

By Linda Kay & Mike Conklin

It's going to be warm Nov. 7 to 13 in Chicago. How do we know this? Chris Evert, who rarely ventures from the Sun Belt to play tennis at that time of year, is coming to Chicago to compete in the Slims tournament. It will be her first competitive appearance here since 1980, when she was runner-up to Martina Navaratilova in the same event. Maybe we'll get another old-fashioned shootout between Evert and Navratilova, who's also coming to Chicago. One thing we probably won't get is Grand Slammer Steffi Graf, who's expected to skip the tournament.

Real gold medals

A hat tip to Seagram's, which has been funding the travel expenses for relatives of U.S. Olympic athletes. Seagram's picked up the tab for weightlifter Rich Schutz and his father, Fred, to make their emergency trip to Chicago to attend the funeral of Rich's mother. We talked with speedskater Dan Jansen, whose sister died just before he took the ice in the Winter Olympics. "You have to keep competing," he said. "It's the only way to go. My sister would've wanted me to." Jansen obviously likes a head-on challenge. He has transferred from Wisconsin-Milwaukee to the University of Calgary just so he can work out in the facility where he took his tragic tumbles.

Hold the reform, please

Somebody send a copy of the latest Sportsinc to City Hall. The magazine tells about a growing trend for major cities to form umbrella-like sports commissions to coordinate business, promotion, construction, etc. Of course, Chicago, unlike New York and L.A., isn't on the list of cities with commissions. Robert Baade, a Lake Forest College economics professor who's an expert in these matters, told us: "The commissions are a growing trend, but they can be a very political thing. In the case of Chicago, you know it would be just that. The historical rivalries of the teams are a big factor here, too. You can't even get the Chicago teams to share a stadium. Chicago seems to prefer to deal with matters on an ad hoc crisis

Travel tip

Should be quite a weekend in Green Bay. In addition to the Bears renewing their rivalry with the Packers, the following groups will be holding conventions there at the same time: Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association, Moose and Wisconsin Orthodontists. If traffic's lighter than expected and Chicago fans arrive early at Lambeau Field, we suggest the Packer Hall of Fame across the street. It's open 364 days a year. The Bears appear frequently in the 13 audio-visual exhi-

Media alert

National: Look for Hubie Brown to be named as Billy Cunningham's replacement as the CBS analyst for pro basketball. Local: Bear offensive lineman Kurt Becker, an Aurora product, will start a weekly radio show in that community on WMRO starting Monday morning at 7:40.

Turning the page

There used to be a day when relations between Alan Page and the Vikings-mainly former coach Bud Grant—were strained. This led to the All-Pro tackle's trade to Chicago. Apparently, everyone has buried the hatchet. Page is being honored at Sunday's Viking game against Philadelphia; he'll be presented with his Hall of Fame ring in special ceremonies. We're told Page still doesn't attend many games despite living in the Twin Cities area. But he's definitely taking advantage of this appearance. Fans will be asked to donate to his educational foundation. The Vikes already are in the proper spirit. General Manager Mike Lynn said the club will donate revenue from 10 skyboxes that

Breakthrough time?

Question 1: Now that National League umpire Dave Pallone won't be returning next season, does this leave an opening for Pam Postema to become major league baseball's first female ump? Sounds like a nice hot potato for new Commissioner Bart Giamatti.

Question 2: If Postema gets the nod, think there'll be any hoopla the first time she's behind the plate for Houston pitcher Bob Knepper?

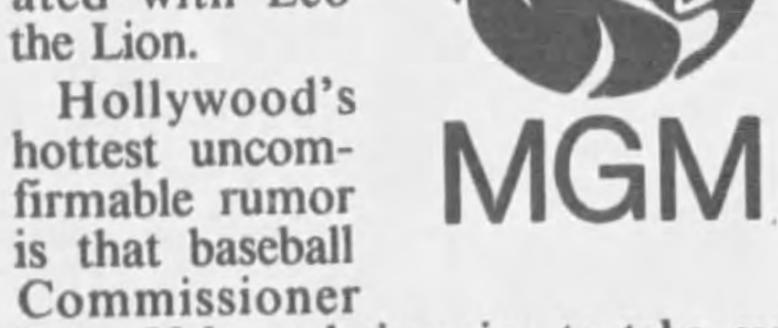
News, notes and nonsense

Jimbo and Penny Covert recreate the famous kissing scene in the movie "From Here to Eternity" as part of a Dry-athlon at Dick's Last Resort on Thursday night. The Coverts smooch in a segment of the competition called "From Beer to Eternity." The gig is sponsored by Old Style, and part of the proceeds benefit children with spina bifida. . . . Northwestern looks as if its punting game will be strong for four more years. Freshman Ed Sutter, a Peoria product who's also a promising linebacker, ranks sixth in the nation after two games with a 45.9 average for 11 punts. . . . Quincy (Ill.) College is looking for a new head baseball coach. ... Miami may have the best chance to win back-to-back national football championships since Alabama repeated in 1979. Only 10 major colleges have done it in the 52 years that a No. team has been recognized. ... Western Illinois' nickname for its outstanding QB, Paul Singer, is the "Singer Throwing Machine." ... Bear special teams coach Steve Kazor begins a weekly Q&A dinner gig

Friday at Tony Spavone's restaurant in Bloomingdale. And, finally, if you think the Bears are making a spectacle of themselves these days, go to the Lincoln Park Zoo on the weekend of Oct. 14-15. The world's wildlife experts will gather there for the first International Symposium on the Spectacled Bear.

Maybe they'll make more baseball movies

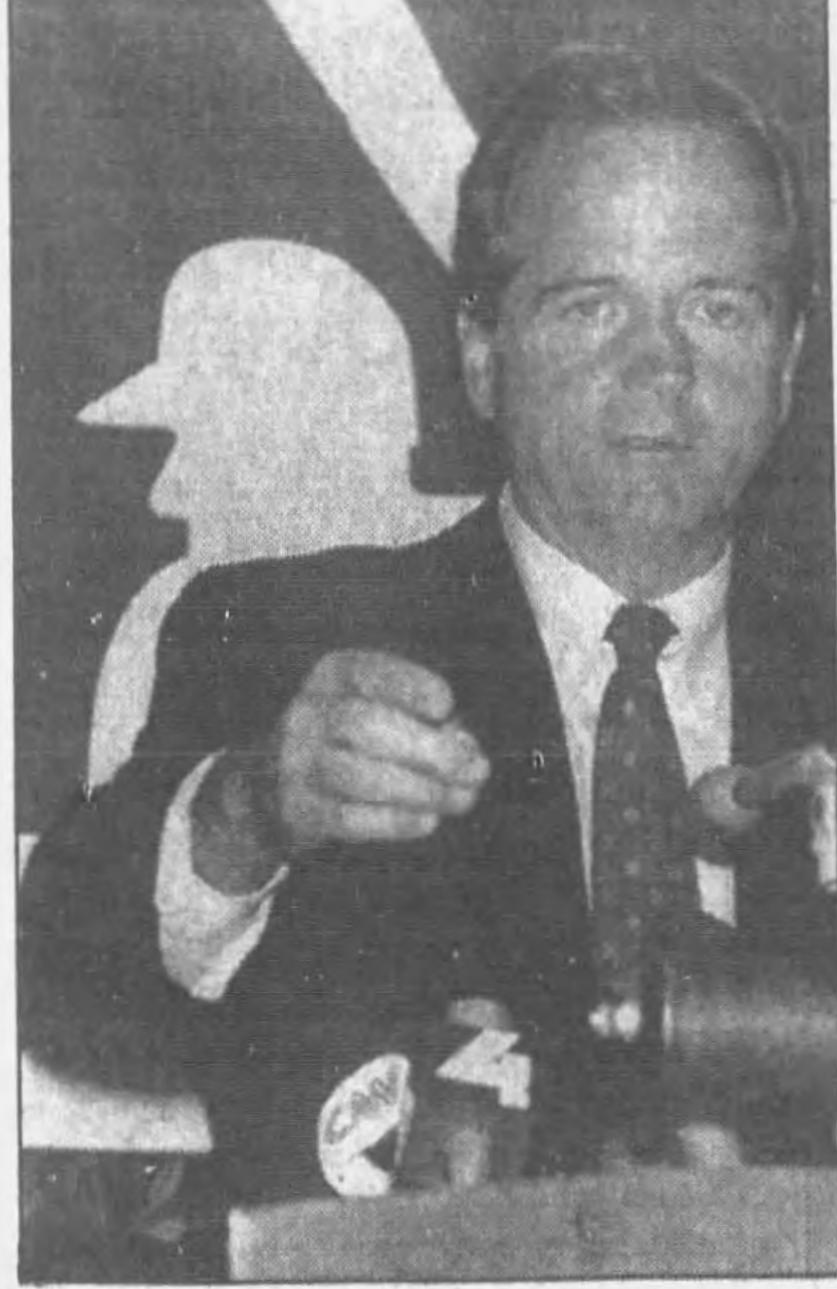
He didn't have to deal with Leo the Lip, but he might be associated with Leo the Lion.



Peter Ueberroth is going to take over at MGM.

Time Magazine's Man of the Year of 1984, who went from being president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee to being commissioner, reportedly is heavy into a factfinding mission at the studios, where Alan Ladd Jr. stepped down as Metro's chairman and CEO last week.

If Ueberroth like what he sees, he'll be leaving the pitchers for the pictures, becoming a partner with Kirk Kerkorian, a majority stockholder in



Peter Ueberroth: From baseball czar to movie mogul?

MGM and United Artists.

Ueberroth, who is serving his first term as commissioner, is resigning next year. A. Bartlett Giamatti, the National League president, has been chosen as Ueberroth's successor.

Miami QB may take an early out

Miami (Fla.) quarterback Steve Walsh says he might forgo his senior season to turn pro, but first he wants to win the Heisman Trophy and lead the topranked Hurricanes to their second straight national championship.

Walsh, a junior who is 14-0 as a starter, says he might join such recent Hurricanes as Bernie Kosar and Michael Irvin in skipping his senior season.

"It's something I'll discuss with coach Jimmy Johnson and with my family,"

Walsh said. "I don't know if I'm ready to make a huge step like that, but it's something that definitely will be talked about at the end of the season."

Walsh was redshirted his first year at Miami and is to receive a degree in fi-

nance next summer. "I listed six or seven goals before spring practice, and the Heisman was one of them," Walsh said. "It was down on the list, though. My main goal is to quarterback another undefeated nationalchampionship team."

Another street scene for Green

Boxer Mitch "Blood" Green continues to get into more action outside the ring than in it. He was arrested for disorderly conduct Wednesday after New York police found him on a Harlem street cor-

Sgt. Ed Burns, a police spokesman, said officers had to use an electronic stun gun to subdue Green after a woman complained to officers around 1 a.m. that a man was "ranting and raving" and "acting irrationally" at

125th Street and Park Avenue. Green also was charged with driving with a suspended license and seventhdegree criminal possession of a controlled substance. Green's license has

been suspended 54 times. Last month, Green was involved in a street scuffle with heavyweight champ Mike Tyson. The two argued over a previous bout that Green had lost. Tyson suffered a fractured bone in his right hand during the incident.

Filipinos aren't short in basketball desire

In the Philippines, a nation of mostly short folk, people love the game of giants.

A common sight in Manila's tumbledown neighborhoods, "basketball courts" abound all over the archipelago.

On streets and dirt fields, hoops made of pail handles and backboards of wooden scraps are nailed to trees. Teenage boys, dribbling any sort of ball, play in rubber thongs and tattered shorts. Timeout is signaled by the passing of cars.

"Foreigners say we should concentrate on baseball or soccer, where small people have better chances of excelling," said a local basketball fan. "But baseball is costly and soccer requires

In a country where nearly 70 percent of the people live in poverty, all Filipinos need is a street corner to play their national game.

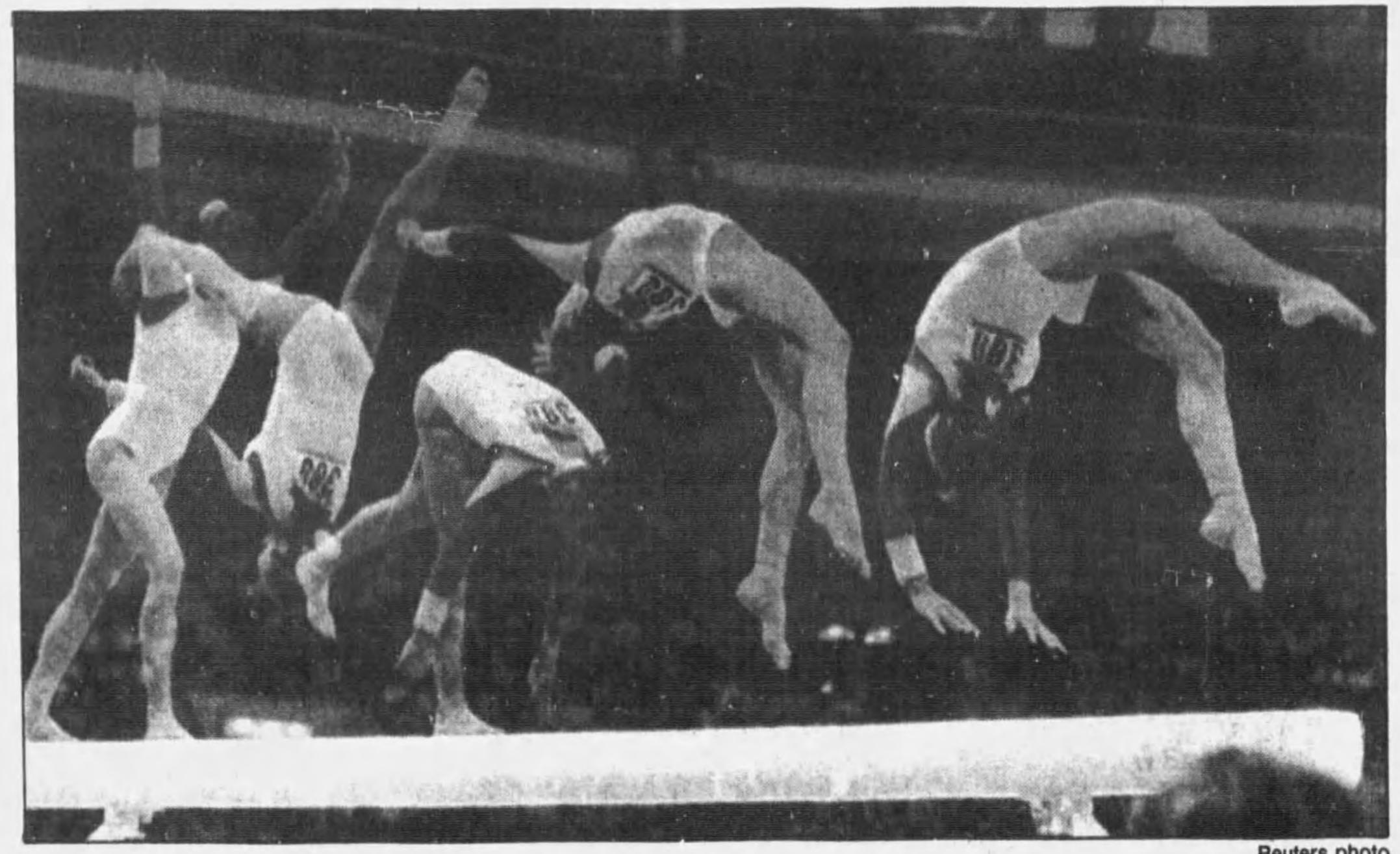
"Biiiird," 12-year-old Renato Revano shouted, imitating the jump shot of the Boston Celtics' Larry Bird, which he had seen often on televi-

With an average height of 5 feet 5 inches, Filipinos are dwarves compared with the American stars they emulate.

"This is a game of pygmies," lamented Rodrigo Salud, commissioner of the Philippine Basketball Association. "We should all come to grips with the reality that we will never be world champions, or anything close to that."

Some Filipinos even risk their lives to shoot baskets.

Recently in rural Quezon province, Communist rebels retreating from battle came upon villagers in a game, dropped their M-16s and started shooting hoops.



Reuters photo

It isn't the entire Romanian women's gymnastics team doing their routines on the balance beam. It's just Eugenia Joles and a

multiple exposure picture. The Romanians, finished second to the Soviet Union in the team competition in Seoul.

Olympics full of golden superstitions

For Olympic 800-meter champion Joaquim Cruz and the rest of the Brazilian team, getting off on the right foot at the Seoul Games means never getting out of bed left foot first.

Brazilian team officials have ordered the athletes to put their right foot first in everything they do—morning, noon and night.

"It's superstition. Getting out of bed, going into the residence, going to dinner, right foot first. It's for luck, for results," said Brazilian volleyball player Domingos Lampariello. "It would be bad to put your left foot first."

All the athletes at the Olympic Games hope good fortune, God or both will be on their side. But some do more than others to help things

In Seoul's Olympic Village, home to 13,000 athletes and officials, a superstition, lucky charm, prayer or ritual can be found to suit every culture, religion and sport.

Gabon's athletes have orders not to put their hands under their beds; it brings bad luck. Some competitors from Papua New Guinea carry rope charms.

Athletes from the South Pacific island of Tonga

hope to draw strength from singing—with an American pop group. The team plans a get-together with the Jets, a U.S.-based Tongan music group in town for the Games, to psych them-

"The Tongans are very religious. One of the strengths they find is in prayer, singing and being together," said Bryn Harris, an Australian who is the acting president of Tonga's national Olympic

"The songs are hymns, but don't ask me what they mean because they're in Tongan and I don't understand," he said.

Ira Fabian, a 200-meter sprinter from Antigua who strolls around the village playing reggae music on a portable stereo set, has made up his own prayer for success. "I pray and hope for the best and anybody who slips get licked [beaten]," is his personal chant.

Britain's equestrian team is an equally superstitious breed. Horsewoman Virginia Leng has worn the same boots since 1981 and has dubbed them "Old Faithfuls." Jennie Loriston-Clarke has stuck to the same socks since 1978.

He doesn't confuse the meatballs with a soccer ball

When diners at Graziano's in

Lothar Osiander moonlights as coach of the U.S. Olympic soccer team. For 17 years, Osiander has

a.m. to 4 p.m., he waits tables in the heart of the city's financial district. He devotes his weekends and time off to scouting and soccer practice.

Osiander is on vacation from the restaurant during the Olym-

BRIEFS

Washington Redskins quarterback Doug Williams will be out for at least four weeks after undergoing surgery for an appendicitis. "He's expected to be in the hospital for five to seven days, and is expected to be out for at least four weeks," spokesman Marty Hurney said. Williams was taken to Arlington Hospital in suburban Washington for tests complaining of abdominal pain after practice Wednesday. Mark Rypien, 26, who has never played in a regular-season game, will start Sunday against the Phoenix Cardinals. "For him, this is terrible," Rypien said. "For me, I guess it's time to put up or shut up."

Los Angeles Raiders coach Mike Shanahan said Jay Schroeder will be his team's starting quarterback against Denver Monday night. Schroeder was traded to the Raiders by Washington in exchange for tackle Jim Lachey and two draft choices Sept. 5. Schroeder replaces Steve Beuerlein.

An appeals court has refused to overturn a judge's decision that allows the Bears to buy nearly 20 percent of the team's stock from the estate of George "Mugs" Halas Jr. The decision was a setback for Christine and Stephen Halas, grandchildren of Bears founder George Halas Sr. In January, Cook County Probate Judge Henry Budzinski ordered the estate of Halas Jr. to sell its 19.68 percent ownership of Bears' stock because the estate didn't have enough cash to meet expenses. Budzinski later approved a \$17.5 million offer by real estate developers Neil Bluhm and Judd Malkin, but the team, exercising its right to make a bid, bought the stock for an undisclosed price. The Halas children tried to stop the deal, saying the Bears missed a 60-day deadline to make their bid, but Budzinski disagreed. The Illinois Appellate Court, in an opinion written by Justice Daniel McNamara, upheld the ruling.

Vince Workman, Ohio State's starting tailback and the team's leading rusher each of the last two years, has been declared ineligible for the rest of his senior season because he signed with an agent. Athletic Director Jim Jones announced the move, saying Workman's action was a violation of Big 10 and NCAA rules. It's the second time an Ohio State player has been declared ineligible in as many seasons. Jones could not say whether the university would have to forfeit any games as a result of Workman's action. Workman said he probably would stay at Ohio State and work toward his graduation next year. He said he hopes to play professional football. Workman said he accepted \$1,000 from San Francisco-based agent Dave Lueddeke at a meeting in Columbus in February, 1987. Workman later collected \$1,000 more in cashier's checks. Workman, a product of a broken home who was raised by a guardian, said he took the money to help brothers Michael, 17, and Eric, 14. Lueddeke has been named in the same federal indictment as Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, who were charged with giving money to Cris Carter, the leading receiver in Ohio State history. Carter, now a member of the Philadelphia Eagles, pleaded guilty Friday to mail fraud and obstruction of justice for accepting money from Bloom and Walters, which caused him to be suspended last season.

A Jacksonville (Fla.) official has confirmed that the Atlanta Falcons have contacted the city to discuss moving the National Football League team to Florida as early as next year. Rick Catlett, staff director for the Jacksonville National Football League Task Force, said the Falcons asked Jacksonville authorities to "clarify" their long-standing invitation to the team. Falcons owner Rankin Smith has acknowledged that his interest in moving to Jacksonville has been rekindled because he has become pessimistic about getting a new stadium in Atlanta.

The Green Bay Packers probably have fewer problems with drugs and alcohol than at any time in the last 25 years, according to the longtime team physician. "We don't have any drug problem," said Dr. E.S. Brusky, who joined the Packers in 1962. "It's much better than last year. This club probably is better off than it's ever been."

Running back Eric Dickerson returned from the Indianapolis Colts' 23-17 loss at Cleveland to find that his home had been burglarized. Dickerson found the front door had been pried open, sheriff's investigtor Barbara Kendrick said. Reported missing were a gold and diamond ring valued at \$2,000, a gold bracelet, a videocassette recorder, tapes and a carrying bag.

A day after Mike Tyson ducked camera crews when he arrived at New York's Kennedy International Airport at the end of his trip to the Soviet Union, a camera crew was said to be doing the ducking. According to Mike Callaghan, the managing editor of WNBC News 4, a two-man camera crew and a field producer were at the foot of Tyson's driveway in Bernardsville, N.J., when the champion went out for a noontime run. When Tyson saw the producer, Callaghan said, he smiled, but when he spotted the crew, his reaction was quite different: He hurled a portable tape recorder that struck the camera and knocked it for a loop. Then, as the startled crew watched, Callaghan said, Tyson picked up the camera and smashed it against the ground before continuing his run. Nobody was hurt, according to Callaghan.

Second-seeded Kevin Curren beat Jim Courier 6-1, 6-3 in the second round of the Volvo-Los Angeles tennis tournament.

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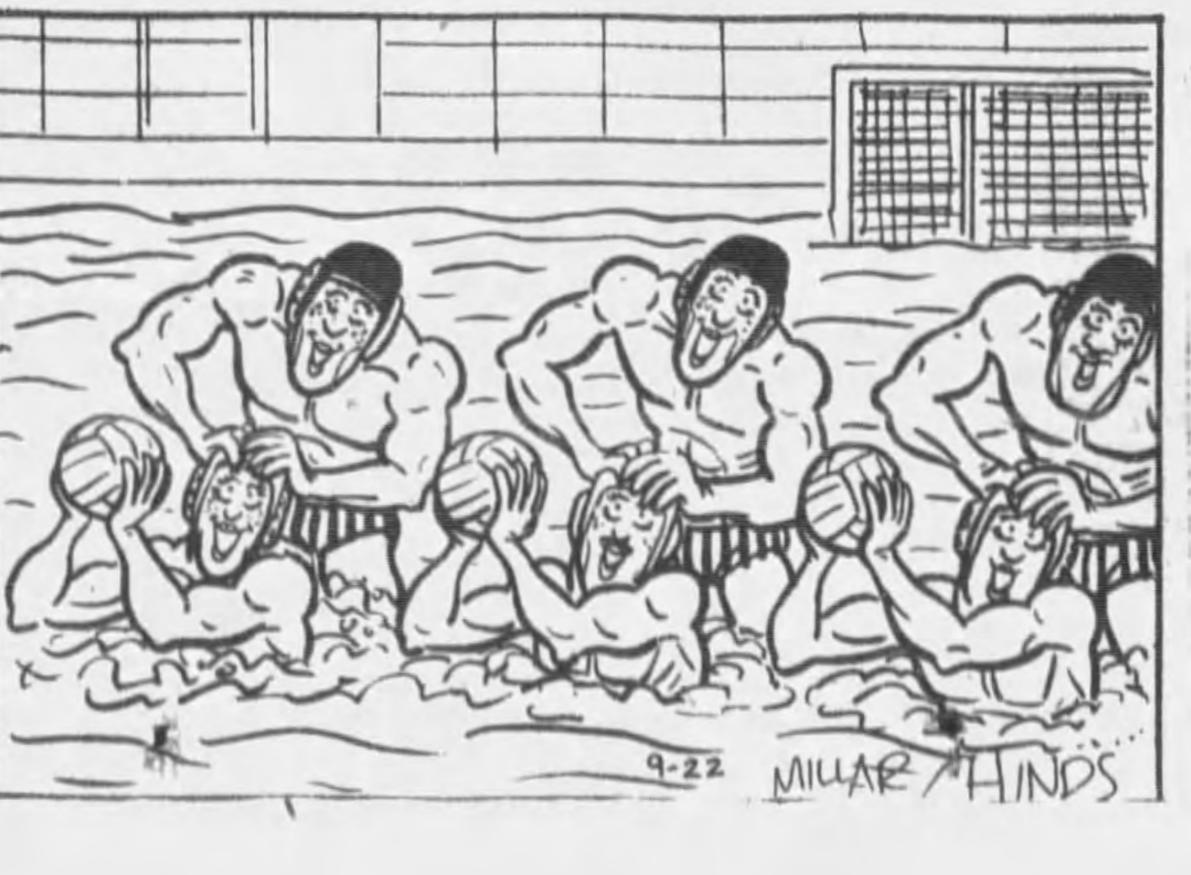
San Francisco need more bread or a second helping of pasta, they don't yell, "Waiter." They yell, "Hey, Coach."

That's because they know that

donned a tuxedo for his job as a waiter at the elegant Italian restaurant. It sounds like an odd mix of jobs, but for Osiander, it's perfect. Five days a week, from 11

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