**Spotlight on Madigan operation**

Report blister former chief of staff

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SPRINGFIELD — An investigation into the “workplace culture” of Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan’s (D-22nd) office found his former chief of staff contributed to a culture of bullying pervasive throughout the Capitol system.

The review, conducted by former federal prosecutor and former executive inspector general Maggie Hickey, was called for in response to allegations of harassment. She current works for Schiff Hardin LLP.

Hickey found “by far the most consistent criticism” of more than 100 people interviewed was “bullying,” according to the report released last week. The issues, including “hazing” experienced by some workers, were described as “in- evitable” due to long hours workers spend in the Statehouse and the “militant” nature of Madigan’s staff.

Madigan and a group of female Democratic lawmakers called for Hickey to conduct the probe of the Speaker’s office in June 2018.

“I welcomed this independent review to better understand the workplace culture within the Office of the Speaker and to help improve the environment in the Capitol,” Madigan said in a press release.
EUGENE VICTOR AVERY
Eugene Victor Avery, age 37, of Lyn- on, passed away August 17. Beloved son of Annette Marie Avery (nee Borucki) and the late Eugene Chester Avery; loving brother of Marie (Timothy) O’Toole; loving uncle of Liam and Aiden O’Toole, godfather and uncle of Michelle Avery O’Toole; fond nephew of Eileen Avery Borucki, Gerry (Helen) Borucki, Janet (Mike) Muraida, Kathy (Frank) Mastej, Phil Borucki, Dan (Donna) Borucki, Lester (the late Roberta) Borucki, the late Nancy (Lourie) Birtell; loving cousin to many.


KEITH D. KOSTUSH
Keith D. Kostush, age 57, of Chicago, loving member of the community, passed away August 17.

Beloved husband of JoAnn (nee Ro- ethlic); loving father of Christina LaBelle and Daniel Kostush; proud grandfather of Ashley LaBelle and Hayley Kostush; cherished son of the late Daniel and Dor- othy (nee Nawrocki) Kostush; dear son-in-law of Mary and the late Harold Roethlic; dear brother of Christine (Cheser) Gniezda, David Jady Gignegheim Kostush, and Gregory (Patti) Kostush. Keith will be dearly missed by his many nieces and nephews.

Memorial visitations in celebration of Keith’s life will be held on Friday August 30 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Foran Funeral Home 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th St. just west of Harlem). At 8:30 a.m. that evening family and friends will share their memories in honor of Keith. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Kidney Fund (180 N. Wabash Ave # 320, Chicago, IL. 60601) would be appreci- iated. Condolences may be sent to Keith’s family on his personal tribute website at www.foranfuneralhome.com. For information 708-458-0208.

SUSAN M. LEWIS
Susan Lewis (nee Waliczek), age 62, of Chicago, Garfield Ridge community, passed away August 18.

Beloved wife of Frank; loving mother of Jeffery Wunderlich III and Alex Liden; loving grandmother of Jenny, Amy, Devan, Colleen, Mandy, Marie, Gina, Ryan, Ricky, Lindsey, T.J., and the late Michael; great grand- mother of 22; sister of the late Kenneth (Lillian) Carlson; aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held August 25 at Foran Funeral Home 7300 W. Archer Ave (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation was held on August 26 at funeral home until time of prayers. A Mass of Christian Burial was on August 26 at St. Joseph Church. Enrollment Retirement Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to Franks’ family on his personal tribute website at www.foranfuneralhome.com. For information 708-458-0208.

ADELE HAMILTON
Adele Hamilton (nee Carlson), age 96, of Brookfield, passed away August 19.

Adored mother of the late Robert; mother of Steven, Adam, and Ashley. Frank is the last surviving brother of many Polish American sisters.

Visitation was held August 23 at Foran Funeral Home 7300 W. Archer Ave (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation was held on August 26 at funeral home until time of prayers. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on August 26 at Foran Funeral Home 7300 W. Archer Ave (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation also held August 24 at the funeral home until time of prayers. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on August 24 at St. Daniel the Prophet Church. Inter- ment Retirement Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to Susan’s family on her personal tribute website at www. foranfuneralhome.com. For information 708-458-0208.

DEBORAH LIDEN
Deborah Liden (nee Mucha), age 68, passed away August 21.

Beloved wife of Edward Jr. (Melissa) Liden and loving mother of Matthew, Scott (Julie) and Kyle (Catherine) Liden; proud grand- mother of Sophia, Logan, Morgan, Cath- erine, and Madelyn; cherished daughter of the late Rosemary (nee Loughney), and the late Eugene “Lefty” Waliczek; fond sister of Helen Waliczek, Noreen (Randy) Aderman, and Ron Waliczek.

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DIANA R. ZICHMILLER
Diana R. Zichmiller (nee Pahl), age 65, passed away August 21.

Beloved wife of Frank; loving mother of Matthew, Sean (Julie) and Gregory (Patti) Kostush. Diana was the last surviving member of Ashley LaBelle and Hailey Kostush; daughter of Waclawa, Helena, Bernadeta, Stanislaw and Stanislova and the late Tadeusz Stupak. Also survived by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation was held August 23 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held August 24, prayers from the funeral home to Saint Albert the Great Church, 8029 S. Central Avenue, Burbank for Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Justice. For more information, 708-496- 0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

STANISLAW NOWOBILSKI
Stanislaw Nowobilsyki “Gandera”, age 65, passed away August 21.

Beloved husband of Maria (nee Klimek); loving father of Anna (Tim) Morgan and Katarzyna (Tim) Sarrichio; dearest dziadziu of Zofia, Olivia and Julia; cherished son of the late Zofia (nee Madej) and the late Josef Nowobilsyki; dear brother of the late Jozef (the late Anida) Nowobilsyki, the late Jan (Anna) Nowo- bilski, the late Maria (Piotr) Hajnos, Wladyslaw (Zofia) Nowobilsyki and Helena (Jan) Ligas; fond son-in-law of Bronisawa and the late Wladyslaw Klimek; caring broth- er-in-law of Jozef Klimek, Janina (Andrze) Radecki and Wladyslaw (Jozefa) Klimek. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Member of the Kolo Nr. 42 Bialka Tatrzańska.

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KAZIMIERZ “CASIMIR” STUPAK
Kazimierz “Casimir” Stupak, age 84, passed away August 20.

Beloved husband of the late Krystyna Stupak; loving father of Bogdan (Ag- nieszka) Stupak and Robert (Maria) Stupak; dear grandfather of 4; fond grandfather of Wacelawa, Helena, Bernadeta, Stanislaw and Stanislova and the late Tadeusz Stupak. Also survived by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation was held August 23 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held August 24, prayers from the funeral home to Saint Daniel the Prophet Church, 3358 S. Nashville Avenue, Chicago for Mass. Interment Resur- rection Cemetery. Justice. For more information, 708-496- 0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

HEATHER E. MORSE
Heather E. Morse, age 40, passed away August 17.

Loving mem of Jack, cherished daughter of Pamela and Michael Morse; dear sister of Diana, Pete and Steve; beloved fiancé of George Henry. Also survived by relatives and friends.

Funeral services are private. Arrangements entrusted to care of Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematori- um, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. 708-496-0200 or www. kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

DIANA R. ZICHMILLER
Diana R. Zichmiller (nee Pahl), 72, of Hickory Hills and formerly of Chicago, Archer Heights community, passed away August 16. Diana was former parishioner and eucharistic minister at St. Bruno Parish.

Loving mother of Rick (Laura) and Mark Zichmiller; dearest granddaughter of Tyler and Ema- dy; devoted son of the late Helen (nee Kominowski) and the late John Pahl; dear sister of John (Donna) Pahl, Wil- liam (Kimberly) Pahl, Michael (Kathleen) Pahl, Monica (Martin) Hogin and Karen (William) Taskey; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held August 22 at Zarzycki Manor Chapel, 8099 S. Archer Avenue, Willow Springs. Funeral was held August 23 from the funeral home to the Church Sacred Heart for Mass. Interment Retirement Cemetery. 708-839-8999 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.
As a longtime critic of the North American Free Trade Agreement, I am dead-set on making sure its replacement corrects NAFTA’s many mistakes, the worst of which caused the loss of hundreds of thousands of middle-class American jobs, including many in our neighborhoods. As we saw and felt locally, manufacturing was especially hard hit. Bad trade deals have caused the loss of so many quality middle-class jobs because those agreements were negotiated to help multinational corporations instead of American workers. As a longtime leader in the fight against bad trade deals and for middle class jobs, I am working to change that.

I was hopeful when President Trump signed an agreement last year with our North American counterparts to replace NAFTA. But while the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement has some improvements, I still have many concerns about it. First, the USMCA’s labor terms and their enforcement are too weak to stop downward pressure on U.S. wages. Without stable wages for workers in all three countries, corporations will continue to move jobs to Mexico to pay workers less. Consider that today, U.S. auto manufacturers are paying workers in Mexico $2 per hour to make vehicles sold here. U.S. workers make more per hour than these workers make in a day. Unless USMCA’s labor terms and their enforcement are greatly improved, this race to the bottom outsourcing will continue. And that is not acceptable, nor is paying hard working people in Mexico such a pitance that they cannot support their families.

Another area of particular concern is how the USMCA as written would lock in already high U.S. prescription drug prices by granting a 10-year “test data” exclusivity period for new biopharmaceuticals. This would effectively give Big Pharma new monopoly rights to charge consumers more. We need to rein in Big Pharma, not cater to them, especially when considering that 24 percent of Americans didn’t fill a prescription in the past year because of the high cost, according to a recent study by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The President must also prioritize making “Buy American” laws permissible under the USMCA. Laws that require that Americans’ tax dollars are spent on products that are made in the United States and employ American workers only make sense. As founder and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Buy American Caucus, I have called on U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to negotiate for the allowance of domestic content preferences in all trade agreements, not just USMCA.

Fortunately, USMCA can’t be implemented without the approval of Congress, and my House Democratic colleagues and I are united in ensuring no vote happens unless and until it is fixed. It is paramount that the next trade agreement will actually end NAFTA’s ongoing damage and not do any further harm.

A revised agreement to help middle class Americans would be passed by a wide bipartisan majority in Congress. Forcing a vote before it’s fixed runs the risk of seeing more American jobs being outsourced. After a quarter century of Americans suffering from NAFTA’s damage, we must fix it.

Dan Lipinski is a native of the Third Congressional District, which includes large parts of the Southwest Side, as well as several suburban communities in west and southwest Cook County. He was first elected to Congress in 2004.

New NAFTA must help middle-class Americans
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End of the line coming for Dukes

Dukes Drive-In, a fixture at 8115 S. Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview for almost 45 years, will be closing for the last time on Saturday, Aug. 31.

As reported in the Greater Southwest News-Herald earlier this month, the property has been sold to Panera Bread, which will move from its present location a few blocks north at 79th Street and Harlem in Burbank.

Owners of Dukes have said they plan on relocating somewhere in the area, but haven’t revealed any possible locations.

A final farewell is being planned for Aug. 30-31 with one last car show. Loop Radio’s Guitar Idol winner Ed Hill is scheduled to perform Aug. 31 with the band Ed Hill and The Unusuals. A final farewell car show, bridgeview trustees approved a special use permit to allow outdoor dining and fewer parking spaces there for Panera Bread.

Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek said it will be a good move for Panera because they’ll have much more parking.

“That will be a nice revenue generator for us,” Landek said of the new Panera.

The iconic drive-in has been known for its weekly car shows, which they have been hosting for over 40 years.

New pancake house opens in Palos Hills

A new pancake house has taken over the spot that was the Palos Hills Pancake House until it closed earlier this summer.

Dalila’s Pancake House opened last week at 10719 S. Roberts Road. It is open daily for breakfast and lunch with hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dalila’s features an extensive breakfast menu featuring pancakes, waffles, crepes, French toast and blintzes as well as omelettes, skillets, and steak and eggs. There is a lunch menu that features burgers, sandwiches and croissants.

For information, call 708-586-2526.

Culver’s to support Special Olympics

Culver’s restaurants throughout the south suburbs are partnering with Special Olympics Illinois in August with several events including the fifth annual ButterBurgers & Badges fundraiser today (Thursday, Aug. 29) from 4-8 p.m.

ButterBurgers & Badges will feature local law enforcement officers providing table service for guests dining inside, and also delivering the chain’s famed burgers and fresh frozen custard desserts to those visiting the drive-thru.

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Hospital CEO John Walsh sent out a letter on Aug. 19 announcing the new closing date.

Walsh cited the departure of about 10 percent of its staff in the original announcement in June as among reasons for the new closing date.

“Since filing our application with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (in June), we have experienced staffing challenges and additional declines in utilization. Approximately 10% of our team has left. With a number of hospitals and health care facilities in close proximity, many of our best colleagues have decided to take opportunities with competing organizations,” Walsh said in the letter.

“While we await a decision from the board, we must look ahead. Because of these realities, the hospital will begin planning for discontinuation of services by September 30, 2019.”

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their return to China.

And, as China has four times more people than we have, it is but arith-

metic to note that China has more honor students than we have students.

Over the course of three “foreign expert” visits to China, I also saw

firsthand how fast the economy has been growing. On my first visit,

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Notably, nowhere in the report does anyone claim that Madigan was present during Mapes’ statement last week to see one of the core prob-
lems with the way he ran the Illinois House Demo-

cratic operation: Mapes was responding to an investiga-
tive report commissioned by House Speaker Michael J. Madigan (D-22nd) to get to the bottom of allegations of sexual harassment and bullying in his Statehouse operation.

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In his ruling, released Aug. 23, Kennedy noted Gonzales failed to “present specific facts establishing a material issue for trial, and any inferences must rely on more than mere speculation or conjecture.”

The judge also noted that Gonzales had made the accusation of “sham candidates” a “central issue” in his election campaign. The point is the claim was debated publicly and voters were aware of the assertions. Despite high-profile media coverage, numerous press conferences, numerous depositions, and recent false media coverage of the case, the federal judge concluded Gonzales and Peraica failed to make their case or present any substantive evidence.

“Gonzales has not pointed to evidence—or even alleged—that the defendants’ fraud prevented the voters from punishing Madigan at the ballot box. Because Gonzales bears the burden of proving to specific facts establishing a material issue for trial...summary judgment is appropriate,” Kennedy wrote in dismiss- ing the Peraica-filed nuisance lawsuit.

In Chicagoland politics, it is not unusual for losing candidates to file lawsuits in an effort to harass the victors. For Peraica, the court’s ruling represents another lost case in his legal career. One of the attorneys representing the defendants in the Madigan case is attorney Michael Del Galdo of the Del Galdo Law Group. The dismissal of the Madigan case represents the third time a Peraica-in- spired lawsuit was beaten down by Del Galdo and thrown out by a judge. In a 2014 lawsuit that Del Galdo defended, Peraica falsely alleged a government Freedom Information Act request had been improperly answered. In an unusual move by a sitting judge against an attorney, Peraica was sanctioned by Cook County’s Chief Chancery Judge and or- dered to pay $2,000 in fines for filing the frivolous and false lawsuit. In yet another munici- pal lawsuit that Del Galdo defended in 2015, Peraica falsely claimed the bills paid were fraudulent. That case also was thrown out by the judge, much to Peraica’s embarrassment.

Peraica was thrown out of office as a Cook Coun- ty Board Commissioner by voters in the November 2010 election. Jeffrey To- bolski won the election, re- placing Peraica. The elec- tion highlight was when Peraica was arrested and then convicted in Decem- ber 2012 by Judge Kerry Kennedy of tearing down Tobolski’s campaign signs. Peraica was involved this past week in pushing a sto- ry carried by WGN-TV’s Ben Bradley and the Chi- cago Tribune, news stories highlighted by numerous factual errors asserting a process server who works for Peraica was wrongly ar- rested after he was caught taking a package from the front door of a home while trying to serve a deposition subpoena.

Bradley left WLS-TV in 2016 after 14 years at the station and was later hired by WGN TV. Bradley ran with the story, stumbling through numerous factual errors. The inaccurate sto- ry was then picked up and published by Tribune col- umnist John Kass, a long- time Madigan critic who quoted Bradley’s repeated errors without verification.

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Immigrants cheer new state protection

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SPRINGFIELD – People who rent homes or apartments in Illinois who are not United States citizens have new legal protections under state law.

Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill last week that prohibits landlords from evicting or intimidating tenants based on their citizenship or immigration status.

“We were born has nothing to do with the ability to pay rent on time,” Pritzker said in Chicago as he signed Senate Bill 1290 into law.

The bill is nearly identical to one lawmakers passed in 2018, but which former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed. And in signing the bill, Illinois became only the second state, behind California, to enact such a law.

Under the new law, which takes effect immediately, landlords are specifically prohibited from disclosing or threatening to disclose information about a tenant’s immigration status for the purpose of harassing or intimidating that person or for retaliation against a tenant for exercising his or her legal rights.

It also prohibits landlords from seeking to evict a tenant because of immigration or citizenship status, and provides civil remedies for tenants if their landlord violates the new restrictions.

It also provides an exception for cases in which a landlord is required to disclose citizenship or immigration status information in order to comply with federal law or a court order.

It was the third bill Pritzker has signed this year dealing with immigration issues. Earlier, he signed bills prohibiting private detention facilities from being built in Illinois, preventing local law enforcement agencies from participating in federal immigration enforcement actions and extending eligibility for state-funded student financial aid to students regardless of their citizenship or immigration status.

Each time, Pritzker has used the occasion to criticize President Donald Trump for his anti-immigration policies and rhetoric.

“As our xenophobic president stokes a climate of fear, as Illinois stands up against him with our fire wall, we will not stand by in silence,” Pritzker said.

State Rep. Theresa Mah (D-2nd), the lead sponsor of the bill in the House, echoed that sentiment.

“Unlike the administration of President Trump, which attacks and dehumanizes immigrants every chance it gets, it is clear that Illinois will fight to protect immigrants and immigrant families from discrimination, hate and intolerance,” Mah said. “This law will help families in our communities to live without the fear of losing their homes.”

She said during floor debate May 26 that the bill came about as a result of specific incidents that had occurred in her district, including a case in which a landlord allegedly threatened a tenant with eviction if she did not perform uncompensated work.

Mah’s district includes all or parts of Back of the Yards, McKinley Park, Bridgeport, Brighton Park, Chinatown and Pilsen.

Neighbors, advocates cheer new law

Reaction among people last Saturday at Kelly Park was generally positive.

“It’s encouraging to see politicians listening to people like us, especially when you see [President] Trump on the news all the time, bashing us,” said Teófilo Aranda. “I’m not a tenant, but I have relatives who are. I hope this new law protects them.”

Micki Zaragoza said she has been “bullied” by landlords several times over the years.

“They know you’re an immigrant, and they know that maybe you’re not documented,” she said. “So they hold that over your head while they cheat you, steal your security deposit, force you to the janitor in the [apartment] building for free, things like that.”

Juan Diego Castro said he supports the new law, but wondered if it would be enforced.

“That will be the proof, if we start seeing landlords prosecuted under this new law,” he said. “I’m not holding my breath, but I have hope.”

The bill also had support from groups that advocate for immigrant rights, including the Latin Policy Forum, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Andrew Timms, president of the Illinois Rental Property Owners Association, said in an interview that his organization was involved in drafting the bill and did not oppose it.

“We felt as though the bill that was passed through the Legislature really did target the people who were trying to use residency as a form of extortion,” he said.

“We’re certainly opposed to extortion in any form.”

Joan Hadac contributed to this story.

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The bill is nearly identical to one lawmakers passed in 2018, but which former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed. And in signing the bill, Illinois became only the second state, behind California, to enact such a law.

Under the new law, which takes effect immediately, landlords are specifically prohibited from disclosing or threatening to disclose information about a tenant’s immigration status for the purpose of harassing or intimidating that person or for retaliation against a tenant for exercising his or her legal rights.

It also prohibits landlords from seeking to evict a tenant because of immigration or citizenship status, and provides civil remedies for tenants if their landlord violates the new restrictions.

It also provides an exception for cases in which a landlord is required to disclose citizenship or immigration status information in order to comply with federal law or a court order.

It was the third bill Pritzker has signed this year dealing with immigration issues. Earlier, he signed bills prohibiting private detention facilities from being built in Illinois, preventing local law enforcement agencies from participating in federal immigration enforcement actions and extending eligibility for state-funded student financial aid to students regardless of their citizenship or immigration status.

Each time, Pritzker has used the occasion to criticize President Donald Trump for his anti-immigration policies and rhetoric.

“As our xenophobic president stokes a climate of fear, as Illinois stands up against him with our fire wall, we will not stand by in silence,” Pritzker said.

State Rep. Theresa Mah (D-2nd), the lead sponsor of the bill in the House, echoed that sentiment.

“Unlike the administration of President Trump, which attacks and dehumanizes immigrants every chance it gets, it is clear that Illinois will fight to protect immigrants and immigrant families from discrimination, hate and intolerance,” Mah said. “This law will help families in our communities to live without the fear of losing their homes.”

She said during floor debate May 26 that the bill came about as a result of specific incidents that had occurred in her district, including a case in which a landlord allegedly threatened a tenant with eviction if she did not perform uncompensated work.

Mah’s district includes all or parts of Back of the Yards, McKinley Park, Bridgeport, Brighton Park, Chinatown and Pilsen.

Neighbors, advocates cheer new law

Reaction among people last Saturday at Kelly Park was generally positive.

“It’s encouraging to see politicians listening to people like us, especially when you see [President] Trump on the news all the time, bashing us,” said Teófilo Aranda. “I’m not a tenant, but I have relatives who are. I hope this new law protects them.”

Micki Zaragoza said she has been “bullied” by landlords several times over the years.

“They know you’re an immigrant, and they know that maybe you’re not documented,” she said. “So they hold that over your head while they cheat you, steal your security deposit, force you to the janitor in the [apartment] building for free, things like that.”

Juan Diego Castro said he supports the new law, but wondered if it would be enforced.

“That will be the proof, if we start seeing landlords prosecuted under this new law,” he said. “I’m not holding my breath, but I have hope.”

The bill also had support from groups that advocate for immigrant rights, including the Latin Policy Forum, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Andrew Timms, president of the Illinois Rental Property Owners Association, said in an interview that his organization was involved in drafting the bill and did not oppose it.

“We felt as though the bill that was passed through the Legislature really did target the people who were trying to use residency as a form of extortion,” he said.

“We’re certainly opposed to extortion in any form.”

Joan Hadac contributed to this story.
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Thorns in their side

First-place Portland sticks
Stars with clean sheet

From staff reports

A third straight loss has the Red Stars playing for their playoff lives as they head into the season’s final month.

Chicago is still in the thick of things as they sit in third place with 29 points, two points up on fifth-place Seattle with five games remaining; but they must get back on track after the latest setback, a 3-0 road smashing by Portland on Aug. 25.

Goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher was peppered with shots and made a season-high six saves, but two goals within a 12-minute span early in the first half gave the Thorns a commanding lead they would not come close to relinquishing. The Red Stars offense couldn’t keep up despite taking 17 shots in the match.

Midfielder Purce had a brace and Christine Sinclair also scored for the victors.

Thorns goalkeeper Adriana Franch set the tone in the 10th minute when she got her fingertips on a well-placed shot by Morgan Brian for her first save of the game.

The play seemed to provide some momentum to Portland, who took a 1-0 lead two minutes later when Tobin Heath found Sinclair, who slotted the ball in.

Then, in the 24th minute, Purce scored her first goal of the match after Naeher made a save on a shot by Haley Raso.

Franch kept the Stars off the board in the 30th minute when she saved a shot by Savannah McCaskill.

Midfielder Morgan Brian led Chicago in total touches (79), passes (61), and tackles (5).

Goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher, the starting goalkeeper for the World Cup–winning national team, has 16 saves in nine games this season.

Julie Ertz, the 2017 U.S. Soccer Player of the Year, led the Red Stars against Portland with six total shots and 19 total duels while contributing one key pass.

Yuki Nagasato led the team with an impressive 91% pass accuracy and three key passes. It is the fourth consecutive game Nagasato has led the team in key passes.

Turned Away

By Jason Maholy

The Fire had moved within one point of the Eastern Conference’s final playoff spot, but another road loss dropped them further back in their quest to qualify for the postseason.

The Fire in Red had won three of four and were unbeaten in four of their last five games, but fell 2-1 to New England on Aug. 25 at Gillette Stadium.

A win would have put a win over the Revolution and Chicago for the seventh playoff spot in the East, as it is they entered this week 8-12-9 (33 pts), five points behind New England and six in arrears of Toronto.

“I think it was an unfortunate outcome,” Fire head coach Veljko Paunovic said. “I think we played very well. I think we had a very good game. The guys fought amazingly, like always. I have to say that this group has a fantastic spirit and always shows a never giving up mentality. Even today, although we conceded an unfortunate second goal that costs us a lot at this point, we still have five games to play for. We believe in ourselves. We believe that everything is possible and we will fight until the end.”

Francesco Calvo scored the Fire’s lone goal, finding the net in the 41st minute off a Nikolas Gaitan cross for what was at the time the equalizer, but the Revolution took the lead for good with four minutes left in regular time and escaped with the win.

The Fire pressed early, but New England started the scoring in the 17th minute when midfielder Wilfried Zahibo made a run and caught up with the end of a Brandon Bye cross.

The Fire didn’t wait long to attempt to respond and a Calvo left-footer forced a save by New England goalkeeper Matt Turner.

Calvo’s goal marked the Fire’s 10th goal from a set piece in 2019, and Gaitan’s assist on the play was his 10th of the season, good for best on the team and the most in a season by a Fire player since 2010.

With the score tied at one late, Gustavo Bou intercepted a pass in the final third and scored the game-winner on a left-footed strike from outside the box.

The Fire have experienced horror on away from SeatGeek this year and are now 1-10-3 on the road.

“We came here to bring points with us to Chicago,” said forward Nemanja Nikolic. “Unfortunately, we had that one point until 85 minutes, which was something. Of course, our goal was to win this game because we are now in the situation that we need to win almost every game if we want to be in the playoffs, and this is our goal.”

As Nikolic notes, the Fire can earn a maximum of 15 points the rest of the season and will likely have to win out and get some help to make the playoffs.

The Fire will travel to face Columbus at MAPFRE Stadium at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31.

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Revolution increases lead over Fire as playoff race heats up

The Red Stars took 17 shots but scored on none of them in a 3-0 loss to Portland on Aug. 25.

Red Stars Notes

Brooke Elby made her 50th NWSL appearance in the game against Portland. The defender came to Chicago via trade in the middle of the 2018 season and scored her first two career goals this season for the Red Stars.

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Power One
CCL and ESCC have combined to form the top football league in Illinois

By Randy Whalen
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What would happen if two of the deepest and most talented football conferences in the state merged to form one super league?

We are about to find out. When Nazareth opens the season to defend its IHSA Class 7A title, it’ll be doing so as a member of a new superconference that boasts several of the top turning teams from 2018. The league that features three defending state champions consists of teams from the Chicago Catholic League and East Suburban Catholic Conference.

There’s no fancy name for league, which is simply called the CCL/ESCC. The conference has six divisions of four teams, based primarily on enrollment and in the interest of competitive balance. Each team will play three division games, and four crossover games against non-divisional conference foes. Only the three division games will count toward the conference standings.

The merging of the conferences was agreed to last October in a unanimous vote by school principals from both conferences. At that time, they agreed each team would play three conference games, four crossover games and two non-conference games.

Eight area schools — St. Laurence, St. Rita, Mount Carmel, Brother Rice and De La Salle of the Catholic League, and Nazareth and Marist of the ESCC — are in the conference. Other members include defending Class 8A state champion Loyola, defending Class 5A state champion Joliet Catholic and 2018 Class 5A runner-up Montini.

The other former CCL teams in the league are De Paul, Fenwick, Leo, Marmion, Montini, Providence, St. Ignatius and St. Joseph. Hope, which was in the CCL for football only, was not invited to join the super conference. All told, the former CCL programs have combined for 33 state titles and 50 championship game appearances.

The other former ESCC teams in the league are Carmel, Marian Catholic, Maran Central Catholic, Notre Dame, St. Patrick and St. Viator. Along with Marist, Benet, Nazareth and Joliet Catholic, the programs have combined for 23 state championships and 36 title game appearances.

The Roadrunners will play in the Orange Division, which also features St. Laurence, De La Salle and Benet. They’ll play crossover games against Fenwick and Leo at home, and Marist and Notre Dame on the road. The RedHawks (8A) and Irish (6A) were state semifinalists in 2018.

Nazareth was 1-1 in 2018 against conference teams they’ll face this season, defeating Benet 45-7 and falling to Marist 34-13 in their only loss.

Nazareth will open the season on Aug. 31 at home against Cardinal Ritter in one of the conference games. They’ll also host Curie of the Chicago Public League in a game featuring both of their conference slate.

St. Laurence, under new head coach Adam Nissen, will have its hands full with a schedule that includes Joliet Catholic, Nazareth, Rice, Providence, Benet and De La Salle.

“I’m very excited,” Nissen said. “We look forward to a battle each week in the conference because I believe it will make us a stronger football team come playoff time. We have two defending state champions and a state runner-up on our schedule, so we will get a chance to see some high-caliber football programs this season.”

The conference’s membership includes three 2018 state champions, two runners up and three semifinalists. Two others — Providence and Benet — qualified for the playoffs. Several teams including De La Salle, St. Rita, Marmion and St. Patrick were play-off-caliber, but got beat up during conference play by some of the best teams in Illinois.

The Blue alone features three of the top four finishers in Class 8A last season. Rice and Loyola played in the title game, with the Ramblers averging a regular season beat down to come away with a state championship. Marist lost to Rice in the semifinals.

Mount Carmel advanced to the Class 7A semifinals before falling in double overtime to eventual runner-up St. Charles North.

The new conference is filled with top football teams that have enjoyed some of the best teams in Class 7A. They’ll have their hands full with some of the best teams in the state.

The conference is going to have intense competition on our schedule. We will get a chance to see some programs that make sense for scheduling and conference championships.

Marist will make the short trip north to 99th and Pulaski to face the Crusaders in Sept. 20. They’ll also play defending state champs Loyola and Nazareth, and semifinalists Mount Carmel and Notre Dame.

Not that a daunting schedule has ever intimidated the RedHawks. They dismantled Nazareth and defending Class 5A state champion Joliet Catholic last season by the combined score of 76-19, and also beat Notre Dame, Benet and Homewood-Flossmoor, the latter win coming in the Class 8A quarterfinals. Their only losses were 26-16 and 14-3 to Rice.

Rice and Loyola will square off in a rematch of the state championship game Oct. 5 in Wilmette. The Crusaders will also play Joliet Catholic, Marist, Mount Carmel, Providence and St. Laurence. They’ll open the season Aug. 29 against Hillcrest, a Class 5A semifinalist last year.

Nazareth senior running back Alex Carillo will be among the players working to help the RoadRunners defend their 2018 IHSA Class 7A state championship. The season opener kicks off at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31 at home against Cardinal Ritter.
Missing yesteryear’s back-to-school science

Many years ago, when my kids were still in school, back to school time meant that the neighborhood became peaceful for a few days. The sounds of running and playing and laughing and yelling were replaced by golden silence. My nextdoor neighbor, Mrs. Fernandez, and I would sit on our steps and enjoy a cup of coffee. Sometimes, we would engage in light conversation across the street would join us. We sipped our coffee and talked and enjoyed the quiet.

Nowadays, there seems to be no difference in noise levels of summer and fall. There are lots of kids on my block, but it is rare to see them playing outside in the summer. Perhaps they are all at summer camp. During après school hours, when I see my kids outside running around my yard or raking leaves, I might see a few teenagers walking home from school, with their heads bent down as they silently stare at their cell phones.

Back in the day, when kids got home from school, they couldn’t wait to get out and play tag or baseball. I really don’t see my kids playing outside after school these days. I suppose they are not allowed to go outside until their parents get home from work. Maybe they are bused to after-school programs every day and don’t get home until suppertime.

Sometimes, I miss the sound of children at play. Back to school time meant that there were lots of children wandering about. Remember the days when all you needed to bring home was a backpack and no electronics? Of course the most important thing was your lunch. Now, all the lunchrooms are empty and there are generous businesses that donate school supplies. Two of them are Marquette Bank Magic Uplifting Photography Studio. Thank you to both for your generosity. Calvary Church, 6140 S. Kenneth, is hosting their annual flea market and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7. Tables are available for vendors. This site will contain a virtual tour website up and running beginning Thursday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m. For more information, call (773) 767-7465.

Don’t forget: Calvary hosts yoga classes every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. Call for more information at (773) 767-7400.

West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th St., is starting fall classes and activities for all ages. Most activities start the week of Sept. 9. I would normally suggest calling them, but I actually did call them and was told to call back in two or three days. The person who answered the phone sounded angry. I only had one question - do you have any classes for seniors? He had no information and told me to come to the park myself and pick up an information sheet. So, I’d like to know more about what I am going on at West Lawn Park this season, go over there and look for their Fall 2019 information sheet.

Dr. Bill Truesdale, a West Lawn park instructor, Dr. Bill Truesdale, and I talked later on. He told me about all the exciting new classes for seniors. It is a class on how to defend yourself. This coed class is especially tailored for those over 60 years old. Dr. Truesdale will be available to teach self-defense and warm ups and teach self-defense techniques. The one-hour classes start on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2:15 p.m. and go through Dec. 7. So, I would be looking up on the first day of class to register and pay a one-time fee of $11. This way, you won’t have to call the park.

Dr. Truesdale told me about all the other needs of se- niors. I think I might try his classes. The last time I took an exercise class, it was led by a 90-pound 20-year-old named Nicole. At the end of one class, she barely worked up a sweat in her tiny teeny leotard. I was literally bent over, trying to catch my breath as sweat soaked through my exercise outfit made for “mature ladies.” Drenched with sweat, I looked like I had just gone swimming. As I limped to my car, I decided that the class was not a good match for me. I told myself that someday I would laugh about it. I am happy to say I am now laughing. Dr. Truesdale’s senior defense classes sound promising.

West Lawn Park instructors you’d like to share. I do love hearing from everyone.

Big thanks to Eighth District police

I want to start with a big shout-out to my Eighth Dis- trict police and detectives, who have been patrolling this area faithfully. I am usually on the porch to wave a thank you and a smile. So again, thank you! I enjoyed a wonderful lunch with my St. Turibius classmate, Mary Rose, and Mrs. Cannon. Mrs. Cannon had never been to Nick and Vito’s. After all these years, it was her first time. We sat there, just laughing, for a couple of hours. She would probably beat Oliver’s “ass.”

We are trying to get Elsa up there, too. Speaking of Elsa, she trains where our fire station is. It is free to see many neighbors gathered at Durkin Park, and the weather probably could not have been any better. On Saturday, Aug. 31, Transformation Church International, 7711-23 S. Kedzie, will be having a Bless Fest from noon to 4 p.m. There will be free haircuts, book bags, school supplies, medical screenings, games, food and fun. Although the event is free, you must RSVP to attend. If you’d like to RSVP, please email your family name and age of children to Blessfest@transformationchicago.org.

The next CAPS Beat #34 meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept 5 at Bogan High School, 2521 W. 99th St. in Beverly. There will be another session of free English classes, which are open to all. What a great event was Scottsdale United versus Scottsdale Police soccer games! The CPD team won both games against the Scottsdale Youth (3-8) and Adults (2-5). I am proud to say my son scored two of the three goals against CPD. It was nice to see so many neighbors gathered at Durkin Park, and the weather probably couldn’t have been any better.

Happy Labor Day to all, time to get ready for the polar vortex and put away the white shoes!

Teams scored one for the community

St. Turibius festival on Saturday, Aug. 17. I heard the food was fantastic, from all cultures in our neighborhood: Polish, His- panic. There was dancing and music and even beer. Of course the most impressive thing was Elisa, the convent dog. Next year I will try to be there.

Speaking of Elsa, she trains where our dog, Oliver, trains. Oliver has now stepped up to being an official Ashley dog show. We are trying to get Elsa up there, too. She probably would beat Oliver’s “ass.”

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Heartwarming celebration of the Sisters of St. Casimir

Today I’d like to start by sharing a few comments about two neighborhood events I took part in last Satur- day. First, it was the 112th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Casimir and it is always so heartwarm- ing to see friends and former students come together to share this celebration with the Sisters.

As I have mentioned, the celebrant, the Rev. James Baranick, O. Praem was the chaplain of the Green Bay Packers for many years. He sat with us at the event, and told us he was anxious to find the old-fashioned ice cream shop he had visited when working here several years ago. He remembered their sundaes and their chili. When he confirmed that they used official Nabisco sugar wafers in their sundaes, I knew it had to be Gertie’s.

An avid football fan, he is inviting some friends over for his Packers’ home games and is quite happy to learn he could now buy a five-quart bucket of chili from their restaurant and pass it off as his own. I know he would not mind sharing that with you because he also said he would admit he hadn’t made it himself before his guests went home. Of course, he did wink when he said that. Hmmm...

The second event is next week, the SSCs will have a new website up and running beginning Thursday, Aug. 29, at sistersofstcasimir.org This site will contain a virtual tour of the church which debuted last year, as well as news and events. After the anniversary celebration, it was off to the library to set up for the book signing the Chicago Lawn Historical Society was hosting for local author, Mary Draskovic, Special thanks to Bill Cooley, chief librarian at Chicago Lawn, and her staff for their hos- pitality. Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon very much, Draskovic’s book, A Night to Forget, is currently only available for the author. Email her at mary- draskovic@gmail.com.

As most of you know, the Chicago Lawn Branch Library will close Sept. 21 for renovations and will not reopen until late November. It will be a long two months for patrons.

There’s still plenty of time to take advantage of Ladies’ Days at the Marquette Park Golf Course. Every Thursday, greens fee is just $8 before 4 p.m. for ladies. To book a tee time, go to marquettepark.cpdgo.org or call (312) 747-2761.

Remember our Farmer’s Market at the corner of 63rd and Fairf ield is open every Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. through October.

The 92nd anniversary celebration of Nativity BVM parish will take place next Sunday, Sept. 8, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a banquet in the church hall at 1 p.m. For reservations, call Audra at (773) 776- 4600. The festival will end back to 1978: Where was Emil’s Deli? Several remembered it on Kedzie, 6238 to be exact. Brad O. was the first to call and he has a good story to share with us. In the 1970s, Brad lived on St. Louis. His neighbor had a fish pond and a big bush of Ficus before the mountains underneath in her yard. He said it was really impressive and one day inquired where she got the gnomes. She said, “Go to Emil’s on Kedzie and have them make you a sandwich,” too.”

When Brad walked in the store, he was surprised to see a former Toni classmate, Barbara Karpus, behind the counter. Turned out her dad was Emil.

Emil was a small man with a German accent and in his store, he had a wall of expensive but very well-made Ger- man silverware. I think he had an intriguing artifacts. Sounds like this was yet another place I wish I had stopped in when it was here.

For next week, let’s go back east and stop just before Western Avenue. We need to buy a greeting card and this is a nice big Hallmark store. Where are we going?
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gastrointestinal tract of dogs, making it hard to ab- sorb nutrients. Symptoms can include severe bloody diar- rhea, lethargy, anorexia, fe- ver, dehydration, weakness, and dehydra- tion. If a dog is displaying one or several of these symptoms, a vet should be called or the dog should be brought into an animal hospital immedi- ately, as catching parvo- rus early makes it easier to treat and lessens the chance of it being fatal.

The modern canine par- vorus vaccine is available worldwide in 1978, with the first vaccine rolling out in 1979. Parvo, typically given to puppies in three doses starting be- tween 6 and 12 weeks of age. Certain breeds such as American Staffordshire Terriers, German Shep- ards, and Rottweilers for unknown reasons have a higher risk of getting parvo. There is sometimes given a fourth round of the vaccine. The vaccine for parvovirus is a part of the DHPP shot, commonly referred to as the distemper shot, given as “a vaccine for the yearly round of inoculations for dogs. “I was here when the first parvo vaccine came out, and I never thought in my wildest dreams that I’d still be talking about it 40 years later,” Muth said. Modern outbreaks of parvovirus happen in areas with large concentrations of unvaccinated dogs.

Infected dogs with the virus start shedding the virus up to a week before they become symptomatic and up to three weeks after the full round of treatment is complete. The virus is resilient and can live for weeks in the environment, is resistant to most household cleaners, and can live for months and even years outside. The best known disinfectant for household surfaces is dilit- rine, one part bleach to 30 parts water. Since the virus is so highly contagious, hys- tasis is typically rec- ommended, but the team at Palaski Animal Hospital rec- alizes that not all dog own- ers have the resources nec- essary to make that choice.

“We know that we work in a lower-income com- munity, so this is an option to have outpatient treatment—which a lot of clients can’t really afford—so we respect the com- munity we work in. Quite a few of us live in the com- munity, and we realize not everyone has bottomless pockets,” Muth added.

If you go to treat parvo at one of those specialty cen- ters or hospitals up on the North Side, you’re not going to be spending two, three, four thousand dollars. We can’t do that here. What we can do is treat them to the best of our ability and hope for the best.” Dog owners are encour- aged to keep their dog’s vaccinations up to date and to avoid contact with un- vaccinted dogs and areas where many unvaccinated dogs congregate.

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One of the allegations was that Mapes, who was the speak- er’s chief of staff for more than 12 years and clerk in the House for more than six years before resigning in June 2018, had a “habit of being dis- courteous to workers and responsive.”

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Regrettably, I have no doubt. However, the amount of power and influence Mapes wielded to again rest with one person. In her report, she suggested the speaker take on a great- er role in his office and del- egate additional responsi- bilities to senior members of his staff. The document also states the speaker’s human re- sources department should be given additional author- ity, workers should receive more harassment training, and the office should hire a clearer reporting struc- tures. “I truly hope that the workplace culture changes so that people doing this important work are treated like they are doing their jobs—what they deserve,” Garrett said in a press release. “The report really shows that while many people believe the power wielded by the speaker had been used to silence opposition” and “discovered some people from coming for- ward,” many of those who interviewed also believed the office “can use its power to eliminate harassment and discrimination from the Capitol workplace by being transparent, accountable, autonomous, and a model for other work- places and legislatures.” “We agree,” Hickey wrote. 

**Summer’s end is in the cards**

September is upon us. The unofficial end of sum- mer is Labor Day. Good luck to everybody that started school already or will be starting. Make it a great year.

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The life cycle of canine parvovirus

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Power to the people! For years, Matt has been a friend to workers. The Chalikas livened up the street on 53rd and Rockwell. He attended St. Clare de Montefalco School, until his family moved to Indiana a few years ago. Matt still has many friends in the neigh- borhood. The other day he was involved in a multi-car accident on Interstate 65. Involved were several cars, including Matt’s, a semi and a UPS around freight train- er. It is a miracle Matt survived. Please pray for his full recovery. I have posted more information and pictures on the Gage Park Chicago Illinois Facebook.

Why not start the school year right? Try to leave a little earlier so you are not in such a hurry in the morn- ing. A lot of schools have started already, and the rest will soon be following suit. That means more school buses are on the roads. Drivers must stop in both directions when coming up to a school bus with its lights flashing and its stop sign out. Some buses also have the extended safety arm. You must remain at a complete stop until lights are not flashing, stop sign is retracted and safety arm in removed. A conviction for not stopping will result in the suspension of your driver license. If the owner of the car was not driving they must give the State’s Attor- ney’s Office the name of the driver, or the registration of the vehicle, or the license plate number will be suspended for three months.

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