Church thanks charitable Ed Burke
Hailed for feeding the hungry

By Tim Hadac

People who are passionate about feeding the hungry saluted one of their own late last week: 14th Ward Ald. Edward M. Burke.

“There are two Burkes—the Alderman Edward M. Burke you see making speeches on TV, and the man we in the neighborhood know as Ed Burke, a man of passion and compassion,” said Elizabeth Arreola, director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s District IX Food Pantry, headquartered at St. Gall Church, 55th and Kedzie.

Arreola and others honored Burke last Friday for his decades of support for the pantry, which has fed thousands of families in need over the years.

“You have supported us in so many ways and helped so many people, so many families, so many children,” Arreola told the alderman as she held up a large “Thank You” sign in the church basement, where volunteers had loaded pallets with a wide variety of non-perishable food items.

“You have a passion. That’s why you help people. That’s why you build schools, so that our children can get an education and some day be the leaders of our community. Gracias,” she added, as about two dozen food pantry volunteers applauded.

Burke, who grew up in a working-class neighborhood near 55th and Halsted, accepted the praise but quickly turned it around—thanking the assembled volunteers for their years of work, as well as non-profits like the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which provides vital aid to pantries across the metropoli- tan area.

He said the work of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul “is a great story that should be known to all,” and he used a Latin legal term—sui generis (one of a kind)—to praise Arreola.

Burke told the assembled volunteers that at his family’s Thanksgiving table, all will “say Grace and express our appreciation to the Good Lord for all He has done for us and for our families…and I’m fond of a Thanksgiving statement which we repeat at our table: ‘Lord, for those that are in hunger, grant that they…’”

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Burke on being high court’s third female chief justice: It’s pretty awesome

During Q&A, she talks about legal career, goals and advice

By Rebecca Anzel

Anne Burke began her term as the Illinois Supreme Court’s chief justice on Oct. 26.

She earned her legal degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

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HELEN DOLLS

Helen Dolls (nee Diamanti), age 99, passed away November 14.
Beloved wife of the late Dimitrios Dollas; loving mother of the late Anna (nee Cisek); fond sister of the late John (Marianne) Dollas; dear aunt of the late Sandra; great-aunt of Daniel (Joan) Honsa and the late Roger Honsa; dear cousin of the late Anna (nee Cisek); fond friend of many.

Memorial donations to the American Stroke Association at St. Bruno Church, 4751 S. Harding Ave. in Chicago would be appreciated.

Memorial visits will be held Saturday, November 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Hitzeman Funeral Home and Crematorium, 9445 W. 31st, Brookfield. Inurnment will be held November 21 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilialfuneralhomes.com.

ANNKA KIJ

Annka Kij (nee Dlugopolska), age 89, passed away November 17.
Loving mother of Jan (Helena) Kij, Jozef (Bronislawa) Kij, Wojciech (Zofia) Kij and Wieslaw (Zofia) Kij.

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HELMUT “HANK” GOSKER

Helmut “Hank” Gosker, age 82, of Brookfield, passed away November 11.
Beloved husband of the late Joy Gosker (nee Spencer); long-time friend of June Reuter; loving father of Linda (Mike) Kaeste, Wendy Gosker, Erika Gosker, and Kurt (Carissa Applebaum) Gosker; grandparents Hank and Abbie and Ryan Kaestle; papa Hank of Ella, Makayla, and Kurt (Carissa Applebaum) Gosker; grandpa of Cathy, Frank, James and Michael; cherished son of the late Anna (nee Kobylarczyk) and the late Elzbieta (the late Franciszek Kaczmarczyk); fond brother of Stanislaw (Maria) Kaczmarczyk and the late Edward Kaczmarczyk; dear friend of his best nephew, Francisco Fernandez; fond uncle of his best niece, Francesca "Peggy" Perez; grandfather of Peggy and Julio; fond relative of many.

Funeral was held November 19 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held November 17, 2019, St. Bruno Church, 4751 S. Harding Avenue, Chicago. Burial will be held November 23, Prayers and procession from the funeral home to St. Bruno Church, 4751 S. Harding Avenue, Chicago. Inurnment will be held November 21 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilialfuneralhomes.com.

MARY LAMBERT

Mary Lambert (nee Cisek), age 92, passed away November 21 peacefully at home, with her children at her side.
Beloved wife of the longtime Summit Village Trustee, Barry Lambert; loving mother of Steven, Ann (George Karkala) Barry, Nancy and the late Mary Beth (Baird) Lambert; granddaughter of Christopher and Mary (nee Neumann) Hebel and Natalie (nee Hebel) Lambert.

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DOMINIK LATA

Dominik Lata, age 78, passed away November 17.
Beloved husband of Irena (nee Curylo); loving father of Izabela (Stanislaw) Slota and Halina (Barry) Antolovic; cherished friend of Katarzyna Slota, Tomasz Slota, Emily Antolovic and David Antolovic; loving grandson of Winczeniec and Stefania Lata; loving brother of the late Jan Lata, the late Marian (the late Maria) Lata, and the late Janin (the late Stanislaw) Kij; dearest great-grandfather of 10. Also survived by great-nieces, great-nephews, relatives and friends.

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FRANK LOPEZ

Frank Lopez, age 85, passed away November 18.
Loving father of Francesca "Peggy" (Julio Vazquez Mellado) Lopez; dearest brother of Mary (the late Joseph) Cislo and Julie; fondest uncle of his best nephew, Francisco Fernandez. Also survived by relatives and friends.

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AUGUSTINA “PAULA” MARCIAL

Augustina “Paula” Marcial, age 77, of Chicago, Archer Heights community, passed away November 10.
Beloved grandmother of Merry (Edward) Perez; dearest friend of Maria (Thomas) Marcial, Ann (Michael) Marcial, Mary (Hryn) Marcial, Ann (Joseph) Marcial, Paul (Carol) Marcial and Anthony (Andrea) Marcial; dear nieces and nephews.

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RICHARD MARTY JR.

Richard Marty Jr., age 70, passed away November 18.
Beloved husband of Lynn (nee Mangenese) Vanderplog; loving father of Jennifer, Kelly, Brian (Emily) Sammons, Lauren (Erik) Powe; dearest grandson of Cindy Vanderplog; cherished son of Ada (the late Dominick) Vanderplog and Damar (Jean) Vanderplog; dear Papou of Kalyndra, Konstantina and Kallia; dearest bro of Michael (Eugene) Kock, A Featuring speed in the American Stroke Association would be appreciated.

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Caring Patriots feed a thousand hungry vets
Charity drive gets bigger each year

By Dermot Connolly

Hundreds of people from throughout the area helped prepare food baskets that were presented to 1,000 needy veterans and their families during the 11th Annual Caring Patriots Veterans Food Drive this past weekend at a vacant Dominick’s store at 6401 W 127th St., in Palos Heights.

Garfield Ridge resident Chuck Dryden began volunteering soon after Mike Cozzi, who founded non-profit Caring Patriots.

“There have to be 600 or 700 people here. Everyone is a volunteer,” said Dryden, who helped check in the people who immediately got busy Saturday morning separating, sorting, checking, placing products on tables and eventually stuffing paper bags donated by Jewel-Osco.

“Each year it gets bigger,” said Dryden, noting that 1,000 veterans would be coming Sunday morning to the former grocery store now owned by Jewel-Osco to pick up the food. “We hated to do it, but we had to turn some people away—1,500 signed up,” he added, explaining that recipients who come from throughout the city and suburbs found out about it through organizations such as the Veterans Administration and VFW and America Legion posts.

“They will get a frozen turkey for and all that goes with it to make a Thanksgiving dinner. But they will get much more than that—about 10 bags each. In addition to food, they will also get laundry detergent and other necessities that will keep them going through Christmas and into next year,” said Dryden.

Volunteers included veterans, families, local students and Boy Scouts, as well as a few from the Medieval Times dinner theater in Schaumburg, who came in costume. Many worked all day Saturday in order to have everything ready for the veterans to pick up on Sunday morning.

“People come from throughout the city and suburbs, often taking several buses,” said Dryden. “They don’t realize how much they are going to get so we arrange rides for them to get home.”

Organizer Mike Cozzi said he started Caring Patriots after getting involved in a veterans’ outreach program and realizing how big the need was.

“The first year, we thought we could help about a dozen people and we helped 109. It has been getting bigger ever since,” said Cozzi. “Jewel is very good to us, letting us use this space for free in addition to donating some of the groceries,” he said, noting that he started out holding it at the Des Plaines VFW Post 5789 in Summit, but moved from there to an AMVETS post in Bridgeview as it increased in size.

“It’s our chance to give back to the people who gave so much for us. It is a rewarding feeling to see how many volunteers come out, and how many veterans we can help,” said the former Blue Island resident, who now lives in Dolton.

“We take care of our own. That is the goal,” said Mc Kinley Park resident Keith Aguina, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was among several veterans in wheelchairs who came to help out on Saturday.

“I love doing this every year. It is good to see everyone come together for the people who are the reason that we are here,” said Kathy Miracle, of Worth.

Patryk Benke and Randy Miller, both seniors at Stagg High School from Palos Hills, were happy to get up early to help out on Saturday.

“We don’t mind. It is a good cause,” he said. He was partnering with Nathan Ali, a middle-schooler from Romeoville, who said he aspires to be a Marine.

“I thought it would be good for me to help out people who already served,” he said.

Chaz Hardy of Palos Hills and Phil Schroede of Oak Lawn, were among hundreds of people who helped check in the people who immediately got busy Saturday morning separating, sorting, checking, placing products on tables and eventually stuffing paper bags donated by Jewel-Osco.

Happy Thanksgiving
Wishing you a harvest of blessings, good health and good times.

from
Antonio Munoz
State Senator
1st District

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Couples try to lure boy

From staff reports
Police are seeking the public’s help in finding two people suspected of luring a child in the Chicagoland neighborhood at about 8:10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22 in the 2700 block of West 68th Street. Officers said that the victim, a nine-year-old boy, was walking west on 68th Street when the offenders—a white man and woman driving west on 68th Street—stopped beside the victim and asked him if he wanted a ride to school. The victim told them no and continued to walk. The offenders drove past the victim, made a U-turn and pulled up beside the victim to ask again, to which the victim replied no. The offenders then fled east on 68th Street.

Those with useful information to share are encouraged to call CPD Area Central detectives at (312) 747-8382 and refer to crime JC190951.

Cops warn of robbers

From staff reports
A cluster of robberies in Chicago this month and last has prompted the Chicago Police Department to issue a community alert. Crime scenes include:

- 6100 block of South Western at about 8:20 p.m. Oct. 28.
- 6000 block of South Western at 8:51 p.m. Oct. 30.
- 6200 block of South Talman at 8:19 p.m. Nov. 8.
- 6400 block of South Western at 9:06 p.m. Nov. 14.
- 6000 block of South Rockwell at about 12:15 a.m. Nov. 18.
- 6400 block of South Western at about 1:50 p.m. Nov. 19.
- 6300 block of South Talman at 8:12 p.m. Nov. 21.

The offenders were described as a black man age 18-20, about 5'6-5'8, 5-6'2-5'-6, 5'10' and 220 to 170 pounds, and a black man age 30-43, about 5'-6'2-5'-6 and 185 to 230 pounds.

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Say man damaged Daley College property

A 23-year-old Ashburn man was charged with luring a child in the 2700 block of South Pulaski at 11:28 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18. Christian Coronel-Dominguez, of the 3900 block of West Hayford, allegedly drove a vehicle onto Daley College property and caused more than $10,000 in damage to various landscaping items, a CPD spokesman said.

Crime scenes include:

- 6600 block of South Talman.
- 6400 block of South Pulaski.
- 6600 block of South Archer.
- 6400 block of South Western.
- 6400 block of South Racine.
- 6300 block of South Talman.
- 6600 block of South Western.
- 6400 block of South Wabash.
- 6400 block of South Garfield.
- 6300 block of South Indiana.
- 6600 block of South Western.

Better Business Bureau warns of fake reviews

Where’s the first place you go if you’re looking for reviews of a product or service you’re hoping to utilize? If you’re like most people, your first stop might be the internet. Better Business Bureau research shows that you’re not alone. More than 80 percent of consumers say they trust online reviews as much as personal recommendations.

The online review space is one of the most powerful ways of sharing opinions about businesses and products. While this gives consumers more information before making purchases, it also opens the door for dishonest businesses to create fake reviews online.

There has been a recent outbreak of fake online review scams this year involving companies such as Amazon and Facebook. With this information coming to light, consumers should be more cautious than ever when looking at reviews online.

It can be tough to spot the real from the fake when looking at online reviews. Understanding how the difference could save you a lot of money and headache. In an effort to help combat fake reviews online, BBB has put together a guide for online reviews:

**Avoid the Anonymous Reviewer**

How many times has this happened to you? You read an online review that is paragraphs long and packed with details, only to find their user profile was created a week ago and is nearly empty. Sound familiar? You’re probably dealing with a paid review. These freelancers are often paid to create hundreds of comments and leave reviews on products they’ve never purchased. If you encounter a reviewer that fits the above description, you’re best looking elsewhere for a review.

**Check for the Verified Purchase Stamp**

In an effort to combat the flood of fake online reviews, many vendors are now adding a ‘Verified Purchase’ stamp to legitimate reviews. Often, consumers will have to register an email address on the vendor’s account and prove they purchased a product before they are allowed to submit a review. This helps ensure that people who are being paid to leave reviews online have a harder time getting their fake reviews published.

**Keep on the Lookout for Scripted Reviews**

Often, you can get a sense for a fake review because it sounds like the words are being scripted by someone else. Review that skew incredibly positive and promise you the world should send up red flags.

**Don’t Blindsly Trust Negative Reviews**

You might think that you can trust a negative review more than a positive one, but that’s not necessarily the case! Some companies have taken to paying fake reviewers’ money to trash their competitors online. In other cases, the negative review may be coming from a disgruntled former employee looking to exact revenge. It’s important to take all reviews with a grain of salt.

Better Business Bureau warns of fake reviews
KISS stars restaurant plans dead in Oak Lawn, Orland Park

Plans announced in May 2018 that a rock ‘n’ roll-themed restaurant affiliated with KISS stars Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley would be opening to Orland Park and Oak Lawn have died. Back then, Rock & Brews were announced as a new tenant for the Stony Creek Promenade Phase 2 development in Oak Lawn and for a vacant spot on 143rd Street near LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

Oak Lawn officials said the Promenade plan was off the table and Orland Park Mayor Keith Pekau said the 143rd Street location was also not going to happen. “I was really looking forward to Rock & Brews coming to Orland Park,” he said. “That was a disappointment.” He said he was told by the company that they were going to concentrate on opening locations in airports rather than near shopping centers.

Requests for comment to Rock & Brews corporate headquarters were unanswered. The first Rock & Brews opened in El Segundo, Calif., in 2012. The Oak Lawn location was supposed to be the first one in Illinois of a planned 15-20 locations, according to a release from Mayor Sundburg.

The other restaurant announced at the same time for the Promenade was the Barrel Club, which successfully opened earlier this year.

Chick-fil-A opens in Crestwood

A new Chick-fil-A restaurant opened last Thursday at 13050 S. Cicero Ave. in Crestwood.

Ximena Pena-Rogers is the new owner and she said she fell in love with the chicken sandwiches and waffle fries while a student at Georgia State University almost 30 years ago. She discovered Chick-fil-A after she moved to the United States from her native Colombia as a 21-year-old college student.

Her brother-in-law opened his own Chick-fil-A in 2014 in North Riverside.

She said her family is thrilled to be setting in the Chicago area, which they have frequented quite a bit over the past six years while visiting her brother-in-law and his Chick-fil-A restaurant.

“I am excited to have an opportunity to serve the Crestwood community and for our restaurant to be a place where team members and guests will feel valued and cared for,” said Rogers. “I am committed to developing my team members as together we strive to have a positive impact on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A Crestwood.”

Rogers’ 4,800-square-foot restaurant will feature a dual-lane drive-thru merging into a single pick-up point that can handle upwards of 200 cars an hour. The location also has environment-controlled canopies to further enhance the outside face-to-face ordering experience.

The Crestwood location has a 110-seat dining room with a two-story indoor playground and free Wi-Fi, along with a 20-seat outdoor patio. The restaurant’s heritage design showcases a vintage-inspired interior with floor-to-ceiling windows and drop pendant lighting.

The restaurant has the typical Chick-fil-A full-service menu with a variety of healthy and dietary options. Hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Saturday with breakfast available until 10:30 a.m. All Chick-fil-A locations are closed on Sundays.

Crestwood is the fourth new Chick-fil-A location to open in the past three months. Another south suburban location opened Sept. 5 in Homewood.

Val’s Halla gets reprise

Turns out the end of the line for iconic Val’s Halla Records in Oak Park has been—at least—delayed. Store owner Shayne Blakeley said last week that a customer from River Forest has come forward to lend his financial expertise to keep the record store open for at least six months.

Blakeley had feared that the store would have to close by the end of this month.

Chamber annual dinner dance

The Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner dance from 6-11 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, at Mayfield Banquets, 6072 S. Archer Ave.

Cost will be $50 per person, which includes family-style dinner, open bar, raffles and a DJ.

Jim Sankovich will be honored as the police officer of the year, Lt. Mary Nolan will be honored as the firefighter of the year and the teacher of the year will also be announced. There was a tie.

New officers for 2020 will be installed. Tickets can be purchased in person at Niego Real Estate, Archer Heights Credit Union, and Midway Storage.

If you see a new business in town or wonder what happened to an old favorite, drop me a line at bobbong@hotmail.com. You can track business openings and closings at http://bobbongonbusiness.com/
A day to give thanks and reminisce

Ray Hanania

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday; next to election day, of course. I don’t like to think about what we did to the Native Americans, though. I’ve read too many stories about that injustice. We could have treated them better, although maybe both sides could have treated everyone better.

But Thanksgiving has so many memories as a holiday, it rises above all of the rest. It’s the one holiday I don’t feel obligated to spend money on, other than to buy food. Like we do for Christmas (toys, clothing and perfume), Valentine’s Day (Roses, chocolates and wine), Easter (Easter baskets, candy and egg coloring).

Thanksgiving always takes place on a Thursday. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who married his first cousin, Eleanor, changed Thanksgiving from the fourth to the third Thursday of November. FDR made the change, hoping it would give more time for consumers to spend money on Christmas.

Yes, Thanksgiving is the weekend in which most Christians begin the Christmas season, which has become more about promotion by robber barons for excessive and mindless consumer spending.

Christmas lights and trees are supposed to go up during Thanksgiving weekend. But with cash in on the holiday, businesses have been pushing us to start sooner even before Thanksgiving, which I think is too early. Chicago got its Christmas tree from a suburban family in Elgin, and officially unveiled it the week before Thanksgiving (last Friday, Nov. 22).

That’s too early, people!

Thanksgiving is the one holiday in which we can sit around a great meal with family, friends and even those in need – some families invite the home-less to join them for their Thanksgiving meal. That’s a good thing.

There is no pressure for me to spend money to make someone happy. Isn’t just being with family and friends enough? No, but getting to-gether as “family” is something we all need to spend more time doing. We need to take a break from our technology which has separated families into mindless “pods” socializing through smart phones, traveling online from Facebook to Instagram – sharing photos and anger.

We have so many ways to connect, so many words?

The Thanksgiving dinner table used to be sacred in my parents’ home. Of course, when I was young the only technology we had was the Zenith black-and-white TV (praying for color TV), and the stereo console – re-member that big thing that stored albums and played music? Every home had ashtrays, cigarette lighters—and even a few had pipes. Homes would be filled with smoke. If James Dean, Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn, and James Bond would smoke, shouldn’t we all?

In the 1950s and 1960s, called Tahini. We would also have hummus, olives forced us to trim our intake of calories and carbs. I calorie count, hoping-sessively. But the menu included healthier foods, rather than the white bread spread with butter and covered in sugar. I don’t know what they called it but it was my lunch when I walked a mile to come home from school and watch Bozo’s Circus on TV.

Today, we’re worried more about spending than on family. I hope people try to do it, particularly with someone needs to fix problems

Rich Miller

The Chicago Tribune recently reported that Mike McClain, the most prom-inent insider connected to House Speaker Michael Madigan, sent a blind-copied email last December to what he called a “Magic Lobbying List.” McClain claimed the list was compiled by him and Madigan and the two of them had recently culled the roster to less than two dozen. He asked recipients to contact him if they had their money could be tracked on said “magic” spreadsheet.

Radio station WBEZ reported the same day that McClain sent a blind-copied email last December to what he called a “Magic Lobbying List.” McClain claimed the list was compiled by him and Madigan and the two of them had recently culled the roster to less than two dozen. He asked recipients to contact him if they had turned down any lobbying clients so he could ap-parently funnel them to other “magic” lobbyists. The two emails are certainly distasteful, but nothing in either appears to directly violate a law. Every legislative leader has trusted con-tribution bundlers and favored lobbyists. If you’re trying to get close to a leader, it’s not too difficult to figure out how. Far too high that goes is never to speak of this to anyone, lest they all be dragged through the mud.

Publicly, Madigan said and did almost all the right things when the sexual harassment scan-dals were breaking around him. But was he also quietly taking care of a guy who might have damaging information about his operation, or at least avoiding creating a grudge and a resulting willingness to talk to the “wrong people”?

Madigan also made a big deal of firing his longtime chief of staff Tim Mapes after allega-tions were made online video and audio, but connected people like those guys can easily find out what happened in committees by talking to staff or legislators. McClain also coached Quinn how to structure his contracts (perhaps to avoid having to register as a lobbyist) and warned him never to speak of this to anyone, lest they all be dragged through the mud.

Needless to say, Madigan needs to fully ad-dress all of this. The sooner the better.

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McClain said certain things he was speaking for Madigan. And so it’s not much of a leap to think that the folks who received those emails believed that McClain was once again speaking on Madi-gan’s behalf.

But did it go any further? Was a bill, for in-stance, kept in committee until in the week before Thanksgiving (last Friday, Nov. 22). That’s too early, people!

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Isn’t being with family and friends enough? Sadly, no. But getting to-

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Vikings win Catholic League title

Second shutout of De La Salle earns St. Laurence first trip to Prep Bowl since 1978

By Jason Maholy
Sports Editor

Getting knocked out of the IHSA playoffs means the end of the season for most teams in Illinois. Chicago Catholic League and Chicago Public League schools, however, still have something to play for. The Prep Bowl playoffs provide an opportunity for these programs to compete for at least one more week, until one team from each league remains for an annual public vs. private battle the day after Thanksgiving.

This year, those two teams are St. Laurence and Simeon, who will face off in the Prep Bowl at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 at Kavanagh Stadium in Burbank.

The Vikings’ first-round playoff loss to Hillcrest – an 18-15 result that was undecided until the final minute – first-year head coach Adam Nissen challenged his players to dust themselves off and fight for at least one more week. The Vikings have responded with wins over St. Patrick and De La Salle, and now have the opportunity to win the program’s first Prep Bowl in 41 years.

De La Salle finishes 5-7. The Meteors defeated Leo 56-6 and St. Ignatius 16-13 in the first two rounds of the Catholic League playoffs.

Simeon is in the Prep Bowl by virtue of a 30-16 win over Morgan Park for the Public League championship. The Wolverines beat Lakes 34-3 in the first round of the Class 6A playoffs, then dropped a 49-0 decision to Prairie Ridge.

St. Laurence running back Nate Thomas ran for 225 yards and three touchdown in the Vikings’ fifth Prep Bowl appearance and first since 1978. They’re unbeaten in those games.

The Viking defense recorded its fourth shutdown of the season. Myron Lewis had a sack and recovered a fumble.

The Mustangs are now 225 yards, six touchdowns and 252 yards, three touchdowns, including scoring runs of 53 and 69 yards. Darius Wilson had eight carries for 67 yards and Braithyn Johnson pitched in with a 15-yard touchdown run.

The Meteors defeated Leo 56-6 and St. Ignatius 16-13, getting knocked out of the Catholic League playoffs.

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Mustangs gallop into title game

RBs Brown and James combine for 252 yards, six TDs

By Randy Whalen
Correspondent

The Mustangs’ record sat at 1-3, and at that point a second straight season without qualifying for the playoffs looked like a possibility.

But head coach Todd Kuska had a simple message for his players.

“I told the kids we had to go one at a time, but if we could win the next five, we’d win the (Chicago Catholic League/East Suburban Catholic Conference) Green Division,” Kuska said. “That’s exactly what we did. Then, before the playoffs, I told the kids if we can win five more in a row, we will be state champions.”

The Mustangs are now one victory away from a state title.

Kaleb Brown scored four touchdowns – including an 88-yard kickoff return and 88-yard run -- and Kyle James added a pair of scores, and St. Rita ran over previously unbeaten Rockford Boylan, 42-21, on Nov. 23 in a Class 5A state semifinal matchup. The Mustangs exploded for four third-quarter touchdowns to turn a tight 14-7 game into a rout.

“It just feels great,” said Brown, a sophomore running back. “We trusted the process, and it’s just the unity of this team. We feed off each other. Before the game Coach just said, ‘Get the job done and get to state.’”

The Mustangs (10-3) have won nine in a row and will play Rochester, a 56-34 winner over Mascoutah, in the 5A championship game this Saturday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. at Huskie Stadium on the campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

It will be the third state title game appearance for the Mustangs, who were making their 10th semifinal appearance and first since 2011. They won state championships in 1978 (5A) and 2006 (7A).

Rochester will be making its eighth championship game appearance in the past 10 years, and has each time come away from those games with a state title. The Rockets (12-1) have played in the semifinals in 10 of the past 11 seasons and were crowned Class 4A state champs in 2010-14, 2016 and 2017.

But they’ve likely never faced a team like the Mustangs, who played a state-high eight playoff teams in the regular season.

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Three turnovers too much to overcome against state’s top-ranked team

By Jon DePaolis
Correspondent

For nearly three quarters, the Marist football team went toe to toe with the No. 1-ranked team in the state.

But in the end, turn¬overs doomed any chance at an upset bid for the Red¬Hawks, as they fell 24-7 to Lincoln-Way East on Nov. 23 in the Class 8A semi¬finals.

Arguably the biggest giveaway came with under 2:30 to play in the third quarter. Trailing 10-7, the RedHawks converted on a third down and had the ball in their own 33-yard line on a second-and-nine.

Senior quarterback Hayden Mikesell found senior tight end Brendan Barry for a nine-yard gain, but Grif¬fins end Jalen Hacha was working the backfield all night.

“I had some good blocks on the sideline,” Barry said of his team. “We have played very clean offensively but had a couple turnovers — but we still had chances. The game wasn’t won or lost on any one of those plays. It just happens. When you’re playing a good team, they are going to make plays.”

Still, despite being down 17-7 going into the fourth quarter, the RedHawks were not out of the game.

“Max Tomczak made a goal by senior kicker Dom¬inic Dzioban to give his team a 10-7 lead with 4:45 left in the quarter,” Zvonar said.

On the next series, the RedHawks drove down the field with a big 24-yard run by Mikesell and a 12-yard completion to AJ Markett. But the drive was ended on a heave from Mikesell to the end zone that was picked off by Kordas.

“Them being a great defense, they are going to make plays,” Dzwacz said. “I can’t fault anybody on our team. We have played very clean offensively but had a couple turnovers — but we still had chances. The game wasn’t won or lost on any one of those plays. It just happens. When you’re playing a good team, they are going to make plays.”

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Santa Claus coming to Scottsdale

Joan Hadac

Southwest News-Herald Columnist

The day after Thanksgiving is time for some turkey leftovers, my favorite part. I hope everyone had a great time getting together with family and friends and that you didn’t eat too much. Remember the good old days when family time was the priority, and not shopping and sales! Everything has gotten way too commercial for me. Retailers are so money hungry it’s disgusting. This year it’s worse because there is one less week between Thanksgiving and Christmas. You can’t even enjoy one thing without caring about the other. Time is running out fast and we will see Valentine’s Day stuff being put out already. The North American Community of St. Simon the Apostle Church, 5135 S. California, will hold their annual Christmas Eve Supper or Jifia on Sunday, Dec. 15. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., and dinner is at 2 p.m. The cost is $25 for adults, and children 5 to 12 are $10. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling the Parish office at (773) 436-1045, ext. 1 before Sunday Dec. 8. No tickets will be sold at the door. There is heavy equipment being brought in the old Kmart parking lot on 51st and Kedzie, but I don’t see anything being built yet. I am getting very impatient waiting for some new places to shop close by. It seems like a lot of people are moving to that neighborhood. Joking around, Steve called it St. Simon South. Ladies, watch your purses and wallets while you are out shopping. Don’t leave your purse in the shopping cart. They can grab your wallet or purse so fast, it’s over before you realize it happened. They used to say, “This time of the year, you have to be more careful.” Now you have to be more careful all the time. Be aware you are surrounded and who is around you. Sometimes it’s not the people you would think it is, so just be careful out there. It’s not even the money that gets stolen that’s bad but sometimes it’s just all the trouble you have to go through with cancelling credit cards, getting new IDs, insurance cards, etc. A shout out to Alice Stanek. Sending positive energy your way! Thanks for your Thanksgiving cards and well wishes everyone. I really appreciate them.

Send your Gage Park information to Karen.sala@hotmail.com.

Santa Claus coming to Ashburn

Greetings. I’m still filling in while the Greater Southwest News-Herald continues to search for a new Greater Ashburn correspondent. Why don’t you give it a try? Santa Claus will star at the Scottsdale Neighborhood Watch and Homecowners Association’s tree-lighting event, set for 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Scottsdale Park, 4637 W. 83rd St. Come join your neighbors and friends for a festive afternoon. For more information, visit the Scottsdale Neighborhood Watch Facebook page or call (773) 284-1826.

Don’t forget the St. Nick’s Mass and pancake breakfast set for this Sunday, Dec. 1 at St. Thomas More Church, 811 and California. Come for Mass at 10 a.m. and then enjoy breakfast immediately after that in the church hall. St. Nicholas will be at the breakfast for pictures that you may take with your own cellphone or camera. There will be a toy raffle at breakfast, with more than 40 toys being awarded. There is no admission charge, but freewill donations are encouraged. Thanks to Michael O’Neill for sharing this information.

When January hits and all the Christmas lights have been packed away, most people start getting cabin fever. Rainey Park is offering Special Olympics seasonal sports from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday (except Wednesday, Feb. 26) from Jan. 8 to March 11 at the Rainey gym with in-house meet ups. The program is open to individuals with a primary intellectual or developmental disability ages 13 and older. Instructors teach and reinforce skills development through drills and game play, with a concentration on sportsmanship and friendly competition. Participants may be eligible for Special Olympics competition. Instructor permission is required. Online registration begins Monday, Dec. 2 and regular registration begins Saturday, Dec. 7. There are 15 openings. For more information, call Alex Kerber or Liz Clark-Wood at (312) 745-3915 or email alex.kerber@chicagoparkdistrict.com or Elizabeth.clark@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Board games will be played from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Scottsdale Branch Library, 4101 W. 79th St. The whole family is invited to join in. All ages can choose their favorite game, whether it’s an old favorite, something they never tried or maybe the library’s feature. For more information, call (312) 745-6193.

The literary organization Book Euphoria is hosting a writing workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Wrightwood-Ashburn Branch Library, 8330 S. Kedzie. The workshop session will include writing craft, mini-lessons and writing sprints. The goal is to help all writers reach their goals and find literary inspiration and focus. For more information, call (312) 745-2096. Marist High School’s chorus will celebrate the season with a performance on at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 in the school’s RedHawk Theater, 4200 W. 155th St. The group will present a variety of holiday classics. Admission is $5 per person or $10 for a family. Enter at the main office. The chorus will also hold its second annual Festival of Lights on at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The event will celebrate the 201st anniversary of Silent Night, the renowned Christmas song. The event will be held in the school chapel and is free of charge.

As I stated at the outset, the search is still on for a new Greater Ashburn correspondent for this newspaper. We’re looking for a person who is active in the community (Ashburn, Wrightwood, Parkview and/or Scottsdale), is naturally curious and enjoys writing and passing along news—nothing big or earth-shattering, but rather the smaller stuff. You know, the kind of news that won’t make the front page, but which is just as important, in its own way, as the big stuff: birthdays, anniversaries, birth announcements, engagements and weddings—plus news tidbits from our local schools, libraries, parks, churches, Scout troops, Little Leagues, senior citizen clubs, veterans’ posts, small businesses and such. If you want to go a try, I give it a try, send an email to editor@swnews herald.com and we’ll discuss things further.

Well, time for me to head over to Angie’s Pizza at 84th and Pulaski, for lunch. I’ve heard their pizza melt can’t be beat!
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CURE may have food. For those of us who do have food, we might have to work for justice and peace. And that is what you represent. You can never end your struggle for justice and peace. In addition to helping the hungry food to eat, you’re helping them spiritually. Please keep up the good work.”

Arreola, who has worked for the SVDP food pantry service for 31 years, said hunger has only multiplied in recent years, as a result of Chicago’s neighborhoods changing from middle class to working poor. That was exacerbated by the economic depression and foreclosure crisis of 2008—and then in recent years by a surge of undocumented immigrants afraid of using government assistance, due to a Trump administration change in immigration “sanctuary” rules. That has just been implemented. Directly and indirectly, the SVDP food pantries at St. Gall and elsewhere in the Southwest Side feed thousands of people each week.

In addition to St. Gall, SVDP maintains food pantries at several other Catholic churches in the area. St. Gall’s pantry is located at 1419 W. 52nd St. in West Elsdon, and St. Pancras, Our Lady of Fatima and Immaculate Conception in Brighton Park.

It also has food pantries at Catholic churches in nearby suburbs like Bridgeview, Alsip, Oak Lawn and Palos Park. Those interested in making a monetary donation or signing up as a volunteer are encouraged to visit stvincentdepaulechicago.org.

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