

Dawn of the Dead: The Musical



Featuring the songs:

“Zombie B. Goode”, “Up, Up, and Away in My Beautiful Helicopter”, and the haunting and soulful “For Dying Out Loud”

Starring:



Jim Burgess as "Flyboy" Stephen



Bonnie Franklin as Francine

and special guest:



Lindsay Lohan as Queen of the Zombies

Performances Thursday through Saturday Nights at the Barker Playhouse in Providence.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE #324

August 25, 2010

Jim Burgess, 664 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908-4327 USA, (401)351-0287, jfburgess of gmail.com

E-MAIL/WEB ONLY ISSUE! PDF will be available on the website incorporating all subszines.

Web Page Address: <http://www.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/index.html>

I'm still delaying one of the games for Medical reasons, but the others are going. I can get this out before Doug, so this issue actually will NOT have an Eternal Sunshine (two issues before he can get another one out!!!). Doug still makes legitimate comments about who should be subszine to whom. He is my subszine toady though.... back, back, stay in line. Write me a letter.... and voila, we have a letter from Doug below too.

Some of you are still not on the E-Mail list for this szine, I keep trying to sign you up, please accept the offer! I am going ahead and finishing all the games here, and then we'll see what happens.

We will have four subszines going forward, from Dave Partridge, Doug Kent, Andy York, and Peter Sullivan. Dave Partridge still is trying to finish *Tinamou*, Andy York is working on By the WAY, and Peter is getting Railway Rivals started! Doug of course puts us all to shame otherwise. This issue only has an *Octopus' Garden* from Peter with a game start. Dave and Andy are working on getting back in the swing.

For production, in addition to the HTML's of each separate product on the web page, I will also have a PDF that you can print of the entire szine (including my famous handdrawn maps!). You can just print the maps if you like, but remember maps are for pikers anyway, you don't need no steenkin' maps, keep them up in your head where they belong. I don't think there are very many people I owe money, but if you think I owe you money, just ask and I will pay. ONE GROUP that is definitely owed money is the players with NMR insurance. NMR insurance still continues, I will still call you for it, and when your game ends, I will refund the money.

I have now tried to sign up all the players, some multiple times, but please check. THIS IS A PROBLEM, sign up now if you're playing so you get proper notification!!! General information about the mailing list is at: <http://www.diplom.org/mailman/listinfo/tap>

You can sign up from there, or send E-Mails to: Tap-request of diplom.org; with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions. You must know your password to change your options (including changing the password, itself) or to unsubscribe. Normally, Mailman will remind you of your diplom.org mailing list passwords once every month, although you can disable this if you prefer. This reminder will also include instructions on how to unsubscribe or change your account options. There is also a button on your options page that will email your current password to you.

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE LETTERS SECTION

((I want to go back to encouraging more letters again, right now I'm going to focus on just pumping issues out, but I hope to start writing more again too as the year progresses.))

Mike Barno (Fri, Aug 20, 2010 at 11:31 AM)

Hi, Jim. I grinned at reading your remarks about the string music festival in Maine, because I recently heard Crooked Still at the Grey Fox festival, and they were my favorite new-to-me band there. Grey Fox also had a lot of events for teaching kids to pick bluegrass, so it makes me more optimistic for the future of the genre. I might try to make it to your Maine event next year. Can you point me to information about next year's dates and details yet?

– Mike, mpbarno of gmail.com

((You can watch the website at <http://www.ossipeevalley.com>, but it should be at the end of July from what they said at the festival.))

Doug Kent (Fri, Aug 6, 2010 at 1:43 PM)

I can't comment on most of the musical acts you fellas discussed this issue (or this year... same difference). But as long as we're discussing music, I'll throw out my favorite newish CD's I bought in the past year. Some are not recent releases; they may be a year or two old... and these are off the top of my head, so I may forget some. Haven't seen a live show all year though. In no particular order:

Bird Song by Heather Masse - As soon as I heard the opening track - I Dont Wanna Wake Up Today - I knew Id love this CD. I may actually prefer this solo release to her other work.

Get Wasted by Palmdale - Kay Hanley rarely disappoints me, so this little collection of her typical style of pop is as pleasing as Babydoll or Weaponize or anything else shes done recently.

Golden Apples of the Sun by Caroline Herring - She has such a great voice, and the arrangements are so simple. Wonderful music.

The Near Demise of the High Wire Dancer by Antje Duvekot - Without question, the best CD I have bought all year. After listening to this about 100 times, I had to get a few more of her CDs. Theyre all good, but this one is hands down the best. Not a miss anywhere.

One Cell in the Sea by A Fine Frenzy - I was a bit late to the party on this one, and to be honest the bits Ive heard of her more recent releases do nothing for me. But the near-perfect blend of her voice, the songs, and the arrangements make this another home run.

Honorable Mention: Come Up Full by Meg Hutchinson; Laws of Illusion by Sarah McLachlin; See You on the Moon by Tift Merrit; Songs for a Hurricane by Kris Delmhorst; Too Much Living by Danny Balis; Who Do You Think You Are by Dala.

Doug, dougray30 of yahoo.com

((You had a little Facebook contest that I intentionally didn't pick up until 8PM tonight, just before sending this issue out. Any of the rest of you can answer this on Facebook or here.

Originating with Douglas Kent: The rules: Don't take too long to think about it. Fifteen albums you've heard that will always stick with you. List the first fifteen you can recall in no more than fifteen minutes. Tag fifteen friends, including me, because I'm interested in seeing what albums my friends choose. This person is already tagged in this note. To do this, go to your Profile page, then to your Notes tab, paste rules in a new note, list your fifteen picks below, and tag people in the note – upper right hand side.) Name the 15 albums that have had the biggest effect on you in no particular order...

Fear and Whiskey by the Mekons (the best rock album in history);

Les Bains Douches, live album from Paris 1979, by Joy Division (the live version and intensity of Ian Curtis while he was still alive);

Shoot Out the Lights by Richard and Linda Thompson (all great but this is the gem);

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street by Stephen Sondheim, the original highlights recording with Len Cariou and Angela Lansbury (the intricate harmonies and everything, stupendous);

On Christmas Night by the King's College Cambridge with Simon Preston and Sir David Willcocks (these are the versions that are all in my head every Christmas);

The Goldberg Variations by Johann Sebastian Bach, both recorded versions by Glenn Gould (I still love studying every one of these, both versions);

The Messiah by Georg Friedrich Handel, the John Eliot Gardiner version (just the best choral music ever from that period);

Mars Audiac Quintet by Stereolab (the sound, the sound, "Tranona Five", RIP Mary Hanson);

Who's Landing in My Hangar by Human Switchboard (you've never heard of this, but it is stuck in my head);

Sing Ye Heavens: Hymns for All Time by The Cambridge Singers led by John Rutter (tender versions of some of the best hymns ever);

Gloria: The Sacred Music of John Rutter (the best of the best of Rutter);

Boy by U2 (U2's first tour, first album, one of their first US shows, it all is as vivid as yesterday);

Thru the Ears by Nektar (Doug asked memorable, this was one of my very first "adult rock" purchases);

When I Was Born for the 7th Time by Cornershop (have to have Indian influence);

and

Remember by the Schemers (and that's just the most memorable 80's music..))

Octopus's Garden

Issue Sixty-Six

22nd August 2010



[Current Issue](#)



[Back Issues](#)



[TAP](#)



[Other stuff](#)



[Last issue](#)



[Next issue](#)



[Search site](#)

Sub-editorial

HELLO, good evening and welcome to Octopus's Garden, the subzzen with its very own Railway Rivals gamestart. It's a subzzen to Jim Burgess' [The Abyssinian Prince](#). Produced by Peter Sullivan, peter@burdonvale.co.uk. It's also available on the web at <http://www.burdonvale.co.uk/octopus/>.

Convention News

WorldDipCon XX took place this weekend at The Hague/Den Haag, Netherlands — details at <http://diplomacy.gomjabbar.de/wdc2010/index.php>. It's a five round tournament, with the final round (including a Top Board) on the Sunday. Results will no doubt be circulating Real Soon Now.

Next year, the 21st World Dip Con (you have no idea how old that makes me feel) will be taking place in Sydney, Australia over the weekend of 1st to 3rd October 2011. Full details are on the web at <http://daanz.org.au/wdc2011/index.php>.

Round 0 — "Hannibal Hamlin"

Railway Rivals Map FR

The players : William Whyte, Geoff Challinger, Bill McKinley, Brad Wilson, Brendan Whyte, Robin ap Cynan.

Paper maps should be in the post in the next day or so - if I don't have a snail-mail address for you, I'll let you know by e-mail. Please e-mail me as soon as the maps arrive to let me know. Can you all let me have set-up orders — company name, and colour preferences — by SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 2010 to Peter Sullivan, peter@burdonvale.co.uk No need to include preferences for start, as we all start at Paris.

Special runs for this map are:

1. England
2. Belgium/Luxembourg
3. 'West' Germany

4. Switzerland
5. Italy
6. Spain

Ferry rules are, I believe, standard: Each ferry can be bought first come first served for six points, regardless of length. It can be rented by rivals during racing for five points, once again regardless of length. During racing, it costs one die point to embark, one to disembark, and costs one per turn starting at sea.

Games in OG are all named after Vice Presidents of the United States. [Hannibal Hamlin](#) was Abraham Lincoln's first Vice President, from 1861 to 1865. As common with Vice Presidents, he didn't get given a lot to do, once noting "I am only a fifth wheel of a coach and can do little for my friends."

That was Octopus's Garden #66, a Startling Press production.

[Search this site](#) powered by [FreeFind](#)

Eternal Sunshine #44

September 2010

By Douglas Kent 911 Irene Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149

Email: doug_of_whiningkentpigs.com or diplomacyworld@yahoo.com

Officially Sanctioned By:



Tantum Nostrum Sententia Res

On the web at <http://www.whiningkentpigs.com> – or go directly to the Diplomacy section at <http://www.whiningkentpigs.com/DW/>. Also be sure to visit the official Diplomacy World website which can be found at <http://www.diplomacyworld.net>. Also remember to check out <http://www.helpfultkitty.com> for official Toby the Helpful Kitty news, advice column, blog, and links to all his available merchandise! Links to many of the books and DVDs reviewed can be found by clicking on the Amazon Store button in the main menu of the Whining Kent Pigs website. Or go to <http://www.guysexplained.com> where women can learn all the secrets of how a man's mind works, and why they act the way they do.

All Eternal Sunshine readers are **encouraged** to join the free Eternal Sunshine Yahoo group at http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/eternal_sunshine_diplomacy/ to stay up-to-date on any subzine news or errata. We also have our own Eternal Sunshine Twitter feed at <http://www.twitter.com/EternalSunshDip>, and a Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/group.php?gid=112223650909>

Quote Of The Month – “That is the oldest trick in the stalker book.” (Clementine in “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind”)

Welcome to **Eternal Sunshine**, the only Diplomacy subzine that puts its parent zine to shame. I don't just mean that ES comes out way more often than The Abyssinian Prince...and I don't just mean that these games run on time, and that the content is sooo much more entertaining (not surprising...Jim-Bob = Snoozefest). No, I mean that in a wrestling match ES would throw TAP down and put a book on its neck until it heard a loud snap. These are the reasons why I am encouraging Jim-Bob to give up, and make TAP an **Eternal Sunshine** subzine instead. This would also help force him to stay on schedule.

August seemed to be a very long month, but it had some memorable moments (both good and bad). The good would include Kayza (pronounced like Asia with a K in front). Since we moved to this house, Heather and I have been slowly looking around for a senior Labrador Retriever we could adopt. Ideally we want two or three, but one step at a time, especially as we have to acclimate the cats to a dog, and vice versa. We'd looked around on Petfinder, and at the local shelter we do some volunteer work for (www.elpo.org). But we didn't want to move forward with an adoption until after Labor Day if we could help it, simply because if necessary we wanted to have the option of keeping the dog in the sun room until the cats and dogs get used to each other. It would just be too darn hot in there before then. Still, both Heather and I emailed some rescue groups, asking about particular dogs, and especially if they had any specific cat exposure.

Then out of the blue, I got an email from the Central Texas Lab Rescue Group. They forwarded me a request from a woman named Erin, the wife in a military family who lived near Fort Hood. Her husband Tim was returning from Iraq in August, and they'd received their new orders: Hawaii. Unfortunately, a move like that is a complete change in lifestyle, and also requires a long quarantine period for any pets you bring along. They'd had this beautiful black lab names Kayza since she was eight weeks old, but at nine years old they didn't think it was really fair to put her through that kind of trauma. If they could find a loving home for Kayza, they wanted to take advantage of that option. Unfortunately, most rescues were either full (like this particular Lab one) or else they didn't think a senior lab would be very adoptable. But the group remembered my prior email about one dog, and kept us in mind.

We traded emails with Erin, and she sent us a few photos. After a few weeks, it was clear this could be a real match, a “meant to be” fit. Erin preferred to wait until her husband was back for a few weeks before giving Kayza up, so we wouldn't be taking her until September sometime (unless they wanted to wait even longer, as

they weren't moving until November). And Kayza was exactly what we wanted: a sweet senior dog, one that is hard to find a home for but who is deserving of being spoiled for the rest of her years. Plus, as she was a black dog, that made placement even more difficult. It wasn't until we started volunteering that we learned the stigma against black cats seems to expand to black dogs in many areas of the south. People just don't like them, don't want them, don't trust them, or view them with a suspicious or superstitious air.



One Saturday this month we drove down to meet Kayza in person. Well, also to meet Erin and her family. Because while we wanted to make sure Kayza was a good match, we also wanted Erin to feel comfortable with us as potential adopters. Giving up an loving member of the family like Kayza can be very difficult, and Erin said she'd been sick about it since it was first discussed. To know that she was going to a good home – and one that she could count on getting photos and updates from whenever she pleased – would be a major relief.

We all know Heather and I are a bit odd, but the meeting went wonderfully. Erin was quite a woman, a proud military wife with two beautiful daughters. She had so much on her plate, but she couldn't have been sweeter to us. We hit it off rather well I think; she's a very genuine and honest person, and so are we. She tried to think of

any potential bad habits Kayza had...anything she could warn us about which might put us off. But she need nto have worried: the moment Heather walked in the door, she was in love.



Kayza is a big girl; she needs to lose 10 or 15 pounds, but other than that is in terrific health for a nine year old dog. She never barks, except when the doorbell rings. All she really wants to do is play fetch (and play fetch and play fetch), get petted, and relax. She views everyone she sees as a potential best friend; there wasn't a moment of "who are these new people" when we walked in. Instead it was "oh good, new friends!" We're hoping that attitude carries over to the cats. Erin said she hasn't speant any time with cats, but her personality is so friendly and innocent, I think at the WORST they'll just learn to live together. The possibility of Toby and Sanka having a new playmate (especially Toby...he always wants to play more than Sanka does) is not out of the question at all. We just have to be patient, and introduce them slowly. We even rubbed some shirts all over Kayza so the cats could get used to her smell.

So, if plans hold, by the time you see Eternal Sunshine #45, Kayza will be here as the newest member of the household. Finally we'll have some use for the huge yard! Wish us luck!

On the less enjoyable front, August all saw me dealing with some dental problems. I was experiencing quite a bit of pain with two teeth: my lower right wisdom tooth, which is moving outward slowly to fill a space left by one of the teeth I lost while in prison, and one of front upper teeth on the right side. (Sorry, I don't know enough about teeth to remember what you call this particular tooth – I think it is the third tooth from the center). My dentist found that my wisdom tooth had an odd center, which left an open hold down almost to the root, and put a filling in there. As for the upper tooth, I had lost an old filling earlier in the week, which he replaced. But he did warn me that there was a chance it would need a root canal if the filling didn't do the job.

My teeth had always been sensitive to cold, so it didn't surprise me that I continued to experience some discomfort over the coming days. But soon the pain was growing stronger, and a week later I was back in the dentist chair, where it was confirmed both that I needed a root canal, and that I had developed an abcess. So instead of any immediate relief, I had to suffer another week while the antibiotics did their thing. I also had a lot of pain in my right trans-mandibular joint, most likely from holding my mouth in awkward positions both when awake and asleep.

Finally the big day arrived, and I was ready for my root canal. With all the pain I had been feeling during the week prior, and the way the ibuprofen and antibiotics had been tearing up my stomach, I wasn't apprehensive at all. I knew he'd have an easy path to the root, simply by removing the fillings. And once the root was gone, now that the abscess was getting better, there wouldn't be anything there to cause much pain anyway!

I'd never had a root canal, so I wasn't entirely familiar with the process. But I understand the need to know the exact depth of the root itself, so it can be completely cleaned without penetrating the end of the tooth. After attempting to measure it with some of his files, the doctor and his assistant had to take three more x-rays to get a clear shot for measurement purposes. Apparently my palate was getting in the way.



So this is where it gets more interesting. The picture to the left is representative of the type of fine files a dentist uses to clean out the root. They have a full set or varying lengths, from 10 millimeters all the way up to 31 millimeters (referring to the length of the file area itself, not the handle). Most also have a ring "marker" which allows the dentist to mark how deep he needs to go before he reaches the end of the root. This allows

the dentist to use a slightly longer file than necessary, but still not penetrate the end of the root.

The problem revealed itself when my clear x-ray finally was available to examine. As it turned out, this tooth had the longest root my dentist had ever seen in a patient: 33 millimeters. He didn't have a file deep enough to clean it out thoroughly and he couldn't even be certain that one was sold by his normal suppliers.

Fortunately, he was able to use the files in his kit to clean out almost all of the root, and then by chipping away a part of the file handle, and holding the nub that was left with forceps, the 31 millimeter file could be forced to the 33 millimeter depth. I suggested (half jokingly) he write it up in a dental journal. As I left, he promised to check his suppliers to see if he could buy a few longer files for future use.

So, aside from all the other ways I am a freak, I am not a dental freakazoid too!

Briefly, in zine news, Andy York sends his regrets. I guess things like LIFE and WORK and SLEEP and more important to him! Seriously, he'll be back next issue if at all possible. But we do have Richard Walkerdine, Paul Milewski, and Jack McHugh! There's also a new essay by me, a new interview section entitled "You Don't Know Me," and the usual crap. Check the Game Opening section, as minor changes are made there and certain games gain a name or two.

Now I'm off to take a shower and take Heather out to a local playhouse. So enjoy (or loathe) this issue, and I'll see you in October! Oooh, that reminds me: my birthday is October 29th, and our Anniversary is October 31st, so multiple expensive presents are expected from all of you!

The Month's Playlist: I am Not Your Puzzle to Solve – Theresa Miele; Wellspring – Caroline Herring; Little Peppermints – Antje Duvekot (I may need to drive up to Oklahoma to see her live in October); New Miserable Experience – Gin Blossoms; Which Dreamed It? – Three Merry Widows; Tumbleweed Connection – Elton John.

An Open Letter to Barry and Carol

During the never-ending process of cleaning out my storage unit, I have come across quite a few photographs that I never knew existed, or that I had forgotten about. Some were of my mother and her parents; I'd never seen her as an infant or her father as anything but an old man. I don't even remember her mother, who died when I was two or three years old. So those were interesting to look at, as were some very old photos of the ancestors of my maternal grandfather, which is a side of the family I had not been able to learn anything about back when I found myself interested in my family history.

As you might expect, I also found photos from my own childhood, some of which I'd seen before. My siblings, my parents...places I don't recognize, friends I barely remember. And there were photos I took myself, mostly from when I was a teenager, almost exclusively of Mara...Mara, my first girlfriend, who would become my first wife.

And, I found two photos of your little girl.

To be honest, I can't be 100% certain anymore if she was a girl. You know how babies are...the defining characteristics are often difficult to see until they're a bit older. But I think she was. I can't remember her name though.

The photos are rather generic; one is of her laying on the bed, and in the other she is playing with the coiled cord of a pair of stereo headphones. I'm not a big fan of babies, but she's cute in the photos, and that's how I remember her. She was cute; a bit of a crier, but still cute.

I have a better memory of the two of you than your child. Carol: your hair an orange/red, always tense and rigid. Even your smile was nervous in its own way. I remember you telling me what a difficult pregnancy it had been; you'd nearly lost her, and I can't be certain if there had been a miscarriage earlier or not. But you had struggled and fought to make it work, and it had. Your baby was healthy and safe.

And Barry. Thick coke-bottle glasses, short but unkempt hair, goatee trimmed to a medium length. I believe you were a professor of sorts, at one of the New York schools. We bumped into each other on Broadway one afternoon, as I was walking back to the World Trade Center to catch the tube to Hoboken. You made a semi-snide comment about my briefcase, as if I was playing at being an adult. I shrugged it off and smiled, but inside I remember that it bothered me. I may have only been 16 years old, but I was working full time in the city that summer, at a job which I'd continue at when I graduated.

To you I was a gawky teenager with acne and a girlfriend too good looking for me. To your wife I was a horny male who might break your household rule of no sex in the house one day when you weren't home. You were both right, in your own way. But I was much more too.

I was the one who saved your child's life.

Your house was a nice size, maybe a bit large. Semi-sterile, but as your daughter grew it would be a nice place for her to grow up. It was nestled on one of the quiet side streets in Westfield, with a few beautiful trees to drop colorful leaves in the fall. It was the sort of house I hoped to live in someday if I stayed in the area. Beautiful hardwood floors, and a long staircase leading to the second story. That's where your bedroom was, and Mara's room. No, wait...her room might have been on a third floor, with only a storage room on the other side of the hallway. It's hard to remember, but that might be right.

I'm not sure why you hired Mara as your live-in au pair, except she seemed to have an amazing knack when it came to interviews. In the coming years she would be hired for nearly any job she interviewed for, including some she was woefully unqualified for. I suppose she simply knew how to fake her way through it, hiding the truth and showing the world what it wanted to see. She'd learned that skill well during her years as an abuse victim. I remember one time she was hired as a bookkeeper for a small firm. Her first morning at work they showed her around the office, gave her master keys to just about everything in the place, and left her alone in her room to start working. She had absolutely no idea how to do any of the work she'd been hired to do. So she made herself look busy until lunch, then left and never went back. She wouldn't even answer or return their phone calls, where they begged her to return the keys so they wouldn't have to change all the locks.

That was a few years after she worked for you. Mara had dropped out of college and worked a few jobs, as a bank teller and a clerk at a pharmacy. But she wanted to get out of her house and away from her parents. Her mental state was worsening, and she felt that working for you, which included a place to live, was just what she needed. I had strong doubts, but as usual she wouldn't listen to me. All I could do was be supportive.

She started the job in August, while I was still working full-time. But when I helped her move some possessions into her room that Sunday before she started, I remember you giving Mara "the lecture." Carol was going back to work, and was terribly anxious about it. Not the work, but leaving her baby in the care of someone else. And Mara had to be serious about this job. She was young by their standards, so they were nervous about the possibility of being forced to find a replacement if Mara suddenly changed her mind and decided she didn't want to work there any longer. They needed Mara to commit to at least a year...if after nine months or so she'd tired of the job, that would give them time during the following summer to find somebody new. But the difficult pregnancy had kept Carol out of work much longer than expected before the actual birth, so she couldn't afford to miss any more time. This arrangement *had* to work out.

At first, everything seemed fine. Mara had Sundays off, so I'd see her then, and then when school started I would spend every lunch break or free period in the phone booth on the second floor, talking to her and listening to her. The baby wasn't much of a problem; Carol was. She was so nervous about everything that Mara was not allowed to leave the house at all, not even to take the child in a walk in a stroller. So after a few weeks Mara

was starting to feel quite claustrophobic. Carol was also very precise about how she wanted things done; there were quite a few testy conversations with Mara about things she'd supposedly done wrong. Still, she was away from her parents, which is what she wanted.

After six weeks or so, you loosened up a bit and Mara was allowed to take the baby out of the house for short trips. This helped take some of the tension out of the air, but not a substantial amount. Then Mara got sick. I am sure you remember; she was sitting in the living room watching *Fraggle Rock* with your baby (that show seemed to hypnotize her) when she got a sudden pain in her abdomen. Mara stood up, took two steps, fell to the floor, and immediately vomited and defecated all over your imported rug.

You could have been a bit more understanding about it. What person would do that on purpose? Mara's father promised to pay to have the rug cleaned, and replaced if necessary. Being a doctor, he was able to prescribe her some medication and in a day or two Mara was fine. But you mentioned that rug at every opportunity. I hope you weren't so critical of your daughter as she grew.

And I still remember the big day: the day Mara and I stood in front of you and she gave you one week's notice. She told you that we'd discussed it and this job simply wasn't for her, and that she couldn't even give you a full two weeks. How angry the two of you were; this was a major inconvenience in your life. Now you'd have to find someone else, quickly, or Carol might miss time at work again. You had such a look of disdain and disrespect in your eyes. Here were two young adults, only one of whom was out of school, and they clearly had no appreciation for what they were putting you through. Did Mara even *understand* the meaning of the word commitment? Obviously not. She had agreed to keep this job for at least nine months, and it hadn't even been a *month!*

I don't know what you did after that. I imagine you griped and bitched and moaned about the situation to every friend and colleague you had. "Kids today...no morals, no ethics, no idea what it means to make a promise and stick to it. Try to give a young adult a break, and they spit in your face." That sort of thing.

I don't blame you for feeling that way. I might have been the same. Or, maybe instead of getting completely pissed off and throwing a fit, I might have wondered – or asked – if there was more to the story. *Why* wasn't this the job for Mara? Why couldn't she give more than one week's notice? What was so important that she get out of taking care of your daughter so quickly?

You didn't ask any of those questions...unless you asked them amongst yourselves. But the attitude both of you carried before and during the time I knew you, the superior and smug looks on your faces all the time, suggest to me you never did consider any other explanation.

So, this letter is to give you the reason. The **true** reason.

One day between classes I called Mara from the usual payphone. When she answered, I could tell she had been crying, and I could hear your daughter crying as well, in the background. I asked Mara what was wrong. Was she sick again?

"I can't take it any more Doug. She won't stop crying. I've tried everything. It is making me crazy, like I want to kill myself."

I tried to calm Mara down, and to take some deep breaths. Go to another room, get away from the baby. I didn't want her doing something stupid and hurting herself. But Mara just laughed, a crazed laugh.

"I know what to do. I am going to put a pillow over her head. And hold it there. Then she won't cry anymore. Ever." And she laughed again.

You'll never know the effort, the begging, the pleading it took for me to get Mara to promise not to kill the baby until I got there. But somehow she agreed. She would leave the front door unlocked and go upstairs to her room, and wait for me.

Today, if this happened, I would have called the police. But I was 16 years old, and I felt I had to protect Mara as well as your baby. Even this early in our relationship, I felt responsible for her well being and her life. So I simply walked out of school and ran to the train station. I had no money for a cab, and no car. I had to take the train to Hoboken, jump onto the PATH to swing back to Newark Penn Station, and take the other NJ Transit line from there; a direct link between where I was and your house did not exist. I was sweating with anxiety the whole way. Then from the Westfield train station I ran the 3 or 4 miles to your house.

I wouldn't say I had gotten there in the nick of time. From the looks of things, Mara could have waited another hour or so. But she explained she needed to make sure the baby was dead long before you got home, so she could call an ambulance and say she'd found her not breathing. And she wanted time to leave her dead before she started mouth to mouth herself, to make sure that didn't work. Mara figured that way there would be evidence that she tried to save her, rather than evidence that she'd killed her.

We talked and argued for an hour or so. Mara didn't want to disappoint you. In her crazed mind, at that moment, she felt killing your child would be the easy way out; quitting would require confrontation. The child was young enough that crib death would be accepted, she told me. Nobody would think she'd done anything wrong. In fact, Mara was angry at herself for telling me anything at all....she could have just done it and that would have been that.

Fortunately, I worked on Mara until she agreed to tell you, as soon as you came home, that she had to quit. That it wasn't working out. That she didn't like the job and needed to leave. She couldn't promise me she'd be able to make it safely while you found a replacement, or even two weeks. So we compromised on one week.

I know you'll likely never see this letter. But if you do, I hope it reminds you how lucky you are to have what you have. You never know what can happen, or what disaster you sidestepped by inches. One day missing a green light and having to wait through a red one might cause you not to be killed by the speeding truck a mile down the road with brake trouble. Or you could be like the woman who went downstairs to the street vendor to get a bagel on September 11th, so she wasn't at her desk when a plane flew through the wall nine stories below.

Or maybe – just maybe – you'll reevaluate your opinion of someone...like that stupid teenager who, to you, was playing at being an adult, and who had no concept of responsibility or commitment. Maybe you won't see him as that; you might even see him as the person who saved your daughter's life.

Hypothetical of the Month

Last month, we gave you these two hypotheticals: #1 – *A friend asks you to write a reference. You feel he's poorly qualified for the job. Do you refuse?* #2 – *Your name sounds foreign and is difficult to pronounce. Your clients and superiors are always stumbling over it. You worry it may be affecting your career. Do you change it?*

Melinda Holley - #1 - I'd spend a lot of time trying to convince/talk my friend out of applying for the job. If that failed, I'd write a reference that would emphasize my friend's good points but avoid specifically avoid saying I felt he/she could do the job.

#2 - One of my sisters changed her name recently. She's always hated her first name and went by her middle name. All her professional credentials are with her first name. Her employer instituted a new email program which defaulted to everyone's first name. Rather than have that hated name associated with her, she went to court and changed her name. She dropped her first name, moved her second name to be her first name, and chose a new middle name. As for me, if my name is hard for others to pronounce, it's up to me to educate others on how to pronounce it. If it's the first name that's a problem, I'd adopt a nickname. If it's the last name, I'd encourage others to use my first name and adopt the nickname. Unless I decide to go into hiding, I can't think of a reason why I'd change my name to make it easier for others to pronounce it. I've had more than one teacher in my life consistently mispronounce Melinda not to mention misspelling it.

Jack McHugh - #1 - 1. No, I'd probably just weasel my way out of it by saying I don't feel qualified to do so, but I think you really should tell the person the truth and help them work on bringing up their performance so you could write it. That would really be helping them but most people are too lazy to do that.

#2 - Sure why not--people do it all the time. you could also just give yourself an easy to pronounce nick name and just say "my given name is Xyancaco but everyone calls me X cause it's easier to pronounce." might actually work for you by making you more unforgettable and you don't have to worry about anyone squatting on your name (xyancaco.com) on the internet either. the people I find hard to research are the Joe smiths who live in a state like NJ which has no large cities about 600 different towns/municipalities/whatever--good luck finding that particular person.

Robin ap Cynan - #1 - No, I would not refuse. But first I'd try to talk the friend out of the job application. If I couldn't, then I would write the reference and I would accentuate the positive as much as I could in what I wrote.

#2 - My name is ap Cynan. It always has been. It always will be. It won't surprise you that my answer to this one is absolutely not. But if my name was "Smellie", I might!

Per Westling - #1 - I would probably stall it. If (s)he persisted I would write a rather neutral reference.

#2 - Having an unusual name might be an advantage as people are likely to remember you compared to the competition. If I still not would regard this as likely I, and I don't plan to move for many years, I would modify my name.

Phil Murphy - #1 - I'd try and get out of doing it by suggesting someone else. I wouldn't refuse the request, but I would be honest in my evaluations if the friend pressed me to do it. Coward's way out, I suppose.

#2 - Sure, why not. Film stars and authors use assumed names, why not do that?

Andy York - #1 - Probably. I would first talk to him and try to understand why he wants the job even if he isn't qualified. The more casual the friend, the better chance that he has skills or background that I'm unaware of; or, he may have discussed the lack of experience with the employer and they, together, have a plan to mitigate any lack of skills.

#2 - Formally, no. Informally, yes. "Just call me Fred."

Don Williams - #1 - Yes, I do. He ought to know how I feel about this stuff if he's a friend, and he ought to know better. I'd praise what I can and be silent on the rest. I've done this.

#2 - Yes, based on the info here I'd change my name. If there was more info, I might change this answer.

Heather Taylor - #1 - I wouldn't flat out refuse, but I would make up some kind of excuses to where I could hopefully get out of it.

#2 - I wouldn't official change it, but I would try to come up with a nickname they could use in place of it to make things easier.

For Next Month (For the time being, I am selecting questions from the game "A Question of Scruples" which was published in 1984 by High Games Enterprises. The word Scruples is also being used as a secret this issue). Remember you can make your answers as detailed as you wish.: #1 - Your neighbor offers to let you splice into his Cable TV free of charge. Do you take him up on his offer? #2 - Your family dog is unfriendly and doesn't respond to training. You are going to surrender him to the pound. Do you tell your 5-year-old daughter the truth, or make up a "feel good" story?

The Dining Dead -

The Eternal Sunshine Movie Reviews

We did not make it to the movies at all this month. Part of that was time; we had a much more social month than usual, plus we had to take a day to meet Kayza. And then there was my dental problem, and all the pain involved there. And work. And projects around the house. And life. Most of all, there were only a few movies we even WANTED to see. August has not been a great cinema month. I barely watched any DVDs either; most of our Netflix DVDs were "Heather picks" that she selected to watch without me.

In short: this section is pretty well useless this month!

Seen on DVD - The Invention of Lying (B, some very funny moments, and a good concept all around).

Sleepy Hollow (C, the Tim Burton world was mystical and strange back when I saw this 10 years ago.

Now...just boring).



The Eternal Sunshine Football Prediction Contest



A quick reminder of the rules, before I reveal the entries I received. The contest is simple: you get one point for each correct division winner, and one point for correctly selecting the wild card teams (two per conference). Then you get two points for each team you correctly choose as conference championship (meaning they play in the Super Bowl), and three points for correctly picking the Super Bowl winner. We're not picking winners for individual playoff games...just the division winners, wild card teams, and who goes to the Big Game. Like all Eternal Sunshine contests, there will actually be a REAL PRIZE for the winner! I had hoped to get a larger response – as always – but this is about on par with last year.

Name	NFC East	NFC North	NFC South	NFC West	AFC East	AFC North	AFC South	AFC West	NFC Wild Cards	AFC Wild Cards	NFC	AFC	Super Bowl		
Brad Wilson	Cowboys	Packers	Saints	Cardinals	Patriots	Ravens	Colts	Chargers	Vikings	Giants	Broncos	Dolphins	Cowboys	Colts	Cowboys
Douglas Kent	Giants	Vikings	Saints	49ers	Jets	Ravens	Texans	Chargers	Packers	Redskins	Bengals	Colts	Vikings	Jets	Vikings
Heather Taylor	Giants	Lions	Panthers	Rams	Dolphins	Ravens	Jaguars	Raiders	Vikings	Bears	Steelers	Bengals	Panthers	Ravens	Panthers
Jack McHugh	Cowboys	Packers	Saints	49ers	Jets	Bengals	Colts	Chargers	Panthers	Giants	Dolphins	Texans	Saints	Chargers	Chargers
Kevin Wilson	Giants	Vikings	Saints	Cardinals	Patriots	Ravens	Colts	Broncos	Cowboys	Eagles	Chargers	Jets	Saints	Colts	Colts
Marc Ellinger	Redskins	Vikings	Saints	Seahawks	Jets	Bengals	Colts	Chargers	Packers	Eagles	Steelers	Patriots	Saints	Bengals	Saints
Martin Burgdorf	Cowboys	Packers	Saints	49ers	Patriots	Ravens	Colts	Chargers	Vikings	Eagles	Steelers	Jets	Saints	Colts	Colts
Melinda Holley	Eagles	Bears	Panthers	Seahawks	Patriots	Steelers	Titans	Broncos	Packers	Saints	Bills	Dolphins	Eagles	Steelers	Steelers
Michael Moulton	Giants	Vikings	Saints	Seahawks	Dolphins	Steelers	Colts	Broncos	Packers	Cowboys	Jaguars	Jets	Saints	Colts	Saints
Paraic Reddington	Cowboys	Vikings	Saints	49ers	Patriots	Bengals	Texans	Chargers	Packers	Giants	Colts	Jets	Vikings	Colts	Vikings
Rick Desper	Cowboys	Packers	Saints	49ers	Patriots	Ravens	Colts	Chargers	Vikings	Eagles	Broncos	Titans	Packers	Ravens	Packers

Rick Desper, Brad Wilson and Jack McHugh were the only contributors to include their full picks, and Rick also included some commentary. Thanks guys!

Rick Desper:

AFC East

1. Patriots
2. Dolphins
3. Jets
4. Bills

This is thinking that Revis holds out for quite a while. If he comes back tomorrow, I'd have to rethink it.

AFC North

1. Ravens
2. Bengals
3. Steelers
4. Browns

I like the Ravens a lot.

AFC South

1. Colts
2. Titans
3. Texans
4. Jaguars

Gotta stick with the Colts unless Pey-Pey gets hurt. I also like the Titans. Still don't believe in the Texans.

AFC West

1. Chargers
2. Broncos
3. Raiders
4. Chiefs

Raiders and Chiefs are still bad teams. Wild card teams will be Titans and Broncos.

NFC East

1. Cowboys
 2. Eagles
 3. Giants
 4. Redskins
- Tough division.

NFC North

1. Packers
2. Vikings
3. Bears

4. Lions
Like the Packers a lot. Lions stay in last place until they don't.

NFC South

1. Saints
2. Panthers
3. Falcons
4. Bucs

The division that has never seen a repeat champion will see one for the first time. The Saints are still very good.

NFC West

1. 49ers
2. Cardinals
3. Seahawks
4. Rams

NFC East

- 1) Dallas
- 2) New York
- 3) Washington
- 4) Philadelphia

NFC North

- 1) Green Bay
- 2) Minnesota
- 3) Chicago
- 4) Detroit

NFC South

- 1) New Orleans
- 2) Carolina
- 3) Atlanta
- 4) Tampa Bay

NFC West

- 1) San Fran
- 2) Seattle
- 3) Arizona
- 4) St. Louis

AFC East

- 1) NY Jets
- 2) Miami

NFC East

- 1) Dallas
- 2) New York
- 3) Philadelphia
- 4) Washington

NFC North

- 1) Green Bay
- 2) Minnesota

Cardinals will miss Kurt Warner. Leinart is terrible. Seahawks might be getting worse. Rams should be a team to keep an eye on. They have to get better, yes?

I'll take Eagles and Vikings as wildcards.

The class of the AFC are the Colts and Ravens. Ravens have had real problems beating the Colts in recent years. Can they finally do it? I'll say yes.

The NFC has been more unstable in recent years. I'm not buying the idea that Favre can make another Super Bowl. He's really a terrible playoff QB at this point. I like the Packers and Saints and Cowboys. I'll go with the Pack as the most complete team, as Aaron Rogers reaches the top tier of QBs (along with Brady, Manning, and Brees).

Super Bowl: Packers over Ravens.

Jack McHugh:

3) New England

4) Buffalo

AFC North

1) Cincinnati

2) Baltimore

3) Pittsburgh

4) Cleveland

AFC South

1) Indianapolis

2) Houston

3) Tenn

4) Jacksonville

AFC West

1) San Diego

2) Denver

3) KC

4) Oakland

NFC Wild Cards: Carolina and New York

AFC Wild Cards: Miami and Houston

NFC Champion: New Orleans

AFC Champion: Chargers

Superbowl: Chargers

Brad Wilson:

3) Chicago

4) Detroit

NFC South

1) New Orleans

2) Carolina

3) Atlanta

4) Tampa Bay

NFC West

- 1) Arizona
- 2) San Francisco
- 3) Seattle
- 4) St. Louis

AFC East

- 1) New England
- 2) Miami
- 3) NY Jets
- 4) Buffalo

AFC North

- 1) Baltimore
- 2) Pittsburgh
- 3) Cincy
- 4) Cleveland

AFC South

- 1) Indianapolis
- 2) Tennessee
- 3) Houston
- 4) Jacksonville

AFC West

- 1) San Diego
- 2) Denver
- 3) KC
- 4) Oakland

NFC Wild Cards: Minnesota and New York

AFC Wild Cards: Denver and Miami

NFC Champion: Dallas

AFC: Champion: Indianapolis

Super Bowl Champion: Dallas

You Don't Know Me

The Eternal Sunshine Interview

Last issue I was lucky enough to be able to include a short interview with author Lisa Gitlin, discussing her first novel **I Came Out for This?** In the meantime, I'd been tossing around the idea of interviewing semi-random people who I am acquainted with, just to see if an interview with a "normal" person (especially one with no Diplomacy involvement) would be interesting to any of the Eternal Sunshine readers. My friend Caroline Smith (who I went to High School with, back when she was just Caroline Carter) agreed to be the first guinea pig. Unfortunately, we had to cut the interview short, as Caroline and her family suddenly had to move to New Hampshire for a new job, rushing to get up there in time for the new school year. That kept us from discussing the biggest event in her adult life...but if the feedback is decent, I bet Drop me a email and let me know if you find this entertaining, interesting, boring, stupid...whatever your feelings are. That will help me decide whether to continue this experiment. Oh, and while I do have one or two other victims in line or in mind, if you know someone who you think would make a reasonable subject, feel free to forward their contact information. I've sent a few emails out to lesser known celebrities I'd like to interview, but **anyone** could be the subject of an interview this section!



Caroline Carter Smith – First, my basic information (in response to your initial question list):

What is your name: Caroline

What is your astrological sign: Capricorn

How old are you (exact or approximate): 41

What is your earliest childhood memory: I hate this question - I'm not sure; possibly going to nursery school when we lived in Florham Park.

Describe your immediate family (present day): One husband, two sons, (ages 4 and 8), one dog (age 10 - she was our first child)

What do you do for a living: Trademark Attorney

Where were you born: Summit, NJ

What did you want to be when you were growing up: It changed daily - a doctor, President, an astronaut. Never a lawyer, though.

Douglas Kent - *How did you and your husband meet? Was it love at first sight? And was it difficult giving birth to a dog?*

Caroline Carter Smith - We worked together - he was my boss. And no, it was not love at first sight. I was engaged to my first husband when I interviewed with Jonathan and married when I started the job. I was in law school at the time and Jonathan did not want to hire me because I was going to need to leave at 5 every day to go to class. Probably not even *like* at first sight.

Re: the dog - very funny.

Douglas Kent - *So it was funny giving birth to a dog? How so? Did the fur tickle?*

Caroline Carter Smith - Let's leave out the giving birth to a dog line of questioning - it's getting weird.

Douglas Kent - *What type of work was it Jonathan hired you to do? If he did not want to hire you, then why did he? Was he unable to resist your feminine charms?*

Caroline Carter Smith - Jonathan hired me to be a paralegal at a law firm. He was required to hire me - the lawyer in charge was trying to get business from my husband's father.

Douglas Kent - *Being a trademark attorney sounds like a very fast-paced, action-filled profession. Why do you think, given the tremendous number of television shows based on law firms, there has never been one based specifically on the business and social life of a trademark attorney?*

Caroline Carter Smith - I'm not sure being a trademark attorney is as interesting to those not in the profession as you might think it would be. But working at the law firm is fun. I think it doesn't matter what type of law the lawyers on TV practice - the real thing is always more interesting than fiction. Also, how much law do the people on those shows really practice?

Douglas Kent - *So in effect, you were hired for that job as a sort of nepotism? Didn't it bother you that somewhere in the long line of applicants was a single mother of six who likely became so depressed over not getting the job that she left her family and now pushes a shopping cart full of doll parts through downtown Dayton, Ohio?*

Caroline Carter Smith - It may have been a little bit of nepotism, but I was just as good as or better than anyone else they might have hired, so all were served.

Douglas Kent - *Is there a hierarchy of legal specialties? How might it go?*

Caroline Carter Smith - Hmm - hierarchy of legal specialties...IMHO, it's litigators and then everyone else.

Douglas Kent - *I'm not sure the lawyers on television practice a lot of law, but they seem to carry manila folders everywhere they go. Do you use a lot of manila folders?*

Caroline Carter Smith - I don't use *any* manila folders.

Douglas Kent - *Can you describe the most interesting case that you've been involved in? Obviously you can leave the litigants' names out.*

Caroline Carter Smith - I'm not a litigator. I mostly fight with the Trademark Office. When I was an Examining Attorney there I examined some fun trademark applications. I registered TIGER BEAT (yes, the magazine - couldn't figure out why they waited so long to file a trademark application.) This link shows the Examining Attorney's name as Caroline Whitmire. Whitmire was my first husband's last name.

<http://tportal.uspto.gov/external/portal/tow?SRCH=Y&isSubmitted=true&details&SELECT=US+Serial+No&TEXT=75498669#>

Douglas Kent - *For those planning on a lucrative career in the legal world, what advice do you have to offer?*

Caroline Carter Smith - For those wanting to become an attorney, I say, think of something else. You'll pay a lot of money for school and you'll have to pay it back, but that will be hard to do if you can't find a job. And finding a job is no easy task these days. I also don't recommend hanging out a shingle when you graduate from law school. I don't know anyone who actually learned to be a lawyer in law school.

Douglas Kent - *Is it true you went to High School with Douglas Kent? Was he much different back then compared to today? Can you give five good reasons why you never dated him in High School?*

Caroline Carter Smith - Yes, I knew Doug way back when. I have not actually spoken to him since getting reconnected, so I cannot say for sure if he is the same (things come across differently via email than they do when talking) but I do think he is still quite similar personality-wise. The thing I am most pleased to see is how happy he seems to be with Heather. Finding the right person is one of the best things a person can do for himself and clearly Doug has that taken care of.

I don't have five reasons why I never dated him in high school, but here are three:

- 1) He was dating someone else
- 2) So was I
- 3) He never asked

Douglas Kent - *I'm told that your husband is no longer in the legal profession. Is that true? Was it a case of professional jealousy that pushed him in another direction, like something out of "A Star is Born"?*

Caroline Carter Smith - Yes, Jonathan did get out of the legal profession. There was no jealousy - he's just smarter than I am.

Douglas Kent - *Thanks for agreeing to be the first interview in the **You Don't Know Me** section, Caroline. When life calms down perhaps we can touch on the topics we never had time to get to.*

Meet Me In Montauk

The Eternal Sunshine Letter Column

Rick Desper: I didn't have any of the Buscemi films. I'm disappointed since I admire his work so much, but some of those films (Trees Lounge, Romance and Cigarettes, Interview) I have never seen.

[[Romance and Cigarettes is an odd musical film, written and directed by John Turturro. Had quite a cast: James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon, Buscemi, Kate Winslet, Christopher Walken...worth a try. I haven't seen Trees Lounge since it first came out 15 years ago, but it was written and directed by Buscemi, and is also worth a try.]]

I had seen Con Air recently and that quote was sticking in my head, but I had seen Shutter Island more recently and that was blocking it. Also, I was close on the Armageddon quote but it was getting blocked where I thought it was either A Beautiful Mind or The Day After Tomorrow or Independence Day. I didn't guess any of these because none felt right.

The most recent Buscemi film I've seen is Saint John of Las Vegas. It's really some of his best work. He does a great job playing a compulsive gambler.

[[Missed that one. I'll put it on our Netflix list.]]

For the current batch, I was getting stuck on #10, which sounds a lot like Robert Redford in Three Days of the Condor and also Alec Baldwin in Hunt for Red October. Well, Three Days of the Condor is on AMC right now and Redford says "I'm not a field agent, I read books!" Close, but not quite right. Also, I remember Sean Connery saying "might I have read some of these books", and that opens the door...esp. since #1 sounds a lot like Orient Express.

[[I loved Three Days of the Condor, and we have it on DVD. Need to reread the book too; was the book Seven Days of the Condor? Or Eight?]]

Don Williams: Thank you so much for the prize. Wow, I never win anything. I own seven or eight of the listed titles and have seen most of the other movies, so it really comes down to *Dogma* (an abiding favorite of mine

that I still have on, ahem, VHS ... and *Adaptation*, a film I enjoyed in the theater when it opened but haven't seen since. I'll pick ... *Adaptation* ... great movie, haven't seen it in a long while.

Last night I watched an old old WWII classic, *Where Eagles Dare*. Still a good flick. Have also recently seen *Inception* (simply amazing ... a mix of *Matrix*, *Dark City* and, at its core, a heist/caper movie in the *Grand Slam* mode). Other recent watches were *Platoon*, *Wizard of Oz* (70th anniversary edition with amazing and lovingly restored sound and visual), *The Invention of Lying*, *Topkapi*, *The Silence of the Lambs*, *Strangers on a Train*, *Choke*, *Very Bad Things* (probably the darkest comedy I've ever seen) and *The Hot Rock*. Rounding this out, we're methodically going through all nine seasons of *Seinfeld* ... I was a fan of the show but probably missed 50% of the episodes with one thing and another (that was my major child-rearing era), as well as the *Firefly* series. I also bought and started watching the first season of a show I loved dearly when I was a child, *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*. Interesting (ideas and concepts of sci-fi and Cold War fears) and inane (truly insipid special effects) at the same time. It's got *prelude to Star Trek* written all over it ...

[[I think it is quite an undersell of *Dark City* to mention it in the same sentence with *Inception*. *Dark City* is amazing...*Inception* was just a popcorn flick to me.]]

Paraic Reddington: Paul Mikewski said in his column last issue:

Consider cup sizes. I know a D cup is bigger than a C cup, etc. Can you, or anyone you know, describe the volume of breast contained in a D cup in terms of cubic centimeters or any other measure? Would it make a difference if you could? The important thing isn't a precise quantification; it's your experience of the thing.

I found that to be one of the most enjoyable paragraphs I have read in a long, long time. Bravo, Paul.

Michael Moulton: Sad to see the Deviant Dip game end... I'm not sure I would ever want to play one, but reading it was a highlight of every issue!

Per Westling: Thanks for the Fire and Rain series.

I don't see many movies (the last 10 years) or much television series. But at a recent meeting at the local SF club we watched episode one of the BBC "Sherlock" series that started this summer. It takes place in contemporary time, still in London. For example, Dr Watson has been to Afghanistan. A successful adaption of the original story. I would regard this as one of the best versions. One reviewer thought it was similar in style to House of 2005, although I have not really seen House so I cannot compare.

[[They had a Holmes play on one of the small stages in Dallas, but I think that was simply an adaptation in style, not changing the time period. Of course, *The Name of the Rose* is just a Holmes story at heart as well.]]

In ES#42 you did comment on the market, and the near future. Here things have improved quite a lot during the last year. Notwithstanding any new Latin crises I would say that good times are not far away.

[[The housing market in the U.S. continues to be terrible, showing no real signs of improvement. I am not optimistic.]]

After following ES for some time now I was just wondering what you spent time for? I was away from the hobby about 10 years so I did miss some things. Seem to remember that there was someone in mid 90s that even published a 'zine from jail.

[[It's a long story, but the short story is I was incarcerated for securities fraud, of which I was technically guilty and admitted all my actions. I tried to help my company out of a problem without authorization, and it blew up in my face. My intentions were good, I did not steal anything, and I could not have personally profited, but I broke the law and was guilty. So I did not fight it at all, I pled guilty and paid my debt to society.

John Schultz was the publisher of "Gee Martha, it Kinda Sorta Looks Like a Dip Rag, Don't It?" which he published from prison, either typed or by hand. I had restarted Maniac's Paradise as Maniac's Paradise Lost before learning I was going to be charged, so I finished that up from prison as well. John served his sentence and was released. Tragically he was killed in a motorcycle accident.]]

One of the things I missed out on was the demise of Phil Reynolds, editor of Dipadeedoodah!. That was one of my favorite 'zines of the 90s. Sorry to hear about that. I suppose there are more events of that kind that I have not been aware of. At least Graustark survived my "return" which is amazing as it was ancient when I entered the hobby in the late 80s.

[[We sadly lose more friends every year. Fred Hyatt died when you were still publishing. We've lost so many. Bob Acheson, Phil Reynolds, Kathy Caruso...I know I am leaving many out.]]

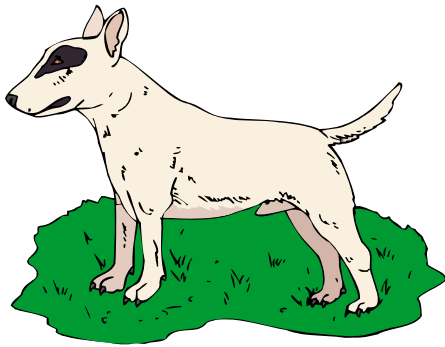
As the year goes by one come to realize that it is important to stay in shape. I try to do some exercise but as I have never enjoyed running, and I never managed to get hooked on golf. Instead I have done "Friskis & Svettis" (a group floor exercise with a leader, "Fresh & Sweaty") and walks (including the dog). But some months ago I at last got a smart phone that had GPS (and Spotify), a HTC Desire. So, I tried geoCaching this summer! Combines the exercise part (riding my bike around the nearest region, or combining bus/train + walks), with brain exercise as well learning some history by visiting interesting places. Also it encourages people to travel around to other regions and countries, and to meet kindred spirits. It seems that in the US the geoCaching is becoming more and more of the drive-in (or drive-by) type, which is probably in line with more or more people getting harder to get out. Of course this is a trend (the non-moving) that is growing all around the world.

[[Both Heather and I look forward to lots of walks once Kayza arrives!]]

F to E - "Please Leave Liverpool Alone and Die"

by Paul Milewski

The title of this article was part of a press item directed toward me, albeit in binary, in "Just a Taste." It gave me pause to consider the extent to which we've lost the art of polite communication. As an accountant, I am struck by the contrast between today's "Pay this amount" and the "Please favor us with a remittance at your earliest convenience" of a couple centuries ago.



In her book General Howe's Dog, Caroline Tiger recounts the Revolutionary War incident in which (British) General Howe's fox terrier found its way to George Washington. Washington had his aide-de-camp Alexander Hamilton write a note to Howe, which read: "General Washington's compliments to General Howe, does himself the pleasure to return a Dog, which accidentally fell into his hands, and by the inscription on the collar, appears to belong to General Howe." The dog was returned to Howe with the note, after the dog had been fed and groomed.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, there was an exchange of messages between foes that by today's standards would be astoundingly civil. In The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations can be found the text of the message between (US Major) Robert Anderson (who was in command of the forts in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina) and South Carolina Governor Francis Pickens. On 1/9/1861, Anderson writes: "Two of your batteries fired this morning on an unarmed vessel bearing the flag of my government. As I have not been notified that war has been declared by South Carolina against the United States, I cannot but think this a hostile act committed without your sanction or authority. Under that hope I refrain from opening fire on your batteries. I have the honor, therefore, respectfully to ask whether the abovementioned act—one which I believe without parallel in the history of our country or any other civilized government—was committed in obedience

to your instructions, and notify you, if it is not disclaimed, that I regard it as an act of war and I shall not, after reasonable time for the return of my messenger, permit any vessel to pass within the range of the guns of my fort." Pickens wrote Anderson on the same day: "Governor Pickens, after stating the position of South Carolina toward the United States, says that any attempt to send United States troops into Charleston Harbor, to re-enforce the forts, would be regarded as an act of hostility." (Personally, I've never been comfortable when someone refers to himself in the third person, but it sounds official that way.) (Confederate) General Beauregard wrote Anderson on 4/11/1861: "I am ordered by the government of the Confederate States to demand the evacuation of Fort Sumter. All proper facilities will be afforded for the removal of yourself and command, together with company arms and property, and all private property, to any post in the United States which you may elect. The flag which you have upheld so long and with so much fortitude, under the most trying circumstances, may be saluted by you on taking it down."

Anderson replied: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication demanding the evacuation of this fort; and to say in reply thereto that is a demand with which I regret that my sense of honor and of my obligations to my government prevent my compliance." Ulysses S. Grant wrote to Colonel Lorenzo Thomas, the US Army's adjutant general, 5/24/1861: "Having served for fifteen years in the regular army, including four years at West Point, and feeling it the duty of everyone who has been educated at the Government expense to offer their (sic) service for the support of the Government, I have the honor, very respectfully, to tender my services until the close of the war, in such capacity as may be offered. I would say, in view of my present age and length of service, I feel myself competent to command a regiment, if the President, in his judgment should see fit to entrust one to me." Robert E. Lee wrote to General Winfield Scott 4/20/1861: "I therefore tender my resignation, which I request you will recommend for acceptance. It would have been presented at once but for the struggle it has cost me to separate myself from service to which I have devoted the best years of my life, and all the ability I possess."

In The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich William Shirer reprinted part of the telegram from British Foreign Secretary Halifax to the British ambassador in Berlin instructing him to deliver a note to German Foreign Minister Ribbentrop on 9/3/1939 at 9 a.m.: "Although this communication [referring to the previous note delivered] was made more than 24 hours ago, no reply has been received but German attacks upon Poland have been continued and intensified. I have accordingly the honor to inform you that, unless not later than 11 a.m. British summer time, today September 3, satisfactory assurances to the above effect have been given by the German Government and have reached His Majesty's Government in London, a state of war will exist between the two countries as from that hour."

As nice as politeness and beating around the bush can be, my personal favorite example of blunt speaking was Molotov's question to Ribbentrop on the occasion of Molotov's visit to Berlin on 11/12/40. British bombers had arrived overhead in the skies above Berlin on the evening of November 13 (it gets dark in Berlin around 4 o'clock that time of year) shortly after 9 o'clock. Ribbentrop and Molotov scampered to the air raid shelter of the German Foreign Ministry. Ribbentrop went on and on about how the British were practically beaten, at which point Molotov asked Ribbentrop: "If that is so, why are we in this shelter, and whose are these bombs which fall?"

THREE NUNS
by Richard Walkerdine

Three nuns are killed in a car crash. A terrible tragedy. Of course they all go to heaven.

When they get to the Pearly Gates St Peter is waiting for them, looking a little embarrassed. "Sisters," he says, "I am very sorry but we are so full at the moment that I must ask you to give a correct answer to a question before I can let you in." Then he smiles. "But as you are all nuns I will try to make the questions easy."

He turns to the first nun and asks her, "Who was the first woman?"

"Eve," replies the nun.

"Very good," says St Peter. "In you come." Then he turns to the second nun. "And where did Eve live?" he asks.

"In the garden of Eden," she replies.

"Absolutely right," smiles St Peter. "Please enter." Then he turns to the third nun, who happens to be the Mother Superior. "Ah, you are the Mother Superior," he says. "I'm afraid that means I have to make your question a bit more difficult."

"Oh yes St Peter," replies the Mother Superior, "I quite understand."

"Very well," says St Peter. "In that case what did Eve say the first time she saw Adam?"

The Mother Superior pauses, she frowns and scratches her head. "Oh that is a hard one," she mutters.

"Oh well done!" says St Peter. "Absolutely right!"

I'VE RETIRED FROM BRITISH AEROSPACE!

by Richard Walkerdine

An old man stood at the Pearly Gates,
His head was bent and low,
St. Peter looked at him and smiled,
"What did you do below?"
The old man lifted up his head,
And brushed away some tears,
"I worked for B A e," he said,
"For many, many years,"
St. Peter opened up the gates,
And quickly rang the bell,
"Come in," he said, "and choose your harp."
"You've had your share of Hell!"

(But to be honest I greatly enjoyed my career at BAe and Airbus)



Brain Farts: The Only Subsubzine With It's Own Fragrance
By Jack "Flapjack" McHugh - jack@diplomacyworld.net
(or just email Doug and he'll send it to me)
Issue #22

I have nothing to day. Life sucks. Can't find work. Unemployment running out. And I get older every day. Well....there's still beer.

Adults'-Only By Popular Demand

The players so far: Heather Taylor (HT), Mark D Lew (MDL), Martin Burgdorf (MB), John David Galt (JDG), Kevin Wilson (KW), Paraic Reddington (PR), Michael Moulton (MM), Bill Brown (BB), Brendan Whyte (BW), William Wood (WW).

Round 9 Categories:

1. An artist whose work can be considered erotic. Dali - BW. Peter North - PR. Goya - KW. Goergia O'Keefe - MM. Egon Scheile - MB. Klimt - HT.
2. A current television actress men might fantasize about. Sofia Vergara - BW. January Jones - PR. Terri Hatcher - KW. Christina Hendricks - MM. Kathy Baker - MB. Kim Cardashian - HT.
3. The worst anniversary gift, from a woman's perspective. Aftershave - BW. The iRon - PR. Appliance - KW. Blender - MM. Toilet Brush - MB. Vacuum - HT.
4. Another term for a woman's breasts. Norks - BW. Funbags - PR. Tits - KW, MM, MB. Boobs - HT.
5. Another word or phrase for sex other than "fuck." Dipping the Dolphin - BW. Masturbation - PR. Screw - KW. Making Love - MM, MB. Shag - HT.

New Scores: Martin Burgdorf (MB) - 135, Michael Moulton (MM) - 126, Heather Taylor (HT) - 122, Kevin Wilson (KW) - 119, Mark D Lew (MDL) - 118, Brendan Whyte (BW) - 110, Paraic Reddington (PR) - 109, Bill Brown (BB) - 106, William Wood (WW) - 80, John David Galt (JDG) - 75.

Round 10 Categories - the LAST Round:

1. Number of women a man has had sex with in his lifetime.
2. Worst thing about the vagina.
3. Sexiest color.
4. Something rude to call a woman to her face.
5. A job women should not have.

Deadline will be the Friday before Doug's deadline, which means this month it will be September 24th at midnight.

Two Beggars in Rome are sitting side by side on a street. One has a Crucifix in front of him the other one the Star of David. Many people go by and look at both beggars, but only put money into the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross.

A priest comes by, stops and watches throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross, but none give to the beggar behind the Star of David. Finally, the priest goes over to the beggar behind the Star of David and says, 'My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism... People aren't going to give money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a cross. In fact, they would probably give to him just out of spite.'

The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the priest, turned to the other beggar with the cross and said: 'Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing?'

A white-haired man walked into a jewelry store one Friday evening with a beautiful young blonde at his side.



He told the jeweler he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweler looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring. The old man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock and brought another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000," he said.

The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweler asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, "By check. I know you need to make sure my check clears so I'll write it now, and you can call the bank on Monday morning to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up on Monday afternoon," he said.

On Monday morning, the jeweler phoned the old man and said "Sir, there's no money in that account."

"I know," said the old man, "but let me tell you about my weekend!"

Game Openings

Diplomacy (Black Press – Permanent Opening in ES): Signed up: Zachary Jarvie, Brad Wilson, Jeff O'Donnell, needs four more to fill.

Gunboat Diplomacy (Black Press): Signed up: Five, need two more to fill. Sign up now!

Diplomacy Bourse (Black Press): Buy and sell the currencies of the Diplomacy nations. This Bourse is using the new game "Dulcinea" as its basis. *Players may join at any time*, and are then given 1000 units of every currency still in circulation. The rules to Bourse can be found in ES #24.

Youngstown IVa (Black Press): A classic, and quite popular, version of the variant. Email me for rules and maps, or you can find them at: <http://www.variantbank.org/results/rules/y/youngstown.htm>. Signed up: Phil Murphy, Brad Wilson, need eight more to fill. Sign up now, need more at least one more this issue or I drop it!

Final Conflict III (Black Press): Tom Swider's global nuclear variant. Rules and map elsewhere in this issue. Signed up: Brad Wilson, David McCrumb, need five more to fill. Sign up now, need more at least one more this issue or I drop it!

By Popular Demand: Game currently underway, join any time.

Eternal Sunshine Movie Quote Quiz: 10 rounds, join any time. You can find it at the end of the zine.

Standby List: HELP! I need standby players! – Current standby list: Graham Wilson, Jim Burgess (Dip only), Jeremie Lefrancois (Dip only), Lance Anderson (Dip only), Martin Burgdorf, Paul Milewski (Dip only), Brad Wilson, and whoever I beg into it in an emergency.

I'm going to continue to go through my files and seeing what other variants I can offer, until I find one that gets enough interest to fill. When I offer a variant I'll give it an issue or two, but if nobody signs up I'll drop the opening and replace it. If somebody wants to guest-GM a game of anything, just get in touch. If you have specific game requests please let me know.

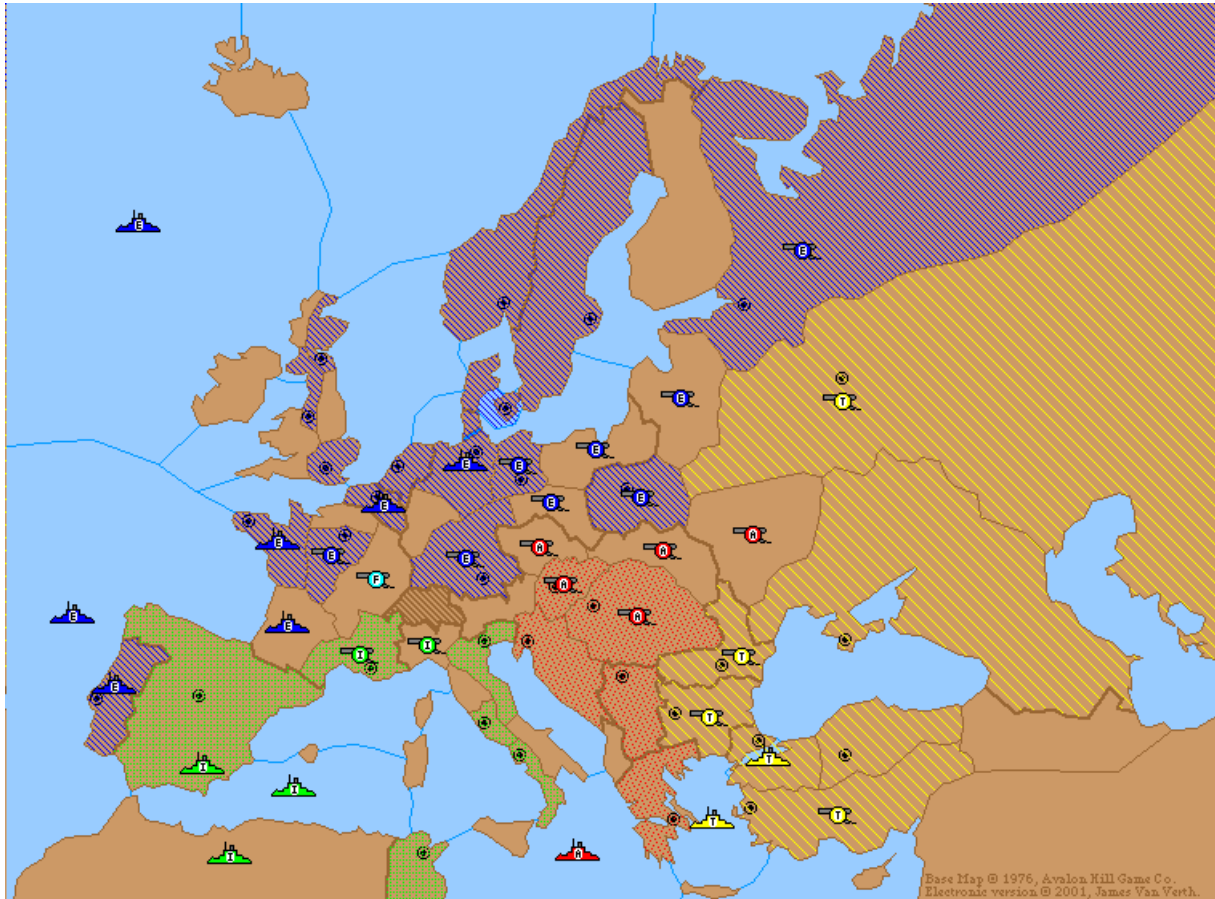
Eternal Sunshine Game Section

Diplomacy "Wouldn't It Be Nice?" 2008A, F 12

Austria (Kevin Wilson - ckevinw "of" comcast.net): A Bohemia Supports A Munich (*Cut*), A Budapest - Galicia (*Fails*), A Galicia - Silesia (*Fails*), F Ionian Sea Hold, A Ukraine Supports A Sevastopol – Moscow, A Vienna - Tyrolia (*Bounce*).

England (J r mie LeFran ois - jeremie.lefrancois "of" gmail.com): F Belgium Hold, A Berlin Supports A Ruhr – Munich, F Brest – Gascony, F English Channel – Brest, A Gascony – Paris, F Holland – Kiel, A Livonia Supports A Moscow – Warsaw, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Hold, A Moscow – Warsaw, F North Atlantic Ocean Supports F Mid-Atlantic Ocean, F Portugal Supports F Mid-Atlantic Ocean, A Prussia Supports A Moscow – Warsaw, A Ruhr – Munich, A Silesia - Bohemia (*Fails*), A St Petersburg - Moscow (*Fails*).

France (William Wood – wxmanwill “of” hotmail.com): No Moves Received..A Burgundy Unordered.
Italy (Don Williams – dwilliam “of” fontana.org): A Marseilles Supports F Spain(sc),
 A Munich Supports A Bohemia – Silesia (*Disbanded*), F North Africa - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (*Fails*),
A Piedmont - Tyrolia (*Bounce*), F Spain(sc) Supports F North Africa - Mid-Atlantic Ocean,
 F Western Mediterranean Supports F Spain(sc).
Turkey (Brad Wilson - bwdolphin146 “of” yahoo.com): F Aegean Sea - Ionian Sea (*Fails*),
 F Black Sea – Constantinople, A Constantinople – Bulgaria, A Rumania Hold, A Sevastopol – Moscow,
 A Smyrna Hold.



Supply Center Chart

Austria: Budapest, Greece, Serbia, Trieste, Vienna=5, Remove 1
 England: Belgium, Berlin, Brest, Denmark, Edinburgh, Holland, Kiel, Liverpool, London, Munich, Norway,
 Paris, Portugal, St Petersburg, Sweden, Warsaw=16, Build 1
 France: None=0, OUT!!
 Italy: Marseilles, Naples, Rome, Spain, Tunis, Venice=6, Build 1
 Turkey: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Moscow, Rumania, Sevastopol, Smyrna=7, Build 1

W 1912/S 1913 Deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time

PRESS

CON: Like a python, I guess.

Diplomacy “Dulcinea” 2008C, W 08/S 09

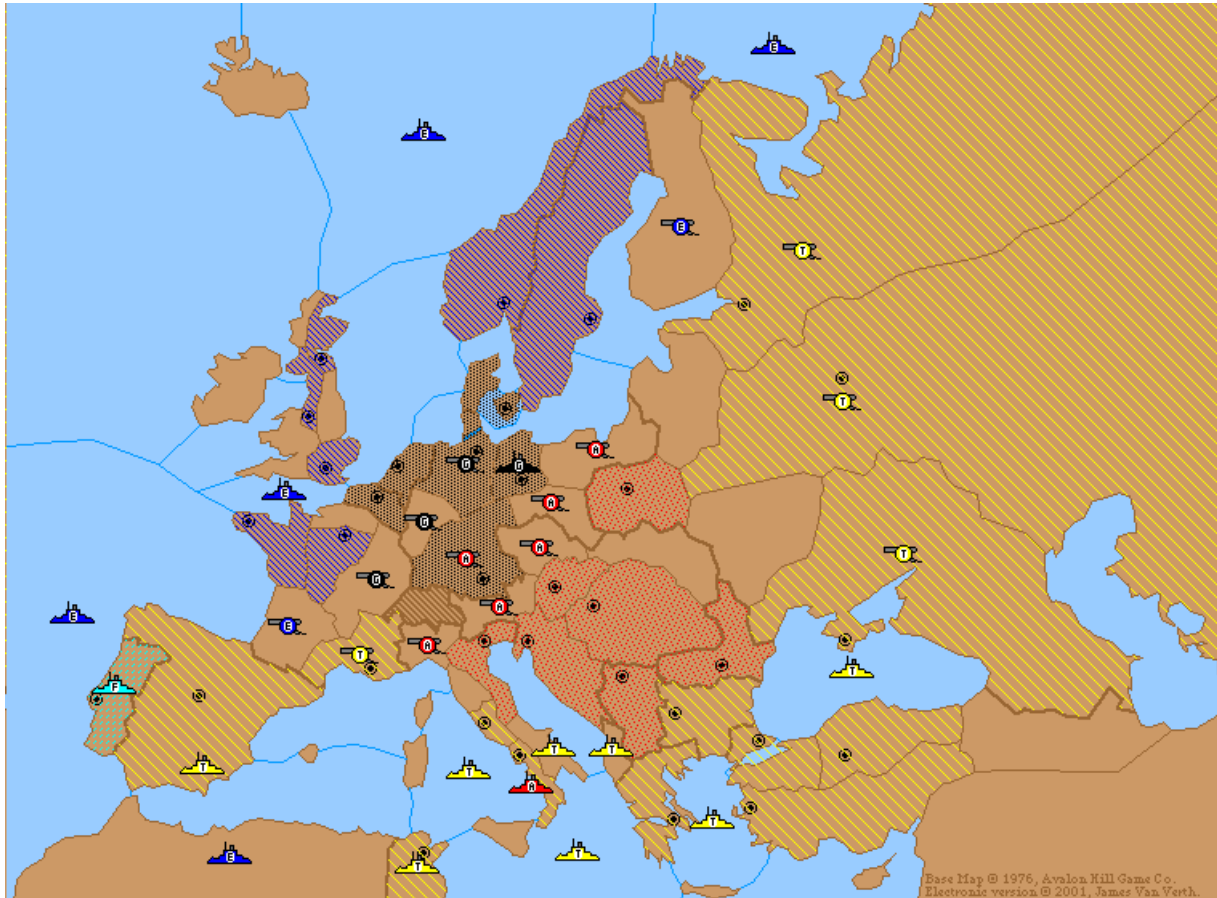
Austria (Lance Anderson – lance_anderson “of” hotmail.com): F Apulia – Naples,
 A Bohemia Supports A Silesia – Munich, A Galicia – Silesia, A Piedmont Supports A Marseilles,
A Prussia - Berlin (*Fails*), A Silesia – Munich, A Tyrolia Supports A Silesia - Munich.
England (Philip Murphy trekkypj “of” gmail.com): Remove A Paris.. F Barents Sea - St Petersburg(nc)

(*Fails*), F English Channel Supports F Mid-Atlantic Ocean,
A Finland Supports F Barents Sea - St Petersburg(nc), A Gascony - Spain (*Fails*),
F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Supports A Gascony - Spain, F North Atlantic Ocean - Norwegian Sea,
F North Africa - Western Mediterranean (*Bounce*).

France (Brad Wilson – bwdolphin146 "of" yahoo.com): F Portugal Supports F Spain(sc) - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (*Void*).

Germany (William Wood – wxmanwill "of" hotmail.com): No Moves Received.. F Berlin Hold, A Burgundy Hold, A Kiel Hold, ~~A Munich Hold~~ (*Disbanded*), A Ruhr Hold.

Turkey (Jim Burgess – jfburgess "of" gmail.com): Build A Ankara, F Smyrna, plays 1 short..
F Adriatic Sea – Apulia, F Albania - Ionian Sea (*Fails*), A Ankara – Sevastopol,
F Black Sea Convoys A Ankara – Sevastopol, F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea (*Fails*),
A Marseilles Supports F Spain(sc), A Moscow Supports A St Petersburg, F Smyrna - Aegean Sea,
F Spain(sc) Supports F Portugal - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (*Void*), A St Petersburg Hold,
F Tunis - North Africa (*Fails*), F Tyrrhenian Sea - Western Mediterranean (*Bounce*).



***Would Martin Burgdorf (martin_burgdorf "of" hotmail.com) please standby for Germany?
Fall 09 Deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time***

PRESS

Bud - Ank: How's your Russian spring break going?

Prime Minister to All: How did it come to this? The Empire's outer territories assaulted, her armies cast back, her entire battleplan in disarray. This is a LARGE crisis. This is our nation's nadir. A time for our leaders to stand up and be counted. We will persevere, we will endure. And we will regroup, stronger and more united of purpose... YOU, BOY, IN THE BACK, STOP SNIGGERING!

Por-London: You are doomed and I am delighted.

Por-Berlin: You too. Allah akbar!

C to all Agents: The Circus is back in business. The ringmaster and his cronies have been ousted. All monkeys are to infiltrate the organ grinders' sheds and locate the peanuts for immediate consumption before writing up the resulting hallucinations on the 10,000 typewriters provided.

Apes and Gorillas are to hold off on monkey business pending transport to the developing Banana plantations in Bahamas Station.

London Station also advises the following: Avoid contact with Giraffes at all costs. Section chiefs to report back to the Chief Orang-u-tan with contents of agreed drops.

-C-

“Dulcinea” Diplomacy Bourse

	<u>Austrian</u> Crowns	<u>English</u> Pounds	<u>French</u> Francs	<u>German</u> Marks	<u>Italian</u> Lire	<u>Russian</u> Rubles	<u>Turkish</u> Piastres	Cash	Total Value
Opening Value	\$1.3990	\$1.1786	\$0.1900	\$0.8693	\$0.2100	\$0.0000	\$2.0027		
Closing Value	\$1.5341	\$0.9915	\$0.1900	\$0.8193	\$0.2100	\$0.0000	\$2.0313		
Player Holdings									
Billy Ray Valentine	500	1677	700	1000	700	700	1500	\$ 0.59	\$6,576.64
Duke of York	3858	0	0	0	0	0	2965	\$ 0.91	\$11,942.27
Smaug the Dragon	500	0	0	4871	0	4750	351	\$ 172.48	\$5,643.33
Rothschild	776	0	0	0	0	0	5142	\$ 1.10	\$11,636.51
Baron Wuffet	1486	1722	200	1322	400	300	1122	\$ 3.08	\$7,474.35
Wooden Nickel Enterprises	1409	2004	0	0	0	642	1497	\$ 0.09	\$7,189.46
VAIONT Enterprises	2837	655	0	0	0	0	2117	\$ 5.50	\$9,307.44
Insider Trading LLC	2975	2232	0	0	0	0	1101	\$ 1.18	\$9,014.62
Bourse Master	0	625	0	0	0	1000	3518	\$ 1.74	\$7,767.54
<u>Any New Players</u>	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	\$ -	\$5,776.20

Billy Ray Valentine: No activity.

Duke of York: Passes.

Smaug the Dragon: Sells 500 Marks and 371 Pounds. Buys 500 Crowns.

Rothschild: Sells 500 Crowns. Buys 349 Piastres.

Baron Wuffet: All hold.

Wooden Nickel Enterprises: Sells 500 Piastres. Buys 716 Crowns.

VAIONT Enterprises: Sells 500 Piastres and 500 Pounds. Buys 1135 Crowns.

Insider Trading LLC: Sells 500 Crowns and 500 Pounds. Buys 643 Piastres.

Bourse Master: Sells 500 Pounds. Buys 294 Piastres.

Next Bourse Deadline is September 27th at 7:00pm my time

PRESS

DUKE OF YORK to ROTHSCHILD: Your trading brilliance astounds me but you fail to see the promise in English pounds!!!

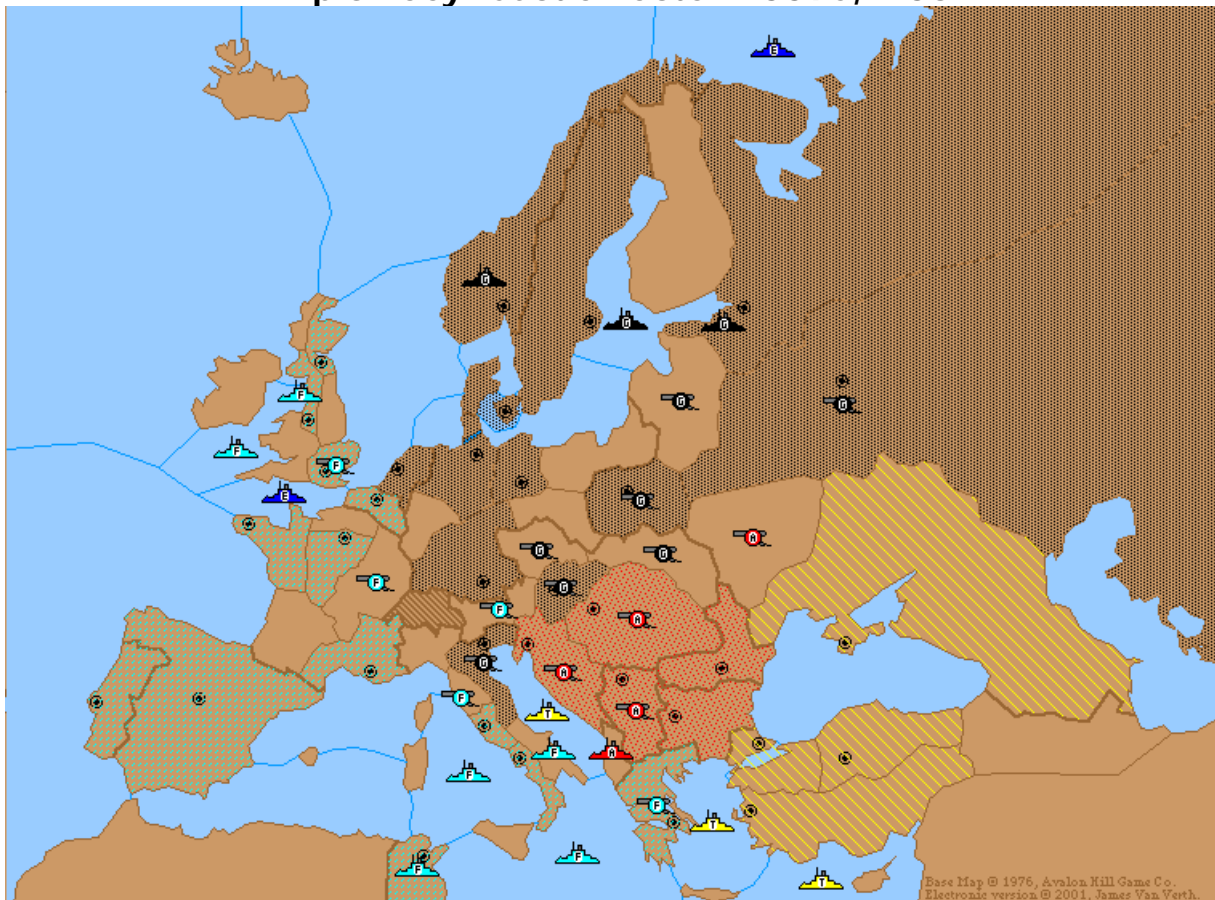
Rothschild => Duke of Earl: Thank you for your congratulations, but why did you not trade? And how is it possible that the dragon got even less money than "Any New Player"?

SMAUG THE NOT-SO-MAGNIFICANT TO ALL: Have I lost my touch? *snorts smoke* The fire in me is cooling down, I can feel the cold claws of my doom upon me.... maybe the Duke of York is right.... this Russian coal is no good!

Baron Wuffet: Tell me when to look!

SMAUG TO ROTHSCHILD: This may be true, that your financial empire is bigger than a nation, but what are you going to spend it on? Cuckoo clocks? Zurich isn't all it's cracked up to be... Land, that's where the money is. Dragons know these things. And you, Rothschild, have your finger in the AT pie!!! Why do it yourself when you can control the Archduke and the Sultan with your immense wealth? *snorts flames*

Diplomacy "Just a Taste" 2009C, F 06



Austria (William Wood – wxmanwill "of" hotmail.com): No Moves Received.. Disband A Galicia..
F Albania Hold, A Budapest Hold, A Serbia Hold, A Trieste Hold, A Ukraine Hold.

England (Paul Milewski – paul.milewski "of" hotmail.com): F Barents Sea Convoys A St Petersburg – Norway, A St Petersburg – Norway (*Disbanded*), F Wales - English Channel.

France (Paraic Reddington - Paraic.Reddington "of" vix-erg.com): F Apulia Supports F Ionian Sea, A Burgundy Hold, F Clyde – Liverpool, F Ionian Sea Convoys A Naples – Greece, F Irish Sea Supports F Clyde – Liverpool, A Naples – Greece, A Tuscany Supports A Venice, A Tyrolia Supports A Bohemia – Vienna, F Tyrrhenian Sea Supports F Ionian Sea, F Western Mediterranean – Tunis, A Yorkshire - London.

Germany (Philip Murphy trekkypj "of" gmail.com): A Bohemia – Vienna, F Finland - St Petersburg(sc), A Galicia - Ukraine (*Fails*), F Gulf of Bothnia Supports F Finland - St Petersburg(sc), A Livonia Supports A Warsaw – Moscow, A Munich – Bohemia,

F Norway Supports F Finland - Gulf of Bothnia (*Fails*), A Silesia – Warsaw, A Venice Hold, A Warsaw - Moscow.

Turkey (Graham Wilson – grahamaw "of" rogers.com): Retreat F Ionian Sea - Eastern Mediterranean..

F Adriatic Sea Supports F Eastern Mediterranean - Ionian Sea,
F Aegean Sea Supports F Eastern Mediterranean - Ionian Sea, F Eastern Mediterranean - Ionian Sea (*Fails*),
~~A Moscow Supports A Ukraine~~ (*Dislodged*, retreat Sevastopol or OTB).

***Would Jeremie Lefrancois (jeremie.lefrancois "of" gmail.com) please
standby for Austria?
A/W 06 and Spring 07 deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time***

Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Budapest, Bulgaria, Rumania, Serbia, Trieste=5, Even
England: None=0, OUT!!
France: Belgium, Brest, Edinburgh, Greece, Liverpool, London, Marseilles, Naples, Paris, Portugal,
Rome, Spain, Tunis=13, Build 2
Germany: Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Moscow, Munich, Norway, St Petersburg, Sweden,
Venice, Vienna, Warsaw=12, Build 2
Turkey: Ankara, Constantinople, Sevastopol, Smyrna=4, Even or Build 1

PRESS

E to F: I got the "PLEASE LEAVE LIVERPOOL ALONE AND DIE." I think your message got garbled in the next sentence. The character you wrote is 00011001 and (8-bit EBCDIC) characters beginning with three zeroes are nonprintable control characters. I'm guessing you meant "THERE'S A GOOD CHAP."

TO ENGLAND - Begone foul demon of Cherobohem! Get thee hence.

TO GERMANY - Is there no answer for the black death that spreads through Europe??

Kaiser Wilhelm to All: Now wir sehen! Who laughs at mighty Deutschland now, eh?

G TO F: Your gifts of Ludo, Boggle and Twister are much appreciated by my troops! At least it'll stop them burning down the mess hall for a few hours.

Now... Race you to Constantinople! My trains against your ships.... Ready?

TO AUSTRIA - I don't suppose you'd be so kind as to leave the key under the mat would you?

TO TURKEY - I don't suppose you'd be so kind as to leave the back door open would you?

G TO E: Ah, zat is zer speech impedimente. I can understand zer confusion. Incurable zedly.

TO FRANCE - Change the batteries on the remote control before you wear out the buttons by pushing so hard dimwit.

White Press Diplomacy "Creepshow" 2009D, W 04/S 05

Austria (Brad Wilson - bwdolphin146 "of" yahoo.com): ~~A Trieste Supports A Vienna~~ (*Dislodged*, ret Venice, Albania, OTB), ~~A Vienna Supports A Trieste~~ (*Disbanded*).

England (Chuy Cronin - chuykdc_92 "of" hotmail.com): Build F London.. F Denmark - Kiel (*Fails*), F London - North Sea, F Norway Hold, F Norwegian Sea Supports F Norway, A Yorkshire Hold.

France (Michael Cronin - mfmcronin "of" q.com): F Belgium Hold, A Bohemia Supports A Burgundy - Munich, A Burgundy - Munich, A Gascony - Burgundy, A Picardy Supports F Belgium, A Tyrolia Supports A Burgundy - Munich.

Germany (Pat Vogelsang - godawgsgo33 "of" yahoo.com): Remove F Helgoland Bight.. F Holland - Belgium (*Fails*), A Kiel Supports A Munich (*Cut*),

~~A Munich Supports A Ruhr~~ (*Dislodged*, ret Berlin, OTB), A Ruhr Supports A Munich.

Italy (Graham Wilson - grahamaw "of" rogers.com): F Naples Supports A Venice - Apulia, A Silesia - Prussia, F Tunis - Ionian Sea (*Fails*), A Venice - Apulia.

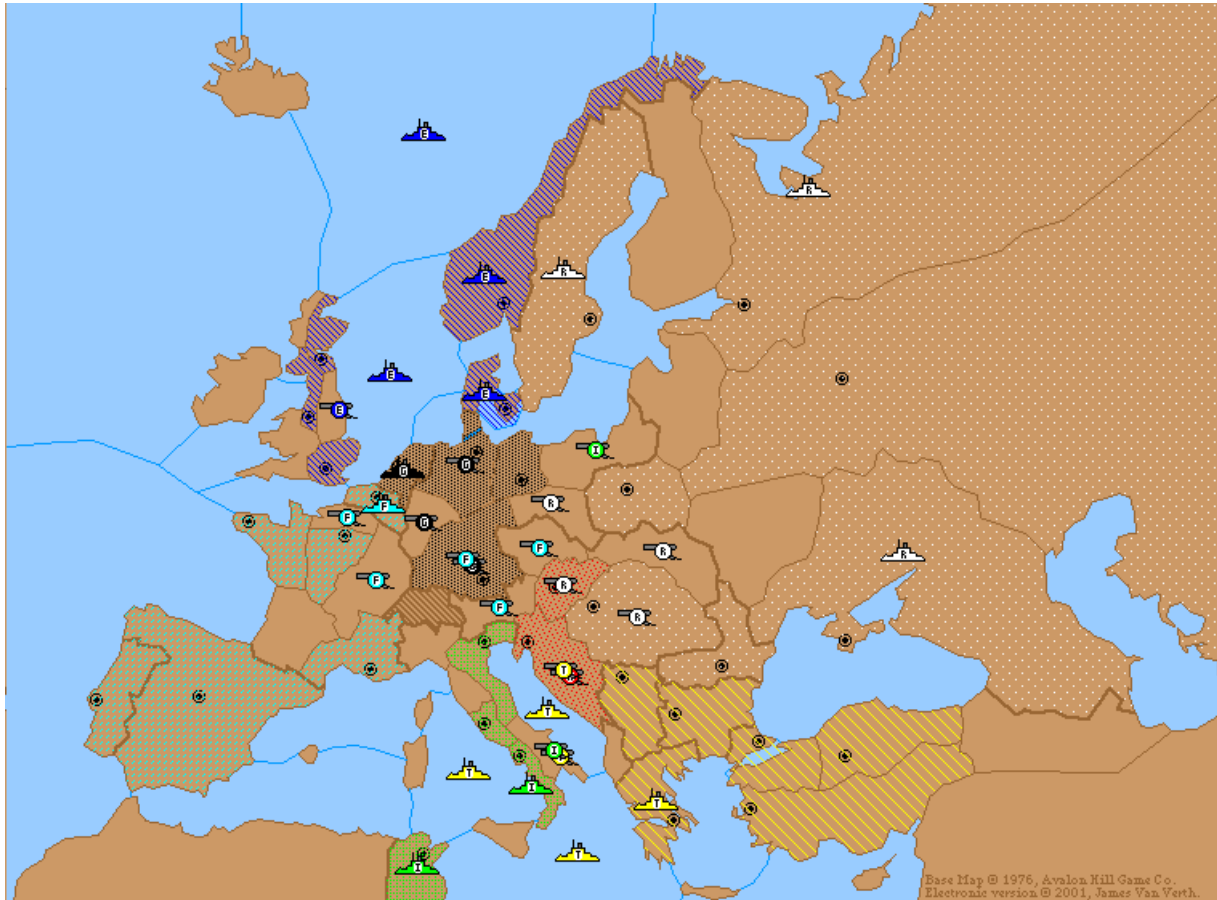
Russia (Kevin Wilson - ckevinw "of" comcast.net): A Budapest Supports A Galicia - Vienna, A Galicia - Vienna, A Rumania - Galicia, F Sevastopol Hold, F St Petersburg(nc) Supports F Sweden - Norway,

F Sweden - Norway (*Fails*), A Warsaw - Silesia.

Turkey (Larry Cronin – Icroninmd “of” msn.com): F Adriatic Sea Supports A Serbia – Trieste,

A Apulia – Venice (*Dislodged*, ret Rome, OTB), F Eastern Mediterranean - Ionian Sea,

F Greece Supports F Eastern Mediterranean - Ionian Sea, F Ionian Sea - Tyrrhenian Sea, A Serbia - Trieste.



**Thanks to Paul Milewski for the unneeded standby orders
F 05 Deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time**

PRESS

F-World: The itsy bitsy German climbed up the water spout.... down came the french and washed the german out.

Vienna: Thrilling, eh?

F-World: WOW. how did that blob of red turn suddenly into white?

Diplomacy “Bellicus” from Strange Meeting, Fall/Winter 1910

France (Pat Vogelsang – godawgsgo33 “of” yahoo.com): A Brest Supports A Picardy, A Edinburgh – Liverpool, A Paris Supports A Brest, A Picardy Supports A Brest (*Cut*).

Russia (Chris Babcock – cbabcock “of” asciiking.com): A Belgium - Picardy (*Fails*),

A Budapest Supports A Vienna – Trieste, A Burgundy – Gascony,

F English Channel Supports A Belgium – Picardy, A Galicia Supports A Budapest,

F Irish Sea - North Atlantic Ocean (*Bounce*), A Moscow - Ukraine (*Fails*), A Munich – Burgundy,

F Norway - Norwegian Sea, A Tyrolia Supports A Vienna – Trieste, A Ukraine Holds, A Vienna - Trieste (*Fails*),

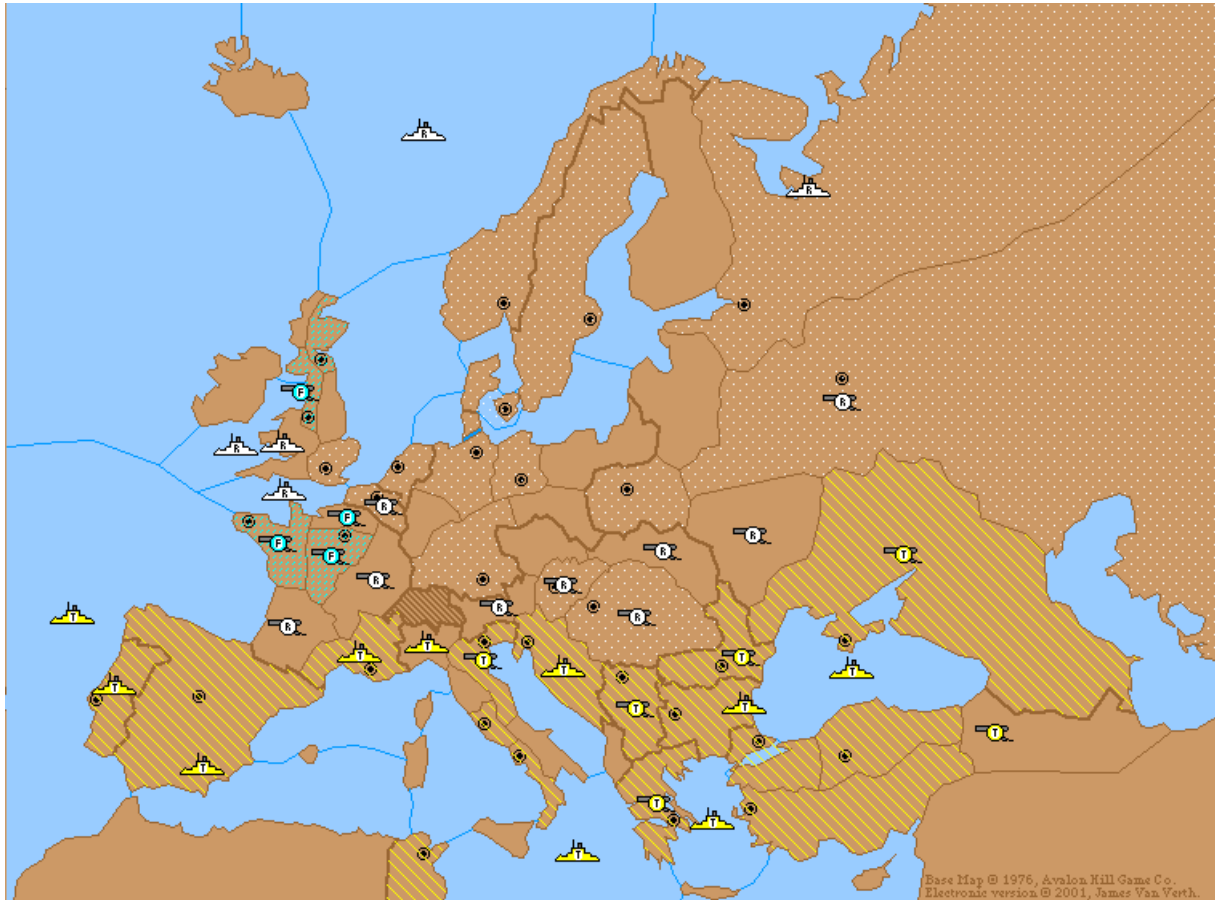
F Wales - Irish Sea (*Fails*).. **In Winter: Builds F St. Petersburg(nc).**

Turkey (Phil Amos – p.v.a “of” btinternet.com): F Aegean Sea Convoys A Constantinople – Greece,

A Armenia Supports A Sevastopol, F Black Sea Supports A Rumania, F Bulgaria(ec) Supports A Rumania,

A Constantinople – Greece, F Eastern Mediterranean - Ionian Sea, F Marseilles Supports F Piedmont,

F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - North Atlantic Ocean (*Bounce*), F Piedmont Supports F Marseilles,
F Portugal - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (*Fails*), A Rumania Supports A Sevastopol, A Serbia Supports F Trieste,
A Sevastopol Supports A Rumania, F Spain(sc) Supports F Portugal - Mid-Atlantic Ocean (*Fails*),
F Trieste Supports A Venice (*Cut*), A Venice Supports F Trieste.



Now Proposed – Concesison to Russia. Please Vote!

Thanks to Brad Wilson for the unneeded standby orders!

Spring/Summer 1911 Deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time

Supply Center Chart

France: Brest, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Paris=4, Even
Russia: Belgium, Berlin, Budapest, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, London, Moscow, Munich, Norway,
St Petersburg, Sweden, Vienna, Warsaw=14, Build 1
Turkey: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Marseilles, Naples, Portugal, Rome, Rumania,
Serbia, Sevastopol, Smyrna, Spain, Trieste, Tunis, Venice=16, Even

PRESS

None...you guys suck.

Deviant Dip II – “Black Licorice” – 2009Brc08 – End Game

Don Williams - I came. I saw. I ducked. So to speak.

Special thanks to all those who saw the wonderfully crafted rule that freed eliminated me from this nightmarish farce, and voted for it. Boos, hisses, and catcalls for Boob's idiotic attempt to drag me back in against my will. Thanks to the GM for suggesting perpetual orders. Kinda weird that a dead guy could send in perpetual orders, but that's the nature of deviancy.

My hat's off to those of you foolish enough to brave the whole of this game, and sincere congrats to Heather for an excellently played end ~~run~~ game and a well-deserved win. And Doug, if you ever think about running this again, please get back on your meds. Quickly.

Russell Blau - I have to say that this game was a bit of a disappointment for me; not in terms of the outcome, but of the process. I have not been very active in the Dip hobby lately. I returned a few years ago to online play after a very long complete absence, but then started to fade away again. I joined this game hoping for a chance to reconnect with a few old friends and to make some new ones. Knowing well what Deviant is, I was more interested in the interaction among players than in winning or losing. I sent out a few messages to other players before the first season and got a few noncommittal responses, but it very soon became clear that no one, and I do mean no one, was going to bother to write to me unless I wrote to them first, and even then they might not respond. I pretty soon got tired of making the effort, and the game pretty much devolved into Gunboat Deviant, which at least to me isn't much fun. I then got stuck in a pattern of not paying attention until the deadline was looming, not reading the rules and proposals carefully enough, and paying the price for it.

Thank you, Doug, for putting up with us despite our collective efforts to drive you crazy; wait, you volunteered to run a Deviant game, so maybe there was no driving required. Congratulations to Heather, of course, for winning the game. And booby-gratulations to Mark, who clearly is a better rules lawyer than any of the rest of us and took full advantage of all the opportunities he found.

Mark D Lew: Russia/Nussia

I totally played dirty to get this booby prize. I initially joined the game because I was recruited by Jason and Pete. I've been out of the postal hobby since forever, but Jason, Pete, and I were regular gaming buddies when the three of us all lived in the Bay Area, some time around 1990-2004. I'm not sure Doug ever realized, but I ran a game of this in Benzene before Pete ran his in Perelandra. I think that was in the 1980s. The rules were slightly different then, before Phil Reynolds revised them. I think the main difference is my starting rules were one vote per player instead of one vote per dot (though of course that gets changed pretty quickly by new rules). It's a dim memory now, but I'm pretty sure I invented the original version.

Most of the other players turned out to be old farts, too. I had crossed paths with Russ in postal games somewhere or other, but didn't remember the details. Jim-Bob was one of my best buddies from the postal Dip world. I had met Don once at Pete's house, though I didn't know him well. John Galt I had met a few times at local cons. The only one I didn't know was John Walker, who I quickly starting thinking of as the Noob.

As part of the recruitment, Jason had an idea that in the first turn we had to pass some sort of rule that would expand the scope of passing new rules. It would be an investment in the future, where we'd forgo pushing our fun rules on the first turn in order to pass something boring and lawyerly that would give us more opportunity to pass fun rules for the rest of the game. So even before the game we agreed we'll all pool our votes to pass that on the first turn, and then no further commitments after that.

After that I fell into an alliance with Jason by default. We were in regular communication, and I hardly ever heard anything from anyone else -- including Pete, who went mostly incommunicado long before he dropped out. I'm still not sure what happened with him; I assume it was just that real life got busy.

Since Jason and I were Russia and Turkey it seemed natural to go after Austria and Italy. Austria was the Noob. Galt had not been part of our clique in the California days, so it was easy to see him as our nemesis, though I later came to realize of all the players he was the one playing the game most like I was, ie, trying to pass fun rules but at the same time always angling for a better position.

At first we were just goofing around. The Noob was taking the game way too seriously, which is why one of my first rules was to transport his entire country into the middle of the Atlantic ocean. It wasn't so much that the rule would hurt his position -- in fact, in a lot of ways it made him stronger since he had four dots in a pretty solid defensive position -- it was more an artistic coup and a way to shake him out of his standard-Dip way of thinking.

Jason had a bug up his butt about "you're not supposed to try to win", which I couldn't get on board with. We both agreed -- as did everyone in the game, I think, except the noob -- that Deviant Dip is a performance art and it's more about goofy and creative rules, but even so, I think, you have to try to win or it's just pointless. Part of the fun is picking out the clever loopholes and surprise opportunities and turning them to your advantage. But any time I was successful at that, Jason would get pissed off and say, "stop trying to win", so I'd have to back down a bit to appease him.

Like a bad marriage, our alliance survived more out of laziness and habit than any compatibility. He would call every month and we'd coordinate about which rules we want to veto, and there would be perfunctory talk about where we should move our units. I should have switched to Russ or John Galt, but that would have required effort, so I just put up with Jason occasionally smacking me with a stop-the-leader rule. Twice I passed up possible shots at the win because of him. Right after the baseball rule passed I knew I had a shot at taking RP majority, but I chickened out partly because I knew that Jason would disapprove. Then when I spotted the loophole inherent in Blau's "rubber-glue" rule, I had a trick for a rule that would be guaranteed to go into effect no matter what the votes. I'm fairly sure I could have worded a proposal that would have given me a win either way, or at least awarded me a lot bigger, but I toned it down with much smaller rewards, just enough to prove the point without actually trying to use it to win. This last turn was the final straw though. If the game hadn't ended, Jason and I totally would have become enemies, as I think it pretty clear in the moves.

My path to booby-victory was purely opportunistic. All of the key rules were proposed by someone else. First was Russ's RP rule. Alone, it wasn't a big change yet, but immediately I was focused on leading in RPs and how I might turn them into an eventual victory, an adjustment I don't think everyone picked up. Jason's Scrambled Eggs I didn't like, and I'm pretty sure I voted against it, but it turned out to be a key rule for me. By a combination of luck, skill, and cheating, I turned that into a superior board position. I got a relatively good draw out of the egg scrambling, but I don't think it was that great. Mostly it just helped that I had more dots and units to begin with. But the shake up was an opportunity to outthink other players and I correctly found the best position to take advantage of other players' weaknesses and turn it into more dots for me. The real key was secured defensible home centers in which to build. Again I had an advantage because I had more dots to choose from, but I still think others didn't play that part carefully enough. John figured it out soon after and spent the next several turns crafting proposals designed to reverse my advantage but I managed to thwart them all until the turn before last.

The cheating was an accident. The fall after the scramble I was figuring out moves that would maximize dot grabbing, but I had one unit left over that couldn't reach anything. At this point I was a little worried people would think I was trying too hard and that would make me a target. The prior turn someone had botched an order, so I figured, "aha, I'll misorder the unit, so maybe it'll make me look stupid." It seems silly in retrospect, but honestly I really was thinking this. So I wrote an order that seemed plausible by the alphabetic-adjacency rule but was in fact wrong, figuring it would make others think I too was just winging it and had not actually plotted out the entire alphabetic list (which of course I had). I then forgot all about this until a month later when I was looking at the adjudication thinking, "Damn, how did I manage to take all these dots?? I knew I made good moves but I didn't think they were THAT good." Well, it turned out Doug wasn't paying attention either, and he let the intentionally misordered unit go. I of course kept my big mouth shut. I still figured someone would object, possibly even Jason, but no one did, and the order stood. I think it was Vienna to Warsaw (which should have failed because Wales intervenes).

So now I had a bunch of dots and a relative stable position in the middle of the board. I survived Jason's Nasty Nussia rule largely because the other players bungled it. Everyone was supposed to take a dot from me, but everyone except Jason forgot to do so. That combined with the consolation price that Jason had written into the rule, allowing me to select a replacement home center, made it so I really wasn't that much worse afterward.

The other big rule where everyone was a bonehead was the baseball rule. This time John was paying attention and nabbed the Giants (which I assume really is his favorite team and not a strategic guess that they'd win a lot of spring training games). Jason and I picked our teams and everyone else once again forgot to pay attention so they got stuck with the Nationals. Then it was dumb luck that the Nationals sucked beyond our wildest hopes in Spring Training and drained all but the three of us down to zero votes. This made RP victory potentially graspable. John got a bunch of RPs out of the Giants and was now competitive with Jason and I, but his board position was weaker. He was actively pouring on the stop-the-leader rules now, and the rest of the board was naturally lining up behind him.

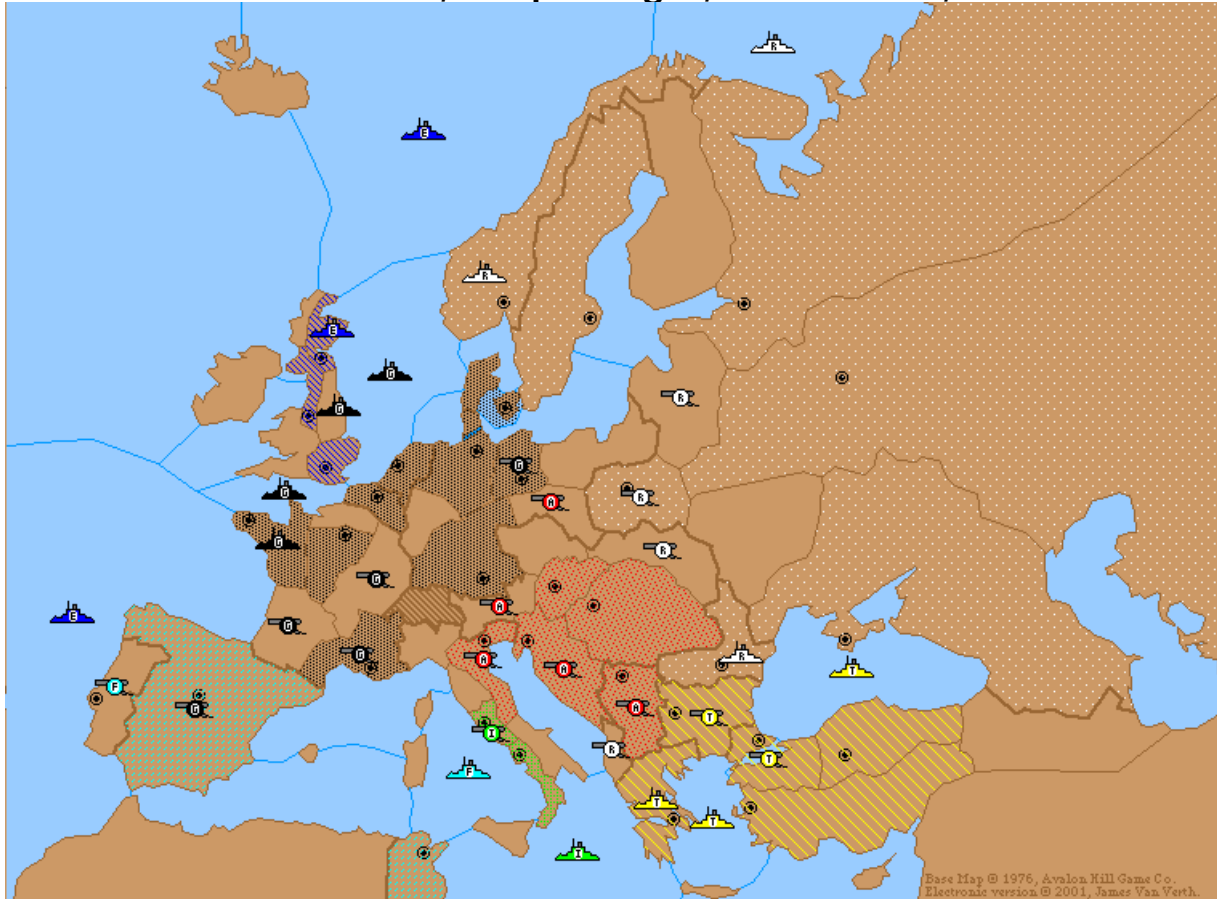
As long as Jason was with me we had enough votes to hold them all off, which we did for a while, but this last turn all hell was breaking loose. More than half the rules were anti-me, and Jason's proposals were the worst of the bunch. John had already poked a hole in my position with the rule allowing builds in Switzerland, and now there were a bunch more leveling rules and no way for me to stop them all. It was clear that my time at the top of the heap was over and I was going to come crashing down. So I figured fuck it, may as well go all out. I abandoned all voting for or against rules and abandoned all supports for my units, and just spent it all on a now-or-never blitz for RPs. I wasn't really sure exactly how many RPs I needed to buy to have a good chance at victory, so I just bought the maximum possible. And since I didn't think that was enough I read the whole damn zeen to find the secret word which bought me a bunch more.

At the time I thought I had to beat the new RPs which would be awarded for new rules passed. It wasn't until after the deadline that it occurred to me that the timing might be such that I could win even before that due to turn order. But it looks like I would have made it regardless.

Woot! Booby prize!

It was a fun game, but I'm glad it's over.

Black Press Gunboat, "Maple Sugar," 2009Crb32, W 06/S 07



Austria: Retreat A Galicia – Silesia.. A Serbia - Budapest (*Bounce*), A Silesia Supports A Tyrolia – Munich, A Trieste - Budapest (*Bounce*), A Tyrolia - Munich (*Bounce*), A Venice Supports F Tyrrhenian Sea - Rome (*Void*).

England: F Edinburgh Supports F Norwegian Sea, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Supports A Gascony – Spain, F Norwegian Sea Supports F Edinburgh (*Cut*).

France: A Spain – Portugal, F Tyrrhenian Sea - Tunis (*Bounce*).

Germany: Build A Berlin.. A Berlin Supports A Burgundy – Munich, A Brest – Gascony, A Burgundy - Munich (*Bounce*), F Denmark - North Sea, F English Channel – Brest, A Gascony – Spain, A Marseilles Supports A Gascony – Spain, F North Sea - English Channel, F Yorkshire Supports F Denmark - North Sea.

Italy: Remove A Piedmont.. F Ionian Sea - Tunis (*Bounce*), A Rome - Venice (*Fails*).

Russia: Remove F Black Sea.. A Albania - Serbia (*Fails*), F Barents Sea - Norwegian Sea (*Fails*), A Galicia - Budapest (*Bounce*), F Norway Supports F Barents Sea - Norwegian Sea, F Rumania Hold, A St Petersburg – Livonia, A Warsaw - Galicia (*Fails*).

Turkey: Build F Smyrna.. F Ankara - Black Sea, A Bulgaria Supports F Greece, A Constantinople Supports A Bulgaria, F Greece Supports F Smyrna - Aegean Sea, F Smyrna - Aegean Sea.

Concession to Germany Fails
Summer/Fall 1907 Deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time

PRESS:

italy-->stupid france and idiot austria : when are you two bozos going to stop picking on the two center italy and worry about Germany or Austria or Turkey????

italy-->france: support my arse--when are you going to wake up and smell the crossiants you dumb frog--go back and fight over your own centers--leave the western med to the me.

Germany – World: No, no, i don't think so! A proposal with no chance of success put forward by some other power purely to provoke a general reaction against Germany.

T => A: I shall give you support, if you tell me exactly what I should order and if you attack Germany.

italy-->turkey: you want to work with FRANCE???? i think not---black press strikes again...

italy-->austria: turkey has over come long odds???? what game are you watching---he's only being attacked by russia and your moronic half stab....geez, i must a freakin' miracle worker since i'm fighting off two countries at once who both attcked me from turn one, eh?

E->G: I supported you to Spain, as promised. And I shall keep the Russian navy blocked for as long as YOU want them blocked.

turkey-->russia: i see you want peace with turkey...the only question is how big of a piece you want...your words say peace peace peace but your units say war war war.

england-->russia: you going north or south??? if you don't decide you'll find yourself weak everywhere and you'll end up collapsing like an accordion if turkey or germany turns on you.

T => R: I've got to let you know that I attempt to gain control of the Black Sea.

R-T: Proposition accepted. I have disbanded my black sea fleet.

italy-->turkey: if you get spare some units from the static non-war with russia i could use a bit of help here since I am fighting off two countries with just three units

france-->austria: i'm not only the idiot president of this country but i'm a client as well!

A->T: The new Austrian Anthem, what do you all think?

I'm a Russian toady
I keep moving west
I won't wake up
Till I've lost Trieste

austria-->russia: c'mon don't be such a pansy...push harder on that knife in turkey's back you sissy-boy! (the tsar is laughing at you!)

germany-->turkey: there will now be a short interlude as i digest the rest of the cheesy morsals that were france and england and then its *Dracht nach Osten* for me.

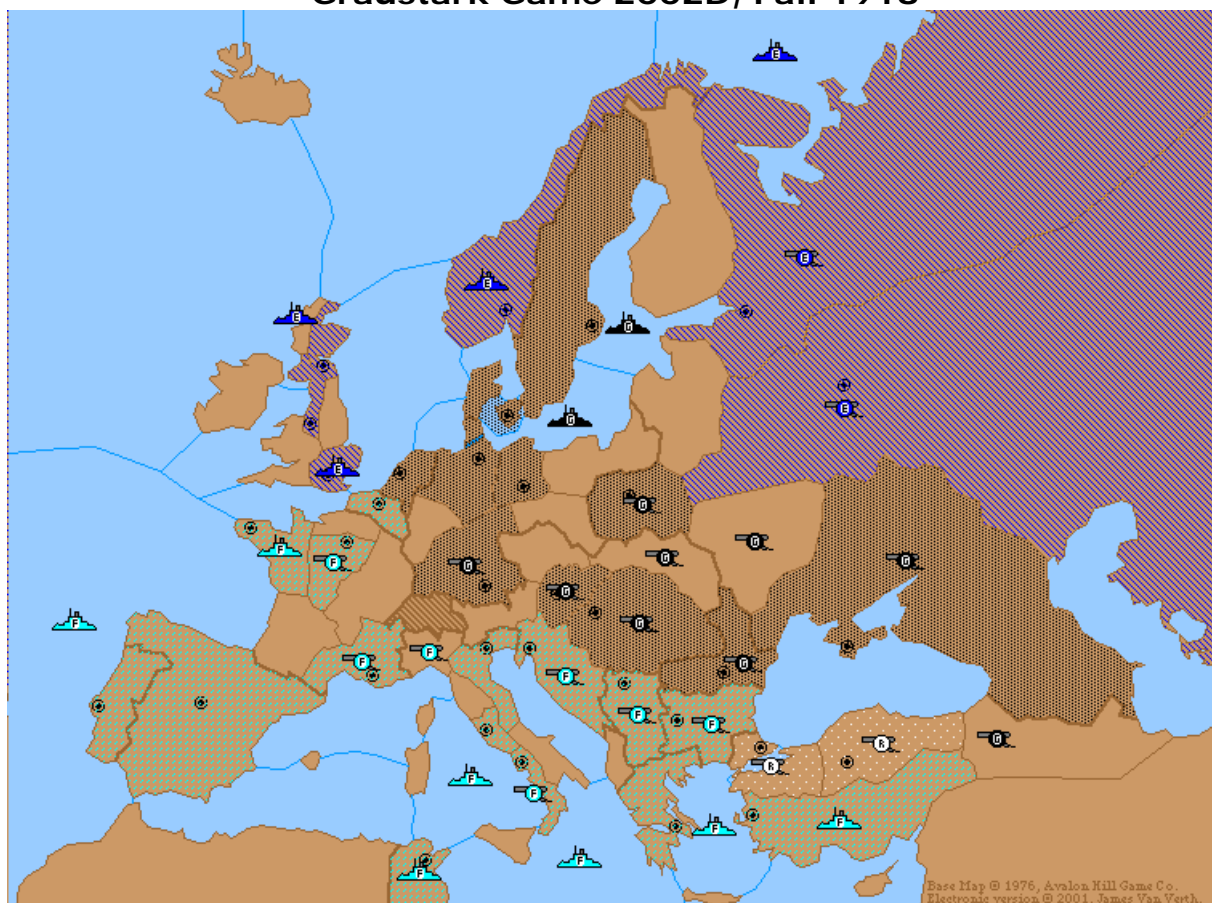
turkey-->italy: hang on, i'm coming as soon as i can get this russian bear off my back!

T => E: Austria should attack Munich.

R-G: Can u leave some British cake--I mean SCs for me?

england-->germany: can you spare a unit for a fellow saxon down on his luck?

Graustark Game 2002D, Fall 1918



England (Fred Wiedemeyer – [wiedem "of" planet.eon.net](http://wiedemof.planet.eon.net)): F Barents Sea Hold, F Clyde Hold, F London Hold, A Moscow Supports A Sevastopol (*Ordered to Move*), F Norway Hold, A St Petersburg Supports A Moscow.

France (Andy Lischett – [andy "of" lischett.com](http://andyof.lischett.com)): F Aegean Sea Supports F Eastern Mediterranean – Smyrna, F Brest Hold, A Bulgaria - Constantinople (*Fails*), F Eastern Mediterranean – Smyrna, F Ionian Sea Hold, A Marseilles Hold, F Mid-Atlantic Ocean Hold, A Naples Hold, A Paris Hold, A Piedmont Hold, A Serbia Supports A Trieste, A Trieste Supports A Serbia, F Tunis Hold, F Tyrrhenian Sea Hold.

Germany (Michael Quirk – [michaelpquirk "of" cs.com](http://michaelpquirkof.cs.com)): F Baltic Sea - Sweden (*Bounce*), A Budapest Supports A Rumania, A Galicia – Ukraine, F Gulf of Bothnia - Sweden (*Bounce*), A Munich Hold, A Rumania Supports A Budapest, A Sevastopol – Armenia, A Silesia – Galicia, A Ukraine – Sevastopol, A Vienna Supports A Budapest, A Warsaw Hold.

Russia (Harley Jordan – [harleyj "of" alum.mit.edu](http://harleyjof.alum.mit.edu)): A Ankara Supports A Constantinople, A Constantinople Supports F Smyrna (*Cut*), F Smyrna Supports A Constantinople (*Dislodged*, ret Syria, OTB).

Supply Center Chart

England:	Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Moscow, Norway, St Petersburg=6, Even
France:	Belgium, Brest, Bulgaria, Greece, Marseilles, Naples, Paris, Portugal, Rome, Serbia, Smyrna, Spain, Trieste, Tunis, Venice=14, Build 1
Germany:	Berlin, Budapest, Denmark, Holland, Kiel, Munich, Rumania, Sevastopol, Sweden, Vienna, Warsaw=11, Even
Russia:	Ankara, Constantinople=2, Remove 1 or Even

***DIAS Draw Failed. Now proposed are DIAS and E/F/G
W 18/S 19 Deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time***

Graustark Diplomacy Game 2004C, End Game

Gamestart announced: Graustark 757 (August 2004)

Game commenced: Graustrak 758 (October 2004)

Game ended: Eternal Sunshine 43 (August 2010)

GMs: John Boardman and Doug Kent

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Hank Alme

ENGLAND: Paul Koch

FRANCE: Fred Wiedemeyer

GERMANY: Dan Mathias

ITALY: Brendan Mooney

RUSSIA: John Biehl

TURKEY: Colin Bruce

Supply centres:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY 5 in '01, 4 in '02, 2 in '03, 0 in '04

ENGLAND 4 in '01, 4 in '02, 3(one unit short) in '03, 1 in '04, 1 in '05, 0 in '06

FRANCE 5 in '01, 5 in '02, 6 in '03, 7 in '04, 7 in '05, 7 in '06, 6 in '07, 4 in '08, 3 in '09, 0 in '10

GERMANY 5 in '01, 6(one unit short) in '02, 7 in '03, 10 in '04, 9 in '05, 10 in '06, 13 in '07, 14 in '08, 13 in '09, 16(two units short) in '10, 18 in '11

ITALY 4 in '01, 6 in '02, 6 in '03, 7 in '04, 8 in '05, 8 in '06, 7 in '07, 8 in '08, 7 in '09, 7 in '10, 6 in '11

RUSSIA 5 in '01, 4 in '02, 6 in '03, 5 in '04, 4 in '05, 2 in '06, 1 in '07, 1 in '08, 1 in '09, 1 in '10, 0 in '11

TURKEY 4 in '01, 4 in '02, 4 in '03, 4 in '04, 5 in '05, 7 in '06, 7 in '07, 7 in '08, 10(one unit short) in '09, 10 in '10, 10 in '11

Neutral 2 in '01, 1 in '02, 0 in '03

TURKEY (Colin Bruce): This game started in August 2004 and finished in August 2010 - six eventful years! Relations with John (Russia) were difficult from the start, and his flat refusal to establish a neutral zone in the Black Sea made me very suspicious of him. However, as Brendan (Italy) seemed to be hostile, I persevered with trying to please John, and let him have the Black Sea, as he wanted, in Fall 1901. When he then suggested, in all seriousness, that I give him Constantinople as well, I decided enough was enough. So when Brendan (Italy) and Hank (Austria-Hungary) suggested a set of anti-Russian moves for all of us in 1902, I jumped at the chance. When the moves were published John was stunned by them. Unfortunately so were Hank and I. Brendan had pulled off the coup of stabbing Russia, Turkey AND Austria-Hungary simultaneously. Hank's position never really recovered, and John proceeded to take his revenge on me. By Fall 1903 he had me backed into a Custer's Last Stand position consisting of Gre, Bul, Con and Smy. Only the fact that Brendan didn't want to see John get any bigger kept me from complete disaster.

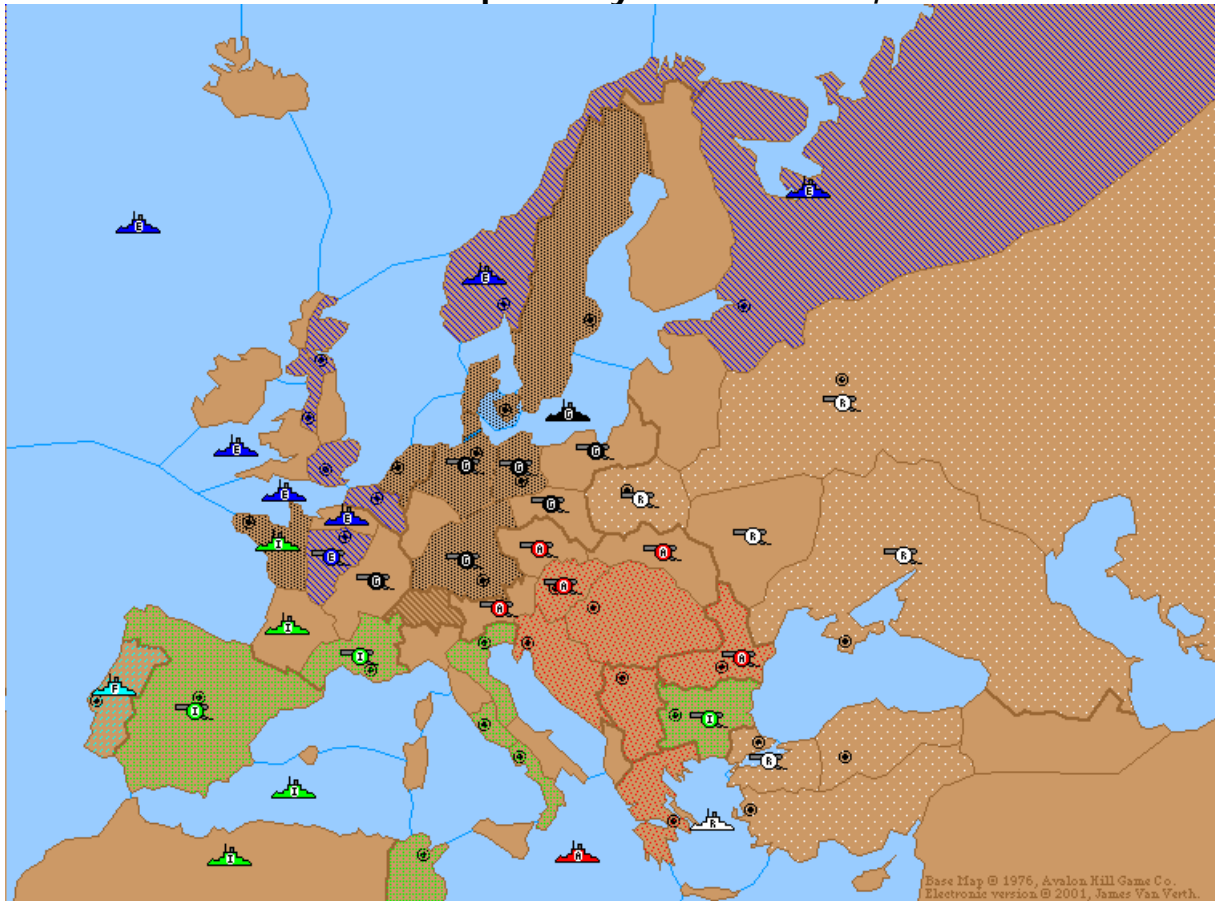
Meanwhile in the west Dan (Germany) and Fred (France) were combining to take out the luckless Paul (England). In Fall 1904 Dan jumped three centres, from 7 to 10. One of these was Vie, which finally eliminated Hank, but another was StP, causing John to lose a unit. John had to release his grip on me in order to defend against this new German threat, and gradually I was able to claw my way back into the game.

When Dan clinically dispensed with his loyal ally Fred in Fall 1907 and went for the solo win, everybody agreed to combine against him and to keep France in the game. Unfortunately Brendan (Italy)'s first action as part of the new anti-German alliance was to grab a centre from struggling France, and it became clear that his sole reason for signing up was to engineer the elimination of Fred and to steal his centres. I tried politely asking Brendan not to do this, which was allowing Germany a free ride, but he ignored me.

The final twist in the game came in Fall 1909. Brendan looked certain to finish the turn on 10 or 11 centres, which would make him too powerful for the rest of us to restrain. I wasn't prepared to see this happen, so after much soul-searching I decided to move from polite persuasion to force. After all, what was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander. My reading of Brendan's personality was that there was a 50-50 chance, perhaps even 60-40, that he would react by throwing the game to Germany. However, as Germany already looked like winning as a result of what was being done to France, I felt I might as well try. Brendan reacted to my removal of 3 of his centres in precisely the way I had feared, and Dan (Germany) exploited the disunity of his opponents to seal victory.

A frustrating game, then, but still an enormously enjoyable one. I particularly enjoyed the last few seasons for England, during which Paul let me do the ordering for him, and the combined might of Germany and France was held off for a time, much to the amusement of neutral observers. Thanks very much to John and Doug for GMing, and to Hank, Paul, Fred, Dan, Brendan and John for all the entertainment. Congratulations to Dan on the win.

Graustark Diplomacy Game 2006A, S 07



Austria (Don Williams – dwilliams "of" fontana.org): A Bohemia - Munich (*Fails*),
 A Galicia - Bohemia (*Fails*), F Greece - Ionian Sea, A Rumania - Galicia (*Fails*),
 A Tyrolia Supports A Bohemia – Munich, A Vienna Supports A Galicia - Bohemia (*Fails*).

England (Fred Wiedemeyer – wiedem "of" planet.eon.net): F Liverpool - Irish Sea,
 F London - English Channel, F North Atlantic Ocean Supports F Liverpool - Irish Sea,
 F Norway Supports F St Petersburg(nc), A Paris - Gascony (*Fails*),
 F Picardy Supports F London - English Channel, F St Petersburg(nc) Supports F Norway.

France (Hank Alme – almejh "of" alumni.rice.edu): F Portugal Supports F Mid-Atlantic Ocean
 (*Ordered to Move*).

Germany (Harley Jordan – harleyj "of" alum.mit.edu): F Baltic Sea - Livonia (*Bounce*),
 A Berlin Supports A Silesia, A Burgundy Hold, A Kiel Supports A Munich, A Munich Hold,
 A Prussia Supports A Silesia, A Silesia Hold.

Italy (Jim Burgess – jfburgess "of" gmail.com): A Bulgaria Hold,
 F Gascony Supports F Mid-Atlantic Ocean - Brest (*Cut*), F Gulf of Lyon - Western Mediterranean,
 A Marseilles - Burgundy (*Fails*), F Mid-Atlantic Ocean – Brest, A Spain Supports F Gascony,
 F Western Mediterranean - North Africa.

Russia (John Biehl – jerbil "of" shaw.ca): A Armenia – Sevastopol, A Constantinople - Bulgaria (*Fails*),
 F Ionian Sea - Aegean Sea, A Moscow - Livonia (*Bounce*), A Ukraine Supports A Warsaw,
 A Warsaw Supports A Galicia - Silesia (*Void*).

Note John Biehl's new email address

A/E/G/I/R Draw Fails

Fall 1907 Deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time

By Popular Demand

Credit goes to Ryk Downes, I believe, for inventing this. The goal is to pick something that fits the category and will be the "most popular" answer. You score points based on the number of entries that match yours. For example, if the category is "Cats" and the responses were 7 for Persian, 3 for Calico and 1 for Siamese, everyone who said Persian would get 7 points, Calico 3 and the lone Siamese would score 1 point. The cumulative total over 10 rounds will determine the overall winner. Anyone may enter at any point, starting with an equivalent point total of the lowest cumulative score from the previous round. If a person misses a round, they'll receive the minimum score from the round added to their cumulative total. ***In each round you may specify one of your answers as your Joker answer. Your score for this answer will be doubled.*** In other words, if you apply your Joker to category 3 on a given turn, and 4 other people give the same answer as you, you get 10 points instead of 5. Players who fail to submit a Joker for any specific turn will have their Joker automatically applied to the first category. And, if you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds. A prize will be awarded to the winner. ***Research is permitted!***

Round 1 Categories

1. A hockey team.
2. A bank.
3. A movie featuring Henry Fonda.
4. An unusual pet.
5. An event where many people take photographs.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Hockey</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Fonda</u>	<u>Pet</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Turn</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hank Alme	Blackhawks	Bank of America	On Golden Pond	Pot Bellied Pig	Wedding	70	70
Jim Burgess	Canadiens	Bank of America	On Golden Pond	Ferret	Wedding	66	66
Don Williams	Bruins	Bank of America	On Golden Pond	Ferret	Wedding	63	63
Dane Maslen	Hershey Bears	Bank of America	12 Angry Men	Snake	Wedding	61	61
David Latimer	Flyers	Bank of America	12 Angry Men	Snake	Wedding	60	60
Andy Lischett	Blackhawks	Bank of America	12 Angry Men	Iguana	Wedding	60	60
Michael Moulton	Penguins	Bank of America	The Grapes of Wrath	Tarantula	Wedding	58	58
Robin ap Cynan	Penguins	Bank of America	On Golden Pond	Alligator	Wedding	58	58
Allison Kent	Blackhawks	Wells Fargo	12 Angry Men	Tarantula	Wedding	52	52
Melinda Holley	Flyers	Chase	On Golden Pond	Alligator	Wedding	52	52
Jack McHugh	Flyers	Wachovia	On Golden Pond	Ferret	Wedding	52	52
Rick Desper	Bruins	Citibank	On Golden Pond	Parrot	Wedding	49	49
Heather Taylor	Stars	Bank of America	On Golden Pond	Snake	Graduation	47	47
W. Andrew York	Rangers	Bank of America	On Golden Pond	Iguana	Wedding	47	47
Paraic Reddington	Canucks	Bank of America	On Golden Pond	Monkey	Sporting Event	45	45
Marc Ellinger	Canadiens	Bank of America	Fort Apache	Pot Bellied Pig	Wedding	42	42
Brad Wilson	Canadiens	Wells Fargo	On Golden Pond	Pot Bellied Pig	Wedding	40	40
Kevin Wilson	Blackhawks	Bank of America	It's a Wonderful Life	Tarantula	Sporting Event	36	36
Martin Burgdorf	Sharks	Bank of America	The Grapes of Wrath	Skunk	The Oscars	36	36
Carol Kay	Blackhawks	Bank of America	The Grapes of Wrath	Tarantula	Rock Concert	35	35
Per Westling	Red Wings	JP Morgan	Easy Rider	Snake	Wedding	25	25
Jeremie Lefrancois	USSR	RBS	Once Upon a Time in the West	Rat	Wedding	22	22
Philip Murphy	Blackhawks	Wells Fargo	The Grapes of Wrath	Goat	Birthday	19	19
Pat Vogelsang	Blackhawks	Chase	Yours, Mine, and Ours	Tiger	Birthday	15	15
Brendan Whyte	India	Jodrell Bank	Henry and June	Pushmipullyu	World Photography Championships	6	6
<u>MOST POPULAR</u>	Blackhawks	Bank of America	On Golden Pond	Snake/Tarantula	Wedding		

Hank Alme gets the high score, missing the highest possible score by only one point!

Selected Comments By Category:

Hockey Team – Marc Ellinger “Too many to choose from (maybe Team USA would have been better?)” Michael Moulton “Penguins probably won’t be the most popular but I’m picking them anyway.” Per Westling “Detroit Red Wings are kind of a favorite around here, as they have many Swedish players, like Franzén and Zetterberg. Training games have started and when ES goes to print I will have been to 3 games this season.”

Fonda – Marc Ellinger “I really thought about On Golden Pond (which is a TERRIBLE movie, but was popular). In the end, I had to go with a real classic.” Michael Moulton “I expect On Golden Pond to be a popular answer as well.” Dane Maslen “I’m tempted by “On Golden Pond” for number 3, given that he won an Oscar for it, but I’ll stick with “12 Angry Men” as it’s certainly better known to me. My favorite of his films is “Fail Safe” but I’m confident it won’t get a mention.” Brad Wilson “There are far better Fonda movies, such as his playing a vicious killer in “Once Upon a Time in the West,” but this seems the natural pick.”

Pet – Marc Ellinger “What is unusual now? Snakes are normal anymore.” Robin ap Cynan “I liked this one too: the Rothschild giraffes who share a family dinner table .

General Comments: Don Williams on last game – “I’d like to thank the Academy, my producers, my sponsors, my twelve-step group, my ... what? Oh ... it’s not that kind of award? Well, thanks to Doug for the DVD of that great movie, Adaptations.”



In many ways, the setting is just a typical family breakfast. Young children and their mother enjoy croissants and orange juice while sitting around a table together. But things become a little different when you notice a giraffe poking its head through the window to join them for a drink and a bite to eat. In fact, the Carr-Hartley family has the unusual distinction of sharing their home with eight Rothschild giraffes, some of the rarest on the planet. [In the shadow](#) of Mount Kilimanjaro, the world's tallest animals are free to roam their 140-acre estate and are regular visitors at their English-style manor built in the colonial era. Every day shortly before 9am, the mammal beasts stroll up to [the house](#) and poke their heads through the [windows and doors](#) in search of morning treats. Owners Tanya and Mikey Carr-Hartley literally share their [dining table](#) with them. They know all of the giraffes by name: 13-year-old Lynne is the leader of the herd and can be very persistent about getting treats.

Round 2 Categories – Deadline is September 28th at 7:00am my time

1. A movie with Cameron Diaz.
2. A Bob Dylan song.
3. An unreliable make of car.
4. A type of moth or butterfly.
5. A planet.

Eternal Sunshine Movie Quote Contest

There are ten rounds of movie quotes, and each round consists of ten quotes. Anyone may enter at any point, starting with an equivalent point total of the lowest cumulative score from the previous round. If a person misses a round, they'll receive the minimum score from the round added to their cumulative total. If you want to submit some commentary with your answers, feel free to. The game will consist of 10 rounds. A prize will be awarded to the winner – **and it might be a very good prize! Research is not permitted! That means NO RESEARCH OF ANY KIND, not just no searches for the quotes themselves. The only legal "research" is watching movies to try and locate quotes.** Try to avoid the temptation to Google the quotes. I'm doing many of the quotes from memory anyway, so you won't necessarily be able to find them by direct search...**so don't try!** Each round will also contain one bonus point, which is awarded if you can tell me what the ten movies being quoted have in common.

Round Nine

- #1.** We are very fortunate to have such snowy ground here. It is often the parchment on which the criminal unwittingly writes his autograph. **The Name of the Rose, Correct - JB.** Murder on the Orient Express – RD. Gorky Park – ME. Fargo – PR.
- #2.** It's the wail of the banshee, the same as I heard the night Katie's mother was taken! **Darby O'Gill and the Little People, Correct – RD, PR**
- #3.** Only two kinds of people are gonna stay on this beach: those that are already dead and those that are gonna die. Now get off your butts. **The Longest Day, Correct – JM, RD, JB.** Saving Private Ryan – ME, PR, AY
- #4.** How about 5,000 words on why you should stay the fuck out of my house! **Finding Forrester, Correct – RD, PR, JB**
- #5.** Mom! Dad! It's evil! Don't touch it! **Time Bandits, Correct – JM, JB.** Meteor – RD. Chuckie – ME.
- #6.** Now, on the matter of motive, we ask you: Why did you conceive, plan and execute this dastardly and scandalous crime? **The Great Train Robbery, Correct – JM, RD, JB**
- #7.** We're going to teach you soldiering, the world's noblest profession. When we're done with you, you'll be able to slaughter your enemies like civilized men. **The Man Who Would Be King, Correct – JM, RD, JB.** The Dirty Dozen – PR. Full Metal Jacket – AY.
- #8.** World domination. The same old dream. Our asylums are full of people who think they're Napoleon. Or God. **Dr. No, Correct – JM, RD, ME, JB.** Dr. Strangelove – AY.
- #9.** What you taught me was that I was less important to you than people who had been dead for five hundred years in another country. **Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade , Correct – JM, RD, ME, PR**
- #10.** I'm not an agent, I just write books for the CIA. **The Hunt for Red October, Correct – JM, RD, PR, JB, AY.** Marathon Man – ME.
- Bonus:** *What do all these films have in common?* **Sean Connery Appears in All of Them, Correct – JM, RD, PR, JB**

Scores: BW – Brendan Whyte (0 + 2 = 2), DM – Dane Maslen (0 + 6 = 6), PV - Pat Vogelsang (0 + 55 = 55), RD – Rick Desper (9 + 21 = 30), PR – Paraic Reddington (5 + 21 = 26), AL – Andy Lischett (0 + 15 = 15), AY – Andy York (1 + 4 = 5), JB – Jim-Bob Burgess (9 + 64 = 73), JM – Jack McHugh (8 + 33 = 41), DW – Don

Williams (0 + 9 = 9), KW – Kevin Wilson (0 + 15 = 15), MH – Melinda Holley (0 + 0 = 0), RL – Robert Lesco (0 + 4 = 4), ME – Marc Ellinger (2 + 0 = 2).

Round Ten – Final Round

#1. Well, the way they make shows is, they make one show. That show's called a pilot. Then they show that show to the people who make shows, and on the strength of that one show they decide if they're going to make more shows. Some pilots get picked and become television programs. Some don't, become nothing. She starred in one of the ones that became nothing.

#2. I have to go to a funeral, Lee. Unless I missed it because you forgot to tell me that my mother is dead!

#3. While you were still learning how to spell your name, I was being trained to conquer galaxies!

#4. That was "Rio Bravo." Robert Mitchum played the drunk in "El Dorado." Dean Martin played the drunk in "Rio Bravo." Basically, it was the same part. Now John Wayne, he did the same in both. He played John Wayne.

#5. That's a terrible scream. Jack, what cat did you have to strangle to get that?

#6. And the first sin was intercourse! Mama, I was so scared. I thought I was dying. And the girls, they all laughed at me and threw things at me, Mama.

#7. I knew you'd piss on it. Go on, just piss on it alright. A raise says like you're good, you know? You know how many times someone told me I was good in my life? Two! Twice!

#8. Well, how would you like that? How about alphabetical? Aardvark, baboon, caribou, dolphin, eohippus, fox, gorilla, hyena, ibex, jackal, kangaroo, lion, marmoset, Newfoundland, ocelot, panda, rat, sloth, tiger, unicorn, varmint, whale, yak, zebra.

#9. I wish I had a guardian angel to tell me what to do. You know, like Debbie Reynolds had in "Tammy." What do you think?

#10. My, my full name is Buford Uon Davis, but nobody calls me Buford 'cept my Grandmother, and she's half Indian. My initials are B.U.D., it spells Bud.

Bonus: What do all these films have in common?

Deadline for your answers to Round 10: September 28th at 7:00am my time

Remember, after this round a new contest will start. In the new quote contest, you will not receive points for every correct answer; instead, the player(s) with the most correct answers will receive ONE point for winning that particular round. I think this will make the game more interesting. Also, I am probably going to begin including some multiple character quotes (a few lines of conversation) when that's the quote I'd rather use.

**General Deadline for the Next Issue of Eternal
Sunshine: September 28th, 2010 at 7:00am my
time. See You Then!**

THE ABYSSINIAN PRINCE GAMES SECTION

I am continuing to note cut or failed support orders with a small "s" instead of a capital "S". This will make it easier on the E-Mailed version of the szine to see what happened, since the italics don't show there. The italics DO show on the web page just fine.

Standby lists:

Mike Barno, Dick Martin, Brad Wilson, Jack McHugh, Glenn Petroski, Steve Emmert, Mark Kinney, Vince Lutterbie, Eric Brosius, Paul Rauterberg, Bob Osuch, Doug Kent, Sean O'Donnell, Jeff O'Donnell, Heath Gardner, Paul Kenny, and Jeff O'Donnell stand by for regular Diplomacy. Let me know if you want on or off these lists, especially OFF given the new policies.

GAME OPENING INFORMATION

I'm going to start the game opening list over. Under the new regime, who wants to play? First off, another regular Diplomacy game is open. Doug Kent, Fred Wiedemeyer, Brad Wilson, and Shaun Thompson were interested, but they have to let me know they're still interested (with reserved slots if they do).

THE PHIL REYNOLDS MEMORIAL: 2006B, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SPRING 1905 IS SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2010

Corrected Fall, plus Autumn and Winter 1904

AUSTRIA (Burgess): a ven-ROM; bld f tri, a bud; has f TRI, a BUD, a TYO, a VIE, a ROM, f NAP, a SMY, a ALB, f ION.

ENGLAND (James): has f ENG, f NAO, a BEL, f IRI, f NWY.

FRANCE (Williams): has f MID, a BRE, f SPA(NC), a PIC, a MUN.

GERMANY (Ellinger): has a KIE, a RUH, a BER, f HOL, a FIN.

ITALY (Crow): R a tyo otb; rem f naf; has f WES, a SIL, a BUR.

RUSSIA (Barno): bld a war, a mos; has a WAR, a MOS, f ANK, a LVN, f CON, a ARM, f STP(SC).

Revised Supply Center Chart (rom/ven switch, two R builds)

AUSTRIA (Burgess):	TRI,VIE,BUD,ser,gre,bul,smy,nap, (has 7, bld 2)	
	rom	
ENGLAND (James):	EDI,LVP,LON,nwy,bel	(has 5, even)
FRANCE (Williams):	PAR,BRE,spa,por,mun	(has 5, even)
GERMANY (Ellinger):	KIE,BER,den,hol,swe	(has 5, even)
ITALY (Crow):	VEN,tun,mar	(has 4 or 5, rem 1(r:otb) or 2)
RUSSIA (Barno):	WAR,STP,SEV,MOS,rum,con,ank	(has 5, bld 2)
TURKEY (Wiedemeyer):	none	(out!)
Neutral:	none	(Total=34)

Addresses of the Participants

AUSTRIA: David Burgess, 101 Laurel Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804

(518) 761-6687, burgesscd of roadrunner.com or dburgess of glensfallshosp.org

ENGLAND: Drew James, 3644 Whispering Woods Terrace, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

(315) 652-1956, kjames01 of twcnr.com

FRANCE: Don Williams, 27505 Artine Drive, Saugus, CA 91350, (661) 297-3947,

wllmsfmly of earthlink.net or dwilliams of fontana.org (\$5)

GERMANY: Marc Ellinger, 751 Turnberry Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109

mellinger of blitzbardgett.com

ITALY: John Crow, 946 S. Medalist Circle Plano, TX 75023-2851,

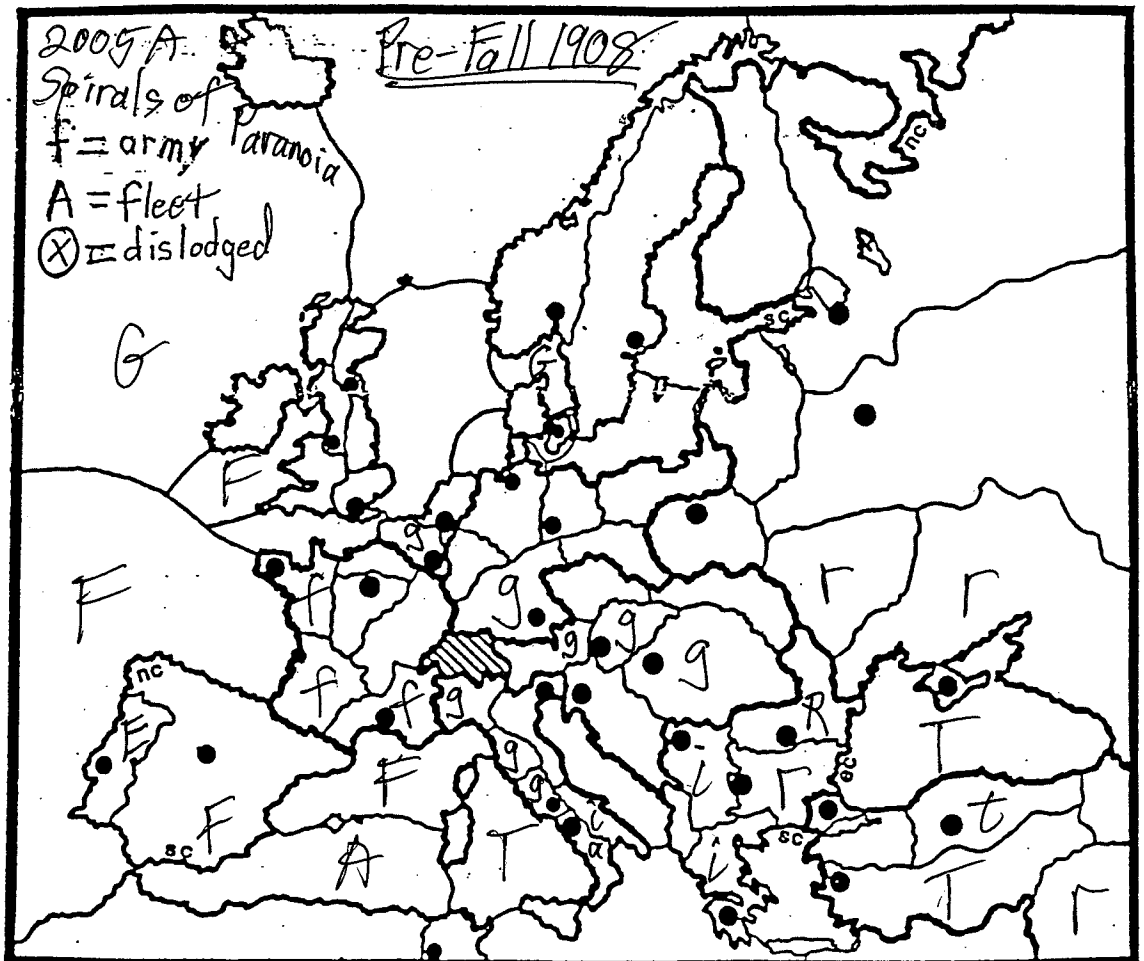
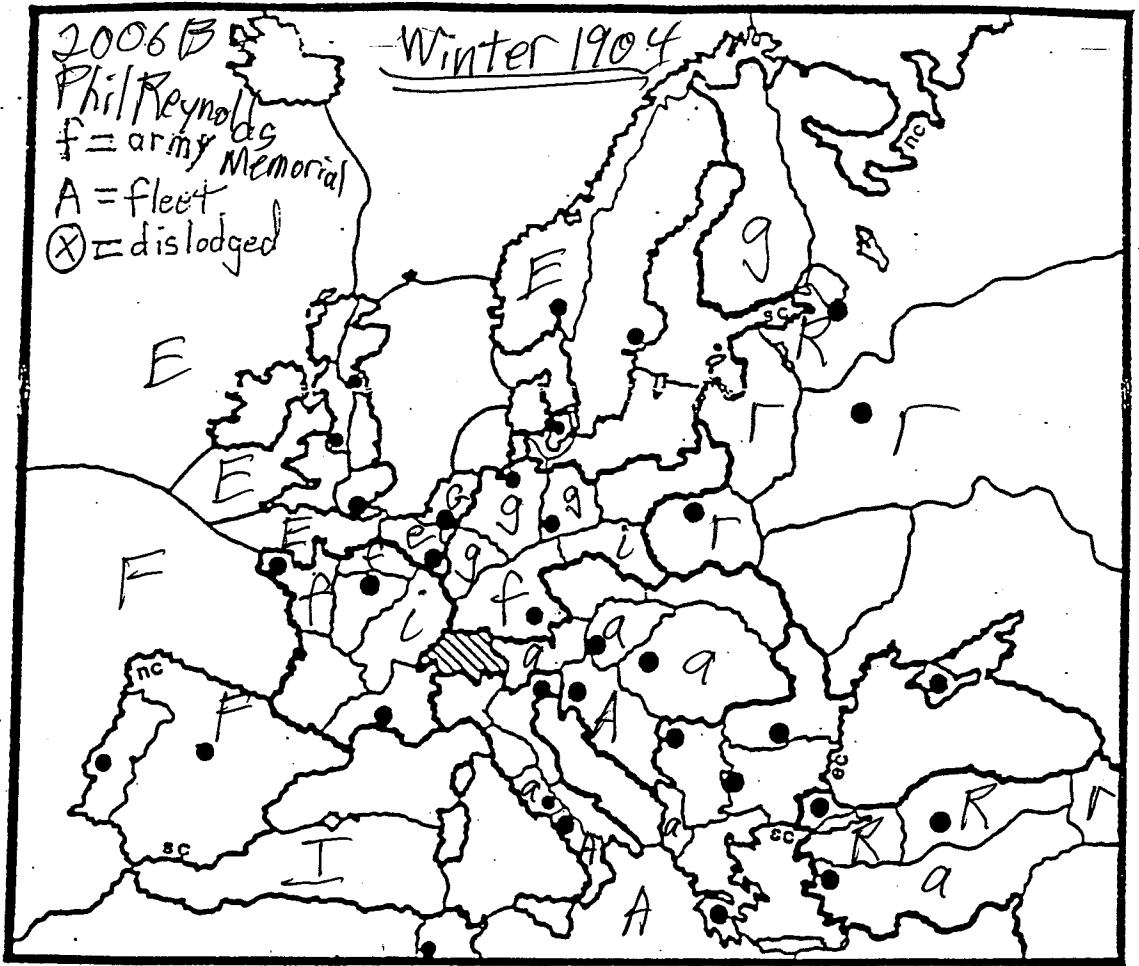
(214) 532-1418, johnny.crow of hotmail.com

RUSSIA: Mike Barno, 717 Dawson Hill Road, Spencer, NY 14883, (607) 481-4526

mpbarno of gmail.com

TURKEY: Fred Wiedemeyer, Box 92010-Meadowbrook RPO, Edmonton, ALBERTA

CANADA T6T 1N1, (780) 465-6432, wiedem of telus.net or wiedem of shaw.ca



Game Notes:

1) Mike Barno of course built two units, I identified his centers correctly but not his options in the Supply Center Chart. Also, Dave had sent me an order change for A Venice that I had missed. I have corrected that which results in a flip flop of VEN/ROM ownership, so Italy has Venice and Austria has Rome. I am reprinting the SC chart as a result.

Press:

(RUSSIA to E/G): Oh, so you're giving up attacking my north? That's nice.

SPIRALS OF PARANOIA: 2005A, Regular Diplomacy

THE NEW DUE DATE FOR FALL 1908 IS SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2010

Pre-Fall 1908

AUSTRIA (Rauterberg): has a NAP, f WES.

ENGLAND (Wiedemeyer): has f POR.

FRANCE (Tretick): has a BRE, f SPA(SC), a GAS, f GOL, f MID, a MAR, f IRI.

GERMANY (Ozog for Tallman): has a MUN, a PIE, a BUD, a VIE,

a TYO, a ROM, f SKA, a TUS, a BEL, f NAO.

ITALY (Kent): has a APU, a SER, a GRE.

RUSSIA (Sundstrom): has f RUM, a UKR, a BUL, a SYR, a SEV.

TURKEY (Biehl): has a ANK, f SMY, f BLA, f TYH.

Addresses of the Participants

AUSTRIA: Paul Rauterberg, 3116 W. American Dr., Greenfield, WI 53221,

(414) 281-2339 (E-Mail) paul.rauterberg of att.net

ENGLAND: Fred Wiedemeyer, Box 92010-Meadowbrook RPO, Edmonton, ALBERTA CANADA T6T 1N1,

(780) 465-6432, wiedzem of telus.net or wiedzem of shaw.ca

FRANCE: Buddy Tretick, 5023 Sewell's Pointe Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22407,

cell (540) 226-5571 (E-Mail) berniebuddy33 of aol.com

GERMANY: Terry Tallman, PO Box 782, Clinton, WA 98236, (360) 331-5698 (\$2)

terryt of whidbey.net

GERMANY: Temporary Standby is Eric Ozog, PO Box 1138, Granite Falls, WA 98252-1138,

(360) 691-4264, ElfEric of Juno.com

ITALY: Doug Kent, 11111 Woodmeadow Pkwy #2327, Dallas, TX 75228

dougray30 of yahoo.com

RUSSIA: Matt Sundstrom, 1760 Robincrest Lane South, Glenview, IL 60025, (847) 729-1882,

Matt.Sundstrom of bbdoch.com or mattandzoe of earthlink.net

TURKEY: John Biehl, #8 - 11530 84th Avenue, Delta, BRITISH COLUMBIA, V4C 2M1 CANADA,

(604) 816-0460 (cell) (\$7); jrb of dccnet.com

Game Notes:

1) The FGR draw proposal is rejected and repropoed. Please vote with the new revised Fall set of orders. If you fail to vote, the draw proposal is vetoed.

2) Hi all, as most of you know, Buddy's been having a tough time medically, but he really wants to stay in the game, so I'd like to try to help him. If you need to call Buddy about the game, mid-afternoon seems to be the best time. Buddy and I talked and we decided to delay this game one issue again and see if he can continue. I've printed the press since it seems sort of Pre-Fall relevant. I hope no one will be upset about that.

Press:

(ITALY - BOOB): I think *Northern Flame* games finish faster than yours do now.

(BOOB - ITALY): And that is a bad idea why? Long games are good games, right??

(MUNICH): So many German armies with nothing to do. If any of you NMR or if you don't do what you're supposed to do, then they will be sent to your country to "assist."

FLIP FLOP: 2003G, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1912 IS SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2010

THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1912 IS OCTOBER 2ND, 2010

Spring 1912

AUSTRIA (Wilson): *a bud S a war-gal* (d ann), a war-GAL, *a mos-ukr* (d r:war,lvn,otb),
a VIE S a bud.

ENGLAND (Kent): f edi-NWG, f IRI S f bre-mid, *f NWY-stp(nc)*, a DEN S f hel-kie,
a kie-BER, f ENG S f bre-mid, *f SWE-bal*, f hel-KIE.

FRANCE (McHugh): f bre-MID, f mid-NAF, f MAR S f spa(sc), a MUN S a kie-ber, a BUR S f mar,
f SPA(SC) s f mar, a GAS S f mar.

GERMANY (Sundstrom): *f BAL-ber*, *a STP-nwy*.

TURKEY (Levinson): f smy-AEG, a sev-MOS, a VEN S a pie-tyo, f ion-TYH, a UKR S a sev-mos,
f WES S f gol-spa(sc), a pie-TYO, f ADR S a tri, *f GOL-spa(sc)*, a TRI S a ser-bud,
f TUS-gol, a RUM S a ser-bud, a ser-BUD.

Addresses of the Participants

AUSTRIA: Brad Wilson, 713 Tasker St. #1, Philadelphia, PA 19148-1237
bwdolphin146 of yahoo.com

ENGLAND: Doug Kent, 11111 Woodmeadow Pkwy #2327, Dallas, TX 75228
dougray30 of yahoo.com

FRANCE: Jack McHugh, 810 School Lane, Folcroft, PA 19032, (856) 456-5984,
jwmchughjr of gmail.com

GERMANY: Matt Sundstrom, 1760 Robincrest Lane South, Glenview, IL 60025, (847) 729-1882,
Matt.Sundstrom of bbdoch.com or mattandzoe of earthlink.net

ITALY: Don Williams, 27505 Artine Drive, Saugus, CA 91350, (661) 297-3947,
wlmsfmly of earthlink.net or dwilliams of fontana.org

RUSSIA: Sean O'Donnell, 1044 Wellfleet Drive, Grafton, OH 44044, (440) 926-0230,
sean_o_donnell of hotmail.com

TURKEY: Alexandre Levinson, Beeklaan 504, 2562BP Den Haag THE NETHERLANDS, don't need phone,
al of tolkin.nl (\$5)

Game Notes:

1) The AEF draw proposal fails. Bobo FET draw is proposed (that really is just France, England, and Turkey), please vote with your next set of orders. If you fail to vote, the draw proposal is vetoed.

SECRETS: 1999D, Regular Diplomacy

THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER 1926 IS SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2010

THE DUE DATE FOR FALL 1926 IS OCTOBER 2ND, 2010

Winter CORRECTION plus Spring 1926

FRANCE (Sasseville): f SPA(NC) S TURKISH f mid, f EAS h.

GERMANY (Barno): a BUL h.

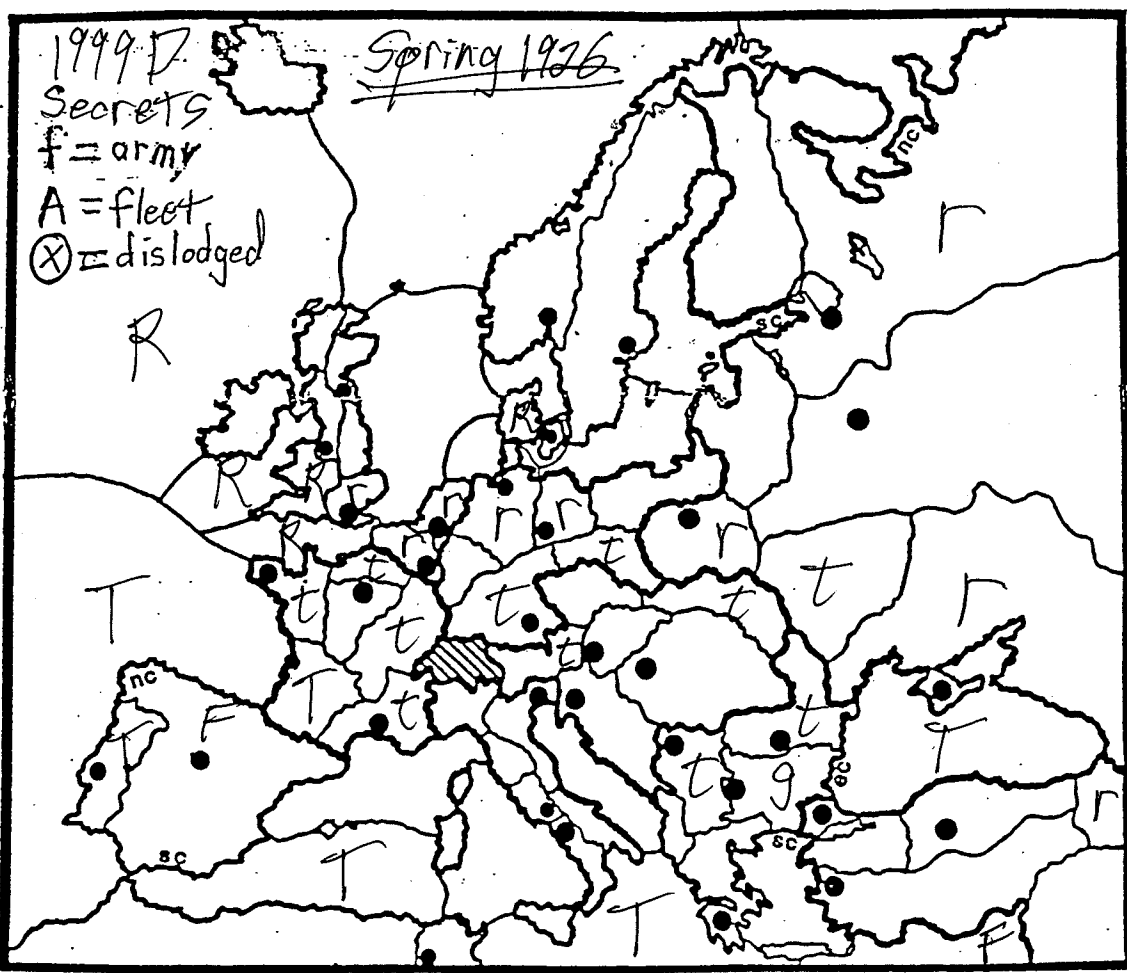
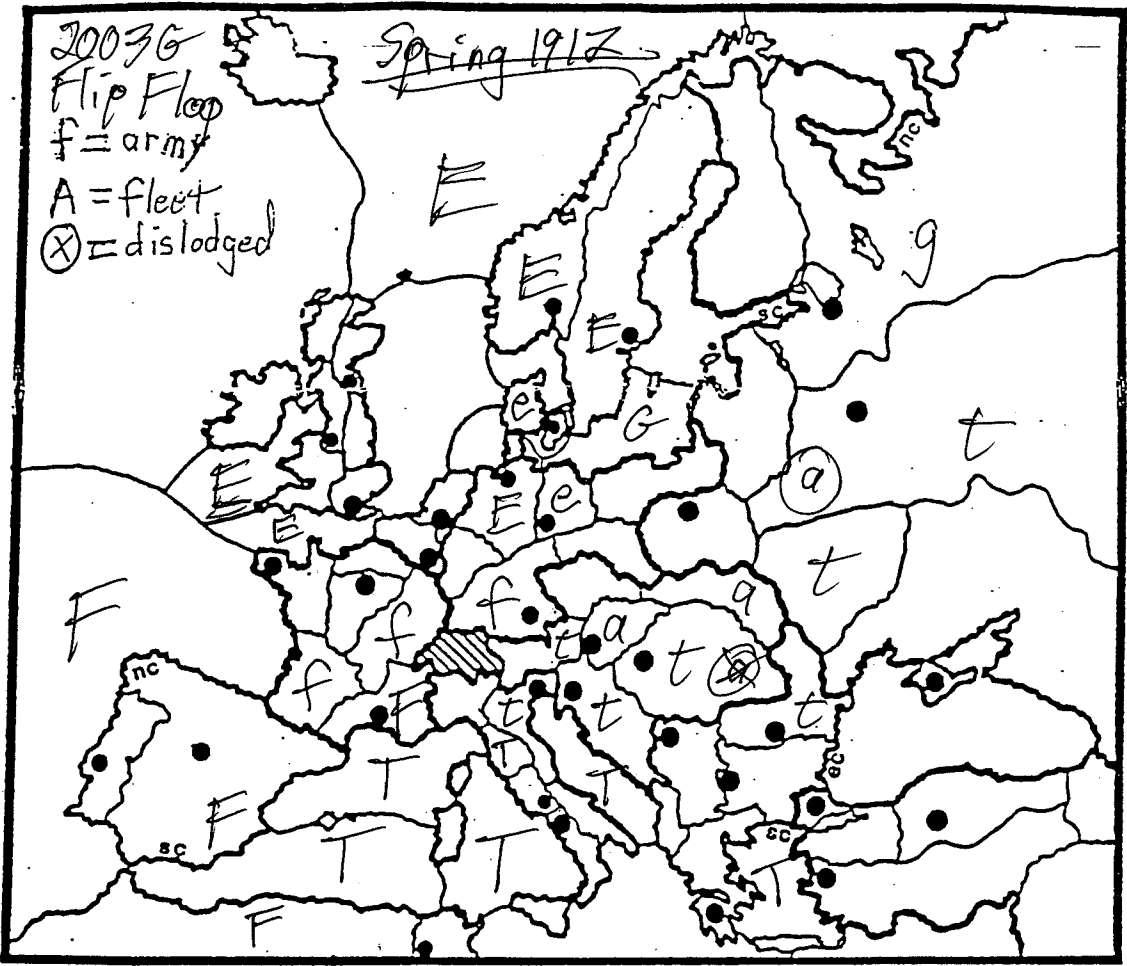
RUSSIA (Osuch): CORRECTION also builds a mos (I did have this from February); a mos-SEV, a STP h,
f bal-DEN, a WAR h, f NAO h, a LON h, f WAL S f nao, f IRI S f nao, a sev-ARM,
a KIE S TURKISH a mun, a BEL S a hol, f ENG S a bel, a HOL S a bel, a BER S TURKISH a mun.

TURKEY (Linsey): a arm-RUM, f BLA C a arm-rum, a rum-UKR, a GAL S a rum-ukr, f tyh-ION,
a SER S a arm-rum, a par-BUR, a SIL S a mun, f MID h, a MUN S a sil, f WES S f mid,
a BRE S a pic, a TYO S a mun, f GAS S f mid, a MAR S a par-bur, f POR S f mid, a PIC h.

Addresses of the Participants

ENGLAND: Doug Kent, 11111 Woodmeadow Pkwy #2327, Dallas, TX 75228
dougray30 of yahoo.com

FRANCE: Roland Sasseville, Jr., 38 Bucklin Street, Pawtucket, RI 02861, (401) 481-4280 (\$0)



rolands6 of verizon.net
 GERMANY: Mike Barno, 717 Dawson Hill Road, Spencer, NY 14883-9712, (607) 481-4526
 mpbarno of gmail.com
 RUSSIA: Bob Osuch, 19137 Midland Avenue, Mokena, IL 60448, (708) 478-3885
 ROsuch4082 of aol.com
 TURKEY: Bruce Linsey, PO Box 234, Kinderhook, NY 12106
 GonzoHQ of aol.com

Game Notes:

1) There currently are no game ending proposals. If you want to play ahead to Fall at the Summer deadline, you just have to all get your orders in.

CAST NO SHADOWS: Breaking Away, Designer's Rules

Rules at: <http://devel.diplom.org/DipPouch/Postal/Zines/TAP/Tinamou/rules/BreakingAway.htm>

DUE DATE FOR TURN 13 IS SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2010

Turn 12

86 (replenish with a 3)	Rincewind
85 (no replenishment)	Empty
84 (replenish with a 3)	Zorro (6 points)
83 (no replenishment)	Empty
82 (replenish with a 3)	Gloria (8 points), Mideast (5 points)
81 (replenish with a 5)	Kyrie (4 points)
-S-P-R-I-N-T- -F-I-N-I-S-H- -L-I-N-E-	
80 (replenish with a 6)	Water, Agnus
79 (replenish with a 8)	Drugs, Crockett
78 (replenish with a 10)	Sanctus, Xavier, Kyoto
77 (replenish with a 13)	Bonham
76 (replenish with a 14)	Bowie
75 (replenish with a 15)	Granny, Wally
74 (replenish with a 17)	Krstajic, Dragutinovic
73 (replenish with a 19)	Vidic,
72 (replenish with a 20)	Travis
71 (replenish with a 21)	Carrot
70 (no replenishment)	Empty
69 (replenish with a 3)	Gavrancic
68 (no replenishment)	Empty
67 (no replenishment)	Empty
66 (no replenishment)	Empty
65 (no replenishment)	Empty
64 (replenish with a 3)	Yorick, Death

Addresses of the Participants - Their Team and Their Cards

TEAM 1 (Rick Desper): rick_desper of yahoo.com (15 points)

Team Name: The Turtle Moves; Captained by Cut-My-Own-Throat Dibbler

A: Rincewind the Wizzard	8 8 9 3 (3)
B: Granny Weatherwax	11 10 15 (5)
C: Captain Carrot	15 9 21 (5)
D: Death	3 3 3 (3)

(Rincewind with the Luggage, Granny on Her Broom, Carrot of the City Watch, and Death is just DEATH!)

Total Replenishments: 12 + 58 + 18 + 15 + 33 + 33 + 18 + 28 + 19 + 31 + 16 + 42 = 323

TEAM 2 (Tom Howell): off-the-shelf of olympus.net (9 points)

Team Name: Never Ending Worry Source; Manager: Rumour; Team Captain: Ye Olde Manager

A: Water 15 4 5 6 (7)
 B: Kyoto 3 3 10 (3)
 C: Mideast 6 10 3 (4)
 D: Drugs 13 4 8 (5)
 Total Replenishments: $12 + 35 + 37 + 44 + 30 + 22 + 16 + 30 + 24 + 23 + 18 + 27 = 318$

TEAM 3 ((David Partridge): rebhuhn of rocketmail.com (0 points)

Team Name: Famous Four

A: Krstajic 16 3 8 17 (3)
 B: Vidic 6 5 19 (3)
 C: Gavrancic 3 3 3 (5)
 D: Dragutinovic 7 3 17 (6)
 Total Replenishments: $12 + 35 + 40 + 28 + 13 + 18 + 16 + 28 + 20 + 29 + 14 + 56 = 309$

TEAM 4 (Brendan Whyte): obiwonfive of hotmail.com (9 points)

Team Name: The Reverse Alphabeticists

A: Zorro 4 3 4 3 (6)
 B: Yorick 3 3 3 (3)
 C: Xavier 5 3 10 (7)
 D: Wally 3 3 15 (5)
 Total Replenishments: $12 + 26 + 24 + 28 + 28 + 38 + 17 + 18 + 16 + 19 + 15 + 31 = 272$

TEAM 5 (Alexander Woo): aswoo of yahoo.com (22 points)

Team Name: Just Ordinary; Manager: Credo

A: Agnus 7 5 6 6 (3)
 B: Sanctus 4 4 10 (4)
 C: Kyrie 14 4 5 (7)
 D: Gloria 5 3 3 (3)
 Total Replenishments: $12 + 44 + 22 + 17 + 22 + 42 + 28 + 25 + 27 + 26 + 17 + 24 = 306$

TEAM 6 (Andy York): wandrew88 of gmail.com (17 points)

Team Name: Alamo

A: Crockett 4 5 3 8 (15)
 B: Travis 4 4 20 (5)
 C: Bowie 3 5 14 (10)
 D: Bonham 3 5 13 (14)
 Total Replenishments: $12 + 12 + 12 + 60 + 20 + 22 + 21 + 19 + 16 + 38 + 17 + 55 = 304$

Game Notes:

1) The rules are on the *TAP* website in the *Tinamou* section. Ask if you have any questions. Up above in parentheses is the card you played to get to where you are in the field. The replenishment card is the last card in your list. Be careful to note that the card you played (the one in parentheses) is not available for you, for next turn. Just for fun, I'm going to keep track of total replenishment, by turn, which is a rough measure of how the teams are doing. Of course, it is lining up to get across the sprint and final lines in the right places that really counts. We can calculate an "efficiency score" later, which will be the ratio of scoring points per replenishment. If I'm predicting how the future of this will come out, a 10% score will be really tremendous for this measure.

2) Quite a pack has reformed, and three riders have been permanently dropped from the pack. Following szine patterns, we will keep all the riders on the board, even those with hands of all threes who can't catch up. And Dave (our only player with no points) had the largest replenishments this time around, but Andy was only one point behind and Rick wasn't too far behind that. Alex leads the point parade with three more scoring riders set to cross next turn.

Press:

(CREDO): Pack reforms. Leave tired old dogmas at home.

(REPLY TO MATHEMATICIAN (1)): Seen on a tee-shirt about town: "5 out of 4 people hate fractions."

(REPLY TO MATHEMATICIAN (2)): I think the replenishment accumulation for each rider should stop once the particular rider crosses the finish line OR eighth place is scored for the finish line non-scorers. At that point the race is over. An "efficient" rider, whatever that is, will most likely have a minimal hand remaining after he/she/it finishes: 12 for most "A" riders, 9 for "B", "C", and "D" riders. The earlier a rider finishes, the more likely this will be true. Behind the leaders, in actual practice, there is often some bunching just before the finish, and one cannot assume that every rider's last three replacements are 3s and unused. Nevertheless, an "efficiency" score should somehow account for the cards remaining in hand after the race is over. If a rider has "excess" movement in his hand when the race ends (for him), is he more, or less, efficient?

I find it useful to keep track of each rider's "value" (sum of value of cards in hand) each turn during the game. That tells me how I'm situated relative to the other riders/teams. During the game, I want to build that up, towards the end, I want to run it down as low as possible. At the end, it means nothing, as what counts are the points scored at the sprint and finish lines.

(REPLY TO MATHEMATICIAN (3)): The tee-shirt is an under-estimate.

LAST WORD: We've had a gorgeous summer up here in the Northeast, except for the last three days of driving rain. As I write it is getting ready to clear up and then we're back into gorgeous weather looking all the way into Labor Day weekend. I know some of you have really been into an amazingly hot and humid summer, I hope you're all surviving wherever you are. Start planning to come to chilly Providence in February the first weekend in February for TempleCon!!!