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By Linda Kay & Mike Conklin

In his corner: Billy Williams' chances of becoming the Cubs' manager may be in limbo, but he has a definite opinion about who should become the club's new director of baseball operations. Williams is telling friends that Roland Hemond is the best person for the job from those names he has heard mentioned. The Hall of Famer says Hemond's knowledge of player personnel, plus his ability to work smoothly with his superiors, makes him just the man for the task at hand. He isn't alone in that thinking, of course. Several White Sox directors still feel replacing Hemond with Ken Harrelson was one of the biggest mistakes their club ever made.

More from Billy...

Williams will be in good position to closely follow developments in Chicago, whether he stays with the club or not: He has worked for Skokie-based Anixter Bros., an electronic and communications wire firm, for four years. Oddly enough, Anixter Bros. was an unsuccessful bidder for the Cubs before they became Tribune Co. property, and on Wednesday, company exec Jim Anixter and Williams sat in a Skokie restaurant going over the North Siders' roster. Would it startle some veteran players to learn they would be traded if Billy became manager?

Cruisin'

The large, bushy-haired human being you see on Loop streets Thursday may be John Matuszak, who's in town to promote his book "Cruisin' With The Tooz." The ex-NFL villain tells us he feels right at home in the Windy City. "The Bears are the Raiders of the 1980s, and I love 'em," said the Tooz. "I loved it when Mike Ditka let his guys vote on the replacement players and then he overruled a unanimous vote. I'm partial to mean and nasty teams. The Raiders are still mean and nasty, but you gotta win. The Bears do." . . . Matuszak siad he has been partial to the Monsters of the Midway dating to his high school days in Oak Creek, Wis. And he said he knew he'd made his mark in the NFL as a rookie when he blasted Chicago QB Bobby Douglass with a late hit in 1973. "I looked over at the sideline and there was Dick Butkus in a rage, jumping up and down and screaming at officials. He was cussin' me out. I knew I'd arrived."

An outdoor girl

Liza Bortz was just one of many Bear wives who modeled fur coats at a benefit Tuesday for spina bifida, but she probably knew a lot more about the costly items than most. In a biography she submitted for Tuesday's program, Liza listed the leisure activities she most enjoyed doing with husband Mark as "Fishing, trapping and, this year, trying deer hunting."

Down the alley, I

Bob Mills is executive vice president of the Park National Bank in Chicago, a button-down job that seems odd for the coach of the U.S. men's bowling team. But Mills' situation fits perfectly with that of the squad he coaches: The group that will compete at the Olympics next year in Seoul is composed of teachers, truck drivers, salesmen and college students. "It's not what you might think when you think about Olympians," Mills told us. "Most of these people are employed full time and this is really a hobby to them, but something at which they excel."

Down the alley, II

Mills communicates with his team members by phone or letter, but plans to meet them face to face at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs for a week in February. "We'll learn more there about the mental part of the game," he said, "and about weight training and dieting." Dieting? Even Mills had to agree that nutrition isn't a priority for bowlers, but he also noted that modern bowling centers and better college bowling programs have gone a long way toward dispelling the perception of the beer-drinking, big-bellied bowler. "They even tell me," Mills imparted, "that yuppies are getting into bowling."

News, notes and nonsense

Mills will be on hand to watch as 20 foreign bowlers representing 14 countries participate next week in the Brunswick Memorial World Open in Glendale Heights. Before the competition begins, tourney sponsors make the foreigners feel right at home by serving cuisine from their native lands at a dinner Thursday at the Ritz-Carlton. . . . Mort Luby Jr. has been inducted into the American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame, joining his grandfather, David, and his father, Mort Sr. All served as publisher of the Bowlers Journal. . . . Health & Tennis Corporation co-founders Don Wildman and Roy Zurkowski will be inducted into the Club Industry Hall of Fame along with Mid-Town Tennis Club operator Alan Schwartz Friday night at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. The Club Industry is holding a four-day show here that runs through Saturday. . . . Eric Barber of Palos Hills went one-on-one with Michael Jordan in wheelchair basketball—and beat him. His sports fantasy-come-true is included in NBC's "Best of Sports Fantasies" (Saturday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.). ... Andre Dawson, whose grandmother died of Alzheimer's disease, has agreed to be the spokesman for the Chicago chapter of the group during November, which is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. ... For the fourth year, Arthur Andersen & Co. of Chicago sends a team of 20 male and female employees Friday to the national finals of the ComputerLand Corporate Sports Battle in Orlando. Swimming, we're told, is the team's strong suit.

And finally, here's Matuszak on Eric Dickerson's jump to the highest bidder: "How'd you like to go to war and have that guy on your side?"

Voter rejection of new stadium has Giants making moving plans

The defeat of a plan to build a downtown stadium means that the San Francisco Giants will be looking for a new home, according to club owner Bob Lurie.

The measure was defeated 53.2 per-

cent to 46.8 percent. "The Giants will not be in San Francisco," Lurie said after Tuesday's election defeat of a proposition that would have replaced Candlestick Park with an \$80 million ballpark. "There are lots of cities across the country on their heads and gloves in their A. Bartlett Giamatti requesting a issue.

that are dying for the Giants. I will be talking to a lot of different communities, starting in 1988. I'll consider anyplace that wants us."

The Giants' lease on Candlestick expires in 1994.

One of the places that would love to have the Giants, or any major-league team, is Washington.

It's a rare sight to see senators doing the lobbying on Capitol Hill, but there they were Wednesday, baseball caps

hands, publicly pressing for a team. Six senators and a delegate from the

District of Columbia announced the formation of a Senate task force on baseball expansion. The group, led by Sen. Tim Wirth (D., Colo.) includes 15 senators, all of whom are lobbying for teams in their home states.

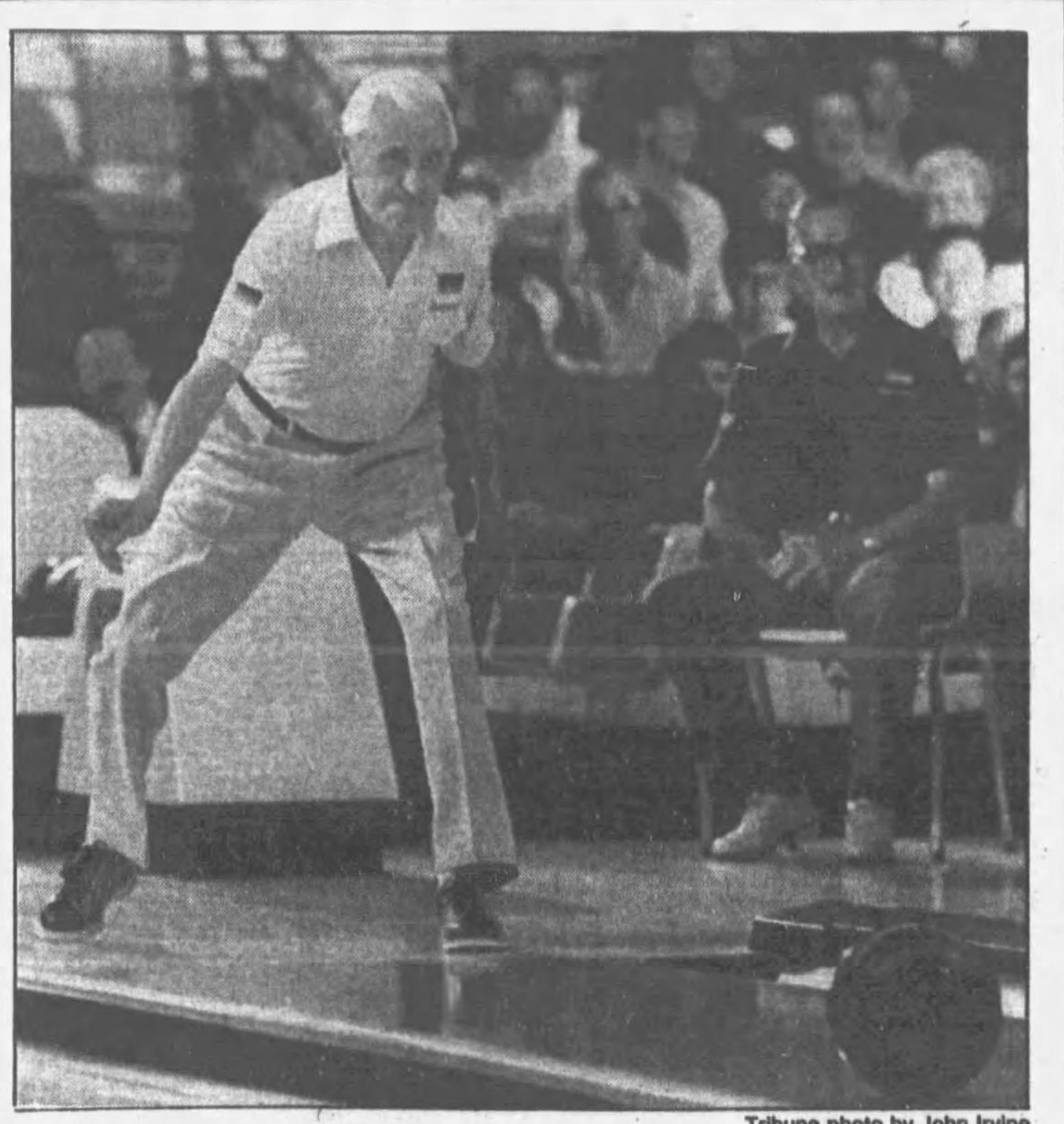
The task force has sent letters to Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, American League President Bobby Brown and National League President

meeting "before the end of November" to discuss expansion.

No meeting time or place has been established.

Baseball is exempt from antitrust laws and is empowered with internally deciding whether it would allow more

The senators admitted there was little they could do legislatively, other than getting the attention of baseball's decisionmakers in order to press the



Karl Goldhemmer, 80, who won the 1936 Olympic Bowling Exhibition gold medal, shows his stuff at a match Wednesday at Brunswick Northern Bowl in Glendale Heights. Also bowling was Joe Norris (seated), 79, who won the silver medal in 1936.

Blue Demons winners with TV execs

The De Paul Blue Demons may be on the verge of becom-

ing the next America's Team. All 28 De Paul basketball games will be televised in the 1987-88 season. The Blue Demons, getting total TV coverage for the first time, will appear on six different systems, with WGN-TV (Channel 9) carrying 14 of the games.

The other 14 will be divided among the networks (6) and cable outlets USA, ESPN and

De Paul's Nov. 28 opener in the Horizon will be telecast on

"We're looking at national exposure every time we play," said Bill Bradshaw, De Paul athletic director.

Soviet basketball team gets a taste of America

Members of the Soviet national basketball team were treated to some American home cooking by a federal judge and his wife, but one of the players admitted a preference for another U.S. staple—fast

The Soviets, in Springfield for Wednesday's game against Illinois State at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, sampled all-American fare offered by Judge Harlington Wood of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and his wife, Cathryn.

Mrs. Wood said she selected a very American menu for Tuesday's meal baked ham, Texas casserole potatoes, marinated carrots, meat balls, apple pie and vanilla ice cream.

But when team member Sergei Grishaev was asked about his favorite American fare, home cooking came in second.

"Kentucky Fried Chicken," Grishaev

The 14 players, who are expected to compete in the 1988 Olympics, had visited the tomb of Abraham Lincoln earlier in the day. They filed solemnly past a bronze bust of Lincoln, some pausing to rub the well-worn nose for luck. One of the Soviet visitors videotaped the tour guide's speech.

"They already know all about Abraham Lincoln," said interpreter Alex Goloff of Peoria, a retired Caterpillar employee. "Soviet kids learn early on about Washington and Lincoln in particular."

Coach Aleksandr Gomelsky placed a wreath at the burial vault as a team tribute to Lincoln.

Before the Soviets' 71-62 victory in front of 7,200 fans, the teams exchanged gifts as goodwill gestures, but the Soviet players; also picked up a few items during a shopping trip.

"They love jeans," said Nick Baltusevich, another interpreter. "They want the latest-I don't know what you call them-

those washed-out colors." "They also love to get T-shirts, so the Redbirds are giving them red shirts with Illinois State on them," said Mike Ham-

rick, the school's assistant athletic director. Sharunas Marchulenis had 18 points for

the Soviets. Cliff Peterson led ISU with 17.

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Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer and Nebraska coach Tom Osborne go for their 146th career victories Saturday. If they get them, they'll pass Bud Wilkinson to become the winningest football coaches in Big Eight history. Switzer (145-25-4) will pass Wilkinson (145-29-4) if the Sooners beat Oklahoma State. Osborne (145-32-2) goes for No. 146 against lowa

BRIEFS

Big 10 and Iowa officials will investigate whether Hawkeye senior Kevin Harmon has accepted money and benefits from agent Norby Walters. Kevin Harmon was named in an arbitrator's decision that involved Walters associate Lloyd Bloom and Harmon's brother, Buffalo Bills running back Ronnie Harmon.

The National Football League Players Association arbitration hearing focused on more than \$54,000 Ronnie Harmon received from Walters, dating back to his junior year at Iowa, but arbitrator John Culver said in his ruling that Kevin Harmon also received gifts.

Culver, a former U.S. senator from Iowa, nullified the contract Ronnie Harmon signed in March, 1985, on grounds that Walters and Bloom violated NFLPA regulations. Harmon must repay \$5,869.47 of the \$54,924.42 that Walters gave him in cash, airline tickets and a car. Culver's decision said Kevin Harmon received \$350 and airline tickets while entering his sophomore season.

The Los Angeles Rams have suspended All-Pro cornerback LeRoy Irvin for "conduct detrimental to the team." Irvin will not play Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission has received \$19.6 million from the National Football League as settlement of an antitrust suit filed when the NFL attempted to block the Raiders' move from Oakland.

New York Jets running back Freeman McNeil has lost his starting job to Johnny Hector. "The coach [Joe Walton] feels he needs to do something," McNeil said.

The Houston Oilers have signed tackle Bruce Matthews to a contract worth nearly \$1.6 million over four years.

Matthews had filed suit seeking to become a free agent. Detroit Lions owner William Clay Ford held a closeddoor meeting with players and coaches. The Lions are 1-6.

The Atlantic City Convention Center will be the site of the Jan. 23 heavyweight title fight between undisputed champion Mike Tyson and Larry Holmes.

St. Louis business leaders have been sent letters asking them to support a last-ditch effort aimed at keeping the football Cardinals in the area. St. Louis County Executive Gene McNary is asking the businessmen to make commitments by Friday for leasing luxury suites and preferred seating at a proposed stadium in Maryland Heights. Civic leaders have reacted skeptically.

Dallas Cowboys representatives say that legal action is being initiated against several bars that showed the blackedout football game Monday night in violation of federal laws. Lorrie Nichols of Algonquin led Karen Ellingsworth of Des Plaines by 124 pins after two rounds of the Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour Fair Lanes Classic in Englewood, Colo. Nichols had 2,882 pins. . . . Mats Karlsson threw a strike on the last ball of the second round to take a one-pin lead

over Mike Taylor in the True Value Open in Indianapolis. Karlsson had 2,775 pins. The New York Rangers have traded defensemen Willie! Huber and Larry Melnyk to the Vancouver Canucks for defenseman Michel Petit.

Randy Lanier, the 1986 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year, has pleaded innocent in Benton, Ill., to drug charges. U.S. Magistrate Philip Frazier set a Dec. 7 court date. Lanier, 33, is accused of engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise, of conspiracy to distribute more than 1,000 pounds of marijuana and of conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service.

Sixth-seeded Tim Mayotte withstood the booming serves of Slobodan Zivojinovic for a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, triumph in the second round of the Paris Open. Amos Mansdorf defeated Thierry Champion 6-2, 6-3. Second-seeded Pat Cash downed Jakob Hlasek 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), and Henri Leconte cruised past Eduardo Bengoechea 6-2, 6-1. Top-seeded Miloslav Mecir overcame bouts of wildness and the powerful serve of Guy Forget for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory. . . . Jim Grabb stunned No. 2-seeded Mats Wilander 7-5, 6-4 in the second round of the Stockholm Open. No. 3 Joakim Nystrom trounced Joey Rive 6-2, 6-1, No. 5 Anders Jarryd downed Nduka Odizor 6-3, 6-4, and No. 8 Peter Lundgren beat Ben Testerman 7-5, 6-3. . . . Chris Evert beat Andrea Holikova 6-4, 6-1 in the Virginia Slims of New England in Worcester, Mass.

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The Katmandu Klassic will have to wait until next year

Okay, you basketball junkies, this is for you. There will be at least 88 in-season tournaments involving Division I teams, beginning with the Big Apple NIT Nov. 20 and ending with the McClendon Classic Jan. 7 at Illinois-Chicago.

In between, there will be the usual mixture of the exotic, the frigid and the strange:

There will be five tournaments in Hawaii. There will be tournaments in Cork, Ireland; San Juan; and Japan. There also will be a game Classic and the WBUD Classic.

in Taiwan. On the other extreme, there will be tournaments in Anchorage; Missoula, Mont.; Casper, Wyo.; and Boise, Idaho.

There will be the food wars—the Coca-Cola Invitational, the Pepsi Classic (instead of Classic Coke), the McDonalds Classic and the Wendy's Classic (hold the mayo).

There will be high-tech showdowns in the Cellunet Classic, the MCI Classic and the Apple Invitational.

There will be the media events such as the Times-Dispatch Invitational, the Toledo Blade

Given the state of the stock market, the most interesting tourneys could be the Merrill Lynch Classic and the Investors Classic.

Look sharp, be sharp football fans

Fans will get a chance to choose the National Football League's Most Valuable Player at the end of the season.

A panel of former NFL players and coaches now working as broadcasters will nominate six players—one from each division—for the award after the close of the regular season. Each player will be assigned a 900 number, and voting will run from mid-December through the games on Jan. 17.

When the voting closes, the

ballots will be tabulated and the winner announced by the NFL and Gillette, which has sponsored the MVP Award since 1985 through an agreement with NFL Films.

The winner will be announced on Jan. 26.

The panelists who will nominate the six players are Irv Cross, Hank Stram and Dick Vermeil of CBS; Paul Maguire, Merlin Olsen, Ahmad Rashad and Bob AFC-NFC Championship Trumpy of NBC; and Tom Jackson and Allie Sherman of

Hey, Dad, this venison tastes funny

New Jersey officials are aiming to bag illegal hunters by setting up deer decoys.

The decoys are being set up along roads or in woods. They usually are made of wood and foam covered with hide taken from animals killed by cars.

The idea is that a hunter will see the decoy, shoot at it and be arrested by game wardens hiding nearby, said Steve Herb, chief of the Bureau of Law Enforcement of the state's Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Herb said his bureau apprehends about 4,000 people every year who violate state hunting laws. Deer decoys have been used successfully in Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine and Tennessee, Herb said.

In Maine, game wardens have improved decoys by rigging them electronically to fall when shot. That program has been so successful the state is considering setting up moose decoys.



Jim Walden

'I think they're a heck of a team. They're big. They're strong. They're fast. Their mothers love them. They have nice red suits. They have nice white hats with an 'N' on it. And they kill you.'

-lowa State coach Jim Walden, whose team plays unbeaten Nebraska

