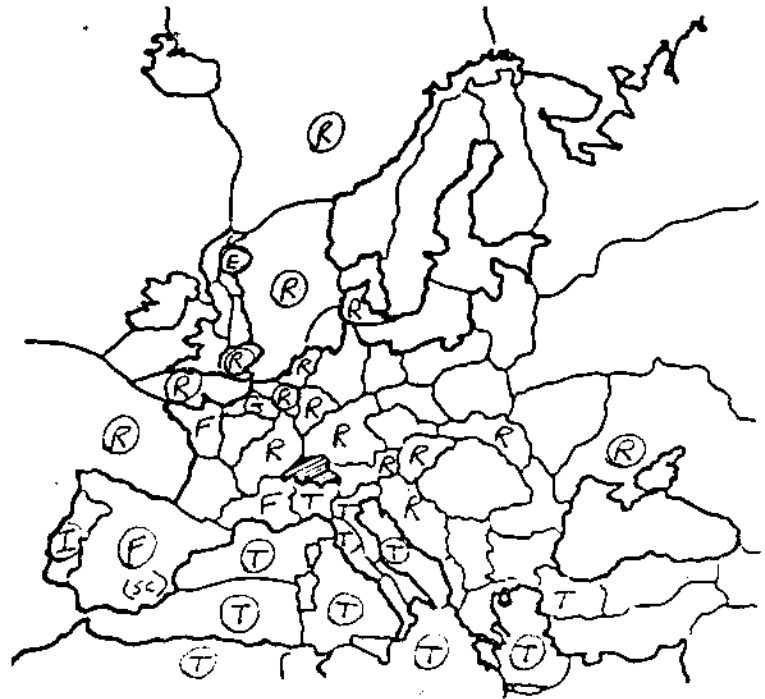
**ROCKVILLE:** Well, Jack, if your check hadn't bounced the story might have had a different ending.

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**AUSTRIA to DELBARTON, WV:** Maw, them Robles over Logan county way dun lyed to me and sezs he would finish this game. Tell Paw to holler for the clan. Wez a feudin.

# NOTORIOUS Fall 07

- E (Rothchild):** F Edi H  
**F (Huffman):** A Bre H, F Mao S A Bre,  
 F Spa(sc) S A Mar, A Mar S F Spa  
**G (Milewski):** A Pic-Bre  
**I (Rush):** F Por S Russian F Nao-Mao  
**R (Cronin):** A Mun S A Boh-Tyr,  
 F Den-Nth, A Tyr-Tri, A Ruh S A Bur,  
A Bur S German A Pic-Par, F Nth-Eng,  
F Bel-Pic, A Swe-Den, A Hol-Bel,  
 F Wal-Lon, F Sev H, A Ukr-Gal,  
 F Nao-Mao, A Boh-Tyr, A Gal-Vie,  
 F Nwy-Nws  
**T (Senturia?):** NMR A Pie, A Ven, F Adr,  
 A Tus, F Gol, F Wme, F Naf, F Tys,  
 A Con, F Ion, F Aeg all hold



Underlined moves do not succeed. France can retreat that F Mao to Gas, Iri, or the box, for what that's worth.

With these moves, Russia grabs its eighteenth dot and wins it all. Congratulations to Larry Cronin on a well-played game. Any end of game comments that anyone would like to make will be printed in the next issue with the complete supply center chart. So if you've got anything to say, do it now or forever hold your peace.

## gained/lost

- E:** edi (1)  
**F:** mar, bre, spa, lon (3)  
**G:** par (1)  
**I:** por (1)  
**R:** home, nwy, swe, rum, bud, vie, den, ber, mun, kie, hol, bel, lpl, lon, tri (18) wins!  
**T:** home, gre, bul, ser, tri, nap, ven, rom, tun (11)

**NAIROBI:** Jumbo Peoples! Rastatsar brush up on he Swahili these days. It been donkey years, but now I-man back in Africa. I man Mzee Rastatsar see shrines to Kenyatta, Selassie, Nkrumah.... Now say I, Rastatsar must be become man for all people too and take his rightful place. I-man move Wales->Lon and Tyrolia to Trieste to shorten zeen. No? I salute monarchs in Scotland, Portugal, and Paris. Nize places! Seen?

King Rothchild show me wise, not mess with Scotsmen. David Livingstone was Scotsman. Hee too die in Africa and live in eternal fame. I seen Hadrian's wall and know no man can invade Scotland and live to be happy. I respect Scotland, after I lose my only battle there. Caesar in Old Rome, I in New Rome. Babylon go bust.

Kaiser Milewski lives as he should in an eternally safeguarded Paris. Most beautiful city in world.

Regis Rush enjoys his proud kingdom. Portugese discover East Africa so the white man says.

Monsieur Huffman, need I say more? I hope I pull plug to show mercy. Perhaps you are still afforded some piece. My mercy to you for removing units as you did. May you rest in piece.

All Hail Sultan Senturia. Now Rastatsar, too become Muslim and unite his peoples with Senturians. Lest anyone suspect foul play, I have several promises from the Sultan giving me Trieste. I left it as His land route west, but alas He need it no longer. Perhaps He has blocked my rashness as was His prerogative. As Milewski may say, "C'est la vie." Beware Monsieur Huffman, the grim reaper.

I-man now take self name to transcend game. All calleth I-man now *Buffalo Soldier*. Taken from Africa, sent to America. Fighting on arrival. Fighting for survival. *Aye-yi-yi, aye-yi-yi-yi...kabisa!*

**ITALY to TURKEY:** I haven't heard any "Italy bashing" lately. What's the matter???

**ITALY to RUSSIA:** I do appreciate the help but do me a favor: stab Turkey, badly.

**ROCKVILLE:** Sorry, looks like the Rastatsar stabbed well, instead.

And there we have it: three wins in the same issue. Very impressive, especially with two Russian wins this issue, one last time, and perhaps one more in the near future. Hey, Russia's on a roll. Then again, I'd say that Ernest, Andy and Larry all played well enough to win with any country, so don't get it into your pretty little head that Dip isn't a balanced game. After all, these Russian wins probably only pull it into a tie with Italy as the winningest country in this zeen, and Italy's not renowned as an easy country to win with...unless you happen to be Kathy.

# R22 Endgame - Jimi

**Zeen:** Retal

**GM:** Dick Martin

## The Players...

**A:** Nhan Vu

**E:** Al Morrow (drop S05), Scott Beckett

**F:** Tom Plachta (drop F06), Mark Weseman

**G:** Tommy Bruce (res S03), Phil Geusz (out 05)

**I:** Cory Miller (out 03)

**R:** Mike Ours (res S02), Melinda Holley (win 07)

**T:** Michael Boyd (out 04)

## ...And Their Strengths

|          | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04    | 05    | 06    | 07 |       |
|----------|----|----|----|-------|-------|-------|----|-------|
| <b>A</b> | 5  | 6  | 8  | 10    | 10    | 11    | 10 |       |
| <b>E</b> | 4  | 4  | 3  | 3     | 3     | 3     | 1  |       |
| <b>F</b> | 5  | 5  | 8  | 8     | 8     | 6     | 4  |       |
| <b>G</b> | 5  | 5  | 3  | 1     | 0     | _____ |    |       |
| <b>I</b> | 3  | 3  | 0  | _____ |       |       |    |       |
| <b>R</b> | 6  | 9  | 11 | 12    | 13    | 14    | 19 | Wins! |
| <b>T</b> | 4  | 2  | 1  | 0     | _____ |       |    |       |

(Phil Geusz, Germany) There was a game. It ended. [That's what I like: succinct. -dm]

(Nhan Vu, Austria) I guess I should be mad at Melinda, but I'm not. The way she set me up was quite professional. No excuses either. I knew about her reputation. Anyways, to the game.

As soon as the game began, I got in touch with France and Russia and talked to them about an RAF alliance. They were enthusiastic about it and we got it together. We set up bogus alliances with other countries and set out to conquer the world.

The other countries were disorganized and RAF made really good progress without anyone really pointing out what was happening. Then, Russia resigned (or NMRed). France and I were really worried, but the new Russia, Melinda, agreed to continue the RAF (which France was now gleefully calling ARF!).

I think it was at this point that the most disturbing thing happened. France just stopped writing to me. Before this, we had gotten along really well. I sent him some letters but when he didn't reply, I gave up. He was still sending in orders, but since these orders weren't anti-Austria, I told Melinda that I still wanted to include him in the three way win.

A few months later, he stabbed me. I still don't know why because it was an ill-timed stab. I had been building up a lot of forces in the Mediterranean and it was easy for me to roll back his forces.

Things went on like this for several turns. Then, last turn, I noticed a lot of hostile moves by Melinda. I sent her a letter and she explained that the new France had made her paranoid of me and that she was moving her units back. I was gullible enough to believe her. When she had first come into the game, I was very wary of Melinda, but as time went on and she didn't do anything I began to trust her. My mistake.

Still, I have a few questions. I'm still wondering what happened to the old France (Tom Plachta). Also, if the new France knew that Melinda was planning to stab me, why didn't he warn me? Was he already committed to the Russian win? Finally, I'm wondering why Melinda stabbed me? Was it because she couldn't wait? Was it because I left myself open? Was it because she was too close and she couldn't resist? Maybe a combination of these things?

Oh well, so ends another game. I'd like to thank Dick for a well GMed game and Melinda for giving me some Dip experience, the hard way. I'm sorry if my memory is rusty, but this game started almost two years ago and I don't have many records.

(Melinda Holley, Russia) As this is only my second postal win, I'm still feeling the heady rush of victory. This was a dream game where I had a good, solid and faithful ally in Nhan Vu — who also stood between me and the rest of the board. So, naturally, I rewarded him with a stab. Seriously, Nhan was such a perfect ally that I really hated to stab him. So I left it up to chance. If the W06/S07 seasons were separated, I would stick with Nhan for a two-way AR draw. If the seasons were combined, I would stab. The rest is history. Thanks to Scott for his help. Thanks again to Nhan and my apologies for the stab. Thanks, Dick, for a super game.

(Dick Martin, GM) Mike Ours got Russia off to a good start, put the stab of Turkey into motion and then resigned citing lack of time. From then on, it was clear sailing for the Russians, as no opposition formed to the ARF alliance. Melinda was left in an ideal position to stab for the win and went for it.

I can shed some light on the missing Plachta mystery. Tom was evidently forced out of his position as an assistant prosecutor due to a personality conflict, and went into private legal practice. As you may guess, that ended up taking all his time, and caused him to drop from the game.

Gee, shoved back into obscurity in my own zeen. Truth to tell, the price is a small one to pay to finish a couple of these games. I'm a little bit surprised that they all seem to be ending at once, but not terribly so. And hey, better to get some easy stuff onto the first page for a change, instead of blathering on for my usual page or two right at the start. Yes?

Guess I'm back from my latest unannounced vacation from Diplomacy. It was very nice, thanks, but not something to get used to. Once the zeen is put off a little bit, it gets progressively easier to put it off some more. Pretty soon that can become habit forming, and that would not be a Good Thing at this point in time. Just Say No to just saying no!

In fact, this June will be the tenth anniversary of this little zeen. How about that? Sure doesn't seem like it's been such a long time. Hopefully that'll be issue #128! Wanna do something special? I might print some of the funnier old articles (some of which you new folks might not fully understand, oh well), and would like to have a lot of good, new stuff to go along with them. So how's about putting computer to paper and throwing something together for us? It's time to start turning away from the warehouse, game-heavy issues of the past few years toward more reading material anyway. Personally, I prefer humor or light fiction (or both, if you can swing it). Julie loves satire (you can tell, if you've ever read her zeen, *House of Lords*). Whatever happens, I'd love to see the press stay as good as it has been, as we try to turn the clock back to the *Retal* of 1980/81 (but smaller!).

There is a definite movement toward putting out kinder, gentler zeens. Tom Swider's *Comrades in Arms* is one such zeen, and a fine example of what kindness, gentleness, and a pentagram can do for

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*In fact, I prefer that new players use this method for the first game here (at least).*

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*Trust me.*

*RSVP*

you. Easily the best variant zeen going, and lots of fun even if you're not a big fan of variants.

Though I don't say it much, the zeen you are presently reading is certainly a pentagram publication. Please boycott non-pentagram zeens — you can never tell where they've been, or what they've been up to.

Well, despite my initial fears, Maryland won't be shut out in the ACC this year. They've already beaten Clemson, and still have a home game with Wake Forest to look forward to. Two wins...at least it beats the 0-14 of two years ago. My guess is that this is Bob Wade's last year of coaching at Maryland, unless they somehow win the ACC tournament (and since Duke just blew them away by 26 points, that's not real likely). Won't be sorry to see him go. He can't coach, the players can't learn anything from him...he's a football coach at heart. And we'll see how many players defect this summer for real programs.

But we still go to all the home games anyway. And talk about trendy, the halftime music is usually by New Order. Sorry Bob, you're going to have to pick a new band. New Order is far too popular to deserve your adoration.

[Some time later...here I am in the middle of the NCAA tournament, deciding whether or not to cut out all the stuff above. Nah, what's writ is writ. Things have changed somewhat of course, in the meantime. Maryland managed to go 1-13 in the ACC this year after all, with the only bright spot a sound thrashing of NC State in the first round of the ACC tournament (first time an eight seeded team has ever won a tournament game). And Wade is under thorough investigation by the NCAA and Maryland for violations regarding Rudy Archer. I still think he'll be gone by next year, but this time it'll be for violating NCAA rules, meaning that Maryland won't have to pay two coaches not to coach (they'll still be paying Lefty for a couple more years). We shall see. I expect Maryland to finish at about the middle of the league next year. They've got good young talent, a good recruit or two, and hopefully a good new coach.

Not that Wade is a bad person, mind you, just a coach in way over his head.

I'm really disturbed by all the state-run lotteries these days. Whatever happened to the work ethic? Now even our state governments are promoting get-rich quick schemes, and really pushing hard with the advertising. What's more, the commercials are uniformly stupid (the ones that aren't just offensive, anyway). Can legalized drugs and prostitution really be so far away?

Of course, the drug dealers won't stand still for

legalization. Are you kidding? Then they'd have to go legitimate, and that would really cramp their style. How can you compete in the drug biz if killing off your competitors isn't a viable option?

And that's something they're doing all too often in DC these days — better than a murder a day in 1988, and even more than that so far this year. Usually it's just the drug dealers killing each other off (and who's really against that, right?), but the occasional innocent bystander gets offed from time to time.

Meanwhile, Mayor For Life Marion Barry is hanging out with drug dealers in his spare time. Almost caught in the middle of a raid (the cops called it off when they found out that the mayor would have been hauled in), Barry is now blaming his latest woes on the police force. Claims he was set up. Yeah, right. It's incredible what that guy can get away with.

But the latest has him as a secret partner with a prominent DC developer in a real estate deal in Nantucket. Squirm, Marion, squirm, I think you've just about run out of your nine lives.

Speaking of criminals...they finally cooked Ted Bundy. Should have done it a long time ago.

I hear that the authorities have put out a special warning to airlines: watch out for portable radio/tape players, as they tend to be a favorite hiding place for bombs. Guess that adds new meaning to the term "boom box."

Gee, they say the IRA ambushed another British patrol in Northern Ireland. Happy St Patrick's Day! If I didn't know better, I'd say that Northern Ireland was almost as dangerous as...oh...Washington, DC. But they don't mind if you're a heavy drinker in Northern Ireland.

Who says it never snows down here? We built a snowman this winter that lasted over a week. Not bad, for living in the deep south.

The mail service has been pretty spotty lately. Hardly a day goes by that we don't get something addressed to the neighbors. The USP"S" must figure that we get enough stuff ordinarily that the rest really belongs to us too. Funny thing is, with all the unforwarded mail that we get for the previous owners of this house (yes, fifteen months after they moved out), I have yet to get something that was sent to our old address by mistake and then forwarded on. Oh, I get it, nobody ever mis-addressed mail to us....

The Postal "Service" seemed to have some real problems delivering #124. Some were mutilated, some were delayed, and some just didn't get through at all. It takes real teamwork to mess up an issue completely, you know.

And if the mail's not bad enough, we're still getting calls for the people who used to have this phone number. The best went something along the lines of a big black-sounding guy saying, "Tutu! I don't like this machine, Tutu!" Whew.

After a brief absence, Zippy is back in the Post! There were a bunch of complaints about how stupid Zippy was, but it was clear that these folks just didn't get the jokes (when there actually were jokes, that is). The outcry to get the Zipster back was very gratifying. Surprised me, considering that the readership seems to consider Bloom County as some outrageous, subversive rantings.

The software companies have been busy lately churning out new versions of many of the programs used to put this together. Suitcase II, WriteNow II, Macwrite 5.0, Macdraw II, ReadySetGo 4.5, Superpaint II...seems like everything has to have a "II" attached to it. Got to give credit though, these are some really good programs. Most of this guy is put together in WriteNow, then sucked into ReadySetGo for the final page layout. Seems to work for us.

The copier never ceases to be a source of adventure. This time it's the paper trays: finally found out that we'd been using the wrong tray all this time. Or at least using the right tray in the wrong way, which fed the paper in the wrong way, causing uneven wear on the rollers. Or something like that. Hey, what do I look like, a copier repairman? Simple fix was to switch a magnet in the paper tray to fool it into thinking it was the other kind of tray. Very clever, these Japanese. Afraid the copier is starting to show some signs of wear though, and it may be time for some serious maintenance. Not to worry, we'll do it at the most inconvenient time possible.

Featured plug this time (besides for Tom Swider and pentagram publications in general above) is Garret Schenck's *Upstart*. A good new zeen, featuring naval trivia, a nice look, and promptness. And as long as I'm at this plug stuff, Phil Reynolds's *Dipadeedoodah!* is another good looking new zeen. Both have openings and are worth at least checking out.

Why is it that so many songs feature "big legged wimmens"? What is the attraction, there? Guess it has a nice ring to it....

Next time promises some baseball not-quite-previews - I've been told these are "not a bonehead view of our national pastime." Hey, I'm all for it! My early prediction is that the Orioles will not finish last in the AL East. You heard it here first, remember that (unless they manage to finish last). But the Mets will end the year in their rightful place as World Champeens. Yah.

## Ask Dr Dicko

**Q:** Is Maryland tough enough to make it to their Regional Quarterfinal (NCAA top 32)? Or have the Terrapins rolled over and died yet?

**A:** Not only can Maryland make it to the top 32, I think there's an excellent chance that they'll go all the way to number 1. Oh, I guess you meant the men. No, they're dead as doornails. The women's team is pretty incredible, though. Unfortunately, they only were able to draw 3,000 fans to Cole Field House for a tournament game.

**Q:** Why should I pay you \$1 for an incomplete list of Dippers when KP is doing a Hobby Census? or is he?

**A:** If you'd like to wait another fifty years or so for Pesky Kenny to finish his census, feel free. I'm the census guy now (again), so if you want an incomplete list or otherwise, send me a buck. Course you all are spoiled by my printing the addresses each issue, so this isn't really too vital for you.

**Q:** Dear Doc Dicko, I was told the Runestone Poll had accurate results — yet the third best GM (Kathy Caruso) in the country has been declared as "dishonest and unethical" by Mister Linsey. Is his poll lying or is he? I'm confused. —Sign me, "Honest Abe's" pal.

**A:** Your confusion is understandable, as we mere mortals were never meant to understand the logic of things Runestonian. Oh, I am certain that Mister Linsey is telling the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. He always does, and will gladly tell you so if you care to ask. Perhaps this is just a mistake. Or a quiet little plot to discredit the poll by having the best people finish highest. You never can tell who to trust. Watch your back.

**Q:** Are any Clonecon plans in place yet? While the odds are against my being able to attend, the way car sales are going I could end up with lots of free time this summer....

**A:** If you can escape from your Saturn orbit, plans are to have clonecon here the first weekend in June. Let's make it a regular date! You know the way now: hang a right at Delaware and you're here in no-time. Check all weapons at the door (see, we Eastern Liberals have an easy way to get the guns away from the Midwestern Conservatives — why miss sleep over it?).

**Q:** What's your recommendation on CD players? Got any good brands to recommend — a friend of mine recommended Sony.

**A:** And a good friend he is indeed. I've been very pleased with my Sony five-disc changer (model cdp-c50), with remote control, random play

(though I don't use this very much), and 3" CD capability (*never* use that one). It cost me less than the turntable I almost never use anymore. But any CD player will sound great, so just get the cheapest one you can find with the features you like.

**Q:** Do you know a character named "FW Arndt"? The handwriting reminds me of a cross between Curtis Gibson and my own grandfather; I've never heard of him/her until I got a sample request this week.

**A:** Nope, never heard of FW Arndt before. The notion of Curtis Gibson crossed with anything is enough to give me chills. [Q: what do you get when you cross Curtis Gibson with a monkey. A: nothing, no monkey is that desperate.]

**Q:** I know it is massively early for me to mention it, but have you heard anything on Origins yet?

**A:** It's not massively early anymore! All I know is that it's scheduled for late summer in LA. Latest word on Atlanticon is that it's back on again, though I couldn't tell you when or where besides PA or MD in the summertime. I can be so helpful when I want to. If I hear more, I'll run that info next issue. Which had better come out before summer!

## Ask Nurse Phil

**Q:** Hi, Phil! I'm a high school student and a big fan of yours, so I was hoping you could give me some advice regarding the choice of a career. Like most Dip players, I'm fairly bright. I enjoy class, crossword puzzles, reading and wargaming. I really don't feel like I have any mission in life or a vocation or anything like that. I'm just looking for a field that I can enjoy. Any ideas?

**A:** Generally, it seems that you like doing things that require concentration. Have you considered seeking employment in the frozen orange juice industry?

**Q:** Phil, you're a blue collar worker. Yet, most Dip players seem to be white collar types. Do you see any real difference in the attitudes or politics of the two groups?

**A:** The biggest difference I see is that I spend a lot less on laundry detergent.

**Q:** I won a 1986 Buick Park Avenue. It's been really good to me until recently, when it began to get to be hard to start. I know you build this model for a living, so you should be able to give me some ideas, right?

**A:** I keep telling you people, I work in paint. If it's still shiny, I've done my part. However, I have watched our Final Process workers starting balky

Parks, so maybe I can offer a few hints.

First, turn the radio up as loud as it will go, and select your choice of a country-western, soul, or acid rock station. Then, violently pump the accelerator twenty or thirty times. Continue pumping, and crank the engine. If it fails to start the first time, criticize its ancestry and personal habits, and try again. On this attempt, crank the engine for at least three minutes without stopping. If this second try fails, invoke the Lord's name and leave it for day shift.

**Q:** In a science class at my junior high school recently, I saw a demonstration of how blue, yellow and red light can be mixed to make white. Yet, when I try this at home with paint I get a brownish-black mess. How come?

**A:** You came to the right person as I've been working with paint daily for years. Your problem is that you are working with too small an area — probably just a piece of paper. Your teacher used a great big projector screen, didn't he? You see, you need to be able to stand 'way back to get the effect, even more so with paint than with light. Try using an outside wall of your home. If it doesn't work at first, just keep painting a bigger area.

**Q:** As I get older, dark spots are appearing on the backs of my hands and my arms. I am very conscious of my appearance and these spots are distressing to me. What can I do?

**A:** Another question in my area of expertise! What you have is called "pigment separation." It is often seen in older material, and results from a shortage of thinner. Try drinking a large glass of turpentine daily.

**Q:** You seem to be awfully anti-religious in this column, Phil. Are you a materialist?

**A:** No. In fact, I consider straight materialism to be the *least* likely explanation for the universe as we know it. Pick up a small object and move it a few inches. Now, consider what caused the object to move. Ultimately, after you chase through a long series of nerve impulses and oxidized sugars, the object moved because you *willed* it to move. When materialism can explain the force of the human will, or even explain how we came to exist as self-aware viewpoints, then I'll become a materialist. For now, I'm doing just fine belittling everyone else, thank you, and watching them squirm.

Denominationally speaking, I guess that makes me a Sadist.

**Q:** A little boy in the apartment next door to mine got a drum for Christmas. Since I work nightly, my problem is obvious. He's just a little kid — I don't want to shoot him or anything like that. How would you deal with this problem?

**A:** Give him a knife as a late present, and ask him if he knows what's inside the drum.

**Q:** Another fishing question, if you please. I have been told that the lowly carp, properly prepared, can be quite delicious. Do you know anything about this?

**A:** I have heard that, too. A friend of mine claims that "board frying" is the best way to go with Mississippi River carp. According to him, you clean the fish as you would any other, butterfly it onto a sheet of plywood, and let it simmer next to an open fire for four to six hours. Then you remove the fish and eat the board. Season to taste.

**Q:** How do you pronounce your last name? And of what nationality are you?

**A:** "Smith." I am half-German, much of the rest is Indian. If it's good enough for Rambo, it's good enough for me....

**Q:** What do Willie Mosconi, Carl Rowan, and Minnesota Fats have in common?

**A:** All are famous pool shooters.

**Q:** I have a firearms question for you. Practically speaking, what is the difference between a handgun and a rifle?

**A:** Ten minutes and a hacksaw.

**Q:** I am a fifteen year old boy, and my best friend has been telling me about something so kinky I can't get it out of my head. First, he says, you dress in nothing but panties and nylons. Then you go up into the attic and throw a noose over a rafter. Next, stand on a chair under the rafter, put your head in the noose and grasp the free end of the rope firmly. Then you kick away the chair. Just before you lose consciousness, my friend claims, you experience the ultimate sexual high. Then you fall to the floor, as your body weight pulls the rope clear.

Do you think this is a good idea?

**A:** I beg your pardon, but it seems to me that you think of yourself as quite a wit. Problem is, you're only half right.

**Q:** At a ranch near my home, they raise quarter-horses. What are the other three quarters?

**A:** Chemical additives. This is another example of how modern bio-technology is being put to work for the benefit of today's rancher.

**Q:** I recently started fertilizing my garden naturally. Last week I ordered a bag of pig manure to try on my cucumbers, but the invoice got screwed up and someone showed up in a semi yesterday. Despite my protests, the driver insisted on making the delivery — "It's a long, long way back to Missouri," he said, "with twenty tons of this stuff for company." Have you got any experience in dealing with fertilizer, Phil? I mean, the neighbors were al-



ready out complaining while it was coming off the truck, and, well, hot weather's on its way....

A: Sounds to me like you're in deep shit, pal! My only experience with organic fertilizer comes from reading "The Adventures of Next of Kin." However, at least you ought to get some *giant* cucumbers for all your trouble.

Q: Please tell me whether my two problems are connected and, if not, how to cure them. Thank you, dear. One is that I continually overcommit myself and then some important activity falls by the wayside —eg, recently I ended up NMRing out of 20-30 games (I lost count) when for three months I didn't even have time to read my dipzeens and open my dipmail, never mind respond to them (kind of the convers of an ungraceful fold by a zeen). The other is that I have an obsessive need to play with wives named Julie (only family games of course (I mean non-"adult" games (oh, dear, I'm not exactly sure what I *do* mean))). Can you help me? Please? —The Man without a (Dip) Country

A: Obviously, somewhere deep in the contorted inner recesses of your being, you have confused the issues of sexuality and wargaming. Probably you began wargaming during adoloescence, at the same time as your early sexual experiences were molding your desires for life. This is clearly revealed by your prediliction for Julies, whose names were derived from that idol of all wargamers, Julius Caesar.

If I were you I wouldn't mess with the situation, since the sexual analogue of such a degree of overcommitment followed by massive NMRs would be an impotent nymphomaniac. Probably, you're better off confused. Or else, you could have a sex-change operation and start over with a clean slate — you seem a bit confused in that area, as well.

One other thing you may want to consider is that it is patently impossible to NMR out of a game in *Retal* in a mere three months....

[Hey! I resemble that remark! And I would like to point out that ole Julie Caesar lost one of the first dip games on record, succumbing to a vicious stab or seven. -dm]

Q: I just got done browsing through a book of sports records, and I must say it amazed me. For years, decades, and even centuries in some events mankind has been trying to set new standards for himself. Do you think that someday this will end? I mean, don't you think that sometime soon we will reach the ultimate limits of the human body?

A: I think that we have not yet even begun to touch the possibilities though I will admit that some feats of dexterity and strength have stood un-

matched for centuries now. For example, just yesterday I was walking past a Bible study group during lunch break at work, and overheard one of them quoting Exodus. "Moses then tied his ass to a tree, and walked ten miles into the desert," he said. Let's see some Eastern-bloc super-athlete top *that* one.

Q: Is endless love truly possible in an imperfect world?

A: Certainly. All you have to do is get Stevie Wonder to take on Ray Charles in a friendly tennis match.

Q: I'm trying to select a new automobile, Phil, and you're the best expert on the subject I know. I really want a Cadillac, but all I can afford is an Olds 98 or Buick Park Avenue like you build for a living. I mean, really, the Olds or Buick will take care of my immediate needs and then some, but there's just something about a Caddy that makes my pulse race a little faster. It's a matter of tradition, crace, and power that I sorely desire. But no matter how I try, I just can't afford a Cadillac. What do I do?

A: You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometime you just might find you get what you need.

Q: Hey, Phil! For my term paper in my "working world" class, I have to write about the most stressful job in America. What do you think that is?

A: Being a bank teller in Alaska. *Everyone* who comes in is wearing a ski mask.

Q: I am a parenthesis addict (not that parenthesis are all bad of course; some are quite useful (though distracting (in the sense, of course, that any interruption in one's immediate line of thinking is distracting (excepting of course cases where extrapolation is required to elucidate (that means "shed light on") difficult concepts or language contained in the original thought))). Do you catch my drift (meaning "general idea")?

A: I don't see where excessive parenthesizing is a problem — in fact, it is probably a sign of superior mental ability. People like yourself often are capable of independent thought processes on several mental levels simultaneously. THE difficulty lies in keeping track of what floor you're on....

Q: Do Missourians consider themselves Easterners or Westerners?

A: Hell, we couldn't make up our minds, between North and South during the Civil War — why would you think things have improved since then? We remain very confused on the East-West issue. St Louis's motto, for example, is "Gateway to the West." Not very revealing, is it? Culturally, we remain a mixture of East and West as well — in heavy traffic we're always vacillating between

honking our horns while shouting profanity or shooting someone. I think we're waiting for someone to show us.

**Q:** A friend told me that autoworkers get several small breaks, instead of one large one everyday. Why is this?

**A:** They don't want to have to retrain us.

**Q:** Also, while I'm on the subject of your job, I'd like you to get some advice from the UAW for me. I moonlight as a security guard, and often work a total of sixteen hours a day or more. As a result, I sometimes fall asleep on both of my jobs, and I am getting into some severe hot water with both of my employers. Since I have no union representation, I could easily be fired for this, and I really need the money to feed my family. Do your union people have any suggestions or strategies for me?

**A:** Do you snore? If not, the shop steward who works on my team suggests that when your boss wakes you up, look him dead in the eye and say "Amen."

**Q:** What happens when a Congressman dies in office?

**A:** This cannot occur. While making themselves exempt from things like ethics and Equal Opportunity laws, our clear-thinking leaders granted themselves immunity in this area, as well.

## A Brief Word From Our Sponsor

Let's talk about something near and dear to all of our hearts, shall we? You know what I mean: game openings. Our reason for living. What makes us tick. Gives us reason for getting out of bed in the morning. Yeah, well, you get the idea.

My plan at the moment is not to have any more regular openings for the foreseeable future, maybe even until next year. Particularly if I can't run the current ones any better than I have recently. But rather than just say no, entirely out of the question, dip openings are kaput...nah, I could never do that.

Instead, as a compromise, I'll open a section of anarchy, a dip variant. Naturally, the "life of the position" subscription deal is in effect here (hint).

Anarchy is the simplest way I can think of to keep the most players happy while still keeping game starts down to a minimum. Anarchy is played just like regular dip, on a regular map, with regular pieces (hopefully wooden blocks, but if you've got the plastic stars'n'anchors you have my sympathy), with most of the regular rules. The two important exceptions are:

## Game Openings

*Me*

Regular Dip: Standbys Only  
Gunboat Dip: Standbys Only  
Anarchy: 34 openings!

*Mike Scott*

Kingmaker: Heck  
Civilization: Squibb

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1) You can build in any vacant center that you own.

2) Each player starts with a certain number of randomly assigned centers, and can build the unit of choice in that center in Winter 00. For 18-34 players, each is assigned 1 center. For 12-17 players, each is assigned 2 centers. For less than 12 players, each gets 3 centers.

So why not sign up now? I'd love to have a full 34 player game going, that'd really be something! I know it's a variant, but give it a try. I've played Anarchy before, and it's a fun one. Not just "the same old game over and over and over...." You'll have plenty of opportunity to tune up on your diplomatic skills and write some press.

Or you can wait for Larry Cronin's economic variant game which he plans to run now that he's settled down in beautiful Tucson. Sure, Larry, you know you wanted to give it a try...only it's too bad you can't play too.... Better wait for confirmation from the Gypsy Dipper before we start taking firm reservations on this one, though.

Meanwhile, Mike Scott still has Kingmaker and Civilization openings. The first Civ game is well on its way, having completed five turns already. The lists of players in the new games shown above are certainly incomplete, and both games are probably closer to starting than they look. For instance, I think Brad Wilson has signed up for the KM game, but can't find anything anywhere. Are you, Brad? If you're interested (or anyone else, for that matter), drop Mike a line, he'd love to get these two games up and running before the openings get stale.

My records here are lousy, sorry.

# MUTILATED GOPHER GUTS

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ALL THE NEWS OTHER DIP ZINES  
DON'T HAVE THE BALLS TO PRINT

## DICK MARTIN HOSPITALIZED

Dick Martin, editor of Retaliation, was hospitalized earlier this month after a routine physical examination. CAT scans revealed that Dick was clinically brain dead. Julie Martin, the real brains behind the Martin Klan, had suspected such for the past five years. Mistress Julie has announced plans to continue with the Martin Publishing Empire, with Dick remaining as the figurehead. Hobart Sacks announced the next day that he was declaring all the Retal games orphan, and he will place them where he damn well pleases. Complaining Retal readers were told by Hobart Sack 'tough titties'. When the MGG tried to reach Mistress Julie for a statement her press secretary revealed that she was last seen heading North packing a pistol.

## KARUSO'S INDICTED FOR INDECENCY

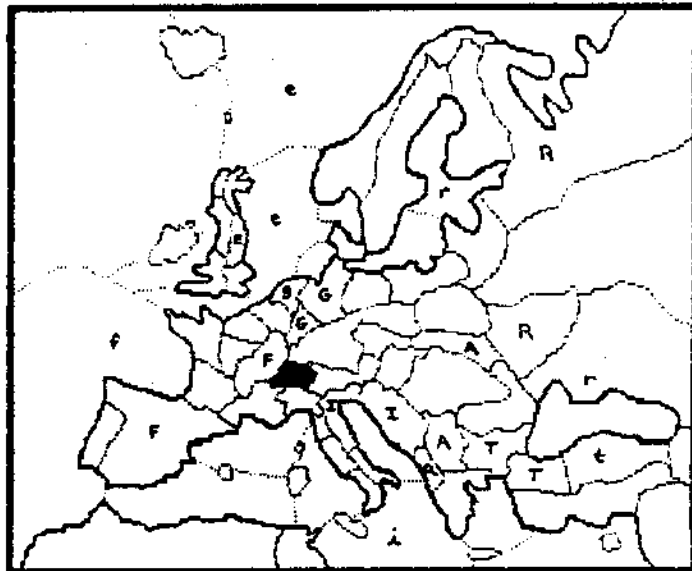
Cathy and John Karuso, editors of Cathy's Korner and other subversive publications, were indicted this week by the Flushing New York Grand Jury for publishing and playing diplomacy while in the nude. The DA's office claims they have pictures of this heinous activity with the Karuso's wearing only whipping cream on their genitals.

Hobart Sacks announced that, under the authority of being under the covenant, all the games in Cathy's Korner are now orphan games. When asked by whose authority he was taking such an action, he declared "by divine right as deity of the Dip Hobby".

## FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Bruce Gerbil, Stiff Lark, and Jeff Arse were found dead in a University of Chicago dorm room. Authorities revealed that the bodies were found face down, handcuffed with multiple stab wounds, and an average of seven small caliber bullet wounds to the back of the head. The coroner's office has ruled it a multiple suicide. MGG investigative reporters have uncovered stunning evidence hidden in the police records which reveals that numerous orifices on their bodies were stuffed with various Dip zines. Official reports still maintain that they apparently took their own reality check and were despondent when they found they were, as a group, spending more time on Dipdom than the persons they were ridiculing.

MGG interviewed the renown dipdom psychiatrist, Doctor Woody, as to his thoughts on this matter. Doctor Woody suggests that maybe some deranged dip publisher had finally had enough and did them in. Alternately, he suggested, that they finally discovered what little shits they actually were and did us all a favor and offed themselves.



## CROTCH ROT

**Austria** (Fuddpucker): Bud-Ser, Tri-Alb, Ven-Gal  
**England** (Tiddlewink): Lon-Nth, Edi-Nwg, Liv-Yor  
**France** (Sheethead): Mar-Spa, Par-Bur, Bre-Mat  
**Germany** (Dunkopf): Mun-Ruh, Kie-Hol, Ber-Kie  
**Italy** (Bizzbum): Ven-Tri, Nap-Ion, Rom-Ven  
**Russia** (Whoremonger): Stp-Got, Mos-Stp, War-Ukr, Sev-Bla  
**Turkey** (Ali Babble): Con-Bul, Ank-Bla, Sny-Con

**Italy-Austris:** Thank you for the use of your wife but ...  
**Austria-Italy:** That's OK, I got her from an AIDS ward anyway.  
**Germany-GM:** I got a letter from a guy called Lintseed who claims that I can't play unless I fill out some Gallstone Poll. He said he'd tell my mother that I was having sexual relations with a chicken. [better do it, he could also call your history professor and tell him that you're porking his wife]  
**Russia-Scum Socking Turk:** May the fleas of a thousand camels nest in your pubic hairs.

## NEXT MONTH

Melinda Holy - June 1989 Playboy Centerfold  
(see her here first)  
Doctor Woody Discusses - Is there really life after sex or is there only sex after death - an in depth analysis.  
Kathy Burns Dumps Hubby for Sleave Lawyer - Snob Enema  
the uncensored photo story  
Hobart Sack and Ram Walker ... Roommates at DIPCON!  
(fact or fantasy)

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## The Last of The Lists?

(Ted "Swizzle" Stick) Best imported liquor:

- 1) Cuervo 1800 Tequila
- 2) Bombay Gin
- 3) Burroughs' English Vodka
- 4) Yukon Jack Liqueur
- 5) Hootch from Vicki's bathtub

(Dr Dicko) Five Best Beers

- 1) Dos Equis

- 2) anything that's dark
- 3) anything that's not "lite"
- 4) pond water
- 5) "lite" beers

Five Favorite Movies

- 1) Wizard of Oz
- 2) Once Upon A Time In The West
- 3) Apocalypse Now
- 4) Star Wars
- 5) Clockwork Orange

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"Captain, isn't that Washington?"

"Uh, I...shut up!"

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# How to Play Postal Dip Like a Consummate Genius

by Mike Mazzer

## Chapter 2: How to Win as Austria, or, Dream On, Sucker!

There is a general misconception that Austria has very little chance of winning. This is not true. Austria has *no* chance of winning. If Russia, Turkey, and Italy all NMR in Fall '01, Austria might, with skilled guidance, achieve a four- or five-way draw. But don't bet on it. If you have Austria high on your preference list, then don't bother to read the rest of this article since you are clearly an airhead. If you have the misfortune to have drawn Austria, then this article intends to help you redirect your ambitions so as to make the best of a hopeless situation.

### Austrian Objectives

#### 1. Getting Even

One possible objective for Austria is to get revenge on someone who walked on you in the past. If that person is Italy, Turkey, Russia, or Germany, then one good strategy, for example, is to cede your centers to Italy and ally with Turkey against Russia. Or cede your centers to Russia and Turkey, and kamikaze against Italy. Or cede your centers to Russia, Italy, and Turkey, and go after Germany. (For example: Spring 01—Aus: A Vie-Boh, A Bud-Vie, F Tri H; Ita: A Ven-Tyo, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Ion; Rus: A War-Sil; followed by Fall 01—Aus: A Boh S Russian A Sil-Mun, A Vie-Sil, F Tri H (d/r OTB); Ita: A Tyo S A Ven-Tri, F Ion-Gre; Tur: A Bul-Ser. Austria builds A Vie in Winter 01.)

#### 2. Building an Image

Another possible objective, if you aren't sore at anyone (*ie*, you don't know anyone else in your game) is to use the situation to create a "nice guy" image. I did this myself in a recent game. As Austria, I got pretty well pulped (as usual) by Italy, Russia, and Turkey. France, who was even dumber than I, got stomped by Germany and England and soon found himself with one unit left in Pie. I had about two or three units left as Turkey was taking his sweet time about killing me, so I offered to support the French unit to Ven. It was purely for "image" effect since it had no bearing on the game. France thought I was a saint. He continually wrote

me telling me how "decent" I was, and how he fervently hoped to get in a game with me "under better circumstances." I told him I looked forward to it. If we ever do get in another game, I'll cut his liver out. (Unless, of course, I draw Austria.) In Diplomacy, you must always consider the next game.

#### 3. Propaganda Value

To the skilled press writer, Austria offers the greatest opportunity for playing to the gallery. Any Austria worth his salt should be able to wring tears of sympathy from players and spectators alike at his miserable demise. *One word of caution:* Occasionally, just occasionally, you will get Austria and have mental midgets as Russia, Turkey, and Italy, and Austria *might* be able to gain centers early. *Resist this temptation at all costs!* Remember, when you are Austria, victory is a mirage. Rapid growth only destroys your opportunity to reap propaganda benefit. And there is nothing more heartbreaking than watching an Austria surge to 10 in 1903 only to be reduced to 2 in 1904. For example, see Woody's Austria in *Voice of Doom* "Milky Way," or Bob Olsen's in 1979KW. To his credit, Bob learned from his early catastrophe and is now *the* consummate master as Austria. There is no one who can better milk sympathy while his Austria is being crushed like an insect. It is Bob Olsen who should be writing this chapter.

Next Installment: Chapter 3—England, A Feast for Dullards.

[Ah, how can anyone who has known him ever forget the Mazzerman? Most of us will always remember our multiple knife wounds to the back, delivered so cheerfully. Real service with a smile! Tell us, Bob, have you gotten over the nightmares yet?]

### A Simple Playlist (surprise!)

Wagner Overtures ★★★ on Black Pearl (but hard to beat at \$3.99)

Tchaikovsky, Symphony #6 ★★★★★ Vox Archive Series (a very nice recording)

Bach, Brandenburgische Konzerte 1-2-3

★★★★★ on Archiv (the first three Brandenburgs)

Beethoven, Symphony #9 ★★★★★ on EMI

Mozart, Eine Kleine Nachtmusik ★★★★★ on White Label (probably my all-time favorite)

## Press Judges

(Brad Wilson) Well, what do we have here? For a \$10 TAHGC certificate, I'll give anything a try, except trying to figure out Phil Reynolds' style of Diplomacy.

Phil is something else. Those odd dragon cards get weird looks when I open the mailbox but those looks are nothing compared to the look on my face when I read the card. Phil likes to play Italy, so he must be related to Kathy Caruso.

Speaking of Caruso, has anyone noticed a lot less Met-gabber after the Mutts flopped in fine fashion?

Baseball this year could be quite interesting. I look for some long-downtrodden teams to rise up, like the Padres, Indians, and Angels. My Phillies will suck, and my White Sox (Chicago), despite being in the AL West, won't contend. Look for a banner year for the Reds!

That ought to make Pete Rose happy, and I think I'll make Dick happy by getting back on the subject of press judging.

Some vintage stuff, to be sure: Olsen's high-grade Supreme Commander stuff in Habeas Corpus is worthy of note; McHugh's paranoid puffery in Happy Daze has its moments, too much whining in Yacc — it's a *game* friends; "Burgundy to Munich" in Seven Wonders is snappy and sassy; but the hands-down winner, in my judgement, is "Pepperland." A 10!

(Copy Machine Operator & Collator) p24 Paris to Rockville; p15 Constantinople to The World, For Your Consideration; p 28 I would have voted for Fritz to The World if Dick hadn't corrected the spelling "gullable." It was funnier that way.

(Phil Geusz) I think it's time to recognize the artistry of "The Adventures of Next of Kin." It's not press, strictly speaking, but superb. Besides, he/she used my name and didn't even insult me. That doesn't happen too often anymore....

(Derwood Bowen) Barf barf. There isn't much to look at. Two items:

Page 15-1. Somewhere on a Small Med Island to Eng

Page 21-2. Pepperland

(Pete Gaughan) It really is too bad that Next of Kin doesn't incorporate Adventures of same as press...but then, on the other hand, it really is too bad that Anonymous can't come up with more than

two good lines in a chapter. (Maybe it's funnier to you old-timey *Retaliators*; and there are bits like putting a quarter in the PLAY slot of a sword.)

Happy Daze McHugh is one of the funniest pieces of satire I've ever read in Dipdom. Hyboria Small Med Island reminds me of a computer in a movie clip I've seen recently but I can't put my finger on just where. Murphy's Revenge England gets the prize for best one-liner. But isn't it ironic that the one issue you offer a prize of any kind it turns out that only one game has any press worth reading: Brilliant Disguise. Now, I have a personal bias, which I must disclose here. We have a saltwater aquarium, so Fish of the Month is always welcome! But how anyone can salute a press item besides Pepperland is beyond me. "Brucie and His Poll Reminders" will be sung at the next filk session I attend that has any Dipsters around (too few of those events, to be sure). Pepperland, then, for best press.

(Jay Ouzts) Moscow to Rockville's argument on Gun Control (in Henway) was an interesting discussion on a topic on which, quite frankly, I can't seem to make up my mind.

London to Philosopher (p27, Brilliant Disguise) sums up my philosophy of the game.

But the winner is: No Dateline (from Brilliant Disguise)

(Philosopher Fritz) Best press in #125 is "Mack the Reiff." Best judge in #126 will be the Typist. [nice try! -dm]

(Bruce Reiff) Oh boy a ten dollar gift certificate! I could really use that. With Dave Andersson assaulting my character so much I could get a game to improve myself. Like Outdoor Survival! Oh please Dick pick me! I definitely want to improve myself so Dave isn't mean to me anymore. You got to help me. Even Nurse Phil couldn't help. Pleeceeecease! Oh yeah, my vote. The runner up is in Hyboria page 15, "Somewhere on a small Mediterranean Island to England" and the winner in Lex page 19 "Brilliant Disguise All to Austria." Lex Annoyance, I kind of like that. I wonder if that was the same person who wrote the Caesering stuff that I liked too?

[I'll never tell! Good to see that you all will come out of the woodwork with a little bit of incentive...we thank you, and TAHGC thanks you. The press winner last time, submitted by a non-player, no less, is the "Pepperland" press. Good stuff!

[And for promising to sing our press, Pete G wins the prize. Congrats, and come again soon!]

## New Civ Cards for Civilization

Recently, I played Civilization for the first time *without* the expansion cards. I prefer playing with them—the trading is much more interesting—but I could see that in Civ as originally designed and playtested, it's an accomplishment to max out in civilization cards. That is, to buy the top 11 cards (none lower than 80 in value), and then wonder what to do next. Without the expansion cards, calamities come more frequently, and you often don't have a chance to recover from one before the next hits (makes you glad you didn't live in those times, huh?). It's a struggle to meet the AST requirements at all, and you can't hold out for high-value cards only.

With the expansion cards, however, the last few games I've played have ended early when somebody maxed out, collected 5 or 6 bronze cards, and then just sat there dumping gold. It's too easy to max out in a fun game. I suppose in a game for blood, everyone will keep close track of how everyone else is doing, then fix the leader by simply refusing to trade with him, but the game just isn't as interesting that way.

Two solutions to this problem come to mind. One is to shorten the game so nobody has time to max out, but Civ is such a short game anyhow—who'd want to do that? (Ha, ha) The other is to add some new high-value civ cards. This will also make the different peoples more different from each other, so different civilizations will take on different characters. Some modest suggestions for new cards are (your comments are welcomed):

**Horse Breeding**, value 110, craft (orange). Special: If you have this, your tokens can each move *two* areas in a land move. You must stop after the first area if anyone else's tokens are present. You still can't combine land and sea movement. Bonus: orange 10.

**Military Tradition**, value 140, civic/science (blue/green). Special: Each of your tokens now takes two hits to kill in combat. After the first, flip it over; after the second, it's gone. At the end of the combat phase, however, all wounded (flipped over) tokens die. Bonus: blue 5, green 20.

Example: A (3 tokens, Metalworking) vs B (3 tokens, Military Tradition) in a "2" area. B flips one, A loses one, B loses flipped one, A loses one, B flips one, A loses his last one, combat ends, B loses the flipped one, and B has one left.

**Monotheism**, value 200, art/civic (red/blue).

Special: lose one less city than you would otherwise to Civil Disorder, but lose one more city than otherwise to Iconoclasm & Heresy. This applies both as a main victim and a subsidiary victim of these calamities. Bonus: blue 5, subtracts 25 from the cost of Law.

With these new cards, maxing out requires that you buy nothing worth less than 110 (these replace the three 80s), which is significantly more difficult.

And another new rule to make it a little easier on the poor leader nobody will trade with:

Trading with the bank: If a player makes no trades with any other player in the trading phase, he may trade once with the bank. He may buy a card from the 6, 7, 8, or 9 piles (no lower numbers, so this can't be used for calamity evasion) by paying twice its value in trade cards and/or treasury to the bank (discard the cards involved). Sets *do* count, so 2 salt cards (12) buy you the top card of the 6 pile, for example. However, you can't buy a card from a pile unless some player, sometime, has drawn normally from that pile. Once a player trades with the bank, the trade phase is over for him.

This represents low-level illicit trade that a determined buyer can always find sellers for, in spite of the wishes of the authorities.

[Don't recall where this came from or who wrote it, but it was so interesting I just had to run it anyway. If you're the guilty party, step forward and take your blame credit!

[I agree with the notion that the extra trade cards make the game too easy. Being held back one time can cost you the game, as everyone else marches right along. Next time I play, I'd like to do it without the extra trade cards. Then again, I like a quick game of Titan on occasion, too.

[These look like some very interesting, well thought-out civ cards. Military Tradition looks awfully powerful, but probably only a bit more so than Metalworking. True, it's 140 points to buy, but it's safe to assume that the green bonus will account for most of that. Probably a bit on the cheap side, or maybe it should be red/blue. I've never really seen much reason to buy blue cards, myself, and this may provide some incentive.

[Horse Breeding is the land equivalent of Astronomy, and I think it makes for a very nice touch.

[Monotheism...well, we've never lacked for the big-point cards in our games. Certainly a contributing factor to that is a tendency of some players to stock up on too many of the cheapies just so they can keep pace on the AST. But the effect of the card is fairly minor, and it also looks like a nice addition. I assume three of each of these? Four?]

# Civilization #88-1

(1988AT/ec for you Miller Number fans)  
 [I hope you all can figure this out... -dm]  
 Turns 3 & 4 & 5  
 GM: Mike Scott

## Players and Positions:

Africa: Bruce Reiff  
 Italy: Mark Weseman  
 Illyria: Sid Jolly  
 Crete: Bob Cross  
 Assyria: Erik Van Rossum  
 Babylon: John Grant, Jr  
 Egypt: Tom Butcher

## Set up:

AF: 1t c8, d1, d5, d6  
 IT: 1t a3, b3, k7, r2  
 IL: 1t a5, k7; 2t a1  
 CR: 2t n8, n9  
 AS: 2t l2, l6  
 BA: 1t h1, h3, h6, j7  
 EG: 1t e2, e6, e8, f7

## Turn 3

Phase 1: Taxation & Revolts  
 none  
 Phase 2: Population Expansion  
 all double in place

Phase 3: Census  
 all players at 8  
 Phase 4: Ship Construction  
 CR: 1 ship @ n9 (levies 2 tokens from n9)  
 Phase 5: Movement  
 AF: 1t c8-c6, 1t c8-c7, 2t d1-c8, 1t d5-d2, 1t d6-d4,  
 1t d5, 1t d6  
 IT: 1t a3-a9, 1t b3-b8, 2t k7-r4, 1t r2-p7, 1t a3, 1t  
 b3, 1t r2  
 IL: 2t a1-a5, 2t a5-k7, 1t k7-r4, 1t k7-p3, 2t a1  
 CR: ship n9(+1t)-n8(+4t)-n6(-1t)-n2(-2t)-n1(-2t),  
 1t n9  
 AS: 2t l2-l4, 2t l6-l9, 2t l6, 2t l2  
 BA: 2t h1-h3, 2t h3-h4, 2t h6-h5, 1t j7-h1, 1t j7  
 EG: 1t e2-e3, 1t e2-e6, 1t e6-f1, 1t e6-g8, 1t e8-e7,  
 1t e8-e5, 1t f7-e8, 1t f7  
 Phase 6: Conflicts  
 r4: IT vs IL; IL lose 1t  
 Phase 7: Build Cities  
 none  
 Phase 8: Remove Surplus Population  
 none  
 Phase 9: Acquire Trade Cards  
 none  
 Phase 10: Trade  
 none  
 Phase 11: Acquire Civilization Cards  
 none  
 Phase 12: Resolve Calamities  
 none

| Civ #88-1        | Turn 3 |        |         |        |         |         |        |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Final Inventory: | Africa | Italy  | Illyria | Crete  | Assyria | Babylon | Egypt  |
| Tokens           | 8      | 8      | 7       | 5      | 8       | 8       | 8      |
| Cities           | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| Ships            | 0      | 0      | 0       | 1      | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| Stock            | 39     | 39     | 40      | 41     | 39      | 39      | 39     |
| Treasury         | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| Trade Cards      | none   | none   | none    | none   | none    | none    | none   |
| Civ Cards        | none   | none   | none    | none   | none    | none    | none   |
| AST Square       | 4000BC | 4000BC | 4000BC  | 4000BC | 4000BC  | 4000BC  | 4000BC |

## Turn 4

Phase 1: Taxation & Revolts  
 none  
 Phase 2: Population Expansion  
 all double in place  
 Phase 3: Census  
 CR 12, IL 14, all other players at 16  
 Phase 4: Ship Construction  
 CR: removes ship @ n1  
 Phase 5: Movement  
 AF: 1t c7-c6, c7-c9, d2-d5, d2, 2t c6-c2, c8-c7,

d5-d4, d6-d4, d4, c8  
 IT: 1t a9-r1, r4-r3, r4-p5, p7-n1, p7-p6, b3-b7,  
 r2-r1, r2, a9, b3, 2t b8, r4, a3  
 AS: 2t l4-m3, l9-g2, l6-l8, l2-l5, l2, l4, l6, l9  
 BA: 1t h3-h1, j7-j5, j7, h3, 2t h3-h4, h4-g3, h4-j9,  
 h5-h8, h1-h2, h5  
 EG: 1t e3-e2, e3-g8, e6-f1, e6-g8, f1-f3, f1-g9,  
 e7-e4, e7-d8, e5-e2, e5-e6, e8-e7, e8, f7-e8,  
 f7-f8, 2t g8-g7  
 IL: 2t a5-k7, 2t k7-p3, 2t a1-a5, 2t a1, 2t a5, 2t k7,  
 2t p3



**CR:** 1t n9-n8, n6-n5, n6, n9, 2t n2-n4, n1-p6, n1, n2  
**Phase 6: Conflicts**  
 n1: IT vs CR; IT lose 1t  
 p6: IT vs CR; IT lose 1t  
**Phase 7: Build Cities**  
 AF: d4  
**Phase 8: Remove Surplus Population**  
 IL: lose 1t @ a5, 1t @ p3 (Second one due to combat loss in last turn and no population

expansion or conditional moves.)  
 IT: lose 1t @ r1  
**Phase 9: Acquire Trade Cards**  
 AF: one  
**Phase 10: Trade**  
 none  
**Phase 11: Acquire Civilization Cards**  
 none  
**Phase 12: Resolve Calamities**  
 none

| <i>Civ #88-1</i>        | <i>Turn 4</i> |        |         |        |         |         |        |  |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--|
| <b>Final Inventory:</b> | Africa        | Italy  | Illyria | Crete  | Assyria | Babylon | Egypt  |  |
| Tokens                  | 10            | 13     | 12      | 12     | 16      | 16      | 16     |  |
| Cities                  | 1             | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      |  |
| Ships                   | 0             | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      |  |
| Stock                   | 37            | 34     | 35      | 35     | 31      | 31      | 31     |  |
| Treasury                | 0             | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      |  |
| Trade Cards             | 1             | none   | none    | none   | none    | none    | none   |  |
| Civ Cards               | none          | none   | none    | none   | none    | none    | none   |  |
| AST Square              | 3000BC        | 3000BC | 3000BC  | 3000BC | 3000BC  | 4000BC  | 4000BC |  |

### Turn 5

**Phase 1: Taxation & Revolts**  
 AF: 1 city x 2 gold = 2 gold  
**Phase 2: Population Expansion**  
 all double in place, except only +2 for IL in a5, p3, k7  
**Phase 3: Census**  
 20: AF, IL; 24: CR; 26: IT; 32: AS, BA, EG  
**Phase 4: Ship Construction**  
 AF: build 1 ship @ c2 (-2 treasury)  
**Phase 5: Movement**  
**AF:** 1t d5-d2, d5; 2t c6, c9, d2-c9; 4t c7-c9, c8-c9; ship c2(+4)-c3(-2t)-c4(-2t)  
**IT:** 1t b8-b3, b8; 2t a9-r2, b3-b7, b7, p5, r1-r2, r2, r3-p6, a3-a9, a3, b8-b7; 4t r4-p5  
**AS:** 2t 14-m1, 14-15, 15-14, 15-m3, 16-12, 16, 18-g1, 18, 19-j6, 19, m3-m2, m3-m4; 4t g2-g1, 12  
**BA:** 1t j5-j7, j5; 2t h1-h2, h3, j7-h1, g3-g4, g3-g6, h5-h4, h5, h8-h6, h8, j9-g3, j9; 4t h2, h4-j9  
**EG:** 1t e2-e3, e2-e6, f3-f1, f3; 2t d8, e2, e4, e6-g8, e7, e8-f7, e8, f1-g9, f8, g8-g7, g8-g9, g9; 4t g7  
**IL:** 1t a5; 2t a1-a5, a1, a5-k1, a5-a2, k7-r4, k7-p3, k7; 5t p3;  
**CR:** 2t n5, n6, n8, n9, n1-n6, n1, p6-n1, p6, n2-n4?; 4t n4-n5, n2-n6?  
**Phase 6: Conflicts**  
 p6: IT vs CR; IT lose 1t, CR lose 1t

**Phase 7: Build Cities**  
 AF: c9; IT: b7, r2, p5; IL: p3; CR: n5, n6; AS: g1, 12; BA: h2, j9; EG: g7, g9  
**Phase 8: Remove Surplus Population**  
 IL: lose 1t @ p3  
**Phase 9: Acquire Trade Cards**  
 IL: 1; AF: 2+1=3; CR: 2; AS: 2; BA: 2; EG: 2; IT: 3  
**Phase 10: Trade**  
 none  
**Phase 11: Acquire Civilization Cards**  
 none  
**Phase 12: Resolve Calamities**  
 none

### Ending locations:

AF: 1t d2, d5; 2t c3, c4, c6; ship c4? city c9, d4  
 IT: 1t b3, b8, p6; 2t a3, a9; city b7, p5, r2  
 AS: 2t j6, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, m1, m2, m3, m4; city g1, 12  
 BA: 1t j5, j7; 2t g3, g4, g6, h1, h3, h4, h5, h6, h8; city h2, j9  
 EG: 1t e3, e6, f1, f3; 2t d8, e2, e4, e7, e8, f7, f8, g8; city g7, g9  
 IL: 2t a1, a2?, k1, (k5?), k7, r4; 3t a5?; city p3;  
 CR: 1t p6; 2t n1?, n2?, n4, n8, n9; city n5, n6

[By my calculations, IL should have 2t a2, 3t a5, 0t k5. Did I miss something? I also have a tough time making sense of the CR move. How

did 6t move out of n2, when I think he should only have had 4t there to begin with. Shouldn't he have 4t left at n1? And isn't that African ship at c4?

[Whew, am I ever glad I'm not a Civ GM. What hair I hadn't pulled out would be totally gray by now. GMing Civ is hard! Wah, I want my blocks back!

[Hope that these reports are somewhat readable. The originals that Mike sent don't copy well on my machine. In fact, nothing but the most clear laser printing or carbon film typing comes out very well, and you can see for yourself that even they are shaky at times. Since these have to be retyped, may as well check them over in the process, and hope I don't make too big a mess out of them in the process. Not a likely prospect.

[So let me know if this is comprehensible, or if any of you even read this anyhow. As you can see, I've tried a couple different ways of laying this out. Let me know which one you like most.

[Mike, could you send me a copy of your rules and map? I could send them out to inquirers or standbys if needed (if we ever get more in sync -- ie, I resume pubbing on a timely basis), and would like to look them over for my own edification. And I'm available as a standby, or maybe I'll even sign up for game two....

[Thanks berry munch. --dm]

As I am 99% sure that Africa and Italy will not make a trade of their trade cards, I am going to say that this turn was completed. So next submittal and recap will only be thru phase 10.

There are now 7 cards left in stack 1, 6 cards in stack 2, & 17 in stack 3. Based upon the cards you just received, you could try and give me conditional trades to list.

Words of warning: Phase 2. Get started telling the GM where your population expansion is happening...soon you will not have enough tokens in stock and too many locations for the GM to

automatically know where they will go.... Phase 5: Please write this by turning the oob sheet and listing the tokens under the left column, the current hex for the middle column, and where they go to for the right column. Feel free to list those which stay in place -- they help. Even if the GM does not list them on the recap. And lastly, movement is "si-move." Thus your movement may be based upon other players actions thru phase 4, but may not be based upon his movement orders.

Deadline: March 12, or before if you get them -- here.

A Bit of Press:

TO: THE KNOWN WORLD FROM:  
XEMENON, REGENOT OF CRETAN EMPIRE:  
The Cretan people publicly announce their willingness to negotiate with other rational civilizations in regard to all matters pertaining to trades and geographical intentions. We are not aggressive by nature, but be forewarned against mistaking our pacifist ways. When betrayed, oppressed or cornered the Cretan warriors fight with unparalleled ferocity. --Xemenon (Bob Cross), Regent of Crete

Bob also lists now that up to 11PM (Pacific Coast Time) weeknights is ok.

(In case I didn't tell you, I do publish press: but please limit it to two or three sentences directly related to the game.)

[Gee, only a little bit of extra room here at the bottom of the page, and I've already said everything that I'd planned to say about Civ. Let me see now...oh, yes...the game we've played most lately has been 1830, an economic/choo choo game from Avalon Hill. I'd have to rate it as one of the best games I've ever played, and definitely worth a look. More on this later, if I get stuck again.]

| Civ #88-1       | Turn 5 |        |         |        |         |         |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Final Inventory | Africa | Italy  | Illyria | Crete  | Assyria | Babylon | Egypt  |
| Tokens          | 8      | 7      | 13      | 11     | 20      | 20      | 20     |
| Cities          | 2      | 3      | 1       | 2      | 2       | 2       | 2      |
| Ships           | 1      | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| Stock           | 39     | 40     | 34      | 36     | 27      | 27      | 27     |
| Treasury        | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| Trade Cards     | 3      | 3      | 1       | 2      | 2       | 2       | 2      |
| Civ Cards       | none   | none   | none    | none   | none    | none    | none   |
| AST Square      | 2500BC | 2500BC | 2500BC  | 2500BC | 2500BC  | 3000BC  | 3000BC |

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## The Adventures of the Next of Kin

by Anonymous

### Chapter the 6th

Sultana Vicki was deep in thought. She realized that the struggle with Schlosser and Boymel had taken a new, hideous turn. Accepting their inability to ever work their will upon her, or indeed any women, they were seeking to overcome her through unspeakable dealings with the nether regions, using the souls of her slain Next of Kin as surety, and relying on foul pacts with demons to influence other players to forsake her. Reflecting on the unforeseen direction the war had taken, Vicki resolved to consult the wise and beautiful Mistress Julie, companion of the great and powerful GM Dick Martin and, if the truth be known, the smarter of the two. Mistress Julie, as all knew, was without peer in the knowledge of the arts of love and men, just as her consort, the great and powerful GM, Dick Martin, had few equals in the art of tardiness, or Schlosser and Boymel in impotence and perversion, or Mack the Reiffe in treachery.

Calling her loyal, albeit constantly inebriated, field marshal Nurse Phil, she ordered that they be ready to move at dawn. Vicki slept an uneasy sleep, tormented by visions of tall, blond, scandinavian warriors, pure of heart, with a righteous hatred of lawyers. Awakened before dawn by Nurse Phil's finger on her lips for silence, while his other hand copped a quick feel, Vicki was informed that a column of computer nerds and government lawyers was passing by, their glasses, greenish pallor, and greasy hair indications of their allegiance to the evil Schlosser. Besides, who else would sink so low?

As the minions marched on, oblivious to her presence, she noticed their high, squeaky voices (singing "Hi ho, hi ho...") sounded desperate. Foul Schlosser was unhappy at his lack of success. If Potomac Paul wasn't satisfied, he was likely to indulge his perverted lusts with his groveling lackey, as he had so many times before. Of these lusts, Schlosser was torn between his fear of hideous pain and his longing for depravity.

As Sultana Vicki noticed the first faint fingers of dawn casting a warm glow through the wood, she motioned to Nurse Phil to sound the charge and spurred her horse into a gallop, seeking release in

furious combat for the passions aroused by her dreams. She screamed the fierce war cry of her people, The Next of Kin, and began to deal death to any whose weird led them within reach of her sword. At her troops' onslaught, the computer nerds fled in their station wagons and the lawyers in their Yugos, AM radios blaring country music full blast.

A savage joy filled her veins as her blade danced among them, dealing death wherever it sliced flesh, legal pads, or display screens. Her cold joy in dealing death raised fear in the breast of all that saw her, so that their ranks wavered and broke, scattering into the forest for survival.

Pursuing a particularly loathsome Virginia lawyer down a game trail, Vicki pulled up at the sight of one of her men-at-arms, Sir Savage, trapped under his slain steed, his fine blond hair plastered across his noble brow by sweat as he tried to free himself. Sultana Vicki dismounted, motioning Nurse Phil to continue the pursuit and finish the slaughter. Raising a Turbo beer in acknowledgement, eerily reminiscent of Lee Marvin as the drunk gunfighter in Cat Ballou, he galloped on, swaying crazily in the saddle. Watching him move away, Vicki pondered on the events of the last season's campaigning. Her legions, despite fighting fiercely with the knowledge that free lottery tickets were awarded for bravery, were being overwhelmed by the murky and depraved hordes of station wagon owners of the foul Schlosser and his master, Boymel.

Where once her forces marched singing into battle, now there tended to be a grim resolve to die cleanly rather than live with the shame of owning a station wagon. Unless her appeals to the council bore fruit, the end was in sight. And, unlike her *derriere*, that would not be pleasant.

Thinking these thoughts, Vicki put all the strength of her firm, healthy, passionate young body against the horse, managing to move it sufficiently to free his leg. As Sir Savage rose, limping, to thank her, her flesh thrilled at the accidental touch of warm flesh as his muscular arm brushed hers. Without time to analyze her thoughts, Vicki was overwhelmed with desire for this man. Her skin, hot to the touch, seemed on fire, and her nipples suddenly contracted, hardening to a painful sensitivity she would never have believed possible. Vicki, her stomach and groin awash in damp heat, became aware of his hands, feeling their warm strength as they explored her body, or his tongue thrusting into her pink, open mouth. Her body tensed like a coiled spring, and when he touched her right nipple, she exploded in a flash of wet

heat, her body releasing itself in a wild spasm, locking her legs around his middle. Her skin was drenched with perspiration, her body shuddering as waves of pleasure coursed through her, and she gasped for air.

He lowered his head to kiss her breasts, his hand tracing circles of fire across her skin, and her breath caught in her throat. As he continued, she felt her groin again wind tight, and her mind was dominated by a hot, wet longing. Vicki's body

shook and thrashed and shuddered, sounds of primeval pleasure escaping from her lips. As his kisses and caresses increased in intensity, the burning wet heat between her legs became unbearable, her pleasure mounting to levels beyond her capacity to endure. The intensity of pleasure wracking her body was so intense as to blur into pain, a pain she wanted and welcomed.

To be continued...

## Why Maryland and Penn State Don't Play Basketball

by B Wilson

Well, they used to. They used to play at the Hershey Arena and more often than not the Terps would crush State, and Lefty would crow about it.

PSU got tired of this routine, especially because Md would never agree to come up to Rec Hall in State College to play while State *did* go to Cole Field House.

So, around the late 70s, with the Nits joining a conference and suddenly having sixteen conference

games to play PSU aborted the Md series.

I think, now that the climate's changed, the two teams probably should play. PSU never much liked Dreisell but Wade ought to be more palatable.

State's coach these days also accepts the need to give up a home game every now and then, so the scheduling could be done. Penn State's also better than it used to be, which would make the series more entertaining.

So let's try it, eh, guys?

[I'm certainly in favor—it'd give the Turtles a chance to get back at PSU for all those football games. And a local tourney would be good too.]

## THE FLIES BEGIN TO DROP

### HABEAS CORPUS

Fall 10

**A (Dorneman):** F Tri notes that in Trieste were we born, and in Trieste shall we die! (you got that right -dm)

**E (Schenck):** F Bal S A Ber, F Lvn H, F Nth-Eng, F Por-Spa(sc), F Eng-Mao, F Spa(sc)-Mar, F Mao-Wme, A Kie-Mun, A Bel S A Ruh, A Gas S F Spa(sc)-Mar, A Ber S A Kie-Mun, A Stp S F Lvn, A Ruh S A Kie-Mun

**F (Olsen):** A Bur-Par

**G (Munz):** (retreat A War-Pru) A Pru-Sil

**I (Rush):** A Mun H, A Mar-Bur, A Alb-Tri, F Naf S F Wme, A Boh S A Mun, F Adr-Ion, F Wme S Russian F Tys-Gol, A Tyr S A Mun, A Ven S A Alb-Tri

**R (Gonsalves):** A War S A Sil, A Bul-Rum, F Tys-Gol, A Sil S Italian A Mun, A Mos-Stp, A Ukr-Gal



Underlined moves do not succeed. As foreseen, the Austrian fleet dies in Trieste.  
Thanks to Stephen Dorneman for hanging in there all the way with Austria, and to Dave Munzenmaier for being as painful as possible as the German standby. But since Bob is still hanging in there as France, there is no draw proposed at this time.

### gained/lost

A: ven (0)

E: home, nwy, swe, stp, den, hol, kie, bel, ber, por, bre, spa, mar (15)

F: par (1)

G: war (0)

I: rom, nap, tun, mar, tri, ser, vie, bul, spa, mun, gre, ven (10)

R: con, sev, rum, bud, ank, smy, mos, war (8)

out  
build 2  
even  
also out  
build 1  
build 1

RUSSIA to FRANCE: If you are still here...Why? If not it is Miller time!

STEVE to BOB: I appreciate your playing France out. But like Mike says, please just die.

ROCKVILLE: I wonder, is a death request the same as a death threat?

GERMANY to MOSCOW: "Help us set up a stalemate line and we'll cut you in on the tie," bullshit! Such a deal I got, such a deal!

ROCKVILLE: Welcome to the wonderful world of Diplomacy!

RUSSIA to ITALY: Bored! Hell no. Why do you ask?

ROME to MOSCOW: Heck no, I ain't bored! I was just fibbing to confuse Olsen (even more).

MIKE to STEVE: You have to allow for Bob since he lives in Wichita. When I was a kid, my dad's company used to threaten to send you to the Wichita plant if you fouled up. A fate worse than death.

HAGERSTOWN to WICHITA: I spoke too soon. I got my holiday hate mail Christmas eve.

ROCKVILLE: Such a nice present! Did you share it with the whole family?

HAGERSTOWN to KANSAS: Now Bob, don't pick on Steve because he lives in Minnesota. I've been to both Minnesota and Kansas and all in all, I prefer Minnesota.

MUNZ to ROCKVILLE: I guess that a retreat to the box or my getting waxed in the fall would eliminate me from the vote, right? Is someone trying to give me a hint?

ROCKVILLE: No, just a nudge.

MOAMMAR GADHAFI to LONDON: We are very happy that you have decided to accept a position in the Gadhafi Ministry of Press. While it appears unnecessary, your disinformation kit has been forwarded under another cover. Regards, DUCKY.

BERLIN to LONDON: We have pictures of the Czar with small boys, and they're yours for the asking.

THE DICTIONARY: def. Palm, n. A species of tree having several varieties of which the familiar "itching palm" (*Palma hominifolia*) is most widely distributed and sedulously cultivated. This noble vegetable exudes a kind of invisible gum, which may be detected by applying to the bark a piece of gold or silver. The metal will adhere with remarkable tenacity.

MUNZ to ROCKVILLE: You didn't like the muzak CD? I don't know if you went to their concert, but that was the warm-up band down here. (If you didn't like that you should probably avoid the two Music for Insomniac discs as well.)

ROCKVILLE: No problem with that! Why would anybody listen to that stuff voluntarily? If it just included the original versions of those great Devo tunes, that would have been one of my best disks. Instead it's clearly the worst. And unfortunately I missed their shows here not long ago. Good to see the band back together again, I guess, but only if they do something decent with their time. Give them credit though, Devo certainly is *not* your average band.

RUSH to SCHENCK: This is really the honorable way for me to go Garret. You will be the strongest surviving power anyway. Good luck on the zeen and you've played a good game.

## The Bulle Penne

Holley, Rush, Mills, Andersson, Geusz, Dunn, Boymel, Milewski, Huffman, Gossage, O'Brien, Ferrier, Beckett, Roberts, "Fritz", Ouzts, Bowen, Dorneman, Gonsalves, Reiff, Nash, Wilson, Maynard, Nixon, Hymel, Schenck, Van Rossum, Moore, Hakey, Pitt, Rifle

Thanks to all of you volunteers, who blindly yet bravely are willing to assume standby positions. Be it for the one center power on its final blaze of glory or the fifteen dot monster gobbling up the board...well... thanks again.

## Subs Expiring With This Issue

Andy Pribe, Steve "Bloody" Heller, Daryl Rothchild, Mike Sargent, Larry Stone, Jack McHugh, Derwood Bowen, Ed Allen

Quite a few subs expiring this time, in part due to the ends of the three games, and partly just the usual sub expiration thing.

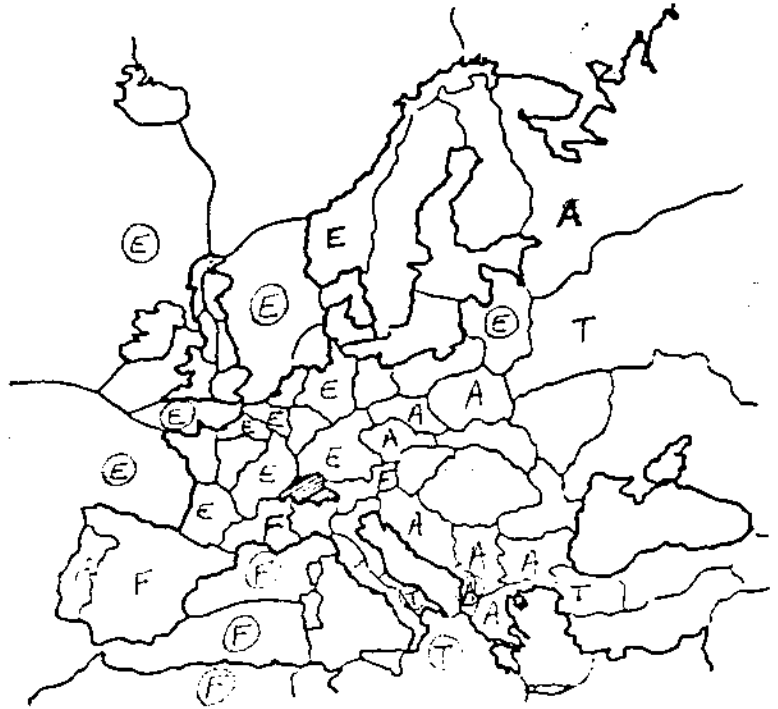
So please resub if you like the zeen, and would like to stay active in some way. Remember, we can always use more reader contributions. Of course there's the Anarchy game starting up soon (probably in the June issue, two issues down the road). And the list on the right can always your name....

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(oops!)

# PARITY ACHIEVED?

HYBORIA Fall 10

- A (Ouzts):** A Bul S A Ser, A Vie-Tri,  
A Gal-Sil, A Lvn-Stp, A War S A Gal-Sil,  
A Boh-Mun, A Ser S A Gre, F Alb-Ion,  
A Gre S A Bul
- E (Andersson):** F Nth C A Edi-Nwy,  
A Mun S A Sil, F Nao S F Mao, A Gas  
digs in deeper, F Eng C A Lon-Bel,  
A Bur S A Mun, A Ruh-Kie, F Bal-Lvn,  
F Mao S A Gas, A Stp S F Bal-Lvn,  
A Par-Pic, A Sil S A Mun, A Lon-Bel,  
A Edi-Nwy
- F (Emmert):** A Tyr-Mun, A Por S A Spa,  
F Wme-Mao, F Naf S F Wme-Mao,  
A Spa H, F Gol S A Mar, A Mar H
- T (Geusz):** A Mos S Austrian A Lvn-Stp,  
F Apu H, F Ion H, A Con H



Underlined moves do not succeed. The English A Sil retreats to Pru, Ber or the box, and the A Stp retreats to Fin or the box.

David Andersson has a change of address.

France proposes a draw. Remember, if you want the draw to pass, you've got to vote in favor of it....

## gained/lost

- A:** home, ser, gre, rum, bul, war, mos, stp (9)
- E:** home, stp, nwy, swe, kie, den, ber, bre, bel, mun, hol, par (13)
- F:** mar, por, spa, rom, tun, nap, ven (7)
- T:** home, sev, mos (5)

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remove 1  
even  
build 1

**CONSTANTINOPLE NEWS SERVICE:** The Sultan today announced the appearance of holy stigmata on his body. "The appearance of the likeness of Elvis on my scrotum," he stated, "can be taken as further proof of the righteousness of my person and the holiness of my cause."

Upon further questioning, The Sultan revealed that he had heard nothing from Jim Morrison, but would call another press conference immediately if he did.

**FRANCE TO AUSTRIA AND TURKEY:** Go get 'im! Blow that sumbitch out of St Pete!

**MARSEILLES TO LONDON:** Give it up and vote for the draw, fella. You cannot, in this position, get into the Med. You're about to be booted out of Russia, and you picked up everything you can in the center. Where's your next dot coming from?

**VIRGINIA BEACH TO CLEVELAND:** Been making some great trades, and the Ethels may challenge this year. Picked up Kal Daniels cheap for an overpriced Ryne Sandberg, and yesterday I got my third closer, Leflerts (to go with Randy Myers and Mark Davis) for Sid Bream. Together with Kirk "The Franchise" Gibson for power, Otis "the Elevator Man" Nixon for speed and Joe Magrane "Headache" for shutouts, I'm sitting pretty as the opening of spring training approaches.

**AUSTRIA:** Trying to keep up with baseball's winter meetings has kept me dizzy. Texas and San Diego scored big, though both are not quite good enough to win the division.

The Cards made one trade — a backup outfielder and backup catcher for a starting outfielder we don't need, giving us four outfielders, one inexperienced second baseman, a first baseman, third baseman, and pitching staff that won't stay healthy, and a catcher who has been inconsistent the last two years.

Do I see another Met title?

**AUSTRIA:** Saints choke, again.

**MARSEILLES TO CONSTANTINOPLE:** The dog story was good, but lawyers' dogs get 33% of the workman's comp settlement, and don't have to do anything for it. Top *that*.

**LONDON TO SMALL ISLAND:** Your suggestion is entirely too violent for my peaceful nature. How about another option?

**LONDON TO GM:** In case you hadn't noticed, Dick, we're taking advantage of our lifetime-of-the-position subs here. We should wrap this game up sometime around the year 2000.

**ROCKVILLE:** No problem, take your time.

**NOT SO BRILLIANT DISGUISE TO ASSWHOLE**

**ANDERSONN:** I've got to admit, that was a truly *classic* stab you pulled off in this game. Instead of a two-way draw you have managed to create a four-way draw (surely even Phil can't be Goose enough to let you win?!?!).

And now for the monthly Commode 6.4 plug: "Jkjal;sjori!!" How's that for a nifty word processor?

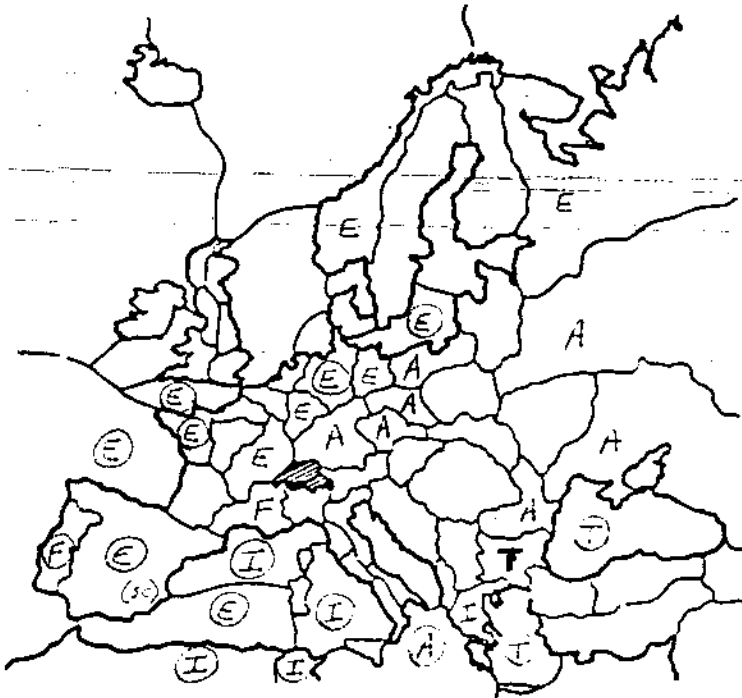
By the way, I certainly hope we can put to rest those rumors about why Vicki left Kentucky. While those of us who know Davie

well were quite aware of the awesome crush he had on her—his letters that were full of praise for her interest in computers; his hatred for her gigantic husband (of course to a 5'3", 265 lb, captain, *anyone* would look giant); his only partially suppressed longing for one he could only admire at arms length; and the way he spearheaded the Vicki Defense Fund and the Let's Get Mills Campaign—folks, there is no evidence whatsoever that Puggsley ever once made a single improper advance toward the curvacious Smurfette (especially considering what hulking-husband did after that little misunderstanding

featuring a mountain goat, a half-eaten Comm-Adore, two dwarfs, and a lobster claw...but that's another Tale, for another Bard). Vicki only left town to raise her children in a warmer climate, not to run away from Davy's drooling. (By the way, Vicki, when are the twins due? Did you say April, or May?)

I was delighted to accept Mr Rife's invitation to become a charter member of the Asswhole Andersons Fan Club; it was a pity that so many others took it as merely a joke.

## HMMMMM.....



## CURARE Spring 09

**A (O'Brien):** A Pru-Ber, A Rum S A Ukr-Sev,  
A Mos S A Ukr-Sev, A Sil S A Mun,  
 A Ukr-Sev, F Adr-Ion, A Mun S A Pru-Ber,  
A Bul S A Rum, A Boh S A Mun

**E (Stanger):** (build F Lon) F Mao-Spa(sc),  
A Ruh-Mun, F Eng-Mao, F Wme-Gol,  
 A Bur S French A Gas-Mar, F Lon-Eng,  
 F Bre S F Eng-Mao, A Stp-Mos, A Nwy H,  
 F Kie S A Ber, A Ber S A Ruh-Mun,  
 F Bal S A Ber

**F (Gossage):** (retreat A Bur-Rom, remove F  
 Alb) F Por S English F Mao-Spa(sc),  
 A Gas-Mar

**I (Emmert):** (build F Nap) F Naf S F Ion-Tun,  
 A Gre S Austrian A Bul, F Spa(sc) H,  
F Gol S F Spa, A Mar S F Spa, F Ion-Tun,  
 F Nap-Tys

**T (Mills):** (build A Con) F Bla S A Con-Bul,  
A Sev H, F Aeg S A Con-Bul, A Con-Bul

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Italian F Spa is blown up, and the A Mar can retreat to Pie or the box. The Turkish A Sev can retreat to Arm or the box. *Austria can retreat A Bul to Ser or Box.* Will I underline bad retreat orders? What do you think?

Austria proposes a draw in W09 if France is eliminated. And yes, this is a valid proposal.

**VIRGINIA BEACH:** I'm stunned. A CD player at the Martin residence? What's next, a computer at my house?

My god, what am I saying?

**ROCKVILLE:** Only the sensible thing, Steve. Give in to the Dark Side of the Technological Force. Hey, you've got a VCR already, so we're not exactly talking purist here. And Julie wants me to rethink on the G'n'R album. Wanna work a trade? I've got lots of good stuff here...bring it on up to clonecon!

Remember, I wasn't holding out against CDs for any ideological reason, they're better than regular records in every way. The sound is better, they're smaller, don't have to flip them over, more durable and the silver looks better than black vinyl. My main objection was their high price, now declining (whew!).

**BEACH to INDY AND ERLANGEN:** I will repeat my suggestion — get rid of the Chicagoans, then call it off.

**BOB to DICK:** Just wondered if you'd underline a retreat order.

**ROCKVILLE:** Ummmmm.....yes.

**NAPOLION to CHURCHILL:** (The message was relayed from a moving worm-hole) Yes'm master, whatever you wish!

## Another Play List

The Doors, ★★★★★ "The End" sounds even better on CD, and the rest is great too.

Staring at the Sea, The Singles, The Cure ★★★★★ a surprisingly good set of greatest hits

Led Zeppelin IV, ★★★★★ what can I say that hasn't been said too many times already?

Up Your Alley, Joan Jett ★★★ a couple really good songs, but a lot of generic heavy metal

Inside Story, Grace Jones, ★★★ "I'm Not Perfect (But I'm Perfect For You)" is perfect!

# BLACK DOGS

HAPPY DAZE

Spring 09

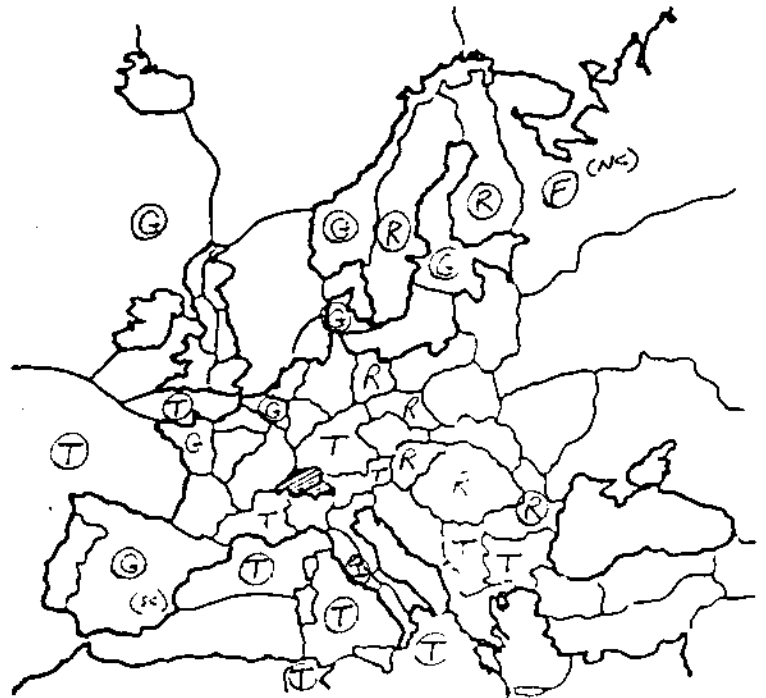
**F (Munz):** F Stp(nc)-Siberia

**G (McHugh):** (retreat F Swe-Box (no retreat ordered), build F Kie) F Nwy S F Gob-Swe, A Gas-Bre, F Nws-Nao, F Spa(sc) H, A Mar-Pie, F Gob-Swe, A Ber-Sil, A Mun S A Ber-Sil, F Hol-Bel, F Kie-Den

**I (Richter):** F Tus-Rom

**R (Olsen):** A Pru-Ber, A Sil S A Pru-Ber, F Swe S French F Stp(nc)-Nwy, F Rum H, A Bud-Tri, A Vie-Tri, F Fin S F Swe

**T (Yahey):** A Pie-Mar, A Tyr S A Boh-Mun, F Rom-Tys, F Ion-Tun, F Mao-Eng, A Boh-Mun, F Gol S A Pie-Mar, A Ser-Tri, F Wme-Mao, F Aeg-Ion, A Bul-Ser



Underlined move does not succeed. The German A Mar retreats to Bur or box, A Ber retreats to Kie or box, A Mun retreats to Kie, Ruh, Bur, or the box. How about that, Jack -- a hat trick! "How about a vote on the following order of finish: Russia, Turkey, Italy, Germany, France." Now what's that supposed to mean?

**OLSEN to MCHUGH:** How could I have attacked you in *Vertigo* when I've never even seen it? Watch it! Melinda can never have a guy who hallucinates.

**KAISER to "JIMMY" OLSEN:** Hey, heard you and Clark Kent did it together! Seriously, Bob, how long do you think you can hold out against me. Lois and Melinda won't have anything to do with you -- go back to Clark Kent.

**THE DICTIONARY:** def. Palmistry, n. The 947th method (according to Mimbleshaw's classification) of obtaining money by false pretenses. It consists of "reading character" in the wrinkles made by closing the hand. The pretense is not altogether false; character can really be read very accurately in this way, for the wrinkles in every hand submitted plainly spell "dupe."

**KAISER to SULTAN:** "Vengeance is mine saith the Sultan" -- I just wish I had done something to deserve it.

**MUNZ to ROCKVILLE:** "...MTV, when we used to have that (sniffle)" (?). Come on Dick, MTV was created to keep kids' minds off puberty, you're much better off without it. But (and as always

there is a but), Remote Control is great, and the word out of the big TV convention here is that it will be going public (non-cable) next year. Kari is much, much better looking than Vanna! (To quote Ken Ober, "She's our version of Vanna, all game shows need a babe to point at things.")

**ROCKVILLE:** How can anyone be "much, much better looking than Vanna"? After all, Vanna was the goddess of love, and is not exactly chopped liver. Anyway, from what little I've seen it looks like MTV has gone somewhat downhill lately -- too much talk, not enough videos. And whatever happened to Martha Quinn?

**MUNZ to ANYONE:** What guys ever eaten turkey bologna? A "friend" tried to serve me some the other day but I didn't buy it. There's something that's just not right about "turkey bologna."

**ROCKVILLE:** Hey, "friends" don't serve their friends turkey bologna. Glad to hear that you resisted that peer pressure. You can't trust anyone anymore (except me, of course).

**KAISER to BRADY:** Die, you worthless ally. Die and end the agony. Can't you even do that right!

ANDY CAPP REGGIE SMYTHE

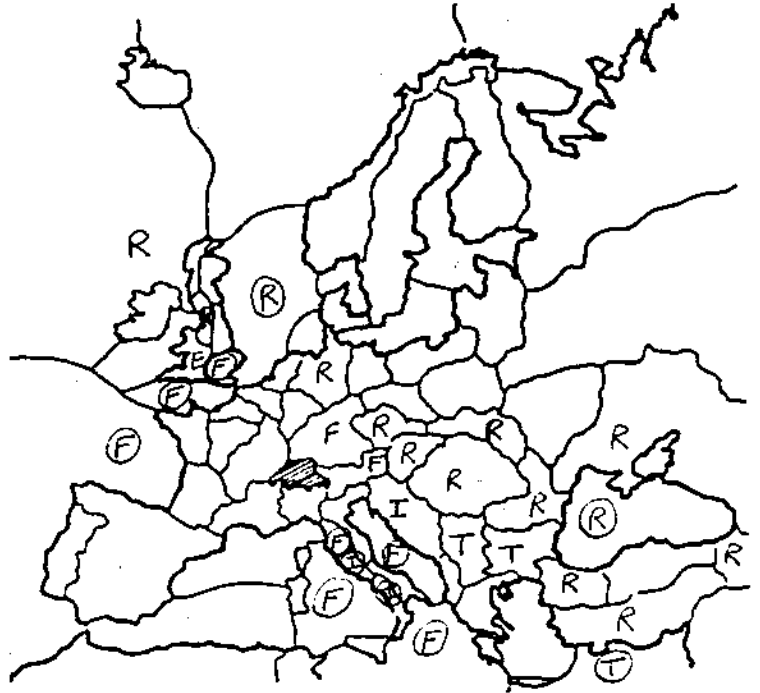




# PICKING UP STEAM

YACC Fall 06

- E (Burgess):** A Wal-Lon  
**F (Mills):** A Bur-Mun, F Bel-Eng, A Mun-Tyr,  
 F Lon H, F Eng-Mao, F Wme-Tys,  
 F Ion-Adr, F Tys-Ion, F Gol-Tus  
**G (Bowen):** no units left on board  
**I (Scott):** A Tyr S A Tri, A Tri S A Tyr,  
 F Nap S F Rom, F Rom S F Nap  
**R (Schlosser):** F Nth S French F Lon,  
 A Kie H, A Bud-Ser, F Bla S A Ank-Con,  
 A Lpl H, A Boh S French A Mun-Tyr,  
 A Gal S A Vie, F Nao S A Lpl, A Ank-Con,  
 A Vie S French A Mun-Tyr, A Rum-Bul,  
A Smy S A Ank-Con, A Ukr-Sev,  
 A Sev-Arm  
**T (V Reynolds):** A Ser S A Bul, F Eme-Smy,  
A Bul S F Con, F Con S F Eme-Smy



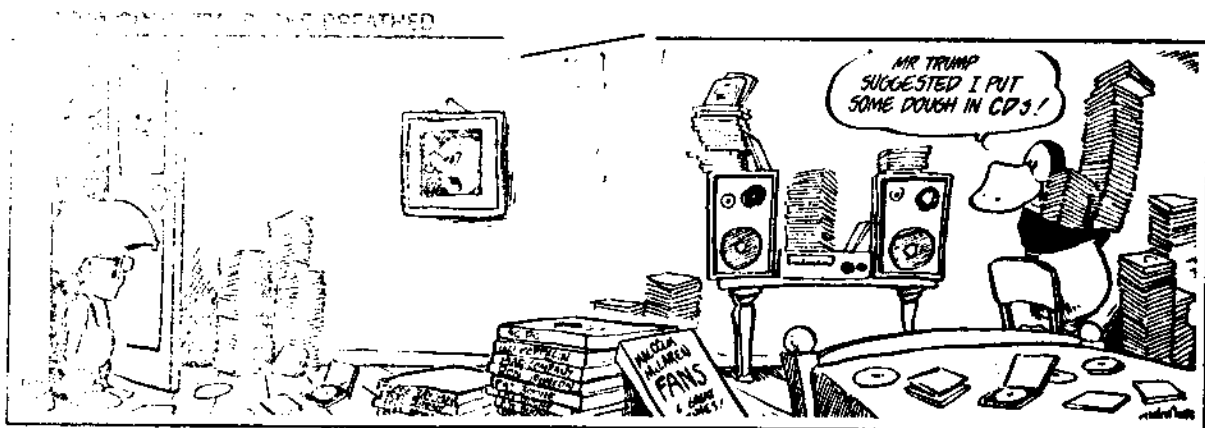
Underlined moves do not succeed. The Italian A Tyr retreats to Pie, Ven, or the box. The Turkish F Con can retreat to Aeg or die.

Sultana Vicki resigns, and is replaced by George Rifle. Jump right in, George. Sorry to see Vicki go at this stage of the game, but life is like that sometimes. Thanks to Derwood and Jim for hanging in there.

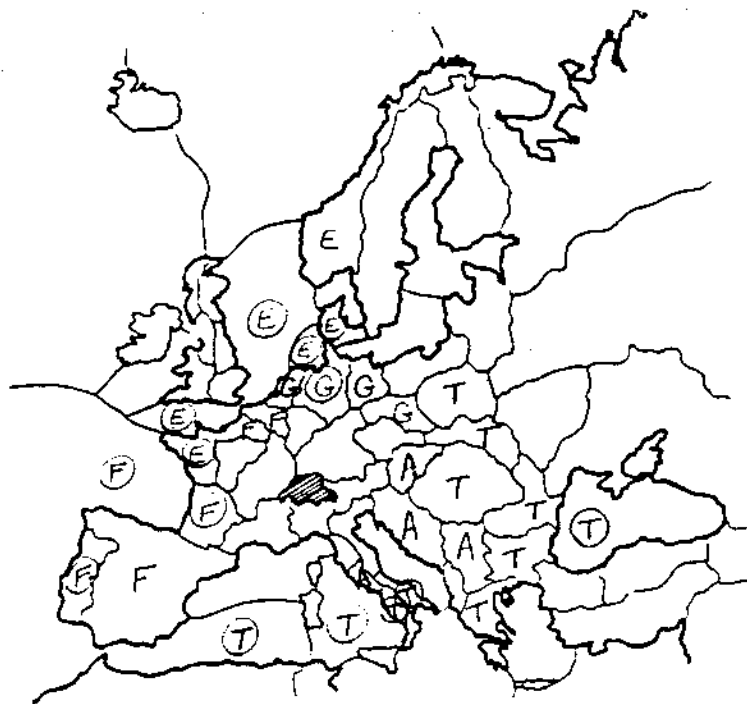
## gained/lost

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| <b>E:</b> <u>lpl</u> (0)   | gone     |
| <b>F:</b> home, spa, bel, por, hol, mun, tun, lon (10)                               | build 1  |
| <b>G:</b> <u>lon</u> (0)   | gone     |
| <b>I:</b> home, tri (4)  | even     |
| <b>R:</b> home, swe, nwy, den, kie, ber, bud, edi, vie, ank, smy, lpl, con, rum (17) | build 3  |
| <b>T:</b> <u>con</u> , bul, gre, ser, <u>rum</u> (3)                                 | remove 1 |

TO PAUL MILLS from SULTANA VICKI: I enjoyed our correspondence very much, all told.



# A LOT CAN CHANGE, YOU KNOW



## LEX Spring 06

- A (Andersson):** (retreat A Gal-Box, build A Tri) A Ser S A Bud-Rum, A Boh-Vie, A Rom H (unordered), A Tri S A Ser, F Apu-Nap, A Bud-Rum, F Nap-Rom (no such unit)
- E (Beckett):** A Stp-Nwy, F Bal-Den, F Den-Hel, F Nth S F Den-Hel, F Mao-Gas, F Pic-Bre, F Eng S F Pic-Bre
- F (Hymel):** A Bel S A Bur-Pic, A Spa S F Gas, F Por S F Bre-Mao, F Gas S F Bre-Mao, A Bur-Pic, F Bre-Mao
- G (Callaghan?):** **NMR** A Hol, A Sil, F Kie, A Ber all hold
- T (Boymel):** A Mos-War, F Bla S A Rum, A Gal-Bud, A War-Gal, A Gre S A Bul-Ser, A Rum S A Gal-Bud, A Bul-Ser, F Ion-Apu, F Wme-Mao, F Nap S F Ion-Apu, F Tys-Rom

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian F Apu can retreat to Adr or Ven, and the A Bud dies. The English F Mao can retreat to Nao, Iri, Naf or box.

David Andersson has a change of address. And for a German standby, how about Erik Van Rossum.

The concessions proposed last time all failed, with only Austria voting in favor. This time, England proposes a concession to...England!

**GERMANY to ENGLAND:** Anybody who takes a quick look at the map can see that your press last turn was highly imaginative. If you really want to prove your intentions, attack Moscow.

**VIENNA to BERLIN:** I'm going down fast for the second time unless you and France can do something.

**MACK the REIFF to ANDERSSON:** Dave, again let me apologize for the Brilliant Disguise player who is hassling you. I want you to know that I enjoy your incoherent, unintelligent whining. Please keep it up. And thanks for the keen nickname!

**HYBORIA LONDON to LEX TURKEY (ANONYMOUS):** That was quite a biographical sketch you did last issue. My congrats.

**SWISS NEWS AGENCY to LONDON:** Wake up! Remember, only you can stop the Turkish Toad. Without him, you were doing very well at six units, a proud part of the losing side against the Austro-Turkish alliance. Now, what do you have? Yes, you now have seven units, with one or two conquests in 1906 and two or three in 1907, but you should realize that the most important

part of the game is *not* growing selfishly, but insuring that stabs of people like me are avenged. You should realize that, as a secondary player of lesser experience, you should allow me to take the lead in setting up a massed attack on Turkey. That way, instead of a two-way ET draw, you can get a four-way, EGFA draw! Know your place and don't grow at the expense of your neighbors. I never lie. Just look at Hyboria to see. I didn't stab. It was just that France was getting ready to stab me (well, he wasn't, but I thought he might be) so I got him first. That isn't lying or betraying an ally, just good common sense. And ignore Reiff; he's just mad because I slaughtered him in Ohio. I'm the best player here and I deserve to win.

**POTOMAC to ROCKVILLE:** No, attorneys don't whine when attacked. We merely get even. Nobody in his right mind *ever* messes with an attorney. Libel suits are so much fun and, for an attorney, very inexpensive. Amazing how much mischief you can cause for a \$75 filing fee.

## Another Playlist (where do they come from?)

Green, REM ★★ (I hope this one grows on me)

Fisherman's Blues, Waterboys ★★★ (nice sounding after one listen, may get better)

My Aim Is True, Elvis Costello ★★★★★ (Elvis back when he was worth listening to)

Strange Days, Doors ★★★★★ (excellent on

vinyl, sounds fabulous on CD)

Marshall Crenshaw ★★★★★ (pop music the way it should be)

Power, Corruption & Lies, New Order

★★★★★ (bonus tracks on the CD add an extra ★ to an already excellent dance album)

Endless Summer, Beach Boys ★★★★★ (hot all year long, don't play it often but it always perks me up when I do)

# WHEN THE MUSIC'S OVER, TURN OUT THE LIGHTS

HENWAY Fall 05

**A (Munzenmaier):** A Boh-Mun, A Con-Bul,  
A Tus-Pie, F Ion-Aeg, F Tys H, A Tyr S A  
Boh-Mun, A Tri-Ven, F Adr-Ion

**E (Rusnak):** F Cly S A Lpl-Edi, A Lpl-Edi

**F (Schenck):** A Lon-Bre, F Mao-Spa(sc), F  
Eng C A Lon-Bre, F Spa(sc)-Mar

**G (Ferrier):** A Yor S F Nth-Lon, A Bur-Mar,  
F Nth-Lon, F Hol-Kie, A Bel-Bur, A  
Kie-Ber

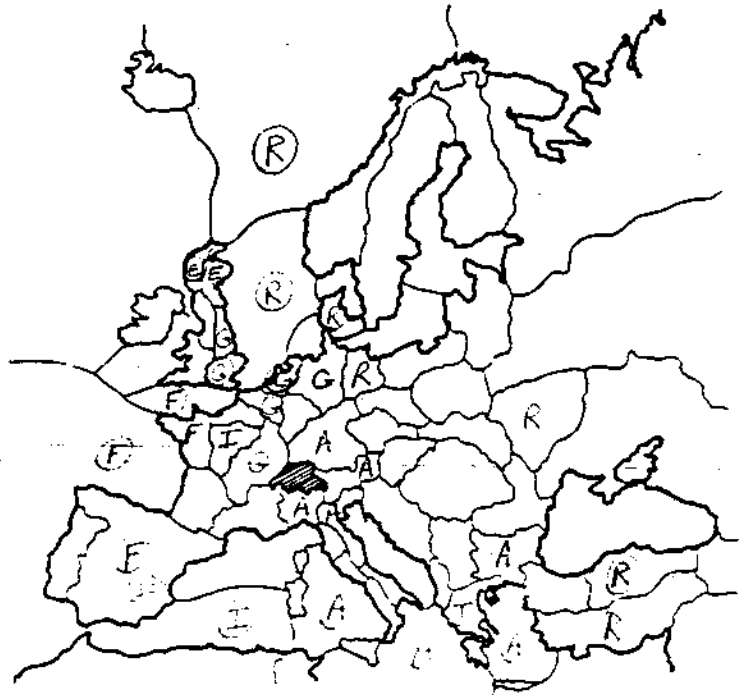
**I (Nixon):** A Par H, F Wme-Spa(sc)

**R (Geusz):** A Sev-Ukr, A Ber-Kie, F Den S F  
Nwy-Nth, F Ank H, A Smy H, F Nws S F  
Nwy-Nth, F Nwy-Nth

**T (Squibb):** F Gre H

Underlined moves do not succeed.

Garret Schenck is the new French player,  
taking over for the vanished Mark Stewart.



## gained/lost

**A:** home, ser, gre, bul, con, rom, nap, ven, mun (10)

**E:** lpl, edi (2)

**F:** bre, por, spa, lon (3)

**G:** ber, kie, mun, hol, den, bel, lon (4)

**I:** tun, mar, par (3)

**R:** home, rum, swe, nwy, smy, ber, den, ank (11)

**T:** ank, gre (1)

build 2

even

remove 1

remove 2

can't build 1

build 4

even

**MOSCOW to WORLD:** Dick, I'd have given a lot to see that irrational literature, as I likely paid for some of it. Five will get you ten that it did *not* come from the NRA, even if it claimed to do so. (In which case, I didn't pay for it, so why am I worried?) At any rate, I have never seen irrational statements come from the Rifleman. Obscure, poorly written technical Swahili, yes, but never irrational statements.

In my first letter on this subject, I stated that I do *not* toe the NRA line on all subjects. Mandatory firearms training is one of those. At the local public range I spend a lot of time at, I am often appalled at the ignorance of the populace regarding firearms. No offense intended, but storing a loaded handgun in a dresser drawer in a house with kids is not the smartest thing to do, unless the parents have spent many hours training the child in safe gunhandling and proper shooting techniques. My grandfather was kind enough to do this for me, but many people never get proper instruction. It causes a lot of tragedies, as I am well aware.

The NRA has a point, however, in that in many localities where mandatory education has passed, classes have been deliberately never held in order to bring about a de facto handgun ban. Also, many jurisdictions have required minimum marksmanship standards for the issuance of concealed weapon carry permits that I couldn't meet after three steady years of practice with highly-accurate guns. This is the kind of thing that has led to NRA to its "no compromise" position.

Yeah, the Maryland Handgun Ban was pretty big news here,

too, especially since it is the first time that the NRA has lost a state-wide referendum. And I sincerely hope that the law works as it is supposed to. However, I'm willing to bet my S&W 629 that ten years from now only a handful of very expensive handguns will have been approved, and that there will have been no effect on crime. After all, if a drug dealer can get drugs, he can get guns.

Also, just for the record, I refuse to buy any sort of weapon unless I know the seller well. While I have been offered back alley deals, neither I nor any reputable shooter has anything to do with them.

Dave, if you can figure out how to pay for a background check without it costing me anything, I'm all in favor of it. I don't particularly think it will do any good, but I'm not unalterably opposed to it, either. What I don't like about it more than anything is the fact that all these background checks take up police efforts that could be better used in catching criminals. As to your situation regarding concealed carry, that is exactly the reason that Florida ended up with its law. Talk to your legislators.

I wanted to mention also that if I were to kill someone, I would saw off my 12-gauge and use it. If I had to use a handgun, it would be my registered .44. All that registration means is that the police have the serial number, and know I own a .44. Considering how many .44's there are in the St Louis area (5,000 at a conservative guess) that's not much of a clue.

**ROCKVILLE:** Not unless you're already a suspect, it which case you can bet that the police are gonna want to check out your

44, at which point you may wish you had used something a bit more obscure, though possibly less effective.

The gun that Julie's brother shot himself with was not kept loaded in the drawer. He'd been shown how to load it properly for safety reasons, and told never to do so without his father there to supervise. Kids will always be kids, though, and he didn't think it would hurt if he did it just this once.... A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing (as I prove to myself every day at work).

I wish I'd saved some of that literature, too. You may be right in that the NRA didn't send it to us directly. But you can bet that NRA money paid for it, somewhere along the line. And I'm not entirely sure that the facts *per se* were so totally wrong. They were just presented in such an inflammatory, propagandist manner that it turned me off.

Of course newspapers make errors. Daily deadlines and time pressure will do that to you. Hey, even I have been known to err on occasion. (hyork)

**THE DICTIONARY:** def. Philosophy, n. A route of many roads leading from nowhere to nothing.

**ENGLAND to RUSSIA (OR ANYBODY FOR THAT MATTER):** If you want to talk, drop me a note and let me know what you have in mind. Show me what's in it for me (at this point it doesn't have to be much at all) and I am sure we can deal.

**MUNZ to ROCKVILLE:** I'm gonna stick my neck way out here, but I like him! I think Quayle is going to make a darn good VP. He sure seems motivated and I think Bush will let him go. Remember, you heard it here first.

**ROCKVILLE:** And probably last. Yes, Quayle should make

the ideal VP. After all, the main point of the job is to do nothing. He seems uniquely qualified.

**VIENNA to BERLIN:** Independent action? Yeah, take us all on, this game needs some new laughs.

**THE DICTIONARY:** def. Pantheism, n. The doctrine that everything is God, in contradiction to the doctrine that God is everything.

**MUNZ to ROCKVILLE:** I don't know if you watch the Morton Downey Show, but Ken Hoffman (the guy who set me up with the wrastlers) is gonna be on with a couple of shock jocks (KLOL's Stevens and Pruitt) debating "trash" radio. Should be good.

**ROCKVILLE:** I've seen the show a couple of times, but the humor wears thin pretty quickly. Mort covers his ignorance with rudeness instead of the usual facade of caring worn by Donahue, Geraldo, etc. In that sense it's refreshing, but I don't watch enough of the sappier stuff to need the relief. Having grown up on Howard Stern, the ultimate (and original?) shock jock, trash radio is just not that novel anymore. So I guess I'll have to miss the shock TV debate on shock radio. Besides, our TV guide is notoriously spotty with their descriptions of upcoming shows.

**MUNZ to WORLD:** Anybody know who the daughter in Beetle Juice was? She's cute in a creepy sort of way and I'm sure I've seen her in something else, but I can't remember.

**THE DICTIONARY:** def. Phoenix, n. The classical prototype of the modern "small hot bird."

**TURKEY to AUSTRIA-HUN AND RUSSIA:** Hey! You guys want to team up and clean off the board?

**ROCKVILLE:** With the three of you, I think you could do it.

## WE WANT THE WORLD, AND WE WANT IT NOW!



### Next Of Kin

### Spring 05

**A (Munz):** (build A Bud) A Bud-Rum, A Vie H, A Ser S A Bud-Rum

**F (Gonsalves):** (build F Bre, A Par) A Bel S A Par-Bur, A Mar S A Par-Bur, F Lpl-Nao, F Lon-Nth, F Eng S F Lon-Nth, A Pic S A Bel, A Par-Bur, A Edi H

**G (Wilson):** A Mun-Bur, A Hol-Ruh, F Nth-Eng, F Kie-Hol, A Bur-Gas

**I (P Reynolds):** A Tyr-Vie, F Alb S F Gre, A Tri S A Tyr-Vie, F Ion-Aeg, A Ven-Tyr, F Gre S F Ion-Aeg

**R (Schlosser):** A Nwy H, F Swe-Ska, A Ukr S Austrian A Bud-Rum, A Mos-Sev, A Gal S Italian A Tyr-Vie

**T (V Reynolds):** A Bul S A Rum, A Rum S A Bul, F Bla S A Sev, F Aeg S A Bul, A Sev S A Rum, A Con S A Bul

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian A Vie retreats to Bud or the box. The German F Nth can retreat to Yor, Nws, Den, Hel or the box. The Turkish A Rum is blowed up, and the F Aeg can retreat to Smy, Eme or into yonder box.

Vicki Reynolds resigns and is replaced by Ernest Hakey. Thanks for doing the honorable thing, Vicki and resigning. Now, let's see some more of that Hakey Magic. Well? We are waiting....

**BER to ENG:** Good riddance.

**ANSWER BACK TO MUNZ:** Who are you kidding? No one cares about this game.

**THE DICTIONARY:** def. Prescription, n. A physician's guess at what will best prolong the situation with least harm to the patient.

**MUNZ to ROCKVILLE:** Don't do it! Babies are evil with a capital "E" (ever hear Mojo Nixon's song "I'm Living with a Three Foot Anti-Christ"?). Some friends of mine had one and they've become troglodytes. Can't get them to do anything that is. The lumpy creature also urped all over me one night ("see, baby, there's David, isn't baby cute," "yar, cute," "do do do do do, uuuuuuu, urrrrrppppphzzzzzz," "goddamn little sack o dog vomit...") and I got yelled at for dropping the damn thing. Nothing like warm baby vomit to make you want to get out and party.

**ROCKVILLE:** Ah, Munz, you're such a smoothie! I bet that

warm baby vomit would be mild stuff at some of the parties you go to!

**TO PAUL BOYMEL from SULTANA VICKI:** Casting personal aspersions on other people is poor manners and will return to haunt you.

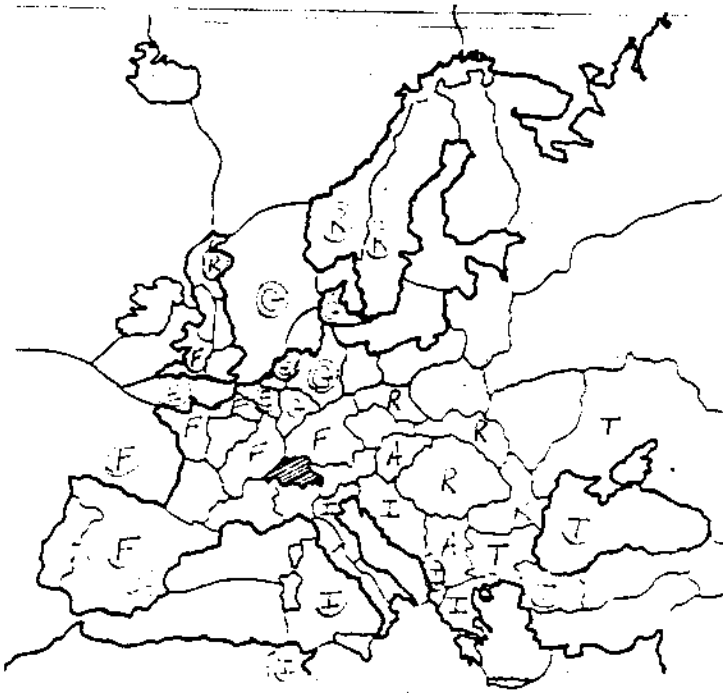
**BER to STP:** Got my mojo workin!

**BUDAPEST to SV:** Italy thinks he's eating your lunch. (Or, more accurately, he's invited everyone else to eat your lunch, he just likes to watch.)

**TO PHIL REYNOLDS from SULTANA VICKI:** Your explanation that most Diplomacy players can't bring themselves to work with a woman on an equal basis appears to be true. Your comment regarding most Diplomacy players being "social outcasts and nerds" is empirical only.

**BER to PARIS:** Truth? Ay, truth. You're a fine one to talk. So what now?

## ONE OF THESE DAYS



## Murphy's Revenge

Spring 04

**A (Milewski):** A Ser-Rum, A Vic-Bud

**E (Ferrier):** F Bel S F Nth-Hol, F Eng-Nth, F Nth-Hol

**F (Huffman):** (build A Par, F Mar) A Pic H, F Lpl-Wal, A Bre S A Pic, F Mao-Eng, A Par-Bur, F Mar-Spa(sc), A Mun-Kie

**G (A Stewart):** (remove A Tyr) A Hol-Ruh, F Hel-Nth, F Kie-Hol, F Den S F Hel-Nth

**I (Weseman):** (build F Nap) A Ven-Tri, A Gre-Ser, F Alb S A Ven-Tri, F Ion-Tun, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Tys

**R (Henry):** A Rum S A Sev, A Bud S A Rum, F Nwy S F Fin-Swe, F Sev S A Rum, A Gal S A Rum, F Nws-Edi, F Fin-Swe, A Sil H (unordered)

**T (O'Brien):** A Arm-Sev, A Bul-Rum, F Bla S A Arm-Sev, F Aeg-Con

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian F Sev is blown up.

Thanks for the unused German standby moves from Mister Almost President Van Rossum.

**KAISER ERIK to WORLD:** Get off of my continent!

**GERMANY to PARIS:** I meant what I said in my letter so expect all hell to break loose, frogman!

**ERLANGEN to ROCKVILLE:** Do US military personnel get free travel? Do they even get to take leave? Not hereabouts.

**ROCKVILLE:** You mean the stories I've heard about European duty being one long vacation aren't entirely true?

**POPE to ROCKVILLE:** Russian GIs do get free transportation. A cattle car to Siberia.

**ROCKVILLE:** All the finest accommodations!

**TURKEY to AUSTRIA:** Roses are red,  
Violets grow in dirt,

This isn't going to rhyme,

But I hate you anyway.

**SAN FRANCISCO to ITALY:** Hey sailor, I'll be on the next

flight if you promise to bugger me too. I adore greasy swarthy foreigners.

**ITALY to PRAVDA:** I think your little yellow side-kick has decided that he won't lay down his arms.

**ROME to MOSCOW:** Is that the fleet in Sev being scuttled, so the Sultan can't capture it? What a shame.

**POPE to ROCKVILLE:** Now why the hell would we want the Canuckie military mucking up the works in Russia. This is supposed to be a good clean crusade. We don't want anyone who says "ch" at the end of each sentence involved.

**ROME to THE SULTAN:** Go for it.

**ROCKVILLE:** Oh well, a little extra space to complain about how ReadySetGo just crashed and cost me about an hour's worth of work (Julie's asleep, and not able to remind me to save save save). I hate it when it does that. At least it'll be quicker the second time.

# WAITING FOR THE END OF THE WORLD

Seven Wonders

Spring 04

**A (Taylor):** (retreat A Vie-Box, A Tri-Box)

A Ser S A Bud, A Bud S A Ser

**E (Cronin):** (build F Lon) A Pic-Par,

F Den H, F Mao-Por, F Eng-Mao,

F Bre-Gas, F Lon-Eng

**F (Cardell):** (retreat A Bre-Gas) A Gas H

(unordered), A Par-Bur, F Tun-Tys,

F Spa(sc)-Wme, A Ruh-Mun

**G (Zulkowski):** (build A Mun, A Ber)

A Bel-Ruh, A Bur S English A Pic-Par,

F Kie H (unordered), A Mun S A Ber,

A Ber H, A Mar-Par (no such unit)

**I (Wilson):** A Tri-Ser, F Ion-Tys, A Ven-Pie,

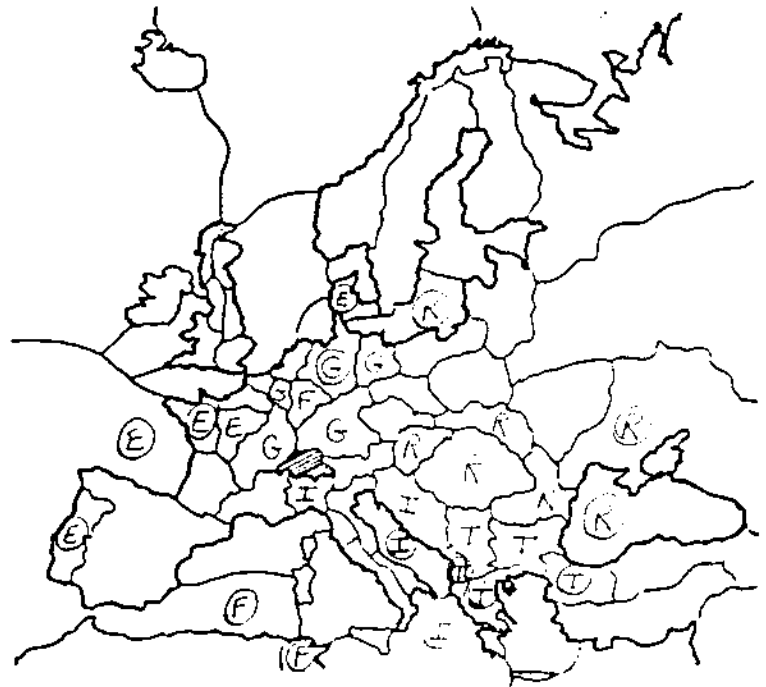
F Adr-Ion

**R (Dunn):** A Ukr-Gal, A Gal-Bud, F Bal-Ber,

F Bla S A Rum, A Vie S A Gal-Bud,

F Sev S A Rum, A Rum-Ser

**T (P Reynolds):** A Gre-Ser, A Bul S A Gre-Ser, F Aeg-Gre, F Alb S A Gre-Ser, F Con S A Bul



Underlined moves do not succeed. The two Austrian armies are blown up, as is the French A Par.

**FRANCE to ITALY AND TURKEY:** Sorry guys. I'm fading fast and I've got two rudderless fleets floating around. Got any ideas about what I should do with them?

**OLD VIENNA to MOSCOW:** Sure thing!

**OLD VIENNA to ANKARA:** You betcha!

**OLD VIENNA to VENICE:** OK by me!

**ROME to ~~VIENNA TRIESTE~~ BUDAPEST:** Your letter was great. But it was a turn too late.

**OLD VIENNA to WORLD:** No serious offer turned down.

Anything you can push, pull or drag to Austria will be considered.

**ROME to PARIS (NOT FOR LONG):** The Turkish press of

last time has my emphatic seconding. What you think you gain by harassing me while E and G have you for lunch is beyond me. Normally I'd not attack a France under an E/G assault, but your stupidity leaves me little choice.

**FRANCE to GERMANY:** You Nazi chump! How long do you think you'll be around after I'm gone? Battle England now, before it's too late.

**ROME to LONDON:** Thanks for the cards, but just what do we have to discuss? Just eliminate France.

**VENICE:** Ah, isn't Deauville pretty in the fall?

## Lympie Stuff

### gained/lost

**E:** home, stp, rwy, swe, den (7) build 1

**F:** home, spa, por, bel, tun (7) build 1

**G:** ber, kie, mun, hol, den (3) remove 2

**I:** tom, nap, ven, tun, tri (2) remove 2

**R:** mos, war, sev, rum, bud, vie, tri, ber (7) build 1

**T:** home, bul, gre, ser, rum, nap (8) build 2

**MONITOR to BINKIE:** Hi! I think we're going to get along just swell. Who do you think will die first, you or me? I think I will. Say, did you know my father has a Porsche? Maybe I'll come visit sometime. Don't you just hate it when France attacks you? I think that's just the worst way to make friends. I'll guard Munich for you, okay? Toodles!

**ROCKVILLE:** Whew, a real packed house this time. Guess we get the gunboat tourneys into the next issue.

## Manuel Noriega Pro-Am Press

**FREDDY to OBI WAN:** Roses are red/Violets are blue/ Sugar is sweet/ And if you don't get off my back right now, I'll rip out your viscera and feed them to Valjean, who's nowhere near as nice a guy as he seems.

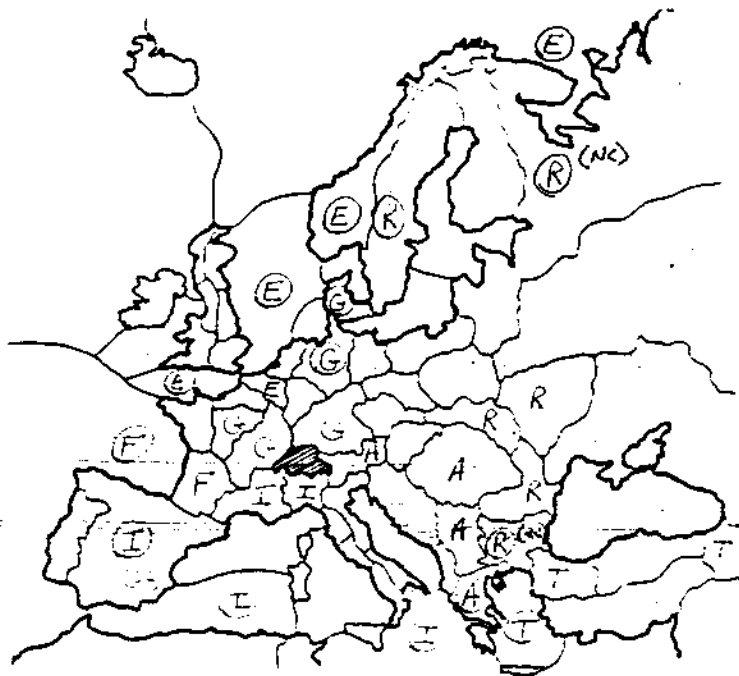
**FREDDY to ROCKVILLE:** You won't believe this, but I was out slumming with Norman Bates and Jason the other night, and we found Jimmy Hoffa. He was delicious, by the way.

**PSYCHO to PSYCHO:** Aha, you give me a vital clew! I now know that one of us is "Philosopher Fritz" and another one knows his methods. I have a hunch that you are both of them.

**SWISS NEWS AGENCY:** In a subtle attempt to divert attention from his mounting string of failures in Brilliant Disguise, "Philosopher Fritz" mentions his name in Manuel Noriega Pro-Am. Operating under the code name of Psycho, he accuses himself in order to cast suspicion on the other players. Nobody knows why. In an apparently unrelated story, Psycho declares war on himself.

**MATA HARI to PSYCHO:** I should have known that choosing a feminine name would expose me to cheap, sexist slams. To think I wondered why no women played Gunboat!

# I'M NOT ANGRY



Underlined moves do not succeed. The French A Par can retreat to Bre, Pic or the box. Bruce Roberts has moved.

Brilliant Disguise

Fall 02

- A (Zulkowski):** A Bud S A Ser, A Ser H,  
F Gre S Russian F Bul, A Tyr-Ven
- E (Farha):** A Bel-Nwy, F Nth C A Bel-Nwy, \*  
F Nwy-Swe, F Lon-Eng, F Nws-Bar
- F (Holley):** A Par-Gas, A Spa-Gas, F Eng-Mao
- G (Roberts):** A Den S English F Nwy-Swe,  
 A Gas-Par, F Hol-Kie, A Bur S A Gas-Par,  
 A Ber-Mun
- I (Reiff):** A Mar S F Wme-Spa(sc), A Pie-Ven,  
 F Wme-Spa(sc), F Tys-Wme, F Ion-Gre
- R (Wallstrom):** F Bul(ec) S A Sev-Rum,  
 A Ukr S A Sev-Rum, F Swe-Nwy,  
 A War-Gal, F Stp(nc) S F Swe-Nwy,  
 A Sev-Rum
- T ("Fritz"):** F Aeg-Gre, A Smy-Arm,  
A Con-Bul

## gained/lost

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| <b>A:</b> home, ser, gre (5)               | build 1  |
| <b>E:</b> home, nwy, bel (5)               | even     |
| <b>F:</b> <u>par</u> , bre, <u>spa</u> (1) | remove 2 |
| <b>G:</b> home, hol, den, <u>par</u> (6)   | build 1  |
| <b>I:</b> home, mar, tun, <u>spa</u> (6)   | build 1  |
| <b>R:</b> home, rum, swe, <u>bul</u> (7)   | build 1  |
| <b>T:</b> home, <u>bul</u> (3)             | even     |
| <b>neutral:</b> <u>gre</u> , por (1)       |          |

**ROME to NEW CARROLLTON:** Once again the Brownies go down to defeat in the playoffs. We've come to expect it here. However what gets my goat is the poor officiating and the lack of the instant replay use. Webster Slaughter was clearly in bounds on that catch. And that lateral, what a bunch of total bullshit! My case for execution of officials. Trumpy put it best when he said "the Browns are getting the shaft again." Probably cost him the number one color man job, but I'm glad he said it! I just hope the Bengals don't win the Super Bowl!!! I'm probably going to be transferred there soon and couldn't put up with it if they won.

**NEW CARROLLTON to FRITZ:** What does it take to become an IM? First, it takes a 2350 rating in internationally rated tournaments. Second, it takes three tournaments in which you earned an "IM Norm." This is achieving a certain positive score against other players who have already earned the IM or GM titles. A certain number of these players must be from different countries. Third, your results are formally reviewed by an international committee before the title is approved. This is much tougher than the "National Master" title given by the USCF which goes automatically to anyone whose rating goes over 2200. The GM title is earned similarly to the

IM title except the rating requirement is 2450 and the norms required are correspondingly tougher. Bobby Fischer (who breezed to the GM title before he'd even earned the IM title; only one of two players to ever do that) had a 2810 rating; Kasparov is around 2750.

**ROCKVILLE:** Thanks for the Bobby Fischer book, by the way. Remind me to return it next time I see you. A little bit too much emphasis on the brief span of time before Fischer went to Iceland, but an interesting read. Loved the author's descriptions of the various people involved, and had never realized quite what a battle of nerves high-level chess can be.

**PHILOSOPHER to LONDON:** Yes, there are those who view Diplomacy as a purely abstract mathematical calculation. Your position in no way necessitates substantive disagreement between us. I, too, think the only object of Diplomacy is to win or prevent others from winning. Keeping promises is not a goal in itself, merely a means to an end. It is my inmost conviction that the honest player not only has an easier proverbial row to hoe than the dishonest one, but also that he will eventually achieve greater results.

My moral indignation at people who stab is confined merely to the game, and is not to be taken seriously in any larger context. Since, however, I exist only as a Diplomacy personality, matters of relevance to the game assume paramount importance to me.

**ROCKVILLE:** Oh, so Diplomacy is your life, then?

**GASCONY to ANKARA:** Hello, hello! Has the Philosopher changed his philosophy? At least I write each season!

**TURKEY to RUSSIA:** I assume this means we are no longer best buddies.

**FRITZ to THE PEOPLES OF BULGARIA:** My apologies.

**LONDON to CONSTANTINOPLE:** Hang in, dude, I'm on the way.

**TURKEY to ITALY:** Okay.

**ROME to ROCKVILLE:** Here's my nomination for "Songs I am most embarrassed to admit I like": "Da Doo Ron Ron" by Shawn Cassidy. Believe it or not! The record stores pay you 99¢ to take it!

**ROCKVILLE:** Don't laugh too hard, but there's a version of

"Rebel, Rebel" that Shawn Cassidy does (on the Wasp album), that I really like. I think that was the record he put out to try to establish "credibility" as a "serious" musician. It failed miserably, of course, but I still like it.

**PAR to LON:** Et tu, Brute?

**BURGUNDY to PARIS:** Pardon me, where's your visitor's bureau? I would like a tour of your fantastic city. I heard native Parisians were kind to tourists. I've heard Brest is a fun town. Maybe next year.

**PAR to VIE:** Go, baby, go.

**BURGUNDY to SPAIN:** France is a blast! How's Spain? We should come here more often. You will have to send me postcards from Spain and Portugal because I don't plan on any trips there. I'm having loads of fun with all the fine wine and all the wonderful art I'm in awe!

**DENMARK to ENGLAND:** Blackmail will *not* get you far! Just wait 'till France is gone! You'll sing a different tune then!

**LONDON to BELGIUM:** You suck, and I hate the color black anyway.

**MUNICH to MOSCOW:** Sorry about that. Write me and we'll work out our retaliation! Austria is becoming a pain. When you're ready to take on Austria, I'm ready, willing, and able!

**AUSTRIA to RUSSIA:** Don't worry, Dah-ling. I'll support you from those Turkish swine.

**RASTA LONDON to HYBORIA LECCHH:** Hey Brah, I would be advisen' ya tah be stayin' out of me game's press, lest I be doin' some makin' up in yours too.

**ROCKVILLE:** Now I've seen it all: Scottish Rastas!

**GLASCOW:** In response to OPLEC and rising pimento loaf prices, the Scottish Lima Bean Producers Society (SLBPS) have lowered prices and increased advertising. Their new "jingle" is:

Eat beans, they're good for your heart  
The more you eat, the more you fart  
The more you fart, the better you feel  
So eat beans at every meal!

**REALLY LATE HAND WRITTEN PRESS FROM**

**ROME:** 1) Yeah 49ers! Aw Ickey, didn't ums get to look like a baboon on National TV. Aw... 2) To Olsen — not sure what you meant on your card, was a little hard to read. Sorry. 3) To Potomac Paul — anything you say. Thanks for your help. 4) Did anyone see the Indiana-Michigan St game where Bob Knight got two technical fouls called on him then walked over to the PA and chewed out the refs over the PA system? God I love Bob! 5) Bundy-cue what an idea! Does Maryland have the death penalty? In Ohio we still kill 'em the old-fashioned way — we burrrnn them! 6) What did our resident bleeding heart lawyer think about the Supreme Court decision overturning Richmond's minority contracting requirements? It's just a start. Next up: Roe vs Wade and then more reverse discrimination rulings. Halleluehiah! 7) Sign of the month: Buckle up Bundy, it's the law!

**ROME (JUST ROME):** Fish of the month: Archer Fish. *Toxotes jaculator*. Distribution - south and southeast Asia, Philippines, Malaysia, and Australia. Environment - temperature 79° to 82°, pH 7 to 8.5. Furnishings - large, shallow tank with a few plants and lots of swimming room. This is a very unusual and interesting fish. In the wild it shoots a stream of water at insects unlucky enough to fly over or be sitting on a leaf above. This is its primary food source. These fish are found mostly around river estuaries and coastal swamps. The adult fish spawn in saltwater. The young find their way back to fresh water to grow. When they are adults, they prefer brackish water.

**DUAL MONARCHY:** I am *not* asleep, I just don't have anything to say. Especially to Germany!

**TURKEY to AUSTRIA-HUNGARY:** I see.

**LAST DANCE LONDON to BRILLIANT DISGUISE**

**FRITZ:** (Actually, the idea that "Brilliant Disguise" can be a descriptive adjectival phrase modifying "Fritz" seems too totally appropriate to me.) Don't listen to Rockville. Everybody knows that "gullible" is in the dictionary. Look, here: "Adj.; edible for gulls."

**INTERESTED PARTY to ROCKVILLE:** Are Liverpool, Munich, Marseilles, Naples, Ankara, etc...protected or just the capitals (London, Berlin Paris, Constantinople, Moscow, Rome, Vienna)??? How strict are you anyway?

**ROCKVILLE:** Oh, fairly strict. And all home centers are protected, not just the capitals.

**THE SURGEON GENERAL OF ENGLAND to FRITZ:** Bananas? The girls at your school are sick! And you're even worse, eating the banana after that. Haven't you ever heard of a cucumber?

**CONSERVATIVE COMEDIAN:** Santa Claus, an honest lawyer, and a crooked lawyer are walking down the street. There is a \$50 bill on the ground. Which one picks it up? The crooked lawyer, the other two are figments of your imagination.

**BERLIN NEWS AGENCY:** Flash! A surprise move from Austria last month has forced thousands of Italians to flee Tyrolia into Munich. Shelters have been built and more aid will be given by the German government. There has been no reply from the Austrians. Rumor has it that they will attempt to overthrow the Italian government. More later!

**ROME to VIENNA:** How can you, with a straight face, say there are good episodes of the New Star Trek??? I must admit that the show is a tad better this year. But that is only because the killed off Yar and shipped out the doctor. But until they get rid of Picard and that stupid, pathetic kid, Crusher, it will never be a good show!

**VIENNA:** The Ministry of Culture (a term used for any Government Agency whose sole function is to siphon off tax money) announced today that as a reward for dutifully protecting our north-western border from Tyrolia, the 36 1/2 Infantry Division is being sent to Venice to watch the opera. We'll have more on that as further information leaks out, er, is obtained.

**MUNICH to ROME:** Please note message to Moscow. It seems Austria wishes to make a nuisance of himself. If you want part of the action, we will be merciful toward "Lil Red" and finish him quicker than France! Write or call with ideas. We can start by returning Tyrolia to the Italians.

**ROME to ANDERSSON:** Hey Dave, going to CapCon this year? Indy is only a couple of hours from Columbus. Drop me a card if you are and we can get together beforehand.

**ROME to ROCKVILLE:** I've noticed a disturbing trend in your games. When they were young, like this one, your games had lots of press, again, like this one. Then as they progressed, the amount of press decreased. Is this a common affliction of all games Dick? Say it isn't so! Please tell me it won't happen in this game!

**ROCKVILLE:** 'Fraid so, this is a pretty common thing. But it won't happen as long as you keep on writing press....

**ROME to ROCKVILLE:** I have an idea of how to stimulate press in some of your low press games (well actually all of your games!). It's called the "Munz unit." This would be a unit on the island of Sicily. This unit can't move, can't support, can't be convoyed, and can't be attacked. It's just able to write press. Also you could do this with Iceland and call it the "Olsen unit." Whadaya think?

**ROCKVILLE:** I think I don't have the faintest idea how this would do anything.

**ENGLAND to GERMANY:** Well, if Italy is your only *real* ally, maybe I'll take Holland! How's that sound?

**ROME:** More press!!!! People who don't write press shall perish. Right Melinda???

**ROME to ROCKVILLE:** Hey! Some of us out here (besides Tom Swider) *liked* the Brady Bunch Christmas Special. Just because you don't like the Bradys doesn't mean I don't have good taste. But come to think of it, I like Shawn Cassidy too. Maybe I should seek counseling!!! Anyway, did you check out the new Cindy? A big improvement!

**ROCKVILLE:** Well, could the new Cindy possibly be any worse?

**ROME to ROCKVILLE:** Do you get the idea I've turned the Roman press machine up a notch or two? (It wouldn't be so bad on me (the typist, soon to be Mrs Reiff), but Bruce gives me ten pages of hand written press to type the night before he wants to mail it out.)

**TYPIST:** Soon to be Mrs. Reiff?! Sorry, that's big of you, but it would also be bigamy (ar, ar, ar).

**HYBORIA ALL to ALL:** We too, can submit press that sounds as if we are more than one person, Bruce. Nice try, bad guy.

**KIEL TRIBUNE:** Heir Roberts, the supreme and beautiful leader of Germany, denied reports that ships were being constructed



in Kiel. He also denied reports of German armies in Paris and English fleets on the continent.

**DUAL MONARCH to FRITZ:** You are a turd floating in the sewer of life called Kansas.

**ROME to ROCKVILLE:** I disagree with your assertion that Eastern liberals are not sitting up nights wondering how to get guns away from Midwesterners. Eastern Liberals are always trying to impose their beliefs on the rest of us. The speed limit is another example, but I won't get started.

**ROCKVILLE:** And what interest group isn't sitting up late at night wondering how to impose their will on everyone else? Oh yeah, Midwestern Conservatives, I forget how wonderfully benevolent they all are.

**(NO DATELINE):** Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful game, that started in *Retaliation*, named Brilliant

### Disguise

Now Dick was a mighty GM, Julie brave and sure, seven players started the game on a diplomatic tour, a diplomatic tour.

The game started getting rough, the tiny zeen did slow. If not for the courage of Dick and Julie, the game would be lost, BD would be lost.

The game returned in *Retaliation* between two different games, with the sleeping Austrian, Farha too, the Greedy German and his Russian toady, Mack the Reiff, the Philosopher and Melinda Ann here in Brilliant Disguise.

**ROME to ROCKVILLE:** If you throw a lot of parties then you should get the "Tee-Vee Tunes" CDs. You'd be amazed at how much fun it can be to get drunk and hear classics like "Speed Racer," "The Flintstones," or "Road Runner." Seriously!!!

**ROCKVILLE:** Doesn't sound serious at all, to me.

## THE USUAL THING

### LAST DANCE Fall 01

**A (Pitt):** A Bud S A Ser-Tri, A Ser-Tri,  
F Alb-Gre

**E (Gaughan):** A Yor-Den, F Nws-Nwy,  
F Nth C A Yor-Den

**F (Bowen):** A Pic-Bel, A Spa-Por, F Mao-Iri

**G (Palmer):** A Kie-Den, A Bur-Bel,  
F Hol S A Bur-Bel

**I (Mainardi):** A Tyr-Mun, A Ven-Tyr, F Ion-Tun

**R (Nash):** A Sev-Rum, A Ukr-Gal, F Gob-Swe,  
F Rum-Bla

**T (Erikson):** A Bul-Gre, A Ank-Con, F Con-Aeg

Underlined moves do not succeed.

#### gained/lost

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| <b>A:</b> home (3)   | even    |
| <b>E:</b> home, nwy (4)                                      | build 1 |
| <b>F:</b> home, por (4)                                      | build 1 |
| <b>G:</b> ber, <u>mun</u> , kie, <u>bel</u> , <u>hol</u> (4) | build 1 |
| <b>I:</b> home, tun, mun (5)                                 | build 2 |
| <b>R:</b> home, swe, rum (6)                                 | build 2 |
| <b>T:</b> home, bul (4)                                      | build 1 |

**neutral:** bul, gre, ser, rum, tun, spa, por, bel, hol, den, swe, nwy (4)

**OBERAMMERGAU to WORLD:** We found our lost troopers! They're coming home. We'll have a fine Christmas after all.

**LONDON to PARIS:** What a little ritual this has become—you being nice to me and me trying to decide whether to take advantage of you for it.

**LONDON to MOSCOW:** Hey, we don't take slurs lightly around here. Comparing *Retal* to *Fiat Bellum* is like comparing beer and beer foam.

**ROCKVILLE:** Maybe, but lately which is which?

**LONDON to BERLIN:** Not sure why a promotion can cause a failure to write, eh? Well, you take an additional 20-25 hours out of your weeks, then bring work home as well, and see how many Dip letters you produce.

**FRENCH WORLD to GER:** Hell, if I had known it was wine you were looking for, I'd have sent you a case of Chateau Ripple.



Now, please leave France's territory.

**LONDON to ROCKVILLE:** Another "Jeopardy" fan?? Do you still remember the original, with the manually-operated board and Don Pardo announcing? I still kick myself for not trying to get on the show while I was living in LA. (Hey, I even own the Jeopardy box game to play at home!)

**ROCKVILLE:** I'll tell you one thing, Alex Trebeck can't hold a candle to Art Fleming as the mediator.

**LONDON to BALTIMORE:** All we buy are CDs. We're moving from folk to classical (a few really trite items like Pachelbel's Canon), though we have some rock I haven't listened to yet.

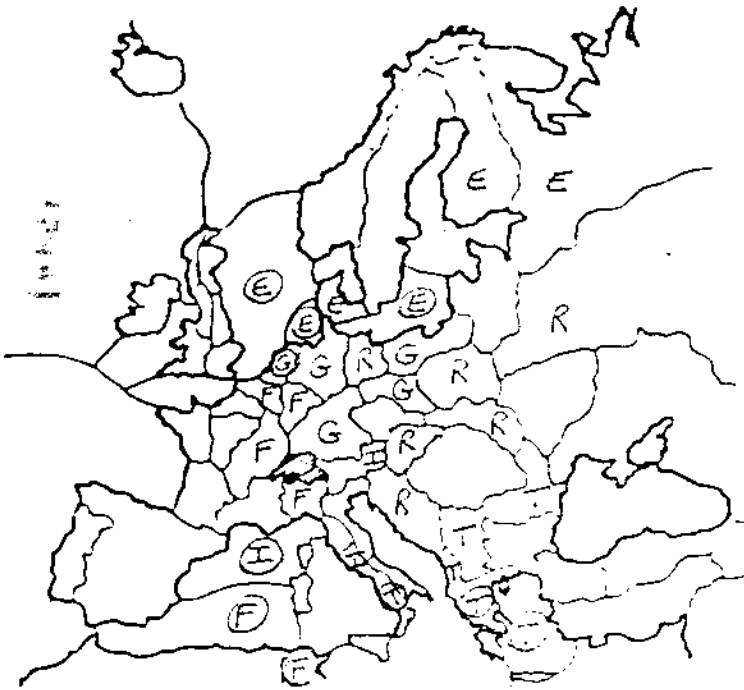
**ROCKVILLE:** Same here, though my tastes lately have tended more toward "other" classical music (Sam Cooke, Coasters, Platters, Sam & Dave, lots of Motown stuff).

## Lympie Fall 05

- E (Slick):** A Stp-Mos, F Swe-Bal, F Nth-Hel, A Nwy-Fin, A Den H, F Nws-Nth
- F (Nameless Standby):** A Bel S A Ruh-Hol, A Ruh-Hol, F Wme S F Naf-Tun, A Bur-Mar, A Pie-Mar, F Naf-Tun
- G (Binkie):** (retreat A Den-Kie) A Kie S F Hol, A Pru S A Sil, F Hol S A Kie, A Boh-Mun, A Sil S A Boh-Mun
- I (Monitor):** (retreat A Tri-Tyr) A Tyr-Mun, F Gol-Mar, F Tun-Ion, A Ven-Rom
- R (Bond, James Bond):** A Tri H, A Gal-Bud, F Bal-Ber, A Vie S A Tri, A Mos S A War, A War H
- T (George "Thousand Points of Light" Bush):** A Alb-Ser, A Ser-Bud, F Aeg-Ion, F Gre-Alb, F Ion-Nap, A Bul-Rum

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Draw proposals again fail, as again nobody votes in favor.



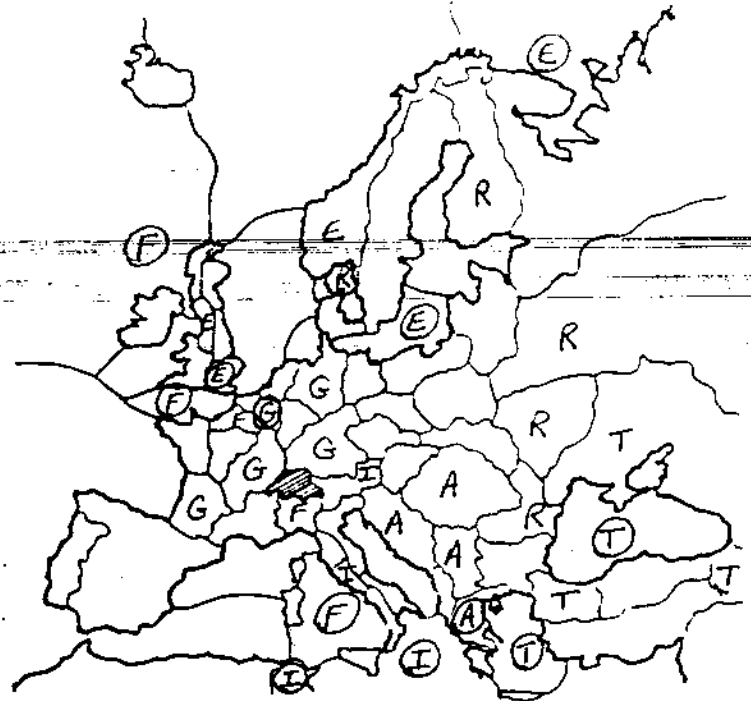
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Manuel Noriega

Pro-Am Spring 03

- A (Rug Rat):** A Bud S A Vie-Tri, A Tri-Ser, F Gre S Italian F Adr-Ion, A Vie-Tri
- E (Jean Valjean):** A Swe-Nwy, F Den-Bal, F Bar S A Swe-Nwy, F Lon-Eng, A Yor-Lpl
- F (Obi Wan?):** A Pic, A Pie, F Nao, F Tys, F Eng all hold
- G (Mr Mistoffelees):** A Bur-Gas, A Bel-Bur, F Hol-Bel, A Kie S A Mun, A Mun S A Kie
- I (Freddy Krueger):** A Tyr-Pie, F Ion-Tun, F Adr-Ion, A Ven-Rom
- R (Mata Hari):** (retreat F Swe-box, build A Mos, A Stp) A Ukr-Sev, A Rum-Bul, F Nwy-Ska, A Mos S A Ukr-Sev, A Stp-Fin
- T (Psycho):** (build A Con) F Bla S A Sev, F Bul(sc)-Aeg, A Arm S A Sev, A Sev H, A Con-Bul

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