

JIPPY

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DIPPY Game #22, the Levy, 1983J, ~~WINTER~~ Winter, 1908/Spring, 1909;

There is at least one "No" vote to the Russian/English draw. The game continues...

England (Dave Kleiman): WINTER: Builds F EDI, F LON, A LVP... SPRING: a lvp-YORK; f lon-NTH; F EDI-nwg; F NUG-nwy; f spa se-W MED; a por-SPA; f mid-N AFR; f eng ch-MID; f nth-DEN; F SWE sup f nth-don; F kiel-bar/DISLODGED, must retreat to holl, hel, or oth; a bur-MUN; A RUHR sup a bur-mun

France (CIVIL DISORDER): WINTER: remove f cly... SPRING: A PAR H

Italy (Jack Frost): WINTER: f ion retreats to TUN... Builds A ROME... SPRING: A ROME sup a ven; A VEN sup a rome; F TUN N; f tyrn-NAP

Russia (John Stewart): WINTER: Builds A-STP, A WAR... SPRING: f ion-ADR; f aeg-ION; F GRE sup f aeg-ion; a ser-ALB; A TRI sup a vie-tyro; a vie-TYRO; a bud-VIE; A BOH-mun; a mun-KIEL; a arm-SEV; ~~WINTER: Builds A BER sup a mun-kiel;~~ a pru-SIL; a war-PRU; A LVN-stp; A STP-nwy; ~~WINTER F BAL-den~~

Standby: Needed.

DEADLINE for Fall, 1909 orders is mail delivery of Weds, June 6, 1984

Press:

ENGLAND-ITALY--Hope you took my suggestions...

RUSSIA-ENGLAND--This could be interesting. I know I spent quite a bit of time on this. Wonder how it will turn out.

HINSDALE--Once again we have a proposal for a Russian/English draw. Please vote Aye or Nay with your FALL orders.

DIPPY Game #23, the Onelist, 1983CN, Fall, 1908-1909

There is at least one "No" vote to the draw proposal. The game continues... Austria-Hungary (Phil Redmond): WINTER: f alb-ION; F AEG H; A BUL-con; A SEV-arm; a rum-UKR; a ser-ROM; A MOS-lvn; A PRU-ber; A GAL-sil; A BOH sup French a bur-mun; A TYRO sup French a bur-mun; a pie-SPA; F LYON con a pie-spa; F W MED sup a pie-spa; a spa-POR

CONTROLS: bul, vie, tri, bul, gre, ser, rum, ven, nap, tun, rome, war, mos, sev, spa, por -16--Add one unit.

England (Terry Lachcik): A YORK-kiel; F NTH con a york-kiel; F LON-eng ch; A KIEL-lvn; F BAL con a kiel-lvn; F BAR sup a nwy-stp; a nwy-STP

France (David Bruce NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE: 724 Forest, Glen Ellyn, Ill 60137):

a bur-MUN; ~~WINTER: Builds A BER sup a mun-kiel;~~ A GAS-spa; a mar-PIED; ~~WINTER: Builds A BER sup a mun-kiel;~~ f bre-PIC; F ENG CH sup f bre-pic

CONTROLS: bre, mar, par, bel, m mun -5--No change.

Germany (Ronald Kelly): A BER-mun; a mun-sil/DISLODGED, destroyed; A RUHR sup a ber-mun; F HELGO con English a york-kiel

CONTROLS: ber, holl -2--Minus one unit

Turkey (Ken Iverson): A ARM-sev; f black-CON; A SMY sup f black-con

CONTROLS: ank, con, smy -3--No change.

Standby: John Stewart

DEADLINE for Winter, 1905 adjustments is mail delivery of June 6, 1984

Press: HINSDALE--We have another draw proposal: France-Austria-Turkey-England. Please Aye or Nay with your fall winter adjustments.

And, our apologies for the general sloppiness...
M O R E

DIPPY, page 2, game #24

DIPPY Game #24, the Mays, 1984F, Winter, 1902:

Austria-Hungary (Tom Slaughter): No change. Has A GAL, A RUM, A SER, F GRE
 England (Jack Frost): f nth retreats to ION...Builds F EDI...Also has F N ATL,
 A SWE, F SKAG
 France (Philip Redmond): No change. Has: F ENG CH, F IRI, F MID, A SPA, A BUR,
 A BEL
 Germany (Niel Kiers): f swe retreats to BAL...Also has F NTH, A DEN, A HOIL,
 A MUN
 Italy (Web Erni): Builds A VEN, F NAP...Also has F ION, A TUN, A TYRO, A VIE
 Russia (David Bruce NOTE ADDRESS CHANGE: 724 Forest Ave, Glen Ellyn, Ill 60137):
 No change. Has A BOH, A UKR, F ARG, F STP-SC
 Turkey (Daniel W Wallick): a rum retreats to SEV...ALSO has F SMI, F E MED, A HUL
 Standby: Ken Iverson, Ronald Kelly
 DEADLINE for Spring, 1903 orders is mail delivery of June 6, 1984
 Press:

BUDAPEST TO ROME: I understand you are eager to get out of the great capital city of the Empire. So is the Emperor. Not that we do not like the presence of the Italian ally. It is just that we have an uneasy feeling when on the road.

BUDAPEST TO MOSCOW: Here I come. You will have to convince the Italian that you have the better position than I...How?

BUDAPEST TO CONSTANTINOPLE: Give a guy a break, will you? When a fella's ally is taking his capital, a fella has to take something!

RUSSIA: Gee this game is fun.

DIPPY Game #25, the Orwell, 1984K, Spring, 1901:

Congratulations, gentlemen, all opening moves succeed:

Austria-Hungary (Jack Frost): a vie-IRI; f tri-ALB; a bud-SFR
 England (Tom Slaughter): f lon-ENG CH; f edi-NTH; a lyp-WALES
 France (Jack Schneider): a mar-SPA; f bre-MID; a par-BUR
 Germany (Tom Luttrell): a mun-BOH; a ber-KIEL; f kiel-HELGO
 Italy (Terry Lachcik): a ven-TIRO; a rome-VEN; f nap-ION
 Russia (Niel Kiers): a war-GAL; a mos-UKR; f stp-sc-BOT; f sev-RUM
 Turkey (Phil Redmond): a tur-BUL; f ank-CON; A SMI H
 Standby: Ken Iverson, Ronald Kelly

DEADLINE for Fall 1901 orders is mail delivery of June 6, 1984

Press: none, except to thank Tom Slaughter for his kind remarks...And, Tom, if you're really looking for something to do after your tax return is filled out, have you ever considered table-top sports games?

Nashledanov,

Oscar

HERB COHN

That it was different is the least you can say about South Cicero Promotions' recent outing at Mama Desta's Red Sea restaurant on the north side. All of the dishes were piled on a huge slice of spongy bread, and other pieces of it were provided so the diners could pick up and soak up their meals. Nonetheless this reporter has learned EXCLUSIVELY that a complete selection of Ethiopian fare was not available, not because the main ingredients were unavailable, but because the owner of the place doesn't know the English names for all of the spices used in Ethiopian cooking. Oh, and, that's right, there was no goat dishes on the menu, at least to any of the STAR's diners. It wouldn't have mattered anyway, as Joe Antosiak put it, "It all tastes the same," and Joe is an expert on spicy exotic foods, having long patronised the Thai establishments in town...

JOANNE KULISKA joins the list of STAR travelers. She'll be visiting Italy this year. Buono, Joanne!

TOM ENG reports he is really enjoying the atmosphere at his new place of employment, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of California. He writes that they're open and outgoing at Blue Cross, unlike the (See "COHN" page 2)

The World's Degradest Newspaper... Quotable: Yogi Berra, about a popular Minneapolis restaurant: "Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded..."

KALDENAR: May 23rd is the wedding anniversary of one of America's fun couples, Rich & Marge King (see page 5)...

KVIZ: Answer to last week's question: b) The movie studio put the mousy aspiring actress through a veritable METAMORPHOSIS; now she looks like Jean Harlow. Question #9: Paroxysm: a) a fit (often figurative); b) a type of hairstyle adopted in Japan; c) a bout of coughing; d) an intellectual division between individuals; e) a rift in a valley...

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE STAR:

—Jim Benes and his Dad went to Wrigley Field and witnessed one of the more notable contests of recent years as the Phillies beat the Cubs 23-22 in ten innings. Yes, Benes still has the scorecard in his collection, which goes back to 1957...

In sports, Bolingbrook beat Whitehorse 119-111 to advance to the championship round of the TBA playoffs. In the other bracket Macomb and Roswell still had to play, with the winner advancing against Mohawk before reaching the championship bracket. And Ron Gorski announced that rookie Hobart Pelhank, just drafted from Nebraska Cornshuckers would be the player/coach of the Naperville Suns in 1979-80...

"GASSED" KING BEGS OFF R-BALL!!! CHICAGO (SPECIAL to the STAR)—Having worked more than 4 hours in a single day, Rich "Mr Sports" King abruptly and rudely cancelled his racquetball game with Jim Benes. Benes was shocked, since he had to restructure his day to play King in the first place.

"First, I had to postpone that meeting with my good buddy George Bush (they play APBA together, see page 5). Then I moved up my lunch date with Sophia Loren. And I had (See "KING," page 2)

UBA COMMISSIONER...
"THE NATURAL"

by J M "Bowie" Gillespie

THE NATURAL isn't. His plate appearances provoke not just tumultuous applause from the stands, but also lightning bolts from the heavens. His towering homeruns clear roofs, damage scoreboards, and knockout light-poles, his foul balls intimidate villains, his defensive abilities are peerless and his homemade bat goes through to the end of the regular season with nary a discoloration. To reinforce the point that THE NATURAL is really quite un-natural, even supernatural, it need only be noted that K.K. Roy Hobbs, the Natural in the film of the same name, is a rookie in his mid-thirties, playing his first and last season of professional (let alone major league) ball for the 1939 National League New York Knights.

To the females in the audience, these feats are probably not in the least remarkable, in view of the fact that Roy Hobbs is portrayed by Robert Redford. To the more critical eye, however, some flaws are apparent. One such failing is the film's inability to decide whether Hobbs is a mere mortal, albeit the best there is, or contesting on a higher plane. There is ample evidence to support either view, but that evidence seems to conflict and contradict itself, not just support the two different (See "THE NATURAL", p2)

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people he ~~worked~~ worked with at Fireman's Fund, whom Tom describes as people who'd "shake your hand and then stab you in the back." Eng also has been seeded as 70th runner in the upcoming Bay-to-Breakers race which is being run May 29. Good luck, Tom.

You should have seen "handymen" RICH KING and JIM BENES putting up the Wiley-Benes' new screenhouse-gazabo the other day. King thought a green was a dirty word, and Benes' first attempt at putting the thing together resulted in everybody on their hands and knees looking through the grass for a little plastic part he lost. We understand that in Las Vegas they're giving 10-1 odds that it will stand all summer.

BOOB TUBE BLITHERINGS

by Gary Boob

Boob's "Boner of the Month" goes to WBEM Idiocratradio 78; The boozes over there put poor news reader DON MELLEMA in an incredibly stupid ~~with~~ situation. Somebody (producer? ~~was~~ snoozedirector? ~~misman-~~aging editfix?) told him to go live with a SHERMAN KAPLAN story, and Mellema, who obviously didn't know the content, pitched it to "Sherman Kaplan in the field, with a live report on a late-breaking story." It turned out to be a report on the sale of an exclusive restaurant. Puh-tewy!!!

RON GORSKI will not be getting a pay raise despite underling PAUL HARVEY moving to a bigger audience on WGN radio. And speaking of WGN, there's no truth to the rumors JERRY FARBER will be replacing WALLY PHILLIPS as morning man, despite the Farb's experience in Indiana radio.

Now that JIM BENES has won yet another Lisagor award for his depressing holiday time-fillers, he's been spurred on to produce another great series. Benes confided to your favorite columnist this next venture is tentatively titled "The Zany Humor of Mammur Khadafy!"

And just to let you know that miracles still do happen... Tom Schaer is still on the air!

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viewpoints. This flaw damages the film artistically, but the damage is not serious.

More significant to the baseballpurist is the film's lack of attention to details of the game. On his way to a 1923 pitching tryout with the Cubs, young Hobbs faces "The Whammer" whose physical resemblance to George Herman Ruth is too great to be coincidental and fans him ~~in~~ on three pitches in a small town vacant lot. Why does the "Whammer" bat right-handed? In 1939, the NL teams all are represented by their actual names, except for the New York Knights. Why bother to replace the Giants if you are going to have the Cubs, Bees, Pirates, et al? All of the film's field action takes place in the mythical Knights' home park, except one road game in Wrigley Field. This choice makes obvious sense, since Wrigley Field is the only NL ballyard of that era to survive intact to this day. So why were the Wrigley Field sequences shot somewhere else? And if Hobbs is the greatest player of all time why put him in (See ~~the~~ "THE NATURAL" page 7)

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to cancel my advisory session with the mayor. Ah, I guess when you're dealing with temperamental air talent...you know how they are, always thinking of themselves first."

King could not be reached for comment. But the STAR has learned he took a battering earlier in the week, after Ron Gorski hit him ~~in~~ with a hard smash, and gave him a cauliflower ear.

"Well, at least he looks better," noted wife Marge.

KING BLASTS GORK, SAYS MADGE SET HIM UP

Last week in these pages Mudge Greenfart quoted Rich King as saying about women: "All they do is get laid and spend money." Now King is charging that he was setup, and that it's all Ron Gorski's fault.

"Gork called me up to complain about the furniture Gail was buying for her newly redecorated sewing room," explained King, "The Gork ranted and raved, saying he didn't like the colors, nor the cost and all I was trying to do was commiserate with a fellow."

King doesn't deny uttering the now infamous words, but he wants to set the context straight.

It turned out to be a report on the sale of

PREZ, NANCY WIN NEW STAR CONTEST!

Yabba dabba dooo. Hey Nancy, we've won! Now we can get junior that sex change operation!!!! God bless the STAR!



WORST WRITER RESULTS

The world's worst writer doesn't work for the STAR! He's Floridian Steve Garman, who won the title about a week ago. As promised, we're printing the winning entry:

The lovely woman-child Kaa was mercilessly chained to the cruel post of the warrior-chief Beastx, with his barbarian tribe now stacking wood at her nubile feet, when the strong clear voice of the poetic and heroic Handsomas roared, 'Flick your Bic, crisp that chick, and you'll feel my steel through your last meal.'

Congrats from the STAR staff Steve; we certainly appreciate talent!

7TH ANNUAL PUN CONTEST

And we've got another winner...this from the Pun Contest in Austin, Texas. Here's the winning entry in that one:

A frog goes into a bank for a loan. Bank officer Patty Wack tells the frog he needs some kind of collateral. The frog returns with an unrecognized object. Patty Wack takes it to the bank pres. for identification. The bank president says "It's a nicknack, Patty Wack, give the frog a loan." ARGH!

IF WE COULD READ THEIR MINDS:

This sucks. I've been in this underwear for 19 hours!



TRUE STORIES:

TANZANIA--Police shot and killed an olympic marathon hopeful out on a morning training run. They thought he was a robber.

CANADA--The Pope visits here this fall. Trip organizers have already rejected some souvenirs, including POPE-ON-A-ROPE-SOAP, and POPE CORN.

CALIFORNIA--Where else but this state would a policeman shoot himself in the back to make himself out a hero.

NEW YORK--A man being chased by police dropped the gun while running away. It was a sawed-off shotgun, and when it went off, it hit him in what at one time was his face.

NEW YORK--Former President Nixon admits watching Barnaby Jones, & wants to join a fan club honoring the sleuth.

Just the ticket: Neuman, Paulsen for president

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Alfred E. Neuman — or somebody who looks just like him — announced his candidacy for president Monday, and was immediately challenged to a debate by perennial candidate Pat Paulsen. Neuman, the "What, me worry?" mascot of *Mad* magazine, immediately accepted and an otherwise silly news conference quickly became ridiculous.



ALFRED E. NEUMAN: You could do a lot worse.

"Do you realize the country is on the brink of ruin," Neuman asked nobody in particular. "Elect me and I'll finish the job." Paulsen, a comedian and standard bearer for the Straight Talking American Government, or STAG, Party, announced his opposition to tax cuts. "The people don't need money, the government does," he said. "The people will just blow it on things like food and clothing." Neuman touted his write-in campaign. "Amid all the uncertainty, I offer a clear voice of indecision," he said. "You could do a lot worse, and you often have." Paulsen attacked the major parties, saying the GOP has "a program to solve all the problems of 1978, in case that year ever comes back." Democrats, he said, offer "hundreds of programs to benefit those who are willing to vote, but not willing to work."

PETERS, "I'M MICHAEL JACKSON!"

CHICAGO--The STAR has learned Alan Peters has been impersonating Michael Jackson. Peters had sought less publicity as the rock star; he's led the double life for years.

"Actually, there is no Michael Jackson. I'm him. We're one and the same," Peters revealed to the STAR in an EXCLUSIVE interview.

"My rock star life gave me some peace and quiet, a brief respite from the hurried life of a swinging north side librarian."

"As far as Brooke Shields is concerned, she's big, but aggressive and agile. One of the best I've ever had, that's for sure!"

Our interview was cut short as Peters' "groupies" continued to bang on the windows of his north side love nest.

Finally, Alan got up, shrugged his shoulders and said, "I guess I have to go back to being Michael Jackson for a while so I can get some peace and quiet."

Unleashing his curls, he quickly changed into costume and left the apartment.

The mobs outside were obviously disappointed. As we left, the girls, some offering their naked bodies at his doorstep, kept chanting, "We want Alan....we want Alan. Give us the hunk!!!!"



STAR photogs caught Peters wearing hairnet to hide Jehri-curl, his Jackson trademark.



Peters after transformation, a dull guy compared to Northside swinging librarian!

Nubile, comely chicks, some as young as 7, wait outside Peters' apartment to offer body parts to single stud.

Peters admits, "When my passions rise, age is no factor!" but adds, "My true loves are my cats!"



NIXON WARNS GILLESPIE, "DON'T BEND OVER!!!!"

Riverside--The STAR has learned Jim Gillespie may be named the "backup candidate" should Ronald Reagan decide not to run for a second term!

"Of course, I think the President is a bit liberal with the taxpayers money," Gillespie said, "But I think I could turn that around with the naming of David Stockman as my running mate!"

Top Republicans around the country were delighted with the choice.

"It's a #*@#\$* great idea," noted Barry "The Bomber" Goldwater.

"Who sez you can't squeeze blood from a turnip? If it can be done, Gil will do it!" noted New England's Jack Kemp.

"Let me know if you want to play some golf," said Jerry Ford. "Or, if you get juiced-up and need to dry out, come on over to Betty's place."

Former economic adviser Marty Feldsteen told the STAR, "Gil would be great for the nation. He's so tight, he squeaks!"

Meantime, former Prez Ricky Nixon warned the Gil-man to be wary of the media.

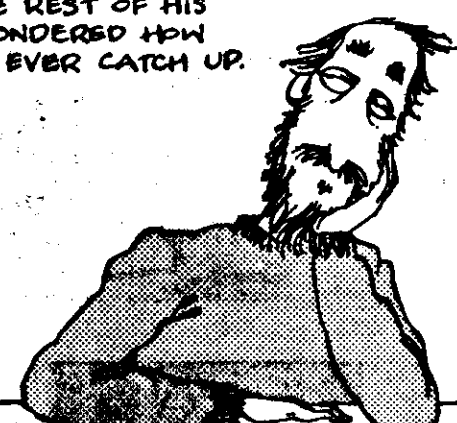
The following is a real, true Nixon quote:

"I've talked to people in the media...and they say, 'But it's the responsibility of the media to look at government generally, and particularly at the president, with a microscope.' I don't mind the microscope, but--oh boy--when they use a proctoscope, that's going too far."



GORSKI'S WORLD:

HAVING FORGOTTEN THAT YESTERDAY WAS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF HIS LIFE, HE WONDERED HOW HE WOULD EVER CATCH UP.



BENES WINS CONTEST!

DID VEEP TAKE DIVE?

CICERO--James "Theo" Benes has won the STAR'S "Bowling for Vice-Presidents" contest this past weekend at Prague Lanes, tripping up George Bush with 3 strikes in a row! The Cicero bowling veteran wins a years subscription to the STAR!

"Great stuff," chirped the jubilant winner as he was presented a gift certificate by publishing magnate Furgold T. Pantsuit. But Pantsuit was blushing due to reports "The Veep" may have "taken a dive" for Benes, one of Bush's ardent political supporters.



Meantime, the Democrats are promising a full investigation of what's being called "Bowling-gate," which is slightly different from Bolingbrook, but not much.

Senator Ted Kennedy, perennial presidential cannon fodder and winner of the STAR'S "Good Driver Award," says Democrats are steaming over the incident!

Ted-will investigate incident!

"This uh, ranks uh, right uh, up there with, uh, such uh, boondoggles as the uh, Carter briefing, uh papers affair, uh!" Remember that one folks? Almost as big as Ed Meese's cufflinks!



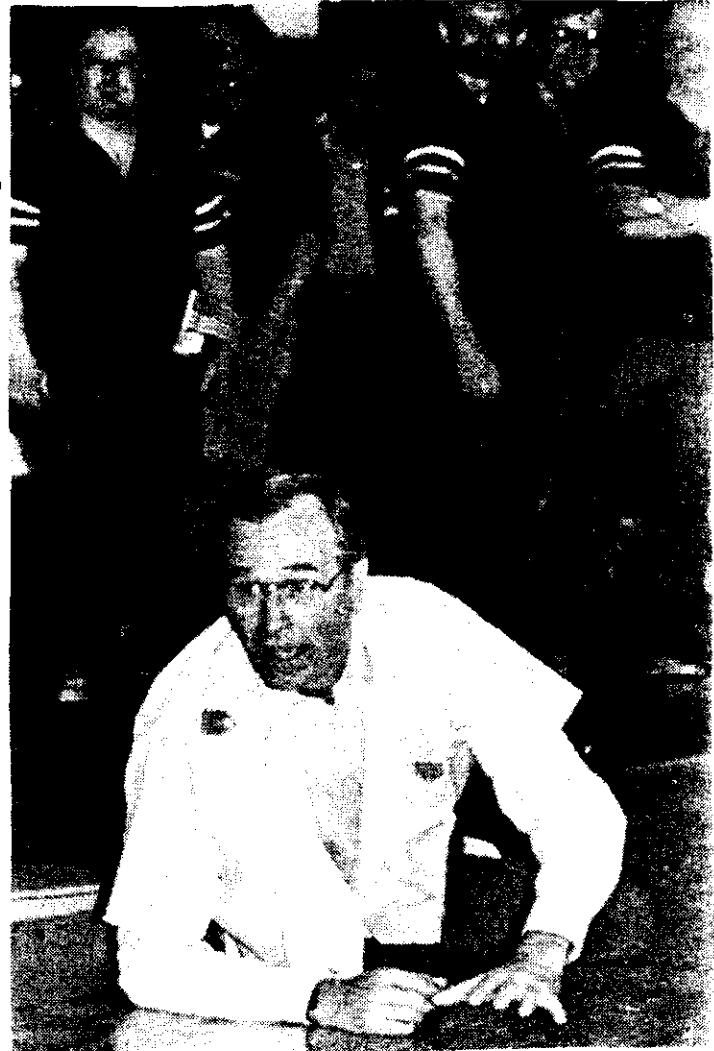
Jerry-blesses the Beezer!

Yet another development as the STAR has learned exclusively that anti-ERA hen Phyllis Schlafly and pro-God guy Jerry "The Rev" Falwell are supporting Jim Benes in his time of need.

"He knows how to keep his women happy," admitted the former Benes lover. "Barefoot and pregnant!"

Falwell meanwhile, used his TV pulpit to proclaim Benes, "A pillar of the community, a helluva guy, and one frigging great Christian!"

At press time, The Beezer was unavailable for comment, and holed-up in his Hinsdale mansh.



Did Veep take tumble for beezer????

KING ADMITS, "I'VE SWITCHED!" WIFE IN SHOCK!

HINSDALE--Rich King has confided to STAR reporters that the pressure of his important job is finally getting to him, and that he's switched, to decaffeinated coffee.

"My life-and-death important job of reading scores and babbling about sports is getting to me. I can't take the pressure. It's rough, but I guess somebody's gotta do it! I'll just guts-it-out as long as I can," King confided to the STAR.

"To handle the pressure, I've switched to SANKA."

The STAR has also learned King has forced wife Marge to use Ben-Gor Caffeine Cyrstals, for that rich, full-bodied caffeine flavor!



King: tries to laff off tension



Marge: ponders Dick's fate

S P R O T Z W O R L D

SPROTZ PEOPLE:



Retiring Naperville Sun Dallas Houston said it, "Now that I'm retiring, I can make a fortune, by selling drugs to players in the NBA!"

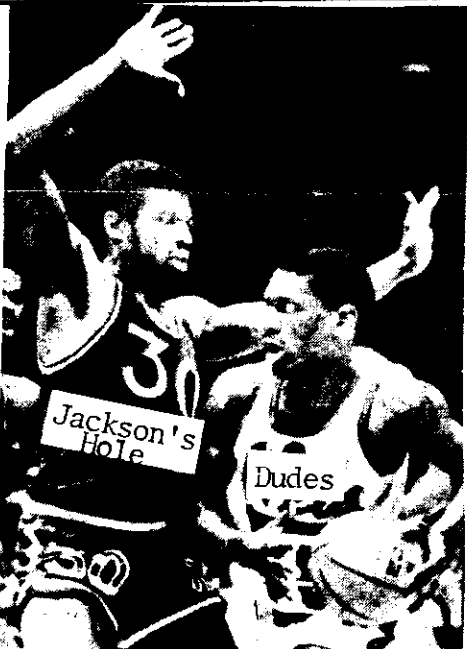


And the always quotable Denver pitching coach Gene Fodge was right when he said, "They didn't hire me for my good looks."



CANARYVILLE--An irate Bodeslav Skelvankovich is hit with his second technical foul in the TBA semi-final contest with Mohawk, after telling ref, "You remind me of Ed Leswig!" The Parrots won without "Coach," but lost the second game when he was back piloting the team.

Sports Headline We Would Have Liked to See: SOVIETS WON'T SEND TRANSVESTITE ATHELETES TO OLYMPICS. MORE MEDALS FOR US!!! STEROID SALES PLUMMET.



TRAIN MAY BE CUT BY DUDES!!!

JACKSON'S HOLE--Former Peshtigo Flame scoring star Lionel Train may be dumped by coach Chuck O'Finley because, "He might not be good enough!"

Rookie Sak O'Puss may replace Train on the roster. The "Cho Cho Man" was recently declared a free agent and jumped to the then-talent-starved Dudes.

But Dudes owner Dave "The Cop" Skaja sez, "We got more than we needed in the draft. Some great veterans are back too. Train will be lucky to make the team. And if he does, he'll probably be our 11th man."

No matter what division the Dudes wind-up in, they are sure to be a contender for upcoming TBA wars this fall. this season!

"Hey, this is sports! If you can't beat 'em, hurt 'em," quips Wombat catcher Harry "Dog" Cannon, as he decks Biloxi's Stash Pulaski trying to steal home. Biloxi won 2 of 3.



Sak O'Puss (left) plays tough against Lionel Train during JH team scrimmage in spring tune-up for upcoming TBA wars this fall.

