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Iraq & the Coalition of the Willing Board Game Sales Dismal Axis & Allies fans refuse to embrace new war strategy game

PAWTUCKET, RI—The manufacturers of the popular "Axis & Allies" board game are reporting disappointing sales of their new "Iraq & the Coalition of the Willing" war strategy game. The new board game is the first in the new "Axis of Evil & Allies" series. Critics say that the new game's premise leads to lopsided victories and unfair competition.

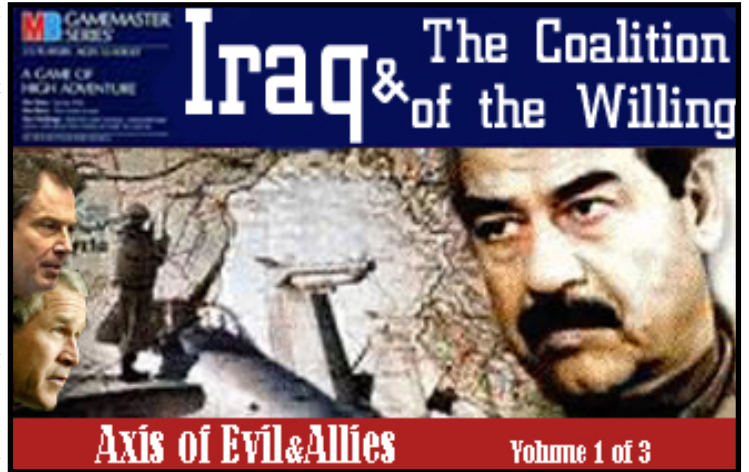
"Iraq & the Coalition of the Willing" pits Iraq's post-Gulf War depleted forces against the superpowers of the United States and Great Britain. The game's objective for the so-called "Coalition of the Willing" is to remove Iraq's dictator, find weapons of mass destruction, and provide oil for Democrats who refuse to allow energy exploration in Alaska. Players on the Iraqi side must expel the capitalistic demons from their beloved homeland. The game features lifelike playing pieces of American Abrams long-range tanks, stealth bombers, laser-guided missiles, and MOAB bombs, along with Iraqi civilian trucks, human shields, suicide bombers, white surrender flags, and outdated Russian and French weaponry.

"Axis & Allies" is often played for days on end by thousands of highly devoted males who can't get any dates. The World War II era game pits the Axis Powers of Germany, Italy, and Japan against the Allies of the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union. The objective is simply to wipe out the other side's military forces.

One recurring criticism of "Axis & Allies" is that the Axis side is often at a disadvantage at the start of the game. According to critics of "Iraq & the Coalition of the Willing," such a disadvantage is much more evident for the Iraqi side. "The game's basically over when sides are chosen," said player Kevin Lau. "After that, it takes the Coalition about ten minutes to win."

Players like Lau argue that the new game unwisely sacrifices the potential of competition for historical accuracy. "Just like real life, everyone knows who's going to win even before it starts. Maybe Iraq's objective should be to kill more Americans than die from friendly fire. Then you'd actually stand a chance if you have to be Iraq," said Lau.

Due to the game's unfair competition, the game's manufacturer Milton Bradley, a subsidiary



of Hasbro, Inc., is reporting lower than expected sales. A confidential source within the company says that future games of the "Axis of Evil & Allies" series are being put on hold, along with the long-awaited "Cold War," in which players aimlessly move their nuclear submarines on a map, but never engage in any real fighting.

President Bush, who uses the Simcity computer game to plan urban development, has reportedly played the new board game to plan for the ongoing war in Iraq.

Calendar Correction

There are no classes on Wednesday, April 16.

Copper Rock Coffee

Now up and percolating!!!
Downtown Appleton on College Ave.

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Schone Offers Parking Ticket Amnesty

Hermann flips third wing

NEW ULM—MLC Vice President Jeffrey Schone is offering parking ticket amnesty in celebration of National Parking Lot Week (April 21-25). Secretary to the Vice Presidents, Naomi Hippert, was reportedly speechless and was bracing herself for the inevitable onslaught of parking lot users wanting their fines removed.

Nervous that the parking ticket amnesty will deplete funds and spiral the college deeper into financial troubles, CFO Gary Sonnenberg and President Theodore Olsen are planning on paring down the new chapel. "Looks like the titanium-reinforced buttresses are out of the picture now," said Olsen. "Plus, I was really looking forward to the heated pew cushions and automatic page-turners."

Due to the absence of parking ticket funds just

one week after library director David Gosdeck granted amnesty to students with library fines, MLC officials are searching for new and creative ways to cut costs and increase funding. "I think we should start charging students a fee for *The Cabbage*," said Sonnenberg. Others are pursuing more innovative ideas. "I've got a short list right here to make up for the money," said Schone. "Pontoon rides in Lake Olsen, charging admission to Boo Brodie, charging students for class attendance counseling, employing a troll between the library and the WCC, and reducing the funk in the funky chicken by 25 percent."

In unrelated news, Professor Gosdeck is slowly recovering from injuries sustained from a successful attempt at humor in last Friday's *Knightly News*. (Sid Green reporting)

75-Year-Old Man Dies From DIDS

Reports of Delayed Infant Death Syndrome on the rise

ALPENA, MI—After living 75 fruitful years as a local taxidermist, Alpena resident Walter Carrington died suddenly early Sunday morning. His doctor, Nathan Smith, initially listed the cause of death as “old age,” but further tests confirmed Carrington’s death was the result of Delayed Infant Death Syndrome (DIDS).

Unable to determine the cause of death in elderly patients, doctors often simply blame “old age.” Yet, due to recent discoveries, many of these deaths are now being blamed on Delayed Infant Death Syndrome. DIDS, like the faster-acting Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), has no known cause or cure. SIDS mysteriously leads to sudden death in infants. With DIDS, infant death is delayed, sometimes for 80 years or more.

Carrington’s doctor initially said, “There was nothing we could do. Walter was an otherwise healthy man. His old age just finally caught up with him.” After restating the cause of death as DIDS, Dr. Nathan Smith commented, “There was nothing we could do. Walter was an otherwise healthy man. His DIDS just finally caught up with him.”

CDC officials believe that recent DIDS cases are probably consistent with past years, but that deaths initially blamed on “old age” were actually caused by Delayed Infant Death Syndrome. Some Biblical scholars involved in the medical community believe that Methuselah suffered history’s most severe case of DIDS, striking the patriarch dead after an incubation period of an amazing 969 years.

Ways to Get Back the Hour Lost to Daylight Saving

- ⌚ Skip class.
- ⌚ Don’t watch stupid shows like “Dawson’s Creek.”
- ⌚ Say you’re going to church on Monday night.
- ⌚ Speed like crazy on the way home for Easter.
- ⌚ Sleep during class.
- ⌚ Move to Indianapolis.
- ⌚ Go to one of those fancy new Jiffy Lubes that promise an oil change in negative 45 minutes or less.
- ⌚ If you watch “Friends” twice a week, don’t.
- ⌚ If you watch “Friends” more than twice a week, it really doesn’t matter because you are a worthless human being.
- ⌚ Take a personal Arbor Day.
- ⌚ Skip class.
- ⌚ Let the World Wide Web translate your Greek.
- ⌚ Find an escalator and run like mad up the downstairs.
- ⌚ Get one of those fancy new 25-hour watches.
- ⌚ Three words: depressants.
- ⌚ If you smoke a pack of cigarettes a day, smoke them all at once.
- ⌚ Skip class.
- ⌚ If you listen to Matchbox 20 one hour a week, don’t.
- ⌚ If you listen to Matchbox 20 more than 1 hour a week, it really doesn’t matter because you are a worthless human being.
- ⌚ Just refuse to observe Daylight Saving Time like those snobs in Arizona.
- ⌚ Take a one-hour break from writing your underground newspaper, you pathetic loser!
- ⌚ If you’re in Appleton, don’t cook; go to Copper Rock Coffee for lunch instead.

MacGyver’s Mullet Inducted into Television Hall of Fame

HOLLYWOOD, CA—The mullet effectively worn by Richard Dean Anderson for over seven years on Monday nights was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame on Friday.



Mullet

“MacGyver” was a hit show among science geeks during the 1980s. “It is truly an honor,” said MacGyver’s mullet. “This award puts me right up there with other famous body hair such as Thomas Magnum’s mustache, Marge Simpson’s beehive, Paula Cole’s hairy armpits, Groucho Marx’s eyebrows, and Austin Powers’ chest hair.” The induction ceremony was momentarily delayed when the resourceful mullet found himself trapped in a routine deadly scenario, from which he escaped by making a rocket engine from a hairdryer, stick of gum, and an old sock.

Saddam Hussein Double Reconsiders Career Choice

BAGHDAD, Iraq—58-year-old Toma Shankar is rethinking his decision to become a body double for Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. With American forces surrounding the capital city, Shankar is feverishly checking the classifieds for possible second careers. “Back in the ’80s I had pretty good job security,” said Shankar. “But now I’m not so sure.” Saddam body doubles make anywhere between 20 and 30 thousand dollars a year, along with free grooming and complimentary dictator-line wardrobe. But with the fate of Saddam Hussein now in jeopardy due to the American-led military invasion, many Saddam doubles like Shankar are looking for new jobs. “Maybe after all this I can get a job as a Tom Selleck stand-in,” said Shankar, after shooting a new war scene. “I just hope I don’t get mistakenly killed. If you look really closely behind my left ear, there’s a mole there that Saddam doesn’t have. I hope American troops know this.”

Cold Snap Hits Midwest Birds seen flying in circles

MINNEAPOLIS—In a foul change in April weather, temperatures plummeted to the teens last week, visibly confusing thousands of migratory birds. “Would you make up your mind, already?” pleaded one distraught robin, flying north and then south and then north and then south. The unseasonably cold weather is not only fouling up plans for birds, but for area athletic teams and other outdoor activities as well. Some area cross country runners are even beginning to stuff their shorts once again. (cont. on page 6)

Local Smart Aleck Holds Breath for Record 1 Hour and 45 Seconds

NEW ULM—Local smart aleck Jimmy Mitchell held his breath for a record one hour and forty-five seconds early Sunday morning. The 9-year-old boy, who his mother describes as “too smart for his own good,” reportedly learned about Daylight Saving Time at school during the previous week. According to his younger brother Robbie, Jimmy set his alarm clock for 1:59 AM before going to bed at 9:00 PM Saturday night. Jimmy reportedly woke up, waited 59 seconds, and then held his breath while timing himself. The next morning Jimmy insisted that everyone knew of his accomplishment. “I’m thinking about going into deep-sea diving,” the smart aleck told his family. His older sister is no longer amused with Jimmy’s overdeveloped intelligence: “He keeps bugging me about stupid stuff, like, he keeps saying ‘no, Julie, it’s Daylight Saving, not Savings, dummy.’”

Look for our special Easter Break issue next Tuesday!
And visit our website for more exclusive content!

Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week

*****Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression*****

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“Man, I wonder when Arbor Day will be. I think it will be (tomorrow/next week/after Easter). How ‘bout you?”