By Skip Myslenski & Linda Kay

Fare thee well: Former Bear exec Jerry Vainisi bought a house last week in a suburb of Detroit. When his wife, Doris, joins him shortly, it will end a commuter relationship that began after 22 years of matrimony. "It isn't a relationship that I would like to maintain," Doris says with a laugh. The Vainisis have five children, one of whom will be a senior in high school this fall, and he probably will remain behind with the couple's best friends in Arlington Heights. That leaves Doris with mixed emotions, as does the move, since the Vainisis have lived here all their married life (except for six months in Monmouth, Ill.) and both were born and reared in Chicago. Doris is grateful that the vagabond world of football had somehow allowed them to stay in one spot over the years, but she acknowledges that it hurts to leave. "You do learn lessons," she says. "You learn never to love anything that much that isn't your own." And how does she feel about the Bear organization now? She laughs softly and says, "Let me just say that I'm a Detroit Lions fan."

Goin' to the chapel

We've had the Super Bowl Shuffle. We've had the Grabowski Shuffle. Now get ready for the Wedding Bell Shuffle. Otis Wilson shuffles on down the aisle Saturday with groomsmen Dave Duerson, Dan Hampton, Wilber Marshall and Gary Fencik right behind him. Other members of the Bear family later join Wilson and his bride, Melanie Simon, for a Soulful Shuffle in the Ambassador West. Melanie, you see, is the daughter of renown blues singer Joe Simon.

Movin' on up

Her ranking has advanced 20 notches since last year, but Northfield's Michelle Torres hardly is content. After a heartbreaking loss in the first round at Wimbledon, the 45th-ranked woman in the world headed for Florida and the coaching of former tennis star-Brian Gottfried. "It's either going to kill her or cure her," her mother, Muriel, kidded Wednesday. "Brian has been working her little fanny off." Gottfried, a former Davis Cupper who once ranked in the top 10, works primarily with Jimmy Arias and other promising young men on the tour. But he has also given tips to Kathy Rinaldi, and that led Michelle to seek his advice. They struck a deal at the French Open, where Michelle made it to the third round. Says Muriel: "Michelle really needs somebody who can work with her. She has to get herself in condition. Weightwise, she's very trim. I don't think there's an ounce of fat on her. But she can't just spend an hour and a half on the court anymore. She was lucky to get away with that early in her career."

Tennis tidbits

Torres returns from Florida to play in the Pringles Light Tennis Classic this weekend at The Meadow Club in Rolling Meadows, where she'll be joined by fellow pros Lori McNeal (ranked 11th in the world), Elise Burgin (No. 47), Kate Gompert (No. 18) and Robin White (No. 28). They, in turn, will be joined on the court by an eclectic celebrity cast that includes Willie Gault, former NFL stars Franco Harris and Fred Williamson and actors Michael Warren ("Hill Street Blues") and Roger Mosely ("Magnum P.I."). Also on hand will be Keith Van Horne and girlfriend Eleanor Mondale, who do have intriguing possibilities as a mixed-doubles team.

A way to remember

He played the Volvo tennis tournament in Chicago earlier this year and won an award that merited scant attention. Paul Annacone, who ousted John McEnroe in the first round of last year's U.S. Open, was singled out in Chicago as the player who showed the most determination, hard work and sportsmanship. For that, he was given \$500 from the Carnation company to funnel to his favorite charity. Annacone selected the Jimmy Pollock Research Foundation, which is seeking a cure for leukemia. He grew up with Jimmy Pollock in New York but had little time to share his tennis success with his childhood friend. Pollock died four years ago at the age of 19.

News, notes and nonsense

Former Big 10 publicist Jeff Elliott, who most recently has worked as the conference's director of television, is moving on to become the sports communications officer at the University of Illinois. Among his new duties: editing the Mike White and Lou Henson TV shows and developing the Illini's TV and radio packages. Elliott will also serve as a consultant to Rasmussen Communication Management, which produces and syndicates the Big 10's supplemental package of football and basketball games. . . . People magazine probably got more than it bargained for when it assigned a reporter to do a piece on Andre Dawson this week. . . . Barry Axelrod, Rick Sutcliffe's West Coast agent, arrives in Chicago Thursday to watch his client pitch, but he has another reason for making the trip. He'll connect with client Mark Harmon, the UCLA quarterback-turned-actor who is married to actress Pam Dawber. He is in Chicago now to talk about his lead role in the new film "Summer School." ... The day before Steve Trout pitched his first shut-

out in two years, he dropped by the Glass Dome Hickory Pit at Taste of Chicago and had three orders of ribs. The owner of the Pit (which happens to be located near Comiskey Park) assures us that the tasty treat was crucial to Trout's success. And finally, Bill Walton may not have enjoyed the foot operation he endured earlier this week, but at

least the Celtic center went under the knife with some

good music coursing through his brain. You see, one of the last things he did before he entered the hospital was attend the 4th of July Bob Dylan-Grateful Dead

concert in Foxboro, Mass.

This gift unexpected

Each male participant of the 14th World University Games, which opened Wednesday in Yugoslavia, has been issued a condom as a prevention against AIDS, organizers said Wednes-

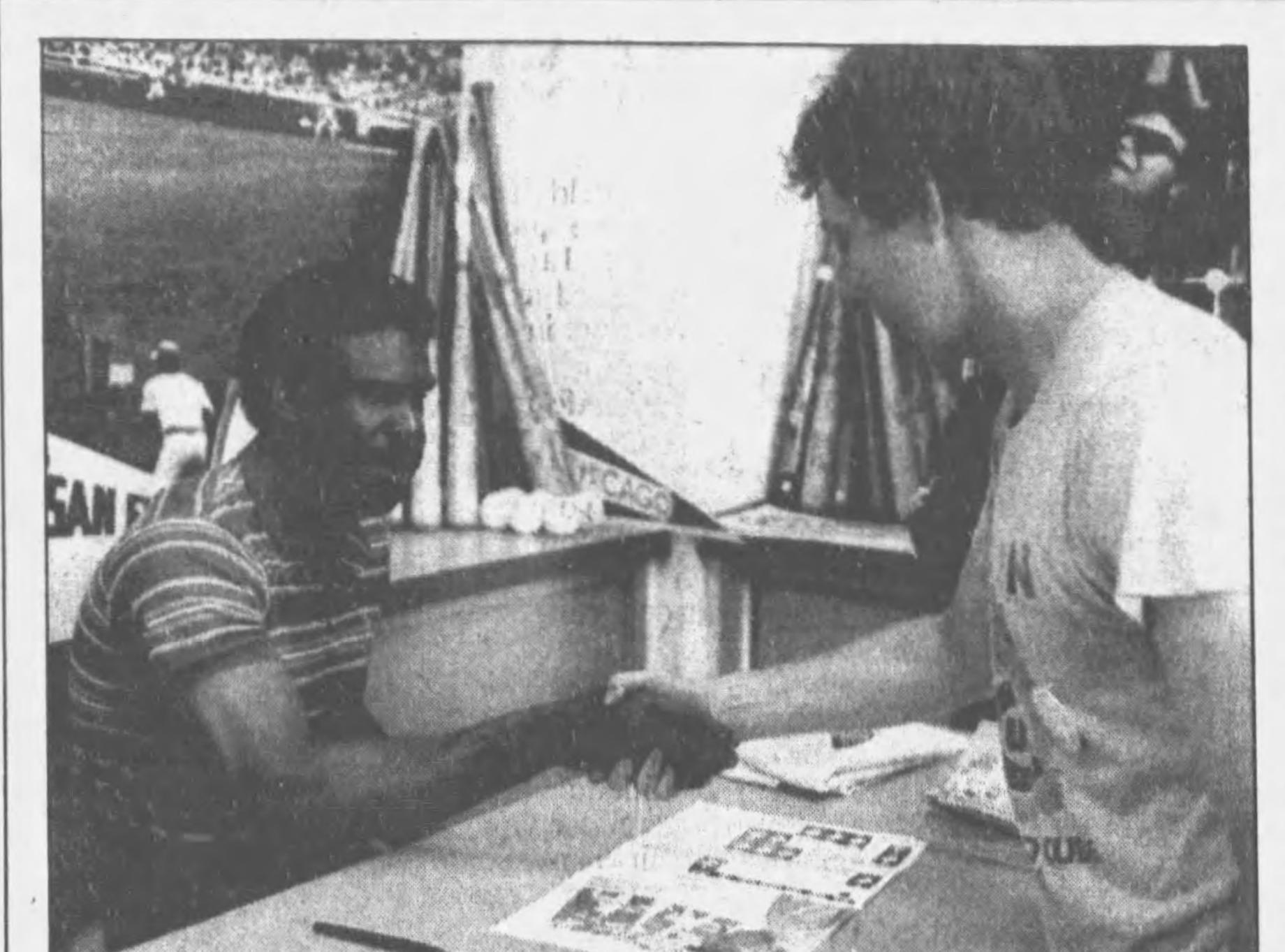
Organizers noted that "you can never be too careful" when the deadly virus is involved, and added that the move was introduced to "eliminate any possible spread of the illness" in the European country.

There are about 5,000 athletes from 129 nations taking part in the event. Male competitors represent about two-thirds of the total, and organizers left a condom for each one of them in rooms at the athletes' villages.

There are also posters warning about the disease.

According to figures issued by the World Health Organization, nine people have died of complications from AIDS-related illnesses in Yugoslavia over the past three years.

The disease destroys the body's protective mechanisms.



Tribune photo by Steve Hanks

Andre Dawson, who missed Wednesday's game because of his facial injuries, greets Daniel Florey at the Cubs' store on Michigan Avenue.

Dawson keeps date at autograph session

What a guy!

Just 24 hours after coming to downtown Chicago for medical treatment following a beaning, Andre Dawson returned to the area late Wednesday afternoon to fulfill an autograph session.

"We were pretty nervous about whether he'd make it," said Mike Wisniewski, manager of the Cubs' all-sports souvenir store that opened recently at 445 N. Michigan Ave. "When he went down, I started thinking who we could get as a substitute.

"His appearance had been plugged on TV quite a bit," he added. "I called Wrigley Field this morning, and he said he wanted to go through with it."

Dawson didn't disappoint hundreds of fans, who started lining up in front of the store more than an hour before his scheduled appearance.

The Cub slugger sat on the bench during Wednesday's game against San Diego as a precaution, and quickly changed afterward to make the session. The stitches were visible, but he was his normal soft-spoken, polite self.

In fact, if he wished, Dawson had plenty to brag about because earlier in the day he was named to start on the National League All-Star team.

Good knight! It's joust what you had feared might happen next in sports

Are we on the verge of a jousting boom

Will there be a pro jousting league with an ESPN-TV contract to follow? Can a Jouster Players Association be far behind? Kent Shelton, of the Hanlon-Lees Action

Theater, doesn't think the sport has come that far, but he and his troupe performing in the Chicago area this summer say they're interested in competition.

"There was an international tournament earlier this summer in France, and we found out about it too late to enter," said Shelton. "We've got a program from it,

gram's in French—this is the first year of across the Illinois-Wisconsin border. what the sponsors hope to be an annual

"We'll try to get in it then. I know there are about 10 or so groups in this country involved in the sport. Maybe we can have a tournament after we get all the rules and equipment standardized."

The Hanlon-Lees group will be demonstrating a variety of related skills on their horses at the 15th annual King Richard's Faire, which opens this weekend and goes seven consecutive weekends through Aug.

though, and as I understand it—the pro- 23. It will be in Bristol, Wis., which is just

"No. 1, we're actors," said Shelton, of his six-man troupe. "No. 2, we're stuntmen and horsemen."

The jousters are fully equipped with authentic 14th Century English suits of armors, complete with shields that are the

targets for the 10-foot poles. "We're the best at what we do," said Shelton, who drives a carriage in New York's Central Park between gigs. "Hey, if you want, we can even chop off someone's

Chicago 20K part of Shorter's plan

In an age when every sport seems to have athletes who don't know when to quit, how does a long-distance runner know it is

"I've thought about that some," said Frank Shorter, "and I think my goal is to never feel as bad as I did after my first marathon. I was 23. My time was 2:17:02, and I felt awful.

"If it ever affects me that way again, I'd probably seriously consider quitting."

Shorter, who won a gold medal in the event in the 1972 Olympics and a silver in the '76 Games, apparently is a long way from that possibility.

He is coming here for Sunday's Chicago Distance Classic 20K, an event he has won four times in its 11-year history. The run is part of a busy schedule of races he has planned for this year leading up to his ultimate, long-range goal: "Be the best guy

in my age group." Shorter, 39, specifically is taking immediate aim at becoming one of the world's best three

Master runners in 1988. To that end, he has reorganized his regimen in the past year to emphasize cross-training. He is running less and adding aerobics, bicycling, weightlifting and workouts in the swimming pool in build-ups to races.

"The nice thing about running is that there are age groups for everybody," he said. "Everyone pretty much acknowledges that there is at least a one percent drop off every time you move up one.

"But no matter what the level,



the best guy in my age group."

I think good athletes always appreciate a good effort by good

Shorter, who lives in Boulder, Colo., is confident about the Chicago Distance Clsssic.

"I always do well in that race," he said. "I like the course. I like running along the lake. I even like the heat.

"It's always been an interesting race for me, but there's always one thing that I remember: The first half always seems to go a lot faster than the second half.

"You go north, and then at the turnaround you're staring at that beautiful skyline on the way back. Unfortunately, to me it always seemed the skyline never gets any bigger and the finish line doesn't get any closer."

Travails of an Illini QB

Illinois quarterback Brian Menkhausen suffered an eye injury last month, then burned his left hand on a stove Sunday. "But I'm okay, and by the time practice starts in August, I'll be 100 percent," he said.

The first accident occurred June 4 while Menkhausen was working at a construction project at Scott Air Force Base. He was using an awl on a shower enclosure when the instrument "stuck and then it flicked back and got me in the eye. It felt like an ice pick or some-

"It didn't really hurt ... but when I looked in the mirror and saw the swelling and the bleeding, I got really worried. I just dropped on my knees and thought, 'Oh my God, what have I done?"

The cornea had been damaged and there was bleeding inside the eye. Surgery was needed.

"I don't think our coaches really knew what happened or how serious it might have been," Menkhausen said. "That's probably just as well."

BRIEFS

A federal grand jury investigation into the activities of agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom is about to intensify, with indictments expected within two months. Many of the 60 current and former college football and basketball players who have been subpoenaed will testify in Chicago during the next month.

Pan American Games organizers say they are about \$3 million short of their \$33 million budget, according to the Indianapolis Star. The Games are scheduled at various sites across Indiana Aug. 7-23. "We are confident," said Mark Miles, president of PAX/Indianapolis. "It doesn't do any good to be nervous." Miles said he expected a large amount of the shortage to be made up through ticket sales. "We expect to sell a lot during the Games," he said. The committee also is looking for a beer distributor to become an official sponsor for a large fee. . . . Though the Michigan City Sports Corp. remains \$48,000 short of its self-imposed goal, the Pan Am yachting events will run as planned. They are scheduled Aug. 11-18 on Lake Michigan.

Lars Nilsen, who won the 1986 outdoor and 1987 indoor NCAA shot put titles, has been suspended from international competition by the Norwegian Sports Federation after testing positive for steroids. Nilsen, who will be a senior at Southern Methodist, could be declared ineligible for the 1988 Olympics. Nilsen denied he has taken steriods.

A woman who adopted sports mogul Jerry Buss' last name and asserts that she lived with him intermittently for 15 years has sued the Los Angeles Lakers owner for \$25 million, claiming he broke his promise to support her for life. Lawyer Marvin Mitchelson is representing Marsha Lee Osborne, who goes by the name Puppi Buss.

Top-seeded Mats Wilander beat Thomas Hogstedt 6-2, 7-5 in the second round of the U.S. Pro Tennis Championships in Brookline, Mass. . . . A man who allegedly wrote apologetic love letters to tennis star Chris Evert and left them in a fastfood restaurant has been arrested and charged with residential burglary, Palm Beach County (Fla.) authorities said. Police said Roger Galbraith, 34, had a meal at Hector's Heck of a Burger, wrote apologetic love letters and left the letters in unsealed envelopes addressed to Evert. Evert's father, James Evert, reported a break-in at her home June 13.

Louisville coach Denny Crum told the Division I Men's Basketball Committee that criteria should be set to determine which teams get into the NCAA tournament and the coaches should help set those guidelines. Crum, whose team was excluded from the 64-team field last season, was invited to speak to the nine-man committee about the system that decides the 35 at-large berths. Chairman Dick Schultz, who will become the NCAA's new executive director, said the committee felt Crum had some valid ideas.

Former middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler and his estranged wife have reached a temporary agreement involving custody of their five children, court officials said. The agreement gives custody of the children to Bertha Hagler but allowed Hagler the right to weekend visits. Judge Alvin Tamkin extended a restraining order prohibiting Hagler from entering the couple's home until Sept. 30. Bertha will receive a \$3,000 monthly allowance. . . . World Boxing Association welterweight champ Mark Breland will fight Marlon Starling Aug. 22 in Columbia, S.C.

Greg Louganis won the men's 3-meter event and Michele Mitchell took the women's 10-meter event at the Bolzano International Diving Meet in Bolzano, Italy.

Philadelphia Eagles running back Keith Byars says his recuperation from a broken left foot appears to be ahead of schedule. The foot has been in a walking cast since the second week in June. . . . San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice has sued Sports Plus Inc. for more than \$250,000, claiming the sports management firm mishandled his money and didn't give him competent advice. Included as defendants are several athletes who Rice said induced him to sign with the firm. Among the other athletes are Bears wide receiver Willie Gault. . . . The Arena Football League will expand to Detroit in 1988.

The National Hockey League season will begin Oct. 8 and end April 3.

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What's the Mets' problem? Ask Curly



'It's tough to make your first debut.

-Yankee outfielder Rickey Henderson, after Toronto pitcher David Wells lost his big-league debut to New York.

Most people think the Mets are in their current desperate state because (a) their pitching staff self-destructed, (b) half the team would like to get traded or (c) Darryl Strawberry lost his alarm clock.

But here's the real reason: It's the Three Stooges.

See, they used to show the video to the world-famous song, "The Curly Shuffle," virtually every night at Shea Stadium. They used to win virtually every night they did that, too.

But this year they got into a copyright battle and weren't able to show a single "Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk" all season until finally settling the dispute last week.

However, they're allowed to show this critical video only 50 times over the next three years, so they've got to pick their spots. The spot they picked for of the ninth last Tuesday, their game with the Cardinals tied at 2-2, and an 81/2-game deficit staring them in the face if they They didn't. They scored in

the first showing was the bottom

the ninth to win 3-2. The evidence, therefore, was overwhelming. It had to be those Stooges. "We haven't had it [the video]

all year, and we haven't played very well," said Davey Johnson. "I don't know why it took us so long to get it back. That's probably been our problem."

Oops! This just in. Moe and Larry called in with the flu, Curly says he's tired of playing with backstabbers, and Keith Hernandez is trying to call a Stooges-only meeting to clear

THE "SAD" DIEGO PADRES FACE THEIR GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR HUMILIATION WHEN THEY PLAY THEIR TOP FARM TEAM IN AN EXHIBITION .

