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By Skip Myslenski \& Linda Kay
"A hot coal down the back of my shirt." That, says
Mike Ditka, is just what he felt when J.m McMahon criticized his decision to go with Doug Flutie in the
layoffs rather than Mike Tomzcak or Steve Fuller layoffs rather than Mike Tomzcak or Steve Fuller. In a chapter inserted in the new paperback version of
his autobiography, Ditka says: It reall made me
mad. I thought it was unfair to the kid." P.S. The his autooiography, Dika says:
mad. It thought it was unfair to
paperback hits the stands in July.

## Reincarnation lives

What do you do after you are born in Bologna,
Italy, grow up in the United States, kick in the NaItaly, grow up in the United States, kick in the Na-
tional Football League, appear in a Pro Bowl and tional Foootaal League, appear more mers in the United States Foot-
thall League? Why, of course. You come out of retire-
ball ball League? Why, of course. You come out of retire-
ment to kick for the Bruisers, Chicago's entry in ment to kick for the Bruisers, Chicago's entry in
Arena Football. Well, at least that was the road taken
. by Nick Mike-Mayer, who in his past life performed or the Falcons, Eagles, Bills and the bsegs San An-
onio Gunslingers. His second life begins Sat
night at the Horizon, when the Brisisers play their firs me against the Denver Dynamite (ESPN 8 p.m. Antonio, end up in Chicago? 'At the behest of Dyna Antonio, end up, Tim Marcum, who was an assistant
nite head coach, Tin on the Gunslingers when Mike-Mayer kicsed for
them. Marcum invited him to the league's tryout camp. in Chicum inve, where he eperformed well enough to
assigned to the Bruisers. . . And how much will be assigned to the Bruisers. ... And how much wil
Mike-Mayer make in his second life? He, like every other player in the league, is being paid $\$ 500$ a
in what Arena Football calls its preview season.
A new leaf
About 75 people answered Bob Hallberg's cry for
help and showed up Wednesday night for a meeting at he University of Illinois-Chicago with the school's new baskeiball coach. The Pavilion. The response? Repocts
fannies into the
Hallierg: "First off, we got commitments for 300 seaHalliberg: "First off, we got commitments for 300 sea-
al tickets. And there were several little groups who on tickets. And there were several little groups who
vant to organize additional meetings with their wand
friends as a follow-up." In addition, a handful of ex-
UIC layers were present, and Biil Merchantz and C players were present, and Bill Merchantz an Mike Strabawa, who played in the mid 1970s, agree
organize an alumni game. Lastly, the group adop organize an red and vowed to wear it in abundanc n game day. "That way, they"ll be identified as hardcore Flames supporters,", says Hallberg.,
big programs are doing the same thing."

## Starting young

There is good news-and bad-to report when it on is up 10 times what it was 15 years ago. The no after-school sports are female. Those statistics an are will be considered in Indianapolis this weeken $t$ a national conference entitled "A Sporting Chance or Girls." Former Olympic swimmer Donna de irst U.S. woman to be named to the Internationa Olympic Committee. Olympic swimmer Nancy Hog ser Lynette Woodard. From 300 to 500 fitness ad ninistrators, cooaches and teachers are expected to
attend the forum, which is unique in that it focuses attend the forum, which is unique in that it focuses
on girls, not women.

## Not in the mold

When Darrin Van Horn was just a youngster, re-
calls his father, G.L., "He used to con all the neighborhood kids into the garage. He'd say, 'C'mon we'r just going to play.' Then he'd proceed to beat the he ament at the age of 15 , he won the Police Athletic eague National Championships, and when he turned 6, he declared himself a professional. He is now 18 TV debut on NBC Sunday against a brewler name ouis Santana (Channel 5, $3: 30-5$ p.m.). Yeah, it's amiliar tale so far, but it turns out this is not the poverty. For Van Horn, you see, graduated from high school with a 3.3 grade-point average, and he now models and studies veterinary medicine as a fulltime
student at the University of Kentucky. So, yes, you

## News, notes and nonsense

 Anchors away: The NBA will fly many prospectiveirst-round picks to its New York draft headquarters for Monday's festivities, but it looks as if everybody's
No. 1, Navy's David Robinson, won't be there. As of hursday afternoon, his boss-the United State who will be there are two local products: De Paul's allas Comegys and Illinois' Ken Norman. . So reat Minnie Minoso talks baseball to the faithful in
he Blair Chapel of Fourth Presbyterian Church Sunay night at $7 . .$. The nation's high-school elite are ming to Chicago to compete in the Keebler Interna onal Track
York High School in Elmhurst. Bear Willie Gault is he honorary chairman of the event, which features six ocal runners. ... Meanwhile, running guru Dr
George Sheehan, who is battling cancer, help Gaugurate Lighthouse Place Outlet Center in Michi gan City, Ind., Sunday by participating in a noncom petitive 5 -kilometer jog and walk. . The American
Sailing Association offers free sailing iessons to those
attending the Wooden Boat Festival and Sailboat attending the Wooden Boat Fee
Show on Navy Pier this weekend.
And finally: Jerry Pritikin, Wrigley Field's Bleacher Preacher, called Thursday with big plans for the after-
oon game. To greet the Phillies' new manager Primen ikin was preparing a banner reading: "Welcome back

They have their Father's Day celebration all set for Wrigley Field

game, he's not the same when he's
home watching on TV. "He's objective, but you'll hear him yelling ate the teams when they're
blowing it," she said. "He's a real tan,
bow but when it comes to
work, he's different." Angele has worked as a vendor at
Wrigley since 1983 , and says that since she turned 21 and is now able to
sell beer, she has received three marriage proposals by Bleacher Bums. ""
tok em up on all of them," she
laughed. "Actually, I usually just tell laughed. "Actually, I usually just tell
them, What, and take me away from
all this excitement?" all this excitement?" his daughters working as vendors at
the ballpark. "He says we get street-
wise. I think it's great because 1 get to deal with all kinds of people from all Because it's Day, Angele had a fow final words to say, a a great man," she "He's a great huis, a great manter she saughters through college, and he's just a wonderful father." Anything else? "Well, he's a loud

BRIEFS
The family of Len Bias, one day shy of the first anniversary of the death of the Maryand basketball star, filed a suit Thursday seeking $\$ 28$ million from Bias' agent, insurance
company and the Reebok shoe company. The suit was filed in District of Columbia Superior Court by James Bias, Len's father, in the name of his son's estate, charging many of the people who were planning Bias' professional basket-
ball career have failed to live up to financial obligations bair career have
since his death.
Bias, 22, died of cocaine intoxication two days after his selection by the Boston Celtics in the National Basketball
Association draft. The suit names Advantage International, Association draft. The suit names Advantage International,
which represented Bias; agent Lee Fentress; Fidelity Securiwhich represented Bias; agent Lee Fentress, Fielity Securi-
ty Life Insurance Company, which the suit claims reneged
on a \$1 million disability and accidental death policy; and on a $\$ 1$ million disability and accidental death policy; and Reebok International Ltd, which allegedly r
unwritten, $\$ 1.6$ million endorsement contract.
The Tulane Board of Administrators has called for the resumption of men's basketball. The sport was discontinued
April 4,1985 , because of alleged point-shaving and ad-
mitted NCAA violations.
Purdue officials say they don't know whether the school
is under investigation by the' NCAA because of Rod Woodson's admission that he violated rules concerning agents
while playing football for the Boilermakers. "To my knowlson's admission thall for the Boilermakers. "To my knowl-
while playing footbal
edge they are not investigating the issue," Athletic Director edge they are not investigating the issue," Athletic Director
George King said. "The word would have to come from
them." Woodson, a first-round draft choice of the Pittsburgh Steelers, has declined to comment since acknowledging that he signed a contract with an agent before his eligi-
biity ended. The NCAA allows undergraduates to consult agents but prohibits them from signing contracts or discuss-
ing financial arrangements. The Big 10 ruled Wodson inel-
igible to compete in track for failing to disclose $h$ his relation igible to compete in track. for fail
ship with agent Norby Walters.
Gifts to scandal-plagued Southern Methodist are down they attributed the 15 percent decline more to the sagging Seattle Seahawks President Mike McCormack expects before training camp opens July 21. "I think Brian Bosworth is a very intelligent man," McCormack said. "When he hears all the options that are available to him
and weighs them, then I think we can come to an agreeand weighs them, then I think we can come to an agree-
ment.". Seattle won a lottery last Friday and selected
Bosworth in a supplemental draft. Bosworth has said he Bosworth in a supplemental draft. Bosworth has said he
doesn't want to play for the Seahawks, but will consider one doesn't want to p
offer from them. Prosecutors say they have a tape recording of one of the plied cocaine to and received betting advice from National Basketball Association players. James Keppel, a deputy when former bartender Charles Keenan wore a hidden microphone and recorded two conversations with nightclub
manager James Jordan. In the first conversation, Keppel said, Jordan admitted he supplied guard Walter Davis with a smail quantity of cocaine and placed a $\$ 200$ bet on the advice from a player. In the second conversation, Keppel
said, Jordan admitted using two lines of coaine with unidentified player who was visiting the nightclub, using drugs with former Phoenix player Mike Bratz and receiving
an eighth of an ounce of cocaine and buying marijuana an eighth of an ounce of
A Daytona Beach man bilked investors out of nearly
$\$ 150,000$ by falsely claiming to represent maior professional sports figures and promising to set up sports halls of fame in large cities, according to Pennsylvania Atty. Gen. LeRoy Patterson and ex-Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski were among those who lost money in the scam
operated by Seymour Cohen, Zimmerman said. Cohen was arrested in Florida after being indicted by a Pennsyivania grand jury. To attract investors, Cohen claimed to represent
baseball great Wilkes and Nate Archibald, Dallas Cowboys running back Laver, golfer Lanny Wadkins and former hockey goalie Rogie Vachon. He also falsely claimed to be associated with Former Olympians Scott Johnson and Tim Daggett Gymnastics Championships in Kansas City 57.20 points. Charles Lakes was second at 56.15 . Daggett
was third at 55.55 . Kristie Phillips, 15, making her debut in senior competition, led the women's division with a in senior competition, led the women's division with a
46.44. Melissa Marlowe was second at 45.84 , and Hope
Spivey was third at 45.78 .

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