

Conflict over weapons not a first for Edgar and GOP senate leader

BY MADELEINE DOUBEK
Daily Herald Political Editor

Gov. Jim Edgar says he was "disappointed" that Republican Senate President James "Pate" Philip backed away this week from a compromise that had reached on a semiautomatic assault weapon ban. "We do have a disagreement on assault weapons," Edgar said. "There's no doubt about it. I was disappointed. I mean he'd issued a statement saying he'd support my proposal and that didn't occur."

Edgar's original proposal to ban more than 80 specific weapons was tabled this week in favor of one sent to the Senate floor by a GOP-controlled committee that would ban 17 specific weapons and create stricter licensing requirements for 50 others.

Calling on citizens to lobby their legislators in favor of his version, Edgar said he and Philip had agreed to a compromise that would ban about 20 guns the governor said were responsible for 140 deaths last year in Chicago.

"I was disappointed that Senator Philip couldn't agree to that compromise, but there's still more of the legislative process," the Republican governor said.

But this week's intraparty policy clash is not the first between Edgar and the top Republican legislative leader. Philip also has been less than subtle in suggesting that Edgar eventually will be convinced

"This is just the horse-trading that goes on in Springfield."

— Philip adviser Art Hanlon

that it is unreasonable not to allow for more riverboat casinos outside Cook County.

And Edgar also took some of the heat a few years ago when Philip would not budge in his opposition to a third regional airport at the Lake Calumet site being proposed by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

So is the Edgar-Philip relationship deteriorating? Is the governor concerned about a public perception that he cannot command discipline from his own party chieftain as he prepares for what likely will be a closely contested general election?

The moderate governor quickly downplays such suggestions about his dealings with the more conservative Senate president.

"Pate and I will disagree at times," he said. "We have disagreed before. We are different people. We take a little different approach to things."

Philip could not be reached for comment, but Art Hanlon, a political adviser to Philip and the Senate Republicans, said there is nothing especially significant about the

philosophical clashes between top Republicans.

"This is just the horse-trading that goes on in Springfield," Hanlon said. "It's the rite of spring ritual dance that everyone goes through except when Pate Philip and Jim Edgar go through it, it's front page news."

Asked whether the perception of repeated disagreements could damage Edgar politically, Hanlon said, "I want to see (Democratic governor's nominee) Dawn Clark Netsch get a lot of her Democrats to support her tax plan, if you want to see someone who's going to have a problem."

"I can assure you Pate Philip is going to work his tail off for the election of Jim Edgar. There's no question about that," Hanlon added. "This is just an honest philosophical difference," he said of the gun ban dispute.

"It's not going to have any political ramifications for Edgar down the road," Hanlon added.

Edgar said he still expects that he and Philip will be able to compromise on critical issues important to their political futures.

"I'm sure he'll be supportive of things in the future that he may not be crazy about, but I've asked," the governor said. "But I also know there's times when we're going to disagree. And that's Pate. There's nothing much I can do about it. That's his personality. We all have our pluses and minuses."

DCFS unveils plan for improvement

Associated Press

The state's child welfare agency said Friday it will hire outside consultants to develop a long-term strategy for meeting the needs of growing numbers of abused and neglected children in Illinois.

Christina Tchen, an attorney representing the Department of Children and Family Services, said a federal consent decree has laid down the framework for a better agency, allowing DCFS now to develop a strategy for improving care for the state's at-risk children over the long haul.

"It's the first time this system has had the opportunity and ability to do this type of top-down examination," Tchen said in releasing a 320-page annual plan for meeting the terms of a federal consent decree.

The decree is the result of a law-

suit filed against DCFS in 1988 by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. The ACLU sued the agency, saying children frequently were worse off after coming into DCFS care than they had been prior to state contact.

Since the decree was entered in 1991, the agency has made steady progress, cutting caseloads, better assessing a child's needs and developing health care and mental health care systems for its wards, Tchen said.

Still, much work remains — work that has been complicated by an alarming growth in the numbers of children who are coming into state care, she said. DCFS now acts as surrogate parent to about 38,000 children — up 18 percent in a single year alone, she said.

The annual plan, delivered to U.S. District Judge John Grady, outlines

the approach DCFS will take over the next year to meet the terms of the agreement.

The agency intends to seek outside bids for an initiative to improve communication among DCFS workers and develop a system that can respond to the individual circumstances each child presents, Tchen said.

DCFS said in fiscal 1994, which ends June 30, it has:

- Increased the number of direct service workers to about 2,500, an increase of nearly 27 percent over a year ago.
- Specialized workers by case type.
- Started a comprehensive assessment system to identify children's physical and emotional needs.
- Developed more than 1,300 new placements for children.

Former Bear plays host to Easter Bunny, needy kids

BY TODD NATENBERG
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Riding the success of his Christmas and Thanksgiving galas, former football legend Walter Payton is again opening up his business and his heart to Chicago's troubled and needy children.

More than 350 children are expected to attend Payton's Easter extravaganza Sunday at Studebaker's, 1251 East Golf Road in Schaumburg.

From noon until 4 p.m., the man known as "Sweetness" will dance, chat and pose for photographs with youth from Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, Lutherbrook in Addison, Hephzibah in Oak Park, the Crisis Center in Elgin, Wings in Des Plaines, and the CEDA program in Arlington Heights.

"It's just a good time," said Linda Conley, director of sales and catering for Studebaker's. "It's just a non-stop, bop-top un-

til we drop Easter sock hop."

Food and beverages will be provided to the children at no charge, thanks in large part to donations collected from the Studebaker's patrons during the past month.

In addition, volunteers of the George Halas Walter Payton Foundation are giving out Easter baskets, which include a host of toys, stuffed animals and candy.

Even the Easter Bunny, in full attire, will be on hand to enjoy the festivities.

Sunday's party marks the third time in the last five months the Hall-of-Fame former Bear has hosted such an event.

He held similar extravaganzas last year for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For the Christmas party, Payton provided each child with a goodie bag stocked with \$100 worth of items.

Conley said Payton was inspired to hold the parties to give something back to the community that gave him so much.

Officials squawking about duck deaths

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Conservation officials are angry about finding 65 dead ducks — some of them rare — in fishing nets on an Illinois River backwater.

The ducks were found last weekend in Meredosia Bay by Illinois Department of Conservation police after an anonymous tip, Capt. Rich Powell said.

Authorities said a 100-yard-long, untagged trammel net contained 22 drowned ducks, nine of them rare and federally protected canvasbacks.

Also found in the trammel net, which are sometimes referred to as "dead-set" nets, were hundreds of fish. The three-layered nets are normally used by commercial fishermen to catch carp and buffalo fish.

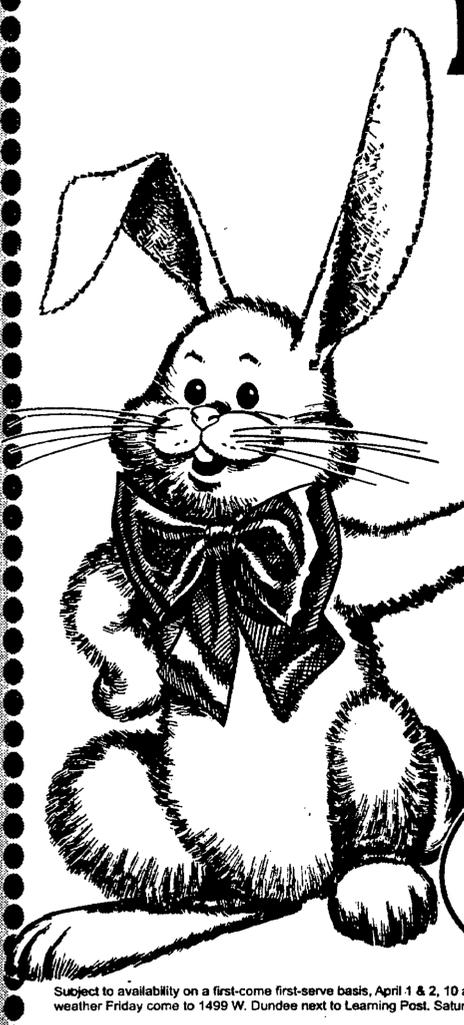
Another 43 drowned ducks were found in the immediate vicinity. Police speculate those ducks may have been cut from the net and dumped near the wooded area in a failed effort to hide them.

The offenders face possible revocation of their commercial fishing licenses and federal penalties for leaving their net untagged and unattended.

Teddy's LIQUOR STORES

<p>• PALATINE 25 N. Northwest Hwy. (Rt. 14 and Palatine Rd.)</p>	<p>• PALATINE 1735 N. Rand Rd. (2 blks. N. of Dundee Rd.)</p>	<p>• ARLINGTON HEIGHTS 135 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. (1 blk. S. of Village Hall)</p>	<p>• CRYSTAL LAKE 11 E. Northwest Hwy. (On Rt. 14, 1 blk. W. of Crystal Point Mall)</p>
Plus state and local taxes			
4-DAY SALE: Saturday, April 2 thru Tuesday, April 5		SALE ITEMS NOT ICED No County Tax at our Crystal Lake Store	
<p>BUDWEISER MILLER & LITE MICHELOB Golden Draft & Golden Draft Light 24 12-oz. cans (Closed case) 10⁶⁹</p>	<p>SPECIAL EXPORT ICEHOUSE LITE ICE 12 12-oz. N.R. btls. 5⁹⁹</p>	<p>BEERS: 6 pk. N.R. BTLS. NEW AMSTERDAM 4⁹⁹ ROYAL EXPORT 4⁹⁹ HACKER PSCHORR 6⁹⁹ BERGHOFF 3⁹⁹ CAVE CREEK 5⁹⁹ RED STRIPE 5⁹⁹ ELEPHANT 5⁹⁹</p>	<p>DEWAR'S SCOTCH MAKER'S MARK BOURBON J & B SCOTCH 19⁹⁹ 1.75 Liter (59.2-oz. bot.)</p>
Happy Easter! Open Easter Sunday			
<p>WHISKIES SEAGRAM'S 7 CROWN 8⁹⁹ 1.75 Liter (59.2-oz. bot.) OLD FORESTER, 1.75 10.99 WILD TURKEY 101%, 750 ml 10.99 CANADIAN CLUB, 750 ml 6.69 JIM BEAM, 1.75 10.99</p>	<p>NEW! JOSE CUERVO COCKTAILS • Lime Margarita • Strawberry Margarita • Moonlight Margarita 9⁹⁹ 1.75 Liter (59.2-oz. bot.)</p>	<p>SMIRNOFF NON-ALCOHOLIC MIXERS • Long Island Iced Tea • Electric Lemonade • Lemon Drop Mix • XXX on the Beach 2/6⁹⁸ 1 quart (33.3-oz. bot.) SMIRNOFF 80%, 750 ml 6.69</p>	<p>VODKA'S SMIRNOFF & CITRUS 11⁹⁹ 1.75 Liter (59.2-oz. bot.) WOLFSCHMIDT, 1.75 6.99 POPOV, 1.75 7.99 ABSOLUT, 750 ml 12.99 KEGELVICH & Lemon, 750 ml 13.99</p>
<p>LIQUEURS Southern Comfort 10⁹⁹ 1.75 Liter (59.2-oz. bot.) KAHLUA, 750 ml 9.99 GRAND MARNER, 750 ml 18.99 FRANGELICO, 750 ml 13.99 JAEGERMEISTER, 750 ml 13.99</p>	<p>SCOTCHES HOUSE OF STUART 11⁹⁹ 1.75 Liter (59.2-oz. bot.) FAMOUS GROUSE, 1.75 17.99 BLACK & WHITE, 1.75 16.99 CHIVAS, 750 ml 15.99 CUTTY SARK, 1.75 18.99</p>	<p>BRANDIES RAYNAL V.S.O.P. 10⁹⁹ 1.75 Liter (59.2-oz. bot.) ST. REMY VSOP, 750 ml 7.99 METAXA 5-Star, 750 ml 11.99 ARARAT, 750 ml 14.99 ASBACH URALT, 750 ml 14.99</p>	<p>CHAMPAGNES KORBEL Brut, Extra Dry 6⁹⁹ 750 ml (25.4-oz. bot.) FREIXENET, 750 ml 4.99 COOK'S, 750 ml 3/10.50 3.99 DOM PERIGNON, 750 ml 70.99 MUMM CUVEE NAPA, 750 ml 8.99</p>
<p>Wines for Ham/Pork (750 ml) RODNEY STRONG 10⁹⁹ Pinot Noir B & G 4⁹⁹ Beaujolais MOC-BARIL 5⁹⁹ Cab. d'Anjou Rose J. FRITZ 9⁹⁹ ZINFANDEL LOUIS JADOT 11⁹⁹ Pouilly Fuisse</p>	<p>Wines for Beef/Lamb (750 ml) GUSTAVE NIEBAUM 5⁹⁹ Cabernet Sauvignon ANTINORI 6⁹⁹ Santa Cristina E. GUIGAL 8⁹⁹ Cotes du Rhone MENDOZA 5⁴⁹ Red (Argentina) CLINE 5⁹⁹ Cotes d'Oakley</p>	<p>Wines for Game/Vension (750 ml) NOBILO 8⁹⁹ Pinotage BERINGER 8⁹⁹ Chardonnay B & G 9⁹⁹ Chateau du Pape RODNEY STRONG 14⁹⁹ Cab. Alexander Crown DRY CREEK 16⁹⁹ Meritage</p>	<p>MERLOTS (750 ml) MARLYN MERLOT 12⁹⁹ CLOS DU BOIS 10⁹⁹ STONECREEK 5⁴⁹ CHAT. SOUVERAIN 7⁹⁹ SEBASTIANI 6⁹⁹ Sonoma</p>

Visit with the Easter Bunny



FREE
INSTANT
Photo
with the
Easter Bunny

Friday & Saturday
April 1 & 2
10 am - 6 pm

Get FREE photo coupon from your favorite Plaza Verde Merchant photos will be \$1.50 without coupon. Quantities may be limited.

PLAZA VERDE

DUNDEE RD. & ARLINGTON HTS. RD.
BUFFALO GROVE

Subject to availability on a first-come first-serve basis, April 1 & 2, 10 am - 6 pm only. Subject to coupon availability. In case of inclement weather Friday come to 1499 W. Dundee next to Learning Post. Saturday come to 1271 W. Dundee next to Bedding Experts.

Mortgage Rates

PROGRAM	RATE	PTS.	APR	PROGRAM	RATE	PTS.	APR
30 yr. Fixed	8.500	0	8.582	30 yr. Fixed Jumbo	8.750	0	8.788
30 yr. Fixed	8.250	1.00	8.440	30 yr. Fixed Jumbo	8.500	1.00	8.647
15 yr. Fixed	8.250	0	8.376	15 yr. Fixed Jumbo	8.375	0	8.417
15 yr. Fixed	7.875	1.00	8.167	15 yr. Fixed Jumbo	8.000	1.00	8.168
5/1 ARM	6.875	0	6.928	5/1 ARM	6.875	0	6.903
10/1 ARM	8.000	0	8.060	10/1 ARM	8.000	0	8.031

GMS

Mortgage Center

"Illinois Residential Mortgage Licensee"

991-5570

800 E. Northwest Hwy.
Suite 900 • Palatine, IL 60067

Sharpen Your Edge • Get involved in our Newspaper In Education Program!
Contact NIE Coordinator Susan Groves at (708) 870-6507 for details.

Daily Herald