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SINCE ALL OF YOU are interested in Diplomacy, let me recommend to you a book that I have been reading the past week or so: 1939 The Making of the Second World War by Sidney Aster. It's a little slow-going at first, but if you are interested in diplomacy you'll soon become interested in all the talks, proposals, and concerns about form that went on in Europe during the summer before World War II began. Perhaps some of you already have read it? and have a comment or too?

DIPPI Game #22, the Levy, 1983, Fall, 1908:

There is at least one "No" vote to the concession proposal. The game continues:

Austria-Hungary (Ronald Kelly): a vic retreated to tyro... A TIRO-ven

CONTROLS: nothing any more; Out!

England (Dave Kleinman): f n atk-NWG; f mid-SPA SC; ~~xxx~~ a spa-POR; f bre-MID; F ENG CH nch; F NTH-den; f nwy-SWE; f holl-KIEL; a mun sup f holl-kiel/DISLODGED, destroyed; a pic-BUR; a bel-RUHR

CONTROLS: lon, lvp, edi, nwy, bel, holl, kiel, den, mar, bre, swe, por, spa-13-Add 3 units

France (DIPLOMATIC DISORDER): A PAR H; F CLY H

CONTROLS: par -1-Minus one unit

Italy (Jack Frost): a tri h/DISLODGED, destroyed; A VEN sup a tri; F TYRR sup F lon; f lon h/DISLODGED, must retreat to tun, nap, apu, adr, alb or otb

CONTROLS: rome, nap, ven, tun -4-Add one unit

Russia (John Stewart): f e med-ION; F AEG sup f e med-ION; F GRE sup f e med-ION; A SER sup a alb-tri; a alb-TRI; A BUD sup a alb-tri; a smy-ARM; a gal-BOH; A VIE sup a gal-boh; a sil-MUN; A BER sup a sil-mun; F BAL-den; a lvn-PRU; a mos-LVN

CONTROLS: mos, war, stp, sev, ank, smy, bul, con, gre, rum, ber, bud, ser, tri, vie, mun-16-Add 2 units.

Standby: Needed

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Press:

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: We could enjoy this (right?).

ENGLAND-ITALY: Don't panic! I'm wearing a white hat.

MOS-ION: Guess you could call my moves "anti-English" in nature!

HINSDALE: We have a proposal for a Russian-English draw. To end the game, the vote must be unanimously in favor of the proposal, but silence is considered a vote in favor. Please vote "Aye" or "Nay" with your next set of adjustments/orders.

DIPPI Game #23, the Omelet, 1983CN, Spring, 1905:

The draw proposals all drew at least one negative vote apiece; the game continues:

Austria-Hungary (Philip Redmond): a vie-BOH; A TYRO sup a vie-boh; A GAL-sil; a war-PRU; A MOS-stp; f tri-ALB; f W MED-mid; A PIE H; A SPA H; F LYON sup a spa; A RUM sup a sev; A SW sup a rim; a bud-SER; A BUL-con; F AEG sup a bul-con

England (Terry Schock): a edi-YORK; F LON-eng ch; f hel-NTH; A Nwy-stp; a den-KIEL; f swe-BAL; f stp nc-BAR

France (David Bruce): F ENG CH-mid; f pic-BRE; A GAS sup a mar-spa; A MAR-spa; A bel-BUR

Germany (Ronald Kelly): f holl-KIEL; A RUHR-mun; a kiel-BER; A MUN-sil

Turkey (Ken Iverson): A ALL-sev; A SMY sup f DLB-con; F BLACK-con

Standby: John Stewart

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DIPPY, page 2, Game #23, Press:

VIFNNA TIMES, VOICE OF EUROPE--All of Europe, including the new ones Kelly, negotiations from France, England, and the Empire are even now pushing to Berlin. Quite a popular fellow!

CHICAGO TO ANKARA--How long can you tread water? And what happens next year? (THIS IS AUSTRIAN PRESS)

FRANCE TO TURKEY--You're ashamed of me? Imagine how I feel. Add to housekeeping at 1902

FRANCE TO A/H--Enough is enough.

FRANCE TO ENG, GER--We unite.

FRANCE TO HINSDALE--Yes, Yes, Yes.

FRA TO BLOODSUCKER--Take that!

FRA TO RUP--Now I've seen it all.

HINSDALE--We have another proposed draw: F-A-H-E. Please vote yes or no with your fall orders. Silence will be considered a vote in the affirmative.

DIPPY Game #24, the Mays, 1981F, Fall, 1902:

Austria-Hungary (Tom Slaughter): A GALAzer; a bud-RHM; A SER sup a bud-run;

FRANCE (Jack Post): f nwh-N ATL; a nwy-SWE; f SKAG sup a nwy-swe; f nth-bel/DIS-CONTROLS: bud, gre, sed, run -- No change.

ENGLAND (Jack Post): f nwh-N ATL; a nwy-SWE; f SKAG sup a nwy-swe; f nth-bel/DIS-LOGGED, must retreat to lon, fork, edd, hng, rny, or oth;

CONTROLS: lon, lvp, edd, nwy, rny -- 5--Add one unit

FRANCE (Philip Raymond): F ENG CH sup German f hel-nth; f mid-IRI; f spa sc-MID; a port-SPA; a par-YUR; A BEL sup a kan-bar

CONTROLS: par, bre, mar, bel, port, spa -- 6--No change.

GERMANY (Hoil Kiersz): f spa sc-MID; a port-SPA; a par-YUR; A BEL sup a kan-bar; f hel-nth; a kiel-DEN; A HOLL sup a MID-tyro

CONTROLS: tex, rny, kiel, holl -- No change.

ITALY (Wes Kerr): f spa sc-MID; a port-SPA; a par-YUR; A BEL sup a kan-bar; A TUR sup a tun-gre; A VIS sup a tun-gre

CONTROLS: rny, tun, vis -- 6--Add 2 units

RUSSIA (David Bruce): A BEL sup a kan-bar; a tun-gre; A UKR sup a tun-gre; a stop-no-war; NO SUCH SUP; a stop-no-war; NO SUCH SUP; a stop-no-war; NO SUCH SUP

CONTROLS: stop, mos, war, rny -- No change.

TURKEY (Daniel W Wallick) f aeg retreated to smy... F SER sup Russian f con-aeg; F E-MED sup Russian f con-aeg; a run-ser/DISLOGGED, must retreat to sev or oth;

A BEL sup a kan-bar; A TUR sup a tun-gre; A VIS sup a tun-gre; A UKR sup a tun-gre; A ION con a tun-gre; A TUN-gre; CONTROLS: aeg, bul, sev -- 4--No change.

Standby: Ken Iverson, Ronald Kelly

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PARIS POST, THE FRENCHMAN'S WINDOW ON THE WORLD--The French transports are filled to overflowing, as they near London and Liverpool. The heartfelt welcome by the English people is expected to be memorable. Indeed, there are rumors that a special military unit is being raised just to honor the arriving Frenchmen.

PARIS POST, THE FRENCHMAN'S WINDOW ON THE WORLD--The editors will offer a free subscription to anyone who can explain what's happening in the east. Any takers?

MOSCOW TO VIENNA--This game is a learning experience. I will soon learn the "sense" of things.

MOSCOW TO ROME--We still can go out for drinks in June. However...

MOSCOW TO PARIS--Thank you and I agree with your spring press.

MOSCOW TO HINSDALE--Sing me up for number 26

HINSDALE--We haven't opened #26 yet. But thanks for your confidence.

DIPPY Game #25, the Orwell, 1981AK, is delayed. Jack Schneider asked an emergency delay as we went to press last time (making it too late to be printed in the last issue) because of the press of school work. Opening moves now are due May 16.

Oscar Tiddie, CJ

ENG VISITA SUCCESS

STED, GIL MAKE EUROPE PLANS

By Ralph Guano, STAR Travel Ed

CHICAGO, April 24—Janet Sted revealed here today that because of her success as a free-lance writer in the encyclopedia set, she will be able to visit Europe this fall. She and bodyguard Jim Gillespie are planning on a visit to Paris, London, and Scotland this September.

That last stop on the agenda certainly must be the suggestion of Gillespie who longs to visit his ancestral home. And the accommodations for the visit are said to be somewhat Spartan, off the beaten track in the Scottish Highlands.

On another matter, Ms Sted also told news- men that if certain conditions were met, she'd even opt for a team in the Universal Baseball Association. "Just throw Gorski, Peters and Frost out and I'll join," she said, "and then, who can we trade to get Mary Novak in?"

UBA Commissioner Gillespie has taken the matter under advisement.

USE BEN-GOR Caffeine Powder to re-caffeinate your ~~☉~~ caffeine-free coffee!

The World's Degradest Newspaper... QUOTABLE: During a drunken conversation that turned to President Nixon's trip to China. Eng: "We developed a new dish. Sweet and sour Dick." Gillespie: "I could see where you would have a taste for that in San Francisco; (turning to Benes) There's your quote of the week for the ~~MM~~ STAR." Benes: "I'll think about that long and hard..."

KALDENAR: South Cicero Promotions' ~~MM~~ Ethiopian outing is May 12th; If you're interested, contact Mary Novak or Janet Sted for details...

KVIZ: Answer to last week's question: d) The girl assumed the pose of a suppliant before her tormentor. Question #5: Dynastic a) pertaining to an explosive; b) related to a Chinese type of antique; c) pertaining to a succession of rulers from the same family or line; d) pertaining to the state ~~mm~~ of being active or engaged in some activity; e) related to the famous Dynas family of history.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE STAR:

—A federal grand jury in San Jose, California, was investigating whether Tom Eng was somehow linked to a mail box fire. Burned in the conflagration were many income tax returns, including that of Eng...

—Madge Greenfart speculated that bachelors Alan Peters and Chico Kosin would share Peters' flat on the north side...

—George Hines was ~~minima~~ viciously attacked by a large Afghan hound while making his rounds for the Post Office. George sustained a wound to his dice-shaking hand, but retaliated against the dog, slamming it in the head with his free hand, and kicking it in the gonads. Luckily, the dog was not rabid, just ill-mannered...

—In sprotz, The TBA season came to an end; the playoffs began; and honors were handed out...

by Irving Washington
HINSDALE—President Reagan, eat your heart out! The festivities surrounding Tom Eng's visit this past week to Chicago and environs is bound to make Mr. Reagan's stroll to the People's Republic seem pale in comparison. Eng's visit was almost a non-stop round of café-bration, sight-seeing, talking, and reacting.

The diminutive one arrived from Boston last Friday, bearing gifts of candy and Anchor Steam beer. Eng had lugged these items from San Fran to Boston where he ran in the marathon, then to New York where he visited with family, back to Boston, and then on his flight to Chicago.

Eng's first words to the greeting delegation were, "Well, what's on the agenda?" That Friday night was taken up with carry-out Czech dinner from the Country House, meetings with the Gorskis two, and discussions of world problems that lasted until midnight.

Eng disclosed that he had done well in the Boston marathon, finishing the race, but that he had "hit the wall" running out of gas with only a few miles to go. This slowed his pace considerably, and when he did finish he was rushed to a medical tent for treatment of hypothermia.

On Saturday, the 21st Eng shook off the effects of hypothermia by running (See "ENG", page 2)

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eight miles before breakfast. This accomplished, Eng, hosts Andi Wiley and Jim Benes, and Phil Rogers and Karen Hand departed for Milwaukee. There, the group toured the Pabst mansion. If you're interested in 19th century architecture, decorating, or just high-class lifestyle, you'd be interested in this tour. Following it, the group descended upon Mader's German restaurant for an extravagant meal. South Cicero Promotions should organize a trip here. Mader's boasts, among a huge selection of other items of food and drink, no less than 73 different kinds of imported beer, and half a dozen different kinds of schnitzel. Yum!

On April 22nd, Easter Sunday, Eng was the guest of the Benes clan for dinner. That evening, the activity was the show at Second City: Orwell That Ends Well. This too is recommended.

Monday the 23rd found Eng and companions touring the Chicago Art Institute, Eng marvelling at the wide variety of magazines available at Kroch's Wabash Avenue store, and dinner hosted by Fred Partido at the Golden Ox. Another wonderful eatery.

Tuesday the 24th began with Eng and Benes taking to the racquetball court at the Downtown Court Club. Luckily, Eng did NOT display the acumen for running into walls that he showed three years ago, the last time he played. And he improved in each game that he played. Next was lunch at Eng's favorite downtown eatery, The Berghoff in the company of Jim Gillespie and the lovely Janet Sted. Following that it was off to the Field Museum for an afternoon of viewing the wonders of natural and cultural history before dinner with Gillespie and the Wiley-Benes' at Dianna Opa's in Greektown.

Eng ended his visit on Wednesday, the 25th, with a light luncheon (a quarter of a roasted duck) at the Corner Restaurant in Brookfield. He then purchased several pounds of garlic sausage and bratwurst to take home to San Francisco, and was airborne in time to be home for dinner.

It was a happy, exhausting time, a real jam-packed vacation in Chicago that left Benes gasping afterwards "Well, it could have been worse. I only gained four pounds."

SPROTZ BEGINS HERE

BASFBALL: THE UBA TODAY
O'MALLEY IMPROVES WITH AGE

Spike O'Malley didn't think he could do any better than last ~~season~~ season, when he garnered "Pitcher of the Year" honors in the UBA, but he certainly is. Spike has tossed 2 complete games for the Brookfield Wombats, without giving up an earned run!

The Brookfield entry is breezing along meantime, at a 5-1 clip opening

GARY EN BOOB'S TV HIGHLIGHTS

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA

Linda Yu narrates, and gets to write off another vacation to her homeland.

THE BODY HUMAN

President Reagan tries to explain why his hair always looks like a cliff.

THE SKIPPY JACOBSON SHOW...NEWS & COMMENT

Skippy rips apart the cops after he gets another speeding ticket.

ANIMALS AND THEIR PETS (NEW ON PBS)

Animals are interviewed along with their pet owners. Tonight's premier highlights the unique relationships between Everycat and his houseman/companion Jim Gillespie

THE MXX MARY TYLER MORON SHOW

Mary Novak stars in the title ~~zuma~~ role, as radio newshen who meets "nutty people in the broadcasting business." Sidesplitting laughter tonite as Marv tries to read the sports scores.

SCARECROW AND MRS KING

Mystery-comedy stars Rich Mylak and Marge King.

THE JIM BENES SHOW

Wife Andi wakes up just in time to take a nap.

their first three series on the road.

"We'll probably collapse when we open at home against Hollywood," offered field manager Spanky McDade.

"The one who really has surprised me is Rip Collins. He's more than filled the bill at first. He's creaming the ball, leads the team in home runs and RBI's. I guess everybody'd rather pitch to him than Berersford Wheelwright, and the Ripper certainly is rising to the occasion!"

(See "O'MALLEY," page 7)

WORSE THAN WATERGATE !!!

SULLIVAN, "NIXON STOLE MY BODY!"

In an exclusive STAR interview, former TV host Ed "Really Big Shew" Sullivan says former president Richard "I am not a crook" Nixon stole his body!

"Yes," Sullivan told the STAR in a graveside chat, "My body was still in great shape. So Richard Nixon, perpetuating one of the biggest frauds in the history of the country, stole my body and is still using it. Have you ever noticed how we stand the same way, have the same gestures?"

The only thing he patented is the victory sign, and he's using it more and more now that he's taken CBS for half a million dollars for those useless TV interviews."

Although Nixon denies the theft, he told us, "What better way to express my feelings about the situation than to resign from office." And here, we always thought he quit because of Watergate!



TV legend bares all in STAR exclusive interview!

At right, former President Richard Nixon reaches toward Dan Rather, about to hand over more CBS money.

Later off camera, Nixon chortles, "Walter Cronkite has to be doing cartwheels over this one!"

The nation's favorite whipping boy sez he took the cash, "To restock Pat's liquor cabinet, chuckle, chuckle, chuckle!"



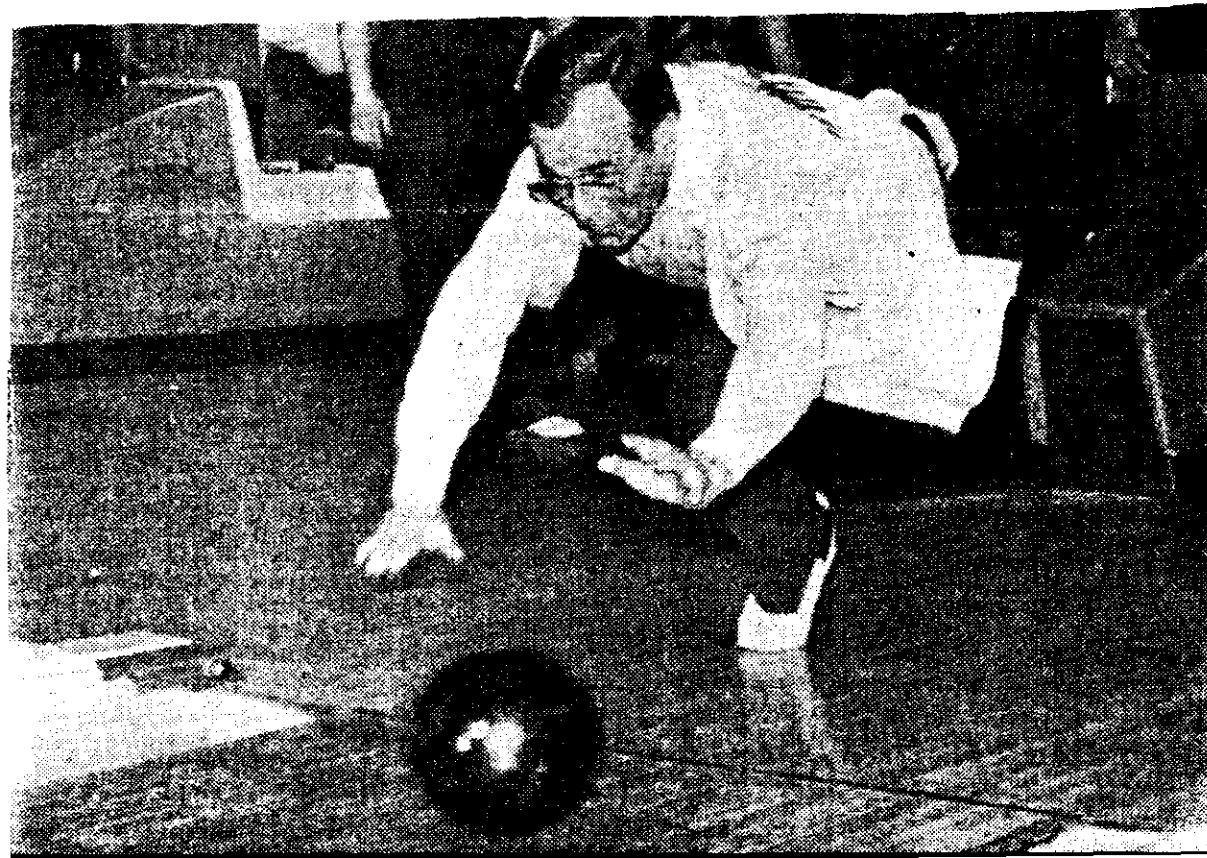
NEW STAR CONTEST!

You've heard of TV's "Dialing For Dollars?" Now, the STAR presents, "Bowling For Vice Presidents!"

All you have to do is knock down the Veep with 3 strikes in a row and you win a free year subscription to the STAR.

Seen here, Vice President George Bush takes a tumble as Championship bowler Len Benes hits a strike!

Alas, The Ten Pin Tattler tells the STAR Lenny missed with 2 spares later.



REAGAN BREAKS ICE WITH BREAKDANCING



PEKING, CHINA--President Reagan demonstrates the latest American fad to confused and amused spectators here, as he breakdances his way into the hearts of the Chinese. Chuckled the Prez, "The first time I tried it, I almost landed on my keester!"

MORE THAN "JUST FRIENDS?"



Gary sez, "There's nothing to it."

Jesse claims, "We're just friends."

What do you think, after seeing this unretouched photo snapped by STAR photogs?

One thing's for sure, they are both very happy the upcoming convention is being held in San Francisco.

"It's our kind of town," they minced in unison!

LOOK, BUT DON'T TOUCH!!!

President Reagan waves to Chinese women lined-up outside his Peking balcony this morning. They are obviously jealous of Mr. Reagan, who has, "The largest breasts we have ever seen!"

During his stay, the President will be "serviced" by 5 Geisha Girls, who will also teach him "the pleasures of the flesh."

Meantime, White House hen Nancy Reagan will be learning "the secrets of the Orient" from a Sumo wrestler.

HERE'S A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE STAR:

Do something with your clock this weekend.



STAR EXCLUSIVE

FIRST PIX OF MICHAEL, AFTER OPERATION

Pop star MICHAEL JACKSON told the STAR, "The fire turned out to be a blessing in disguise, my biggest hit ever. I was yelling 'Beat it,' while running down the stage with my hair on fire. I wanted the band to put it out. But instead, they picked up the rhythm and we started singing 'Beat It.' The tapes were rolling, and the next thing I know, the song's on the top of the charts. We eventually doused the fire with Pepsi!"

A bug-eyed MICHAEL JACKSON stares at STAR photogs who sneaked up on him while he was recuperating from minor surgery for burns on his curly hair. Jackson says he's going with the new, "Farrakhan Look."



McDONALD'S OPENS IN BEIRUT. DISAPPOINTED, SHOCKED ARABS ASK,

INDIA'S INDIRA GANDHI SEZ SHE KNOWS WHERE THE BEEF IS:

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

"Vee've got da beef. Vee've got plenty of beef. See, vee can send a man to outer space wit dee Russians, and at the verry same time let our people die of starvation as cows trample dem in da streets. Remember, beef is holee in our land, and dat is da beauty of our Indian way of life. Vee also like the caste system verry, verry much. Oh, one udder ting. Vee do not like being called dot-heads."



KOCH CHANGED NAME, STAR LEARNS

NEW YORK--"The Mayor of Hymietown" as Jesse Jackson would call him, changed his name before running for office.

The STAR learned Ed Koch changed his name from Red Kroch, "For the obvious reasons."

Pressed by the STAR, Koch said, "It's true. I've lost my red hair. I'm bald. I told the judge I wanted the 'R' taken out of my first name, and he accidentally took it out of both names. Did he pull a boner!"



LAST YEAR'S WINNER OF THE HORRIBLE PROSE CONTEST:

"Awash with unfocused desire, Everett twisted the lobe of his one remaining ear and felt the presence of somebody else behind him which caused terror to pour through his nervous system like a flash flood pouring down the mid-fork of the Feather River before the completion of the Oroville Dam in 1959."

THIS IS TRUE! THIS YEAR'S WINNER TO BE NAMED MAY 4TH, AND WE'LL HAVE THE RESULTS !!!

We've all heard of sex researchers Masters and Johnson. But did you know the STAR has its own team of sex researchers, Richard Papoukas and Marge King? They've just completed their study of sexuality among health-conscious STAR readers.

THE DIETER'S GUIDE TO WEIGHT LOSS DURING SEX

by Papoukas and King

ACTIVITY	CALORIES BURNED	ACTIVITY	CALORIES BURNED
REMOVING CLOTHES		Faked	160
With partner's consent	12	ORGASMIC INTENSITY SCALE	
Without partner's consent	187	Shoes flew off	35
Unhooking bra		Expression didn't change	4 1/2
Using two calm hands	7	Orchestra swelled	6
Using one trembling hand	96	Birds sang	
GETTING INTO BED		Large birds	7
Lifting partner	15	Small birds	3
Dragging partner along the floor	16	Earth moved	30
Using skateboard	3	PULLING OUT	
ACHIEVING ERECTION		After orgasm	1/4
For normal, healthy man	2 1/4	A few moments before orgasm	500
For normal, healthy woman	549	PENIS ENVY	
Losing erection	1/4	For woman	3
Searching for it	115	For man	72
PUTTING ON PROPHYLACTIC		GUILT	
With erection	1 1/4	Despite almost no formal training, orgasm comes easily, naturally, and spontaneously	53
Without erection	300	You're enjoying sex, despite the fact that other people are starving	2
INSERTING DIAPHRAGM		Sex on your lunch hour	3
If the woman who does it is		And you put it on your expense report	20
Experienced	6	AGGRAVATION	
Inexperienced	73	Partner keeps showing you his/her plants	5
If man does it regardless of experience	680	Partner insists on cuddling dog during foreplay	14
Add five calories for retrieving it from across the room.		Partner just visited bathroom for the seventh time	10
INSERTION		Partner is taking phone calls	7
if woman is ready	1/4	Partner is making phone calls	40
If man is not	274	GETTING CAUGHT	
POSITIONS ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY		By partner's spouse	60
Italian: man on top, woman in kitchen	26	By your spouse	60 1/2
Russian: woman on bottom, man getting permission	55	Trying to explain	165
American: both on top	60	Trying to remain calm	100
POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF INTERCOURSE		Leaping out of bed	25
Bouncing	7	Getting dressed in one large motion	300
Sliding around	9	Thanking partner quickly	2
Serious skidding	12		
Whiplash	27		
ORGASM			
Real	27		

**BASKETBALL: THE TBA TODAY
WILSON WON'T RETURN TO CHICAGO ARFA
AFTER ALL**

by Horace Flambo

Virgil Wilson has revealed that, contrary to earlier reports, he will not be returning to the Chicago area in time for the 1984-85 TBA season. Nonetheless, Wilson will take over the Peshtigo Flame, recently abandoned by Ed Leswig.

(ED NOTE: THE following is to be considered an official communication/ballot by TBA members):

Gentlement of the TBA:

By a vote of 10-0 you accepted Virgil Wilson back into the TBA, and by a vote of 9-1 you decided to assign him the Peshtigo franchise.

By a vote of 6-4 you approved Doug Durbin's proposal for eliminated contract disputes of two or more games for a player who is traded.

On the matter of divisional realignment, the vote was overwhelmingly (36 points to the next closest 12) for the two division alignment. HOWEVER, there were several alternative suggestions, and the news that Virgil Wilson will be playing through the mail for the 1984-85 season, at least, means there still ~~is~~ is some consideration that must be made of this matter. Therefore, please vote on the ~~the~~ following proposals, assigning 5 points to your favorite, 3 to your second favorite, and one to your third favorite. Sign and return to Commissioner Benes no later than mail delivery of May 12th:

A: I: All, Bgk, Whse, Nap, Hins, Mhk
II: Cvl, JH, DP, Nev, Aug, Pesh

B: I: Aug, Nev, Hins, DP
II: JH, Pesh, All, Cvl
III: Nap, Whse, Bgk, Mhk

C: Nap, Hins, Whse, DP
II: JH, Pesh, Aug, Mhk
III: Nev, Bgk, All, Cvl

D: I: Nap, Hins, Whse, DP
II: JH, Pesh, Aug, Cvl
III: Nev, Mhk, Bgk, All

E: I: All, Bgk, Whse, Nap, Hins, DP
II: Nev, Aug, JH, Pesh, Cvl, Mhk

(Your name)

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Other Wombat notes: Newly-acquired Michael Jack, in ~~his~~ six games, has six stolen bases, while Roy Edgoose has returned to last year's form, hitting nearly .400!

The biggest surprise though is on the hill, where much pooh-poohed Lido Lucheesi is dueling Spike O'Malley for the title of staff ace...he's also 2-0 with two complete games!

SOME LATE UBA SCORES AT PRESSTIME:

Denver 8 Sherman 5

Sherman 6 Denver 5

(APBA)

HOCKEY

by John Stewart

Well, my hockey season is over...A sad note to end on but that is the way it goes.

In the last week of the season both Redskins and Guardians slipped past my Hornets in the North American Hockey League into 2nd and 3rd place respectively. The good news is that this made my #1 pick a little more valuable (Mark Howe went in this spot last year) but the bad news was I had to face my nemesis, the Cougars, who took our season series 6-4-2 winning 5 of the last six times we played.

Anyhow, the Hornets opened on the road in a 5 game series on Cougarhome ice where they went 1-4-1 for the season. In game one, led by Murray Bannerman's 39 saves the Hornets won 4-2 while being outshot 41-26. Then in game 2, goals by Dave Christian and Wayne Gretzky in the last 5 minutes of the game gave the Hornets a 5-4 victory, a 2 game lead in the series, and the prospect of playing the remaining games on home ice ~~in~~ where the Hornets had only lost 5 games all year including 2 to the Cougars.

The Hornets lead 4-3 in game 3, when the Cougars pulled their goalie and tied the game with just 32 seconds left in the game. The Cougars then won on a power play goal at 7:06 of the overtime period. Disheartened, the Hornets then lost the remaining two games 7-3 and 6-3 allowing 3 power play goals in each game. Disappointing yes, but wait till next year!

There are 16 teams in 4 divisions in the NAHL. The Huskies, with a record of 47-14-7 compiled the best record. The worst was the 10-50-8 mark set by the Dynamo. John's Hornets won the Mazeika Division with a record of 39-17-12.