‘City of immigrants’ stands in solidarity

SW Siders denounce Trump’s ‘terror tactics’

By Tim Hadac

Home to hundreds of thousands of immigrants and their children, the Southwest Side seemed to rise up last weekend in a unified front against what some called the bullying and even “terror tactics” of President Donald Trump. Even though Trump postponed a planned weekend of raids by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in cities with large numbers of undocumented immigrants, fear of such government actions made an impact.

“We cancelled everything this weekend,” said Guillermina, who would not give her last name, as she stood outside Supermercado El Güero in Brighton Park. “It’s always scary for us undocumented workers, but now more than ever with Trump doing what he’s doing. He’s using terror tactics against us. That much is clear.” Esme Cruz added, “Undocumented workers are here to work. We left the countries we came from because there were no jobs or there was crime that was out of control because of the drugs and gangs, or maybe it was political persecution. But we came here for the same reasons that immigrants have come here since the Pilgrims landed in what, the 1600s? We just want to live in peace and have the opportunity to work, to make an honest living—and if we’re allowed to do that, we will make the United States a stronger and better country.”

Further west along Archer, at Highlanders Hall, Zbigniew Szczesinski agreed.

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Yo-Yo Ma wows Southwest Side

World-class cellist performs in McKinley Park

By Mary Hadac

For a blink of an eye last Friday, the Southwest Side had a brush with international greatness. More than 100 people gathered at the McKinley Park field house to witness a short but special event.

As the clock hit 12:15 p.m. and the crowd began to get antsy, the sound of a car door slamming caused some to turn their heads. Suddenly, a cheer rippled through the crowd as internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma made his way to an upright piano set up in front of the field house.

Local teen Ben Serwer was ready at the piano with sheet music. The crowd grew quiet as Ma and Serwer began to play Imagine, made famous by John Lennon.

After the song was finished, Ma waved to the crowd.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK’S NEWS-HERALD

Mayor Lightfoot comes to McKinley Park

Governor JB Pritzker and others were all smiles last Friday after the state’s chief executive signed into law measures that prohibit immigrant detention centers in Illinois, provide access to education for all immigrants and prohibit local police departments from being used as surrogates for federal ICE agents.

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Art brightens 63rd Street

An outdoor art festival brought vibrancy to West Lawn last Saturday. The Quetzal Art Fest (QFest) was held at 63rd and Karlov. More than a dozen participating artists formed the core of the event. Details and more photos on page 8. – Supplied photo

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By Joan Hadac

Nance Dulaj served as the West Lawn correspondent for the Greater Southwest News-Herald for 37 years, a record that almost certainly will never be matched. A hometown resident all his life, he began writing for the GSNW in the 1950s, and remained a frequent contributor until his death last Friday. He was 88 years old.

Beloved husband of Maria; loving father of Larry, Rich, and Diane (Anthony) DiProsperi; cherished grandfather of John and Ashley; fond brother of Norbert; also nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation was held June 17 at Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 5725 S. Pulaski Road. Family and friends met Tuesday, June 18 at St. Turibius Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For information 708-496-0200 or www.rjmodellfh.com.

IRENA KIziOr

Irena KiziOr (nee Kalinowska), age 84, formerly of Chicago, passed away June 15. Beloved wife of the late Stanislaw KiziOr; dear daughter of the late Wladyslaw and the late Wladyslaw Kalinowski; loving sister of the late Kazimierz Kalinowski, the late Helena Wroblicka, the late Jadwiga Twardek and the late Roman Kalinowski. Fond aunt of many nieces, nephews and families.

Visitation was held June 19 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Cremation rites to be accorded. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

BEATRICE M. KrUPKowski

Beatrice M. Krupkowski (nee Zanaw), age 80, passed away June 7. Beloved wife of the late Anthony; loving mother of Jeannette (John) Czaplicki; dear grandaughter of Jeannette (John) Czaplicki, her godmother of Jeannette (John) Czaplicki; and the late Kenneth; cherished sister of the late Barbara and the late Robert; dear nieces, nephews and their families.

Visitation was held June 11 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7681 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held June 12, prayers from the funeral home to Our Lady Mother of the Church Polish Mission, 116 Hilton Street, Willow Springs, for Mass, Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

SANDRA C. LOuDA

Sandra C. Louda (nee Husick), age 66, passed away June 15. Beloved husband of Jim Louda (Retired)

Interment was private.

JOSE G. FLOres

Jose G. Flores, age 87, of the Gage Park community, passed away June 18. Beloved husband of Martha (nee MONTolon); loving Father of Juanita Paolella, Jose (Fiancee Lupe) Flores, and Martha (Peter) Berg; proud grandfather of Domenic, Gino Jose, Sebastian, Raymond Jose, Gino Jose, Sebastian, Raymond Jose, Daely Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. to Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish Queen of the Universe Church for Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. For info: 773-767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com.

Tadeusz leja

Tadeusz Leja, age 75, passed away June 16. Beloved husband of Wladyslawa (nee Majerczak); loving father of Bogdan (Anna) Leja and Grazyna (Andrzej) Zieba; dear grandfather of Krzysztof Leja, Poeta Leja, Pawel Leja, Barbara Zieba, Robert Zieba and Pawel Zieba; cherished son of the late Maria (nee Bernatowicz) and the late Jakub Leja; fond brother of the late Jan Leja, Zofia Jaronczyk, the late Jozef Leja, Stanislaw Leja, Stanislawaw Oswiadowska and the late Kazimierz Leja. Also survived by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation was held June 20 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7681 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held June 21, prayers from the funeral home to Our Lady Mother of the Church Polish Mission, 116 Hilton Street, Willow Springs, for Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Beatrice M. Krupkowski (nee Zanaw), age 80, passed away June 7. Beloved wife of the late Anthony; loving mother of the late Kenneth; cherished godmother of Jeannette (John) Czaplicki; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Member of Queens Seniors, Tarkington Park Seniors, and Sears Retirees Club.

Mrs. Dulaj was born in Chicago in 1930. Her immigrant parents were Polish Highlanders.

As a child, she and her mother, Anas tasia, were visiting Poland when their trip was cut short. An urgent message arrived from her father, telling her to leave. Something is brewing. Make arrangements to return right away.

They did and later that they were on the last ship out of Poland before World War II began.

Mrs. Dulaj was the mother of George (Carol), Glen and the late Gloria. She was the sister of Stan Koper and aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Services were Monday at Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Burbank.

Interment was private.
Lightfoot gives ringing endorsement to public libraries, librarians

By Joan Hadac

Mayor Lori Lightfoot came to the McKinley Park Branch Library early this week to help launch the Chicago Public Library’s “Summer Learning Challenge” and “Teen Summer Challenge,” and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of YOUmedia.

But she quickly abandoned her prepared remarks and spoke from the heart about the importance of public libraries.

After touring the library at 35th and Wolcott, the mayor said she could “see and feel how important libraries are to the well being of communities. It certainly took me back to my childhood at the library that was present near my home...it was a place of escape, of refuge, of safety; but also a place where I felt like I could use my imagination to conjure up all kinds of things that took me beyond my current circumstances. Just to be able to see and touch and feel the books—which were more than I ever could have imagined in my household. And the care and nurturing of the libraries and the programing from my experience and what we do now for our children all over the city is so incredibly important.

“Libraries are where magic happens,” Lightfoot continued. “It’s where kids can come and be kids and use their imagination for endless possibilities to really be themselves.”

The mayor observed that sometimes she hears from “people [saying], ‘Well, libraries aren’t really relevant’ or ‘They really don’t matter.’ That is so fundamentally wrong. Libraries are critically important. I think we have 80 [branch] libraries across 77 neighborhoods. They provide such a service for the community—not only for the books and the programming—but they’re also the office and the place of refuge for so many people that come who don’t have the resources and their own means to be able to do things on their own.”

Lightfoot added that the city “should, and we will, leverage not only the physical location but the connection that libraries have to the community to deliver all kinds of additional services to the communities, because libraries are trusted, librarians are revered, and they are in every community. “I love CPL staff,” she continued. “You are truly unsung heroes. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do. We’re going to provide more resources so our libraries can continue to grow—so that we can expand our hours, because this is important for us to be present and visible for our residents...the libraries are really ground zero for what’s good about Chicago.”

When quizzed by a reporter for specifics, Lightfoot would not offer a timeline or how much funds would be dedicated to CPL expansion, but she did say that a top priority is getting branches open on Sunday, in part because Orthodox Jewish leaders have told her that “Sunday is the day” for them to get things done at public libraries.

CPL’s Summer Learning Challenge is geared toward education, engagement and safety with programming tailored to youth of all ages to prevent the “summer slide,” where children can lose up to three months of learning during the summer, according to Chicago Public Library Commissioner Andrea Telli.

This year’s programs feature several new learning opportunities for youth, including the Coder in the Library program, created by Chicago Public Library in partnership with Chicago Public Schools, Northwestern’s Center for Excellence in Computer Science Education and First Lady Amy Eshleman, where youth can drop-in at one of 12 locations for help learning to code. On the Southeast Side, those sites include Chicago Lawn, 6120 S. Kedzie, and Back of the Yards, 2111 W. 47th St.

CPL’s Summer Learning Challenge has received national acclaim and now serves as a national model for summer learning in public libraries, officials said. In 2015, CPL became the first—and to this day the only—public library system in the nation to receive the National Summer Learning Association’s Founders Award for Excellence in Summer Learning. A recent analysis by Chapin Hall at University of Chicago showed that children participating in the Library’s Summer Learning Challenge demonstrated a 15 percent greater reading gains and 20 percent greater math gains when compared to their peers who did not participate in the program.

CPL will also host the Teen Summer Challenge, “We Are Chicago: Your City, Your Summer, Your CPL,” providing youth ages 13-18 a chance to develop new skills, discover award-winning literature and refine their digital skills by working in the Library’s YOUmedia learning labs and teen areas. This year’s program celebrates the tenth anniversary of YOUmedia, a digital learning hub created to provide a safe and inclusive space for teens to make new friends and further cultivate their areas of interests. To celebrate its anniversary, teens will be offered a “We Are Chicago” interactive bingo card designed to get teens involved in library and city programming and offering a chance to win raffle prizes.

The YOUmedia concept, created at the Chicago Public Library in partnership with the Digital Youth Network and First Lady Amy Eshleman, first originated with a digital media lab at the Harold Washington Library, and has since been acknowledged nationally as a proven model for college and career success, and replicated in over 30 museums, libraries, and after school centers. CPL will open its 23rd YOUmedia location by the end of 2019.

Mayor Lightfoot praises the work of public libraries and librarians. – Supplied photo

Wishing everyone a happy and safe 4th of July

Alderman Edward M. Burke
14th Ward
Seek teen missing from 53rd Street

A 15-year-old boy missing from the West Elsdon neighborhood has prompted the Chicago Police Department to issue a community alert.

Jeffrey Battles was last seen on the 3600 block of West 53rd Street on June 20 at 7:30 p.m. Battles is black, 5-foot-10 with black hair, brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a blue Gap T-shirt, blue jogging pants, a blue Gap zip-up hoodie, and white shoes with red accents.

Those who see the teen are advised to call 911 immediately. Others with useful information are asked to call CPD Area Central detectives at (312) 747-8380 and refer to case JCI31588.

In the wake of the teen’s disappearance, police advise everyone:

- Be aware of this situation and alert your neighbors.
- Call 911 to report any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity in your neighborhood.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.

COPS upcoming beat meetings

Crime prevention is the focus of two Chicago Police Department COPS meetings coming up in the week ahead. Police will offer the latest crime data, and residents and local business owners will have the opportunity to meet local officers and discuss local concerns and join forces to implement constructive solutions to priority problems.

COPS meetings are held for specific police beats. To find the beat where your home or business is located, call your district police station.

Beat 911/921 will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday July 3 at Davis School Annex, 3050 W 39th St. Beat 923 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday July 2 at Davis Square Park, 4430 S Marshfield.

For more information about COPS, contact your local district, call (312) 747-8730. In the Ninth District, call (312) 747-8227.

POLICE REPORTS

Reputed gang member dead after shooting

A 20-year-old Chicago Lawn man died after he was shot in the chest on a sidewalk in the 7100 block of South Fairfield—within walking distance of his home—at about 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 19. Cornelius Walls was taken to Holy Cross Hospital, where he was initially listed in critical condition. He was pronounced dead at 9:35 p.m. No one is custody. According to a law enforcement source, Walls was a gang member. He was arrested two years ago in the 7100 block of South Mozart and charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, criminal trespass to land and reckless conduct.

Reputed gang member shot and killed

A 28-year-old man was shot in the neck and killed in the 7300 block of South Oakley at 3:54 a.m. Sunday, June 23. Police responding to a “shots fired” signal from a ShotSpotter unit found the victim lying on the ground. He was transported to Advocate Christ Medical Center, where he was initially listed in serious condition but later pronounced dead. Police did not initially release the name of the victim. According to a law enforcement source, the victim was a gang member. No one is in custody.

Claim man forced girl to remove her pants

A 46-year-old Chicago Lawn man was charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault after he was arrested at his home in the 6000 block of South Francisco at 1:54 a.m. Sunday, June 17. Alfonso S. Garcia allegedly forced a 13-year-old family member to take down her pants, according to a CPD spokesman.

Bust two men who allegedly punched another

Two men were charged with battery after they allegedly punched a man in the body while in a home in the 4100 block of South Artesian at 3:16 a.m. Friday, June 14. Hai Dong, 45, and Wei Sun, 49, allegedly attacked a 50-year-old man.

Palos Hills woman charged with felony after bust at Walgreens

A 40-year-old Palos Hills woman was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, as well as retail theft after she allegedly stole cosmetics from a store at Ford City, Gwendolyn Washington, of the 7300 block of South Perry, was held by store security and arrested by police at 4:10 p.m. Saturday, June 15. According to public records, Washington has been arrested five times by CPD since 2015—one each time on a retail theft charge.

Police report information is provided by law enforcement agencies. Charges are not evidence of guilt. They are a record of police actions taken and people charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
New signage was recently erected indicating the former A.J. Smith Bank at 8000 W. 159th St. is now part of Peoples Bank. - Greater Southwest News-Herald photo by Bob Bong

More free Krispy Kreme doughnuts

New filled Krispy Kreme doughnuts are now available in Chicagoland shops located at 7785 S. Hylton St. in Homewood, at 9150 S. Western Ave. in Evergreen Park and at 110 S. Mannheim Road in Hillside. The new product is initially offered with a choice of two fillings: Classic Chocolate and Chocolate Creme. The release is time to coincide with next month’s 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

“Introducing an entirely new doughnut is exciting for Krispy Kreme,” said Carlos Larcada, president of Chicagoland Restaurants LLC. “We can’t wait for fans to blast off with the new Original Filled Doughnuts!”

If you see a new business in town or wonder what happened to an old favorite, drop me a line at bobbongonbusiness.com. You can track business openings and closings at bobbongonbusiness.com.
Mayor treads lightly on Austin

Ray Hanania

It didn’t surprise anyone else a strange feeling that newly elected Mayor Lori Lightfoot was taking a less aggressive, condemnatory attitude toward both the FBI raids of the offices of 14th Ward Ald. Carrie Austin than when she did when the FBI raided the offices of 14th Ward Ald. Edward M. Burke.

I did. But then, I am one of the “new minority,” a mainstream middle-class homeowner whose only identification is that I am categorized by some because I am white, live in a predominantly white community and really have no one who cares about the issues of the people of my ward. It stunts my tenacity and that is what I face.

I am definitely not rich, privileged or in some class that looks down on people of color. I don’t belong to a “white people” make millions, live on easy street driving Teslas, Ferraris or Lamborghini’s, or are concerned about the massive tax hikes on the rich.

I’m definitely not rich, privileged or in some class that looks down on everyone else. In fact, when we wish to address race, discrimination and civil rights, I have to pick up my binoculars and look upwards these days.

The point is, it seemed that our mayor, who was celebrating for being a woman, a lesbian and an African American, seemed to take a less confrontational approach to Austin, who happens to be African American, too, than the mayor took with Burke when the only issue facing him was that his office had been raided.

Remember that Burke’s offices were raided in November of last year, during the height of the political battle to determine who would become mayor of Chicago. Lightfoot was one of 12 candidates and won the largest vote in the February primary. John Cullerton, the man running John Pritzker in the 2014 Senate race against the fading contender Tony Preckwinkle. Lightfoot did not hesitate to condemn Burke and use him as a campaign poster child for Chicago Machine corruption – even though he was not charged until many months later.

Yeah, I get the sense that there is a difference. It doesn’t mean that Lightfoot is a bad mayor or isn’t sincere in wanting to fairly represent everyone.

But I talked with several House Democrats, who happen to be African American, and everyone said the same thing: They had little or no interaction with Stratton on important legislative-related events.

So let’s not jump in and exploit either of these cases and save our judgments until after a jury stands up and issues its ruling.

Until then, Burke and Austin have been both elected by their ward constituents. They deserve respect, not just for them but for the people of their ward.

Stratton on sidelines a missed opportunity

Richard Miller

“We are so proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish this first legislative session of ours,” Gov. J.B. Pritzker said to a TV interviewer earlier this month. “We said that we wanted to think big for the people of Illinois, we said that we wanted to get Springfield back on the track of working families and that’s what we did.”

But a former House colleague was overheard telling Stratton at a bill-signing ceremony the next day how much he’d missed her. Indeed, Stratton’s absence from the legislative arena was the subject of much speculation in the waning days of the spring session.

JB Pritzker often referred to Stratton as a “partner” during the campaign. She was unarguably indispensable during Pritzker’s statewide bid.

Stratton was only in her first term in the Illinois House when Pritzker picked her to run with him, but she’d already impressed her colleagues with her abilities. It was widely assumed that Stratton would play a major role in the governor’s dealings with the legislature.

But, depending how you count, Stratton was only in Springfield for about 20 days during the five-month legislative session. Her public schedule, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request, shows her departing for Springfield from Chicago a few times at 6 o’clock in the evening with no events when she arrived, so I didn’t count those.

Her schedule only includes a handful of meetings with legislators and scheduled appearances at legislative-related events. The last time Stratton was in Springfield was May 16, and she departed for Chicago at 2 o’clock.

That meant Stratton completely missed the final two weeks of the spring session, which is typically a busy time, but was especially so this year. It was a time when many bills were actually on the floor. She was hotly debated by the House and Senate.

As mentioned above, her absence was the source of frequent chatter in Springfield, particularly when some members of the House Black Caucus began resisting pressure to vote for the cannabis legalization bill. Cook County State’s Attorney Kimberly Fox traveled to Springfield at least twice to help put out that fire, and several Senate Black Caucus members also played a crucial role, as did Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell – who, like Stratton, is a former House Member.

The governor’s office was in an “all hands on deck” mode during those final days, but according to her office, Stratton wasn’t even in Illinois.

She traveled “out of state” from May 22 through May 25 for her daughter’s graduation and then left on May 28 “with a U.S. delegation of women leaders to Israel,” her office said. Legislative session was scheduled to end on May 31, but ended up lasting until June 2.

Stratton returned on June 5, just in time to attend Gov. Pritzker’s bill-signing ceremony for budget-related legislation, even though the budget deal was made and voted on while she was out of the country. She also attended the governor’s signing ceremony for the Reproductive Health Act the following week, the day after she was interviewed on WTTW’s “Chicago Tonight” program.

Stratton’s spokesperson defended his boss, saying she’d been “deeply involved” in legislation and “countless conversations” with legislators. The governor’s office claimed Pritzker consulted with her “regularly” on issues like gun control during the cross-border discussions on the cannabis legalization debate. “Illinois is a more just and equitable state today because of the Lieutenant Governor, and her work will continue to be central to the progress we make.”

But I talked with several House Democrats, primarily Black Caucus and female members, and everyone said the same thing: They had little to no interaction with Stratton on important legislation.

“Not at all,” said one legislator, adding “She stopped by to say hi but no conversations on bills.”

“She seemed kind of on an island of her own if you asked me,” said another. It’s not unusual for a lieutenant governor to not take a major role at the Statehouse. The office has no constitutional duties.

This simply wouldn’t have been a story with almost all prior lieutenant governors because expectations were so low. Expections for Stratton, on the other hand, were sky high and remain so, as clearly shown by that WTTW interview.

As far as I can tell she wasn’t elbowed out by the governor or his administration. She chose that path herself by choosing not to run for con- stitutional officer. In the end, almost all of the governor’s bills passed.

But the words I heard most often about her were “disappointing” and “missed opportunity.”
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An outdoor art festival brought vibrancy to West Lawn last Saturday. The Quetzal Art Fest was held at 63rd and Karlov. More than a dozen participating artists formed the core of the event. They are members of EXPO Collective, founded in 2013.

The festival included local food and art vendors, clothing made by artists, activities and workshops, and a large-scale artistic showcase.

For the past four years, QFest, as it is known, has been hosted in various neighborhoods around the city. The idea to have a continuous effort to meet communities where they are and share the love and appreciation of art started since the inception of QFest. EXPO Collective’s effort was to take art to where it lacked.

This year’s QFest was hosted by the Latino Organization of the Southwest and Chicago Area Project.

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From staff reports

An Aleksandar Katai free kick that found the lower right corner of the net was the only goal the Fire managed in its latest contest, but they held off Real Salt Lake to earn the draw and extend their home unbeaten streak to seven games.

The Fire are 4-0-3 in that stretch, and their success at SeatGeek Stadium has kept them in the playoff hunt despite being winless on the road.

Chicago came into this week 4-6-7, 19 points in a virtual tie with Toronto for the seventh and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. They are 4-4-4 at home and 0-5-3 on the road.

Against Salt Lake on June 22 in Bridgeview, the Fire took an early 1-0 lead five minutes in after midfielder Dax McCarty was brought down outside the 18-yard box. Katai converted the subsequent free kick, and that would be it for the Fire's scoring. Katai now has four goals on the season.

Salt Lake equalized in the 33rd minute on an Albert Rusnak penalty kick, awarded after Fire midfielder Mo Adams was called for a handball inside the 18-yard box. It was Rusnak's sixth tally of the year.

The Fire had a few opportunities in the second half to pull ahead, but a shot by Katai went wide of the far post in the 82nd minute. Six minutes later, Salt Lake goalkeeper Rimando made a save on a diving save on a wide-open header by Przemsław Frankowski.

The lack of finishing high-percentage chances such as that has recurred for them, and they took no solace in the draw. At the half of the point of the season they're not pleased with their place in the standings or their overall performance.

"The team is not happy. We're not happy with the situation or the position we have," said head coach Veljko Paunovic after the Salt Lake game. "We believe we deserved - that we did many games well and deserved more. But we've got to keep giving and expecting that at some point it's going to turn."

McCarty challenged himself and his teammates to take their game out of the mire of mediocrity.

"We expect more of ourselves in this locker room and I know there's more out there for us," said McCarty. "I know that there's frustration in the locker room, outside of the locker room. We expect more from ourselves and we have 17 games to make it better."

The Fire are near the top of the MLS leaders in chances created, with consistently high expected-goal numbers, but are not converting enough of those chances into goals. Paunovic saw more of the same against Salt Lake.

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"We are on the opposite side of things." McCarty said. "Well, that means the team is capable of doing it. What we have to get better is obviously, converting those opportunities. In every game you see the same thing."

"There's no team that can defend against us, but we are not capable of killing." McCarty is looking for a more collective mindset in the season's second half.

"We're not as fluid as we need to be in the attack. We lack a bit of rhythm at times. It's almost as if sometimes we rely a little bit too much on our players' one-versus-one ability - which is very good - to get us in the box. And then once we're there and teams are deep and it's time to put the ball in the net we just lack a little bit of that killer instinct."

"When you're in a stretch like this, sometimes you just need a little bit of luck. It's not like we're out there getting dominated by anybody."

The Fire will take on the New York Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena at 7 p.m. Friday, June 28.

Fire Notes

Midfielder Mo Adams has obtained a U.S. Green Card, and will thus no longer need to worry about international spot on the Fire's roster.

A native of Nottingham, England, Adams, 22, was drafted by the Fire as the No. 10 overall pick from Syracuse in the 2018 MLS SuperDraft. In his first two seasons with the Club, Adams has made 24 appearances (14 starts), including a career high 15 appearances (10 starts) during his rookie campaign. This season, Adams has made nine appearances (four starts).

The Fire have 10 international players under contract for 2019: goalkeepers David Ousted; defender Marcelo; midfielders/defenders Diego Campos and Rahedin Emad; midfielders Przemysław Frankowski, Nicolas Gaitan, Aleksandar Katai and Bastian Schweinsteiger; and forwards Elliot Collier and Nemanja Nikolić.

Sky too much for Sun

From staff reports

The Chicago Sky swapped the visiting Connecticut Sun's seven-game win streak with a 93-75 victory at the Wintrust Arena on Sunday.

After a 27-27 first quarter, the Sky blew the game open, scoring 29 points in the second quarter and holding the Sun to just 8.

Cheyenne Parker had a season-high 22 points. Allie Quigley added 14, while Stefanie Dolson and Diamond DeShields had 12 each for Chicago (6-4). Janel Lavender had 13 rebounds, along with eight points.

Even with the loss, Connecticut remains atop the WNBA's Eastern Conference with a 9-2 record. The Sky improved to 6-3, good for third place in the six-team conference.

After the game Sky coach and GM James Wade talked about creating a winning culture with the team.

"I say it all the time that the [Sky players] work very hard and they work very hard together," he said. "It just shows that we're doing something right that everybody's buying into doing the right things. Yesterday, we had a short practice, but it was hard and tough. And mentally, they dug in and everybody was excited to finish practice, I think everybody was excited in practice too. They knew we had a task at hand and I think we were excited to go out there and get it.

"I think it's a different confidence, maybe not a different intensity. We're in the best league in the world, so every locker room you go into is intense. But we have a confidence about us that we haven't had in the past couple seasons. We're playing fun basketball, we're doing it together, and we're confident in what we can do and what we can do at the end of the season."
Cyclones win 20 games for first time since 2010

From staff reports

It was a mixed bag this season for the Cyclones, who won 20 games for the first time in nine years and won at least 10 conference games for the first time since 2007, but finished six games below .500 and once again failed to advance to the regional round of the playoffs. The Cyclones finished 20-26 overall, 10-11 in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference, earning their first 20-win season since 2010. After heading into the postseason with five wins in its final seven regular season games, Moraine fell 11-5 to Madison College and 12-2 what turned out to be the season finale against Black Hawk College.

“This season was a mix of highs and lows,” said Moraine head coach Hugh Dennehy, who completed his third year with the team. “Getting to 20 wins was a goal, but we wanted to elevate the Cyclones. We have to put the team before the individual.” Nazareth grad Richie Kierczki, Sandburg alumnus Timothy Dobrik, Argo grad Ryan Czajowski and former Shepard player Brett Smith led the Cyclones on the mound this season. Dobrik was an All-Conference second team selection. Sophomore Thomas Moran paved the way offensively, hitting .339 with 10 doubles, five home runs, 35 RBI and a .567 slugging percentage. He earned All-Region IV second team honors and was an All-Conference honorable mention.

Kyel Alexander earned All-Conference second team honors. Alexander, Oak Lawn grad Brenden Butler and Gilbert Jai-me-Baez each had moments where they came through in the clutch. Dennehy will look to the strength of his returners, including St. Rita alum Stephen Insley and Reavis grad and catcher Nate Vil-lagomez, as well as a strong recruiting class next season to elevate the Cyclones.

“The kids did a good job and worked hard getting after it. We just need to get better,” Dennehy said. “We had a great year, and I’m glad for the players to get that experience. If we teach the incoming guys how to get there it’ll be a positive move for the program, and I hope we can build on that.”

Softball

A young team that returned only two players from 2018 finished third on the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference and made it to the NJCAA Region IV quarterfinals.

Head coach Scott Sobol’s team finished 17-31 overall, 7-7 in conference.

“Our overall, we improved immensely on defense because we put the emphasis on that,” Sobol said. “We hit well to start, but then we didn’t stay the offensive ball club I thought we’d be. Collectively, we’d get down and couldn’t handle the losing, so one loss became two. It was a learning experience for sure.”

Pitching proved to be a welcome surprise, with freshmen Mariah Martinez, Liz Mcuan and Kar-ly Krown’s making good progress in their first collegiate seasons.

“Mcuan has electric stuff. With experience and knowing the landscape, she’ll be a force next year,” Sobol said. “Mariah worked her tail off. By the end, she put dominant outings against good teams. Krown has good stuff. She shut down good teams, and has potential for more.”

Darcee Nichols, Donna Booe, Jessica Coyle, Abrand and Davis will look to build on their af- ter learning the routine of college ball. Nichols was moved around several po-sitions and played well, and learned how to hit left-handed to add a new dynamic to her offense.

Booe led the team with a .384 average and slugged .548 slugging percentage, with four home runs, 10 doubles and 35 RBI, and earned All-Region second team and All-Con ference first team honors. Nichols and Martinez earned All-Conference second team honors while Morgan Kaminisky earned All-Conference honorable mention for their efforts.

“I had such high expec-tations and put together a heck of a team, but it’s more than that,” Sobol said. “You can’t just expect a good team. It’s about what you’re willing to do. Ulti-mately, it’s on me. They’re good kids and they worked hard, but maybe I overstated their ability to put it on the field all the time.”

Moraine baseball reaches goals, but has more work to do – Supplied photo

Archer Manor Little League champions

The Cardinals won the minor league crown last week in the Archer Manor Little League playoffs, defeating the Astros, 6-1 and 18-5 to sweep the best-of-three series for the title. Cardinal players include Kevin Angel, Alejandro De La Rosa, Jayden Gaona, Diego Gar-cia, Danny Garcia, Joseph Gernert, Joshua Lanz, Michael Leon, Joshua Martinez, Pablo Martinez, Kobe Munguia, Isaiah Mustieh, Alejandro Ruelas and Israel Tapia. Guiding the champs is Manager Eli Martinez, Coach Jorge Rueblas and Coach Pablo Martinez.
A welcome visitor at the front door

A big thank you goes to 23rd Ward Ald. Silvana Tabares. A few evenings ago, my doorbell rang and there she was. She, along with a colleague, were going down the block ringing doors. She just stopped by to check how everything was. She spoke with us for quite the while, too.

Her office was having extended hours at the West Lawn Branch Library, 4020 W. 63rd St., from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21, Sept. 25, Oct. 23 and Nov. 20. Members of her staff will be available on those days to assist with city services.

A welcome visitor at the front door

If you stop by the McDonald’s at 47th and Cicero on Wednesdays in July, a fund-raiser is being held to help the Chicago Lawn (8th) District officers buy new bikes for the bike patrol. If you visit between 4 and 7 p.m. on any of those days, 10 percent of sales will be donated towards the bike purchases.

If you live in Archer Heights, please consider joining the Archer Heights Civic Association (AHCA). The organization provides a wholesome sports experience for the area and it does so many great things for the community. For instance, it supports the Archer Manor Little League with a sponsorship donation. The Archer Manor Little League provides a wholesome sports experience for the families in the community. The AHCA also played a role along with the Cubs Charities Diamond Project, in having free dance concerts to your neighborhood this summer.

Welcome back, our mailman Gabrielle, from vacation. Our dog Oliver really missed her and we all kept a careful eye on her. Ms. Gabrielle returned with two really good letter carriers: Gabrielle and in the past, Eddie.

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No reason for city kids to go hungry

This is recommended for kids, tweens and teens. Come in and fold something beautiful. Ori means paper and kami means folding. Gami brings a beautiful flat piece of paper into a beautiful sculpture and have some fun doing it.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

GABRIELA SOLCANI
Gabriela Solcani (nee Olszewski), age 86, of Lenton, formerly of Archer Heights, passed away June 7.

Beloved wife of the late Joseph Solca- ni; loving mother of Malgorzata (Ed- ward) Helegda and the late Janusz (Lidia) Olszewski; dear grandmother of Robert Helegda, Daniel (Malgorzata) Olszewski and Arkadiusz (Somo) Olszewski; dearest great-grand- mother of Gabriela, Kai and Riku; dear sister of Tadeusz, Jozefa, Helena, Teresa, Henryk and the late Stanislaw; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

VISITATION was held June 13 at Zarzycki Manor Cha- pels, Ltd., 8999 S. Archer Ave, Willow Springs. Funeral was held June 14 from the funeral home to the Church of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church for Mass. Entombment Resurrection Garden Mausoleum. 708-839-8999 or www. ZarzycMcManorChapels.com.

JERZY SYNOWIEC
Jerzy Synowiec, age 87, of Aurora, formerly of Archer Heights, passed away June 21.

Beloved husband of Anna (nee Kadal); loving father of Henryk (Lucja) Synowiec; dear brother-in-law of Ro- dolph Kadel and Honorata Piontek.

VISITATION was held June 12 at Zarzycki Manor Cha- pels, Ltd., 8999 S. Archer Ave, Willow Springs. Funeral was held June 13 from the funeral home to the Church of St. Daniel the Prophet for Mass. Interment St. Aladbert Cemetery. 708-839-8999 or www.Zarzy- ckiMcManorChapels.com.

EVA VILLANUEVA
Eva Villanueva, age 81, passed away June 13.

Arrangements were made by Szkwony Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer Ave, Chicago. Cremation Private.

SISTER THERESE BERNADETTE ZEBRAUSKAS
Sister Therese Bernadette Zebrauskas, SSC, age 91, beloved member of the Sis- ters of St. Casimir for 69 years, passed away May 10.

Sister Therese Bernadette taught for 47 years in elementary schools in Illi- nois, Minnesota, and Indiana. In Chica- go, she taught at Nativity BVM School (Marquette Park) during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1990s. She then served as a receptionist at Maria High School from 1996 to 2011. Services were held May 18 at Franciscan Village in Lenton.

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OBITUARIES

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Cook County Highway Department; dear sister of Veronica “Vernie” Husick and Susan Terei; cherished daughter of the late Veronica (nee Mihelich) and the late William Husick; fond sister-in-law of Barbara (the late Ron) Popjoy. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

VISITATION was held June 19 at Damar-Kaminski Funer- al Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Ave, Justice. Funeral was held June 20, Service and Time of Remem- brance were held at the funeral home. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside. For more information, 708- 496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

MARIA F. MALLOY
Maria F. Malloy, age 45, passed away June 14.

Cherished daughter of Luclilce and Joseph Malloy; dear sister of Joe (Nich- ole) Malloy; dear aunt of Joey and Jack; loving fiancée of Mike Steinhauser. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. 20 year Employee of Ace Hardware Corporate.

VISITATION was held June 21 at Damar-Kaminski Funer- al Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Ave, Justice. Funeral was held June 22, prayers from the funeral home to Saint Albert the Great Church, 8029 S. Central Ave- nue, Burbank for Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Ceme- tery, Alsip. In lieu of flowers, donations to P.A.W.S., 8301 W. 19th Street, Tinley Park, Illinois 60479, would be appreciated. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

WALTER F. PODLASEK
Walter F. Podlsak, age 101, formerly of Chicago, Archer Heights community and of Palos Heights, passed away on June 20.

World War II Army Air Corp Veteran, af- fordable owner of the former Podlsak Grocery Store.

Beloved husband of the late Mary F. (nee Mysilewicz); loving father of Wally (Joyce), Christine Wayer, Les (Pat), Larry and Lynn Glover; dear grand- father of Craig (Kelly), Jason (Becky), Eric (Kathy), Michelle Citro, Dawn (Dan) Mequio, Scott (Viva) Wayer, Tracy (Joe) Giglio, Michael (fiancé Mary), Nina and Jere- my Glover; dearest great-grandfather of 20; fond brother of Wanda Shewmake, Lillian Wayer and late Sophie, Stanley, Stella, Irene and Theresa; also many nieces and nephews.

VISITATION was held June 24 at Zarzycki Manor Cha- pels, Ltd., 8999 South Archer Avenue, Willow Springs.

Closing prayers from the funeral home to the Church of St. Bruno for Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

Member of PFC Ted Spiemien VFW Post-8821, and a former St. Bruno Usher and Holy Name Society member. 708-839-8999 or www.ZarzycMcManorChapels.com.

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The Plant offering tours of its site

The Plant, 1400 W. 46th St., is an industrial buildings located in formerly vacant, closed-loop systems, is offering tours of 2 p.m. Sat- urday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 7. Tours are free for all 60669 residents. Tickets must be reserved in advance by calling Bubbly Dynamics, LLC, at 773-330-1981. There is a maximum of 40 tickets available per tour, and reservations are required for both dates.

The Plant is a project of Bubbly Dynamics, LLC, a social enterprise dedicated to incubating small businesses in formerly vacant industrial buildings located in disinvested communities, while exploring new approaches to resource efficiency and emissions reduction. The Plant currently houses several small businesses, including a food production and retail space, and is working to support local community groups with resources and one-of-a-kind tours. Guests are invited to explore the unique space and learn about the different businesses housed within.

Hi neighbors! How are you all doing? I think summer is finally here. I’ve been opening and shutting my windows a lot because of all the rain, but at least it’s good exercise for my upper arms.

On sunny days, head over to West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th Street. Their big sprinkler is up and running. This is so fun for the kids and a great way for everyone to cool off.

West Lawn Park is the location for the neighborhood’s Fête de la Musique meeting, set for 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 29. The group is currently signing people up for foot patrols and vehicle patrols. We can be the eyes and ears of our neighborhood and help to keep it safe. Everyone is welcome and running thanks to all the hard work of the leaders of this group. If you have any questions about signing up, come to the meeting or contact them at WLNWatch@yahoo.com. There will also be a program to talk about how to report any neighborhood problems you might be having. I hope to see all my West Lawn neighbors there.

The West Lawn Branch Library, 4020 W. 63rd St., is having another Yoga For Everyone class on Saturday, June 29 from 11 a.m. to noon. This class is great for all skill levels and for all ages - young and old alike. Bring your family or a friend. Wear comfortable, loose clothing and bring a mat or towel. Registration is not required; but if you have any questions, call (312) 747-7581.

As part of Chicago's Summer Learning Challenge, there will be a program at the library called Explorers at Play. The first event will take place on Tuesday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the library. This is a great time for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

The next event will take place on Wednesday, July 3 from 6 to 7 p.m. This is a family game night for all ages. Registration is required for both events. Call the library to reserve a spot.

The St. Mary Star of the Sea School Class of 2020 is sponsoring a car wash on Sunday, June 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drive over to their Parish Center, 4626 W. 63rd St., to get a clean car and contribute to a good cause!

A big thank you to 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn for all his work with our neighborhood schools. He reached out to me about their need for certain items and in order to continue classical programs. The alderman has been instrumental in saving this educational program.

I’ve been busy as usual in my search of great dining in West Lawn. I visited Lou Malnatti’s twice already. If you haven’t yet been to this pizza spot, please go. Their pizza is absolutely deli- cious. The crust is perfection. The restaurant is spacious and the staff is friendly and there is parking around the corner on 65th street. Valet parking is available as well. They are open for lunch and dinner, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

I want to thank Sandra T. for your humorous phone message. She called me on Friday, June 21 to let me know that I was looking for a piece of my column that was fades. Sandra, you have a way with words, I must say. I enjoyed our conversa- tion.

You see, a couple of weeks ago, my column was so faded that it was barely readable. Fading ink seems to have plagued my column. I can’t tell you how many calls I got about that. I mailed a copy of my column to each person who called. It was a good way to use some leftover Christmas stamps. I then sent them a postcard in return.

I am truly grateful for each person who reads my column. Thank you so much!
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