

# Big expansion starts at Daley College

Center to prepare Chicagoans for top manufacturing jobs, Rahm says

By Joan Hadac

Golden shovels broke ceremonial ground earlier this week near 76th and Pulaski, as Mayor Rahm Emanuel, City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor Juan Salgado, 18th Ward Ald. Derrick Curtis and other leaders marked the start of construction of a \$45 million Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Center at Richard J. Daley College.

Set for completion in late



Officials fling ceremonial shovelfuls of dirt at Monday's ceremony. Digging in and tossing a bit of earth are (from left) Michael Daley, a son of Mayor Richard J. Daley; 18th Ward Ald. Derrick Curtis, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, CCC Chancellor Juan Salgado, Public Building Commission of Chicago Executive Director Carina Sánchez, State Sen. Martin A. Sandoval (D-11th), Old Veteran Construction owner Jose Maldonado, and 11th Ward Ald. Patrick D. Thompson.

– Photo by Patrick Pyszka/City of Chicago

## Two views of window crisis

### Homeowner slams Aviation Dept. for delays

By Tim Hadac

The Chicago Department of Aviation's opinion that it is making "some good progress" on addressing defective RSIP windows that may possibly be emitting toxic fumes was slammed this week by a Chrysler Village homeowner who accused the department of "putting us through hell."

Pam Zidarich, one of four Chrysler Village homeowners who initially brought concerns about the windows to the Southwest News-Herald back in early June, said she will not accept an offer of in-home air testing until officials answer her questions, which she has put in writing to CDA Commissioner Ginger S. Evans.

She shared her letter exclusively with the Southwest News-Herald this week.

The letter is dated Sept. 20. Zidarich said she has not received a response.

In the letter, she requests CDA documentation about the RSIP windows



Zidarich stands at a second-floor window in her home near 64th and Latrobe, in her son's bedroom. The window, which gets a strong amount of exposure to the sun, seems to emit more fumes—possibly toxic—than any other window in the Zidarich home.

– Southwest News-Herald file photo that were installed in her home in 2011.

She also requests to speak with an Amec Foster Wheeler representative regarding in-home air quality testing.

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### Aviation Dept.: 'Good progress' on windows

By Tim Hadac

An official with the Chicago Department of Aviation said late last week that his agency is making "some good progress" in addressing Southwest Side homeowner concerns regarding offensive fumes emitted by Residential Sound Insulation Program windows.

But what CDA and its environmental-health contractor, Amec Foster Wheeler, are doing appear to be at odds with what one Southwest Side alderman has publicly insisted that they do.

In a conversation with the Southwest News-Herald, CDA Deputy Commissioner Aaron Frame said that some of the 80-plus Midway-area homes with defective RSIP windows will receive

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## Man who beat, robbed 94-year-old woman gets 20 years in prison

### Community rallies around Garfield Ridge victim

By Tim Hadac

A 27-year-old convicted felon who beat and robbed a 94-year-old woman in her Garfield Ridge home last December has been sentenced to 20 years in prison by Judge Alfredo Maldonado.

Olajuwon Claiborne, of the 1500 block of East 69th



Claiborne

Place, agreed to the sentence as part of a plea bargain announced last Thursday in court at 26th and California. He pled guilty to home invasion and will serve concurrent sentences for his involvement in two other Chicago robberies. In one of them, the victim was a 65-year-old woman.

The victim, Josephine Regnier, is a World War II Navy veteran. She suffered bruises

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# OBITUARIES

## Isabel Lopez, teen who fought courageous battle against cancer

Garfield Ridge girl inspired countless others

By Joan Hadac

The stage where Isabel Lopez danced, laugh, sang went dark last week, when the Garfield Ridge girl died at age 17.

A self-described “dancer for life” who enjoyed Broadway stage productions and danced competitively in local troupes, Isabel succumbed to her public, inspiring fight against cancer.

“Our heart aches as our daughter, Isabel, was taken from us so soon,” her mother, Victoria, said on Sept. 21 in a social media post directed at family, friends and other supporters. “Her fight with cancer gave us all a journey to meet new people that have touched our lives forever.

“Isabel gave her all; and we are so proud of her, as

she never complained about going thru this journey. She touched so many people in her 17 years that we are so proud to have her as our daughter. She was a kind and thoughtful girl who even with battling cancer always was concerned about everyone else. Her journey ended today, but she will always be in our heart.”

Isabel was diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma on Feb. 12, 2015 and began chemotherapy the following day—her 15th birthday.

“We could not believe this was happening,” her mother recalled. “Isa was a healthy 14-year-old dancer. Dancing is what she loves. This was her freshman year at Queen of Peace High School, and she was looking forward to a new chapter of her life.”

In her battle with cancer, Isabel partnered with the American Cancer Society to educate and motivate millions. Her image appeared on posters and large public billboards, and an ACS video public service announcement featuring her has aired nationally.

To mourn her passing, St. Laurence High School canceled its girls’ volleyball games on Sept. 21.

To celebrate her spirit, the school dedicated its homecoming pep rally and football game to Isabel—with players and fans wearing green—the principal color of the former Queen of Peace High School, as well as a color Isabel used in her fight against cancer. The emotion doubtless played a role, as the Vikings crushed Hope Academy, 56-0, at Kavanaugh



In her fight against cancer, Isabel Lopez was always supported by a large number of family, friends, classmates, neighbors and even total strangers. — Supplied photo

Stadium last Friday night.

Isabel was the daughter of Victoria (nee Aguirre) and Roberto Lopez; sister of Alexis; granddaughter of Jesse and Ernestine (nee Gutierrez) Aguirre, Mar-

garita (nee Guevara) and the late Espiridion Lopez; niece of Joseph (Christine), Steven (Rosemary), Anthony (Veronica) Aguirre, Rebecca Lopez, Claudia Fortuna Lopez and Marisa Lopez.

She was a cousin of many. Funeral services were Tuesday from Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, to St. Daniel the Prophet Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



### DONALD ABBOTT, SR.

Donald Abbott, Sr., age 79, long time Bridgeport resident, parishioner of St. Bridget, passed away September 17.

Adoring husband to the love of his life the late Margaret (Wagner); loving son of the late Elroy and the late Jean Abbott; fond brother of Ken (Vivian); devoted father to Mary, Don, Maureen

Ryan (Jim), Joe (Pam), Bill (Tanya), Valerie Bauer (Michael), Tony (Debra), Liz Begley (Wayne), Marcy Harding (Scott Crooks), Nick and the late Theresa; extremely proud grandfather of Jess, the late Timmy, the late Patrick, and Maggie Ryan, Justin and Cody Harding, Sarah and Zach Abbott, Jackie and Shannon Bauer and Kaitlyn, Megan and Tommy Begley. Cherished nephew, brother in law, uncle, cousin, friend and second father to many.

Visitation was held September 20 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held September 21, prayers from the funeral home to Saint Bede the Venerable Church, 4440 W. 83rd Street, Chicago, for Mass. Cremation rites to be accorded. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, arthritis.org and/or Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital, advocatechildrenshospital.com. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.



### CARY ANN DOMBROWSKI

Cary Ann Dombrowski, age 47, of the Chicago Archer Heights neighborhood, pass away September 22.

Devoted daughter of Carmella Dombrowski-Craft (nee Principe), Kenneth Dombrowski and Dino Cardoza; loving sister of Dina Dombrowski; cherished granddaughter of the late Virginia and the late Tony Principe; dear niece of John (Diane) Principe; dear goddaughter of Michael (Kathy) Dombrowski; loved by her cousins and dear friends.

Visitation was held September 26 at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., 5088 S. Archer Ave., (corner of Keeler). Funeral Services were held September 27 at the funeral home, Interment St Mary Cemetery. 773-767-2166 or www.zarzyckimanorchapels.com.



### WLODZIMIERZ DZIECHCIOWSKI

Wlodzimierz Dziechciowski, age 66, of Chicago, Garfield Ridge neighborhood, passed away September 20, in Minnesota.

Beloved wife of Genowefa (nee Szklarz); cherished father of Elzbieta (Daniel) Pawlikowski and Piotr Dziechciowski; loving grandfather of Maksymilian, Jakub and Emilia Pawlikowski; dear brother of Genowefa (Jan) Truty, Krzysztof (Maria) Dziechciowski, the late Maria (Jozef) Bogdal and the late Bronislaw (Adam) Lesny; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held September 27 at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8999 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs. Funeral was held September 28 from the funeral home to the Church of St. Camillus for Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. 708-839-8999 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.



### ANNA GALICA-ZEGLEN

Anna Galica-Zeglen, age 50, of Indian Head Park and formerly of Chicago, Garfield Ridge and Back of the Yards neighborhoods, passed away September 17 at home.

She was the beloved wife of Tadeusz Zeglen; loving mother of Mark (Natalia, fiancée), Kamil and Aleksandra; devoted daughter of Jozef and the late Zofia Galica; dearest sister of Wojciech (Halina) Galica; also survived by many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Anna was a member of Kolo #40 Bialy Dunajec.

Visitation was held September 20 at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., 8999 South Archer Avenue, Willow Springs. Funeral was held September 21 from the funeral home to the Church of St. Daniel the Prophet for Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. 708-839-8999 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.



### CARMELA MELONE

Carmela Melone (nee Passarelli), age 83, passed away September 19.

Beloved wife of Gisberto Melone; loving mother of Tony (Marilyn) Melone, Peter (Karen) Melone, Robert (Marilyn) Melone and Bruno (Gia) Melone, dear Nonna of Angela, Regina, Andrea, Paul, Adam, Alec, Alyssa, Bennett, Elena, Giancarlo,

Nicholas and Demetria; fond sister of Antonio (Carole) Passarelli and Peter (Phyllis) Passarelli. Also survived by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Proud member of the Society of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel.

Visitation was held September 24 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held September 25, prayers from the funeral home to Saint Symphorosa Church, 6135 S. Austin Avenue, Chicago, for Mass. Entombment Resur-

rection Cemetery Mausoleum, Justice. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.



### LUDWIKA RAPCIAK

Ludwika Rapciak, nee Ziarnicka, age 86, passed away September 19.

Beloved wife of the late Stanislaw Rapciak; loving mother of Zygmunt (Halina) Rapciak, Maria (Alex) Kowalczyk, Jozef (Irena) Rapciak and the late Danuta Bryniarska; dear grandmother of 11; dearest great-grandmother of 19;

fond sister of Anna Palica and Elzbieta Wiczorek. Also survived by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation was held September 22 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held September 23, prayers from the funeral home to Saint Albert the Great Church, 5555 W. State Road, Burbank. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.



### BRUCE B. SMITH

Bruce B. Smith, “Smitty”, age 65, passed away August 23.

Loving father of Madeline Smith; cherished son of the late Rosemary and the late Bruce Smith; dearest brother of Renee Smith; beloved life-partner of Jacqueline Dunbar. Also survived by relatives and many friends.

Memorial Visitation was held September 23 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, with Time of Remembrance and Eulogies held at the funeral home. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.



### JANINA WIDAWSKI

Janina Widawski, age 84, passed away September 17.

Loving mother of Anna (the late Andrzej) Harasim, the late Jan Mrowca (Alicja Creamer) and the late Andrzej Cudzych; dear grandmother of Annette (Mark) Zempich, Marcin Harasim, Monika Harasim, Samantha Harasim

and Janelle Graf; dearest great-grandmother of Alex Szaflarski, Jake Kula and Josh Kula; fond sister of Helena Masny. Also survived by many relatives and friends.

Visitation was held September 20 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice. Funeral was held September 20, Service and Time of Remembrance were held at the funeral home. Cremation rites to be accorded with burial Parish Cemetery of Zakopane, Poland. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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# Mud, blood and thud: new book relives gritty glory of St. Rita football champs

‘3 Yards and a Cloud of Dust’ now available

By Tim Hadac

In an era when multi-millionaire athletes sit out games for reasons like “unspecified soreness” and “stiff neck,” Chicago-area sports personality Tim Maher has written a true tale about some of the most rugged young men anywhere: the City champion 1970 St. Rita Mustangs football team.

Maher, a co-captain of that legendary squad, has penned and self-published “3 Yards and a Cloud of Dust,” a 200-plus page book newly available in paperback for \$14.95 at chicagocatholicleaguefootball.com.

“I’ve been thinking about writing this book for years, and I finally did it. Hey, I’m a guy who can’t spell ‘cat’ and yet now I’m a published author,” Maher joked during a recent book signing at Bookie’s New and Used Books, 10324 S. Western. “Seriously, though, this book is a perfect Christmas gift for the thousands of men who—as teenagers—played football in the Chicago Catholic League, as well as thousands more who watched from the stands.”

While some fans of Chicago Catholic League football history know of the storied squad—which amazingly went from 0-9 in 1968 to 9-2-1 in 1970—few, other than the players themselves, recall the details.

But Maher, along with a handful of his teammates who are all now 64-year-

olds scattered across the Southwest Side, the southwest suburbs and beyond, brings it all back: from the brutal summer practice sessions in Michigan to three November victories at Soldier Field over tough CCL opponents (Fenwick, Loyola and Leo) to a December Prep Bowl triumph over Lane Tech before a Soldier Field crowd of 65,745.

St. Rita alumni—and other Catholic high school graduates—will smile as they read descriptions of the mud, blood and thuds in the brick-walled tight space at St. Rita’s home field near 64th and Claremont—typically a path to glory for Mustang teams, often a dead-end to defeat for opposing squads.

The book brings back recollections of grit, of trials by fire, of coaches being tough on players as they turned boys into men—teaching them how to overcome adversity, how to be hard but fair, and more.

“We didn’t have what [high school] football players have today. After a double-session practice in 100-degree heat, we’d get two salt tablets. Not like today—not bathed in water, not chugging down Gatorade. We had papaya juice—and it was great because it had grass, blood, snots, everything in it. You drank it. It had ice in it,” Maher chuckled.

And so it goes in the book, less of a warm and fuzzy stroll down memory lane and more of a gritty

grind down an alley.

In chronological fashion, Maher and others relive each game of the 1970 season. Included are hand-written game notes and black-and-white photos that offer a glimpse into a time when football was often more fight than finesse, when the sport was part bare-knuckled brawl.

As he has been for years—as a sports promoter, radio personality and more—Maher is an unabashed fan of Chicago Catholic League football. In “3 Yards” he tips his cap to the states of Texas, Ohio, California and Florida—long known for their powerhouse prep football teams. But he adds that if any schools from those states want to play “a real game of football,” they should contact the CCL.

“We will play you at your stadium, in your parking lot, in an alley, in a cornfield, at a beach,” Maher wrote. “Makes no difference to us. We will show up.”

Maher is a South Side native who grew up at 5417 S. Racine, across the street from Sherman Park, where as a boy he wore the uniform of the Visitation Ramblers—butting heads with such Southwest Side grid powers as Queen of the Universe and St. Mary Star of the Sea.

Maher dedicated the book to his mother, Mary Jean, and his father, John, a 1944 St. Rita graduate and football player who joined the Marines and earned a



Maher (right) and co-captain Bob Wojtalewicz share a moment at a recent book signing.

— Southwest News-Herald photo by Tim Hadac

Purple Heart fighting on Okinawa.

One of the well-wishers at the book signing was Bob Wojtalewicz, co-captain of the 1970 St. Rita championship team.

“We ain’t seen each other

in 35 years, but I love him to this day,” Maher said. “That’s one great thing about the Catholic League—you hate each other when you’re there on the field; but after that you discover that you’ve

forged a bond, a kind of brotherhood, in a way, that lasts for years. You shake hands with a man from the Catholic League, you know you’ve shaken the hand of a man of honor—a man whose word is his bond.”



De La Salle Thespians Gabriel Utreras, Tiffany Haep, Ariane O’Shield and Caroline Wood share a smile after earning acclaim. — Supplied photo

## Clearing teen among DLS actors cited

De La Salle Institute’s Thespian Troupe 5213 recently earned a Bronze Level Thespian Troupe trophy at the Illinois Thespians T.A.L.E.N.T. Leadership Gathering held at University High School in Normal.

Senior Gabriel Utreras, a Clearing resident, was among those sharing the honor.

The event, which attracted 10 different thespian troupes from around the state, taught such skills as script interpretation, the-

ater games, fundraising and other facets of theater leadership.

Faculty member Sam Fitzgerald was also praised for his ongoing guidance of theater students at the school.

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Seek man who tried to lure girl

CAPS beat meetings

Police are asking for the public’s help in locating a man who reportedly tried to lure a 14-year-old girl into his vehicle at about 7:20 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15 at Marquette Road and Pulaski.

The girl said she was walking to a bus stop when the offender motioned for her to get in his vehicle. For her safety, the girl ran into the currency exchange at 6701 S. Pulaski. The man’s vehicle circled the building twice as he continued to lure the girl. He then drove away.

The vehicle was described as white with four doors, possibly a Toyota, missing a right front passenger head cap, and bearing the Illinois license plate #Q992822.

The suspect is a black man age 25-30, with a dark complexion, a “black low haircut and a full trimmed beard,” police said. He wore a dark gray shirt.

Those with useful information to share are asked to call Area Central Detectives at (312) 747-8380 and refer to crime JA-432141.

Crime prevention is the focus of three Chicago Police Department CAPS meetings in the week ahead.

Police will offer the latest crime data, and residents and local business owners will have the opportunity to meet beat officers, air concerns and join forces to implement constructive solutions to crime-related problems.

CAPS meetings are held for specific police beats. To find the beat where your home or business is located, visit [tiny.cc/CPD8](http://tiny.cc/CPD8) or [tiny.cc/CPD9](http://tiny.cc/CPD9), depending on whether you live in the 8th or 9th District.

Beats 822 and 824 will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 at Hernandez School, 3510 W. 55th St.

Beats 815 and 821 will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 at St. Bruno School, 4839 S. Harding (south entrance).

Beat 834 will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct.. 7 at Bogan High School, 3939 W. 79th St.

For information about CAPS activities in the Eighth District, call (312) 747-8730. In the Ninth District, call (312) 747-8227.

POLICE REPORTS

Two shot, one killed on Albany

Two 30-year-old men were shot—one fatally—as they rode in a vehicle in the 5100 block of South Albany at 1:03 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. Both were hit multiple times by gunfire. One victim was pronounced dead at the scene, and the other was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in critical condition. Witnesses told police that at least one shooter fired from a passing vehicle. No one is in custody.

Shot in head, dead at the scene

A 28-year-old man was shot in the head and killed on the street in the 6600 block of South Oakley at about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26. Police responding to a “person shot” call found the victim unresponsive. He was pronounced dead at the scene. As of Tuesday afternoon, authorities had not disclosed the victim’s identity. No one is in custody.

Reputed gang member shot in the foot

A 37-year-old man said by police to be a documented gang member was shot in the foot as he stood outside in the 2600 block of West Lithuanian Plaza Court (69th Street) at 11:53 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19. The victim told police that the shooter fired from a black vehicle, then sped away. The victim was taken to Holy Cross Hospital. No one is in custody.

Shot in the arm on Francisco

A 42-year-old man was shot in the arm as he walked down an alley in the 6300 block of South Francisco at 11:20 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. The victim told police that the shooter fired from a black Chevy Impala that drove by. Police offered no description of the shooter. No one is in custody. The victim was taken to Holy Cross Hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.

Shot twice, walks to the hospital

A 19-year-old man was shot in the right forearm and right thigh as he stood outside in the 6800 block of South Talman at about 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22. The victim told police he heard gunshots and felt pain. He walked to Holy Cross Hospital, where he was listed in good condition. No one is in custody.

Man shot in left shoulder; shooter in alley

A 25-year-old Chicago Lawn man was shot in the left shoulder as he stood on a sidewalk in front of 2443 W. 72nd Street at 12:22 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. The victim told police that he saw a man emerge from an alley and start firing. He felt pain and realized he had been hit. The victim was taken by CFD ambulance to Advocate Christ Medical Center, where he was listed in good condition. The police report gave no description of the shooter and no indication if the victim was the target.

Stabbed, robbed by couple

A 34-year-old Archer Heights man was stabbed and robbed as he walked on a sidewalk in front of 5085 S. Archer at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. The victim told police that a man and a woman got out of a car and approached him. The woman was holding a gun and said, “You stupid Mexican, where’s your money?” The man then used a knife to stab the victim in the right arm, before they both stole his cellphone and wallet. They sped away east in a black Hyundai. A CFD ambulance arrived at the scene to assist the victim, but he refused medical treatment. One offender was described as a white woman age 20-25, about 5-foot-4 and 145 pounds, with long brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion.



The other was a black man age 20-25, about 5-foot-7 and 150 pounds, with short black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion.

Charged with spraying mace during argument

A 54-year-old Brookfield man was charged with aggravated battery after he allegedly sprayed mace in the face of another man during an argument at the BP gas station, 4710 W. 63rd St., at 9:50 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. Bassam E. Farah, of the 4200 block of South Eberly, was taken into custody at the scene. The victim, a 49-year-old North Side man, claimed that Farah had followed him to the gas station. A CFD ambulance arrived at the scene, but the victim refused treatment. Farah was scheduled to appear in court this week.

Purse snatched as she walks to bus stop

A 47-year-old Justice woman was robbed as she walked near 64th Place and Springfield at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. The victim told police she was walking south on Springfield toward a CTA bus stop on Marquette Road when a man jumped out of a car at the mouth of an alley and snatched her purse, which contained about \$30 cash, two debit cards, a birth certificate and other items. The robber was described only as a Hispanic man, about 200 pounds and bald, with a medium complexion.

Security guard carjacked on 47th Street

A 39-year-old Scottsdale woman working as a security guard was carjacked 12:50 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 on the street in front of 3329 W. 47th St. The victim told police she was patrolling the warehouses on the south side of 47th Street when two men approached. One put a gun in her face and ordered her out of her Nissan Altima. Once out of the car, she was ordered to take off her shoes. The offenders then sped away east on 47th Street. The victim flagged down a patron of a nearby bar for assistance. The carjackers were described only as black men age 18-24.

Woman bruised during fistfight

A 28-year-old Scottsdale woman was battered and bruised during a fistfight on a sidewalk in front of 7900 S. Kilbourn at 11:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. The victim told police that a woman jumped out of a Honda CRV, and started swinging her fists at her. When the victim threw her attacker to the ground and held her there, the attacker’s boyfriend jumped out of the car and started punching the victim in the head. The two attackers then sped away west on 79th Street. One attacker was described as a Hispanic woman age 23-25, about 5-foot-3 and 140 pounds, with long black hair, brown eyes and

an olive complexion. The other attacker was described as a Hispanic man age 23-25, about 5-foot-7 and 130 pounds, with medium-length black hair, brown eyes and an olive complexion. The victim refused medical treatment.

Man eludes cross-dressing robbers

A 21-year-old Scottsdale man successfully eluded two men who tried to rob him on a sidewalk in front of 6200 S. Kilpatrick at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20. The victim told police that two men walked up behind him, with one saying, “Give me your sh~t” and trying to grab his wallet. The victim said the two men were dressed as women, which he said made him more afraid. He ran to a nearby apartment building, where he was let inside. The offenders then got into a small black hatchback vehicle and sped away west on 62nd Street and then south on Keating. They were described only as black men.

Elderly woman scares off burglars

Burglars kicked in the rear door of a home in the 4900 block of West 63rd Street but apparently fled without taking anything after the homeowner—a 75-year-old woman—hollered and asked if anyone was there. The crime occurred at 2:10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20. The victim told police she did not see the offender.

Cash, IDs swiped from apartment

Burglars entered a second-floor apartment in the 4600 block of South Spaulding and stole four birth certificates, four passports and \$100 cash. The crime was discovered by the victim, a 45-year-old man, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24.

Furnace lifted from vacant home

Burglars forced open the side door of a vacant home in the 3900 block of West 55th Street and stole a furnace. The crime was discovered by the victim, an agent of a property management company, at 10:44 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

Guitar, camera and more taken from home

Burglars broke through the side window of a home in the 3900 block of West 55th Street and stole a guitar, a camera and two lenses, a TV, two video game consoles, two desktop computers, a printer, a computer router and other items. The crime was discovered by the victim, a 27-year-old man, when he returned from a three-month vacation at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

Man allegedly pushed bus driver during argument

A 57-year-old Gage Park man was charged with misdemeanor battery after he allegedly pushed a 33-year-old CTA bus driver during an argument at the CTA Orange Line terminal at 4612 W. 59th St. at 6:07 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. Timothy Polacek, of the 5200 block of South Fairfield, was apprehended at the scene, police said. The bus driver told police that the argument concerned where he had parked the bus.

Crime reports courtesy of [swchicagopost.com](http://swchicagopost.com).

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.



# Three cheers for West Lawn columnist Nance Dulaj

I am filling in this week for Nance Dulaj, who is taking a well-deserved breather. She'll be back next Friday.

Nance, please accept my congratulations on your 36th anniversary as the West Lawn correspondent for the Southwest News-Herald. I'm told your first column was published on Sept. 17, 1981, when you succeeded Pat Palanyk.

Doing the math, I'm guessing you have written almost 1,900 columns. That must be a record for this newspaper—and most others in Chicago. Three cheers for you, Nance!

As always, there is more going on in West Lawn in any given week than I can possibly write about. Here are a few highlights.

Beautiful, inspirational music is coming to St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, 62nd and Lawndale, as international recording star Hermana Glenda (Sister Glenda) performs in concert from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24. Tickets are \$20 each. For details, call the rectory at (773) 735-1121. To hear a preview of her angelic voice, visit hnaglenda.org online and listen to her version of "Nada de turbe" ("Let nothing disturb you").

Children at St. Nicholas of Tolentine School are currently participating in the Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Charities' new initiative, the Soup-er Stadium Challenge--an effort to fight hunger in the Chicago area.

The goal is to collect enough food to fill every seat in Soldier Field—twice. Each child is asked to bring in six items of non-perishable food. The drive continues to Friday, Oct. 6. If you want to give the St. Nick's kids a boost and make a donation, call the school at (773) 735-0772.



**Joan Hadac**  
Southwest  
News-Herald  
Columnist

As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the West Lawn Branch Library, 4020 W. 63rd St., will host a session in which adults and children alike will learn how to make a Mexican amate painting with common household items.

Amate is the Nahuatl word for paper. The Aztecs and Mayans created this paper out of tree bark and painted their codices on it.

The session is set for 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. For details, call the library at (312) 747-7381.

A wide range of activities for families and individuals started earlier this month at West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th St.—almost from A to Z (actually, from art classes to yoga). Some activities are fully booked, but others are not. Stop by the park or call (773) 284-2803 for details.

If you have extra school supplies on hand, please consider donating them to the youth ministry program at Queen of the Universe Church, 7114 S. Hamlin. They

are in need. Call the parish office at (773) 582-4662 for details.

If you are a St. Mary Star of the Sea parishioner with construction knowledge, experience in the building trades or any other that would be helpful in maintaining the parish facilities, please consider joining the new Building Maintenance Committee.

As a committee member you would be part of a team that conducts regular facility inspections, develops a timeline for future repairs and upgrades, and plans an annual volunteer maintenance day.

If you are interested, please call the rectory at (773) 767-1246.

The Midway Baseball Association is planning a pre-Halloween "trunk or treat" event at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at Michael J. Madigan Sr. Park, 4701 W. Marquette Road. Boys and girls in costume will walk from car to car, collecting candy and other treats. A family-friendly movie (title to be announced) will also be shown. If you want to volunteer to help make this fun event a success, send an email to josierojas7997@gmail.com.

A "peace walk" against domestic violence is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11. Participants will gather at 4:30 p.m. at Metropolitan Family Services' Midway Center, 3843 W. 63rd St.; and then at 5 p.m. walk to West Lawn Park, 4233 W. 65th St.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. there will be a display of inspirational artwork in the field house. For details, call Susie Moya at (773) 884-2214 or Guadalupe Quintana at (773) 884-2219.

Have a great week!

## Lopez wants police to change gang database

List is flawed, harmful, alderman says

From staff reports

Fifteenth Ward Ald. Raymond Lopez has proposed changes to Chicago's gang database to increase transparency and accuracy in the tracking system, and to create a pathway for individuals to have themselves removed.

The 15th Ward includes a portion of Gage Park, in addition to other neighborhoods.

Lopez called on the City of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department to notify the 340,000 individuals currently included on the list and offer them the opportunity to remove themselves if they think the information is incorrect.

Currently, people who want to see if they are on

the gang database must file a Freedom of Information Act request with the CPD and await results.

At the district level, commanders are expected, per the CPD General Order G10-01-01 "Gang Audits," to continue and update the Gang Audit Questionnaire. Part of the audit includes options for including known members and associates. The form has a "remove" option, but there is no guarantee that those names are actually removed from the database, Lopez said. There is no section for removing members or associates.

"The current system is overly cumbersome and does not help individuals who may have no idea they are on the list," Lopez said. "Just like the TSA 'No Fly'



Lopez

list, this deeply flawed system exposes us to unnecessary legal liability and accusations of violations of Chicagoans' civil liberties. We must act quickly to address these concerns."

CPD's database has already been the source of at least one lawsuit against the City. That suit, filed in July, alleges that the CPD has used the database to racially profile young Latino and black men, and points to the case of plaintiff Luis Vicente Pedrote-Salinas, who was detained by ICE and faces deportation due to his incorrect listing in the gang database.

"The tool in its current form is ineffective, inaccurate and has become a distraction for law enforcement that has resulted in in-

cidents where people have been held by other law enforcement bodies, including ICE," Lopez said. "The Emanuel administration must step up and lead on addressing these problems today."

A Southwest News-Herald request for comment from Emanuel's office was not returned earlier this week.

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## The disgraceful conduct of American athletes



**RAY  
HANANIA**

**Y**ou don't really hear about people who are true heroes in America. You only hear about the extremists who do offensive things against this country.

We all know about Colin Kaepernick, the former quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers. He was drafted in 2011 and in six years made a name for himself not by playing great football, but by refusing to stand during the playing of the national anthem.

Kaepernick claimed he was protesting the mistreatment of African Americans. Oh, the disadvantages he must have experienced after signing his \$139 million contract.

Yes, the face of American sports is crowded with images of spoiled wealth, drug and gambling abuses, and many athletes who brutalize woman and use their celebrity to commit crimes.

In this wasteland of excessive hypocrisy called American sports, some have done the right thing. One of them was Alejandro Villanueva, a true American hero in my book.

As dozens of football players kneeled Sunday in protest during the playing of the national anthem, Villanueva refused to do that and instead took the side of respecting America.

President Donald Trump last week criticized football players who refused to stand during the national anthem, and he quickly came under political attack from the players, the NFL, and the far left.

Villanueva's team, the Pittsburgh Steelers, decided to join the anti-anthem protest by staying in the locker room Sunday during the playing of the national anthem. But Villanueva refused to join. He could be seen at the entrance to the tunnel as the national anthem boomed from the stadium's speakers as a reminder of what this country is really about.

Villanueva is someone who put his life on the line for America. He was a captain and an Army Ranger who served three tours of duty in Afghanistan. He truly did something for American freedom.

I am no big sports authority. I don't pretend to know all the teams, all the players or all the statistics. But I do know America. I served in the military. Refusing to stand and being disrespectful during the playing of the national anthem is un-American and shameful.

The protests today are not like the protests that began in the late 1960s when two black athletes, gold medalist Tommie Smith and bronze medalist John Carlos, held up their fists in a Black Power protest at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City.

That had meaning. They and silver-medal winner Peter Norman of Australia put a spotlight on human rights violations. Back then, racism and civil rights violations were rampant in this country.

Something needed to be done. Their brief protest had meaning and put a spotlight on a problem. They also paid for their principles. Both Carlos and Smith were kicked out of the Games, kicked off the U.S. Olympic team and vilified for what they did.

Today, nearly 50 years later, the intent of NFL players seems flawed. It seems corrupted. It's motivated by selfish and personal agendas rather than standing up for justice. It's fashionable but without much substance. Kaepernick lost his job and his big contract, but no other NFL player has been punished by a team or the league for taking a knee during the anthem.

I always laugh when the rich, including practically every NFL player, throw nickels at poverty and take emotional shortcuts to get attention. If NFL players want to really do something about racism how about tapping some of their obscene wealth and using it to create programs to educate people or provide jobs or other opportunities?

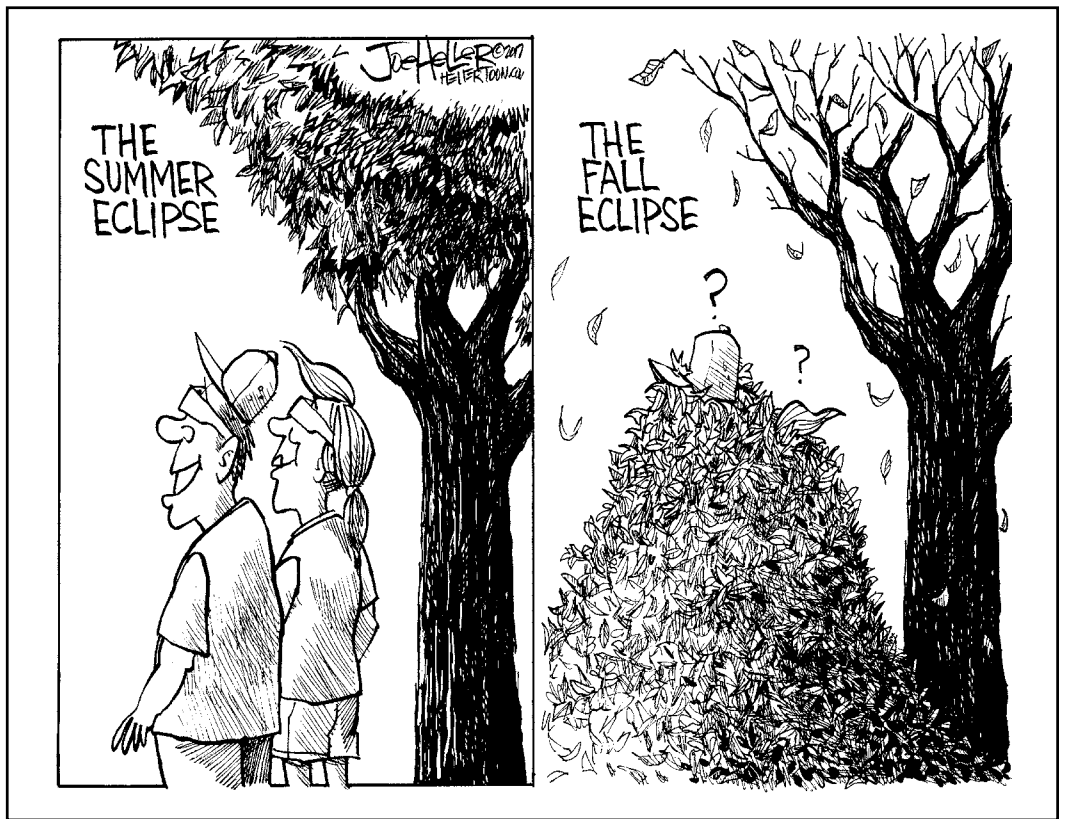
Those players who can't stand during the playing of the national anthem – a requirement under NFL rules since 2009, by the way – should be fired from their teams or at least fined.

How many Americans have died fighting to defend that national anthem on the battlefield? How many football players ever served? The letters NFL do mean SOB in my book.

I support President Trump's boycott of the NFL. You should, too. For America.

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# VIEWPOINTS



## Meetings did not yield much



**RICH  
MILLER**

**T**he four leaders met last week, but didn't appear to accomplish much of anything.

It was Sen. Bill Brady's first leaders' meeting since his chamber officially confirmed him as the Senate Republican leader, and he was the one who called for the sit-down. Leader Brady ran for governor three times, winning the 2010 primary. Numerous asso-

ciates say he wants to make the most of this new role and be as relevant as he possibly can.

Brady helped restart the Senate's stalled "grand bargain" talks in early May by outlining a "five for five" plan that raised \$5 billion in new revenues alongside \$5 billion in cuts. That proposal was widely believed to have been drafted by Gov. Bruce Rauner's office and foreshadowed his subsequent election as leader.

A startling 18 of Brady's 22 Republican members are up for reelection next year, so Brady needs to maintain a close relationship with the wealthy governor to hold off primary opponents and fund general election races.

There's also a very real and growing worry that Gov. Rauner will be a significant drag on down-ballot Republican candidates next year, adding to the problems the party may very well also have with a national backlash against Republican President Donald Trump. The fact that no Republicans have yet emerged to run for three statewide offices (secretary of state, comptroller and treasurer) should tell you something.

So, Brady reportedly wants to do whatever he can to help the governor help himself and, by extension, help his caucus. And a plan for state construction projects would most definitely be a big help.

Brady has an idea in mind. But one person who was briefed last week said it wasn't so much a plan as "A magical mystery tour looking for someone to love it."

Several sources say it's a "public-private partnership" (PPP) proposal, meaning the state would seek out investors to help hold down government costs and dampen the need for a big tax hike to pay for it. Gov. Rauner said last week that he opposed raising the gas tax to fund a capital bill.

The House Speaker didn't warm to Rauner's last PPP idea for a toll lane on Interstate 55. The House Democrats complained that Rauner's office should've just handed the proposal over to

the tollway board, which already has the legal authority to do such things and is, they pointed out, required to get first crack at projects involving tolls anyway. There was also the usual suspicion about which investors would benefit from such a deal.

Beyond the Democrats not wanting to give the Republican governor a "win" by allowing him to announce sweet projects during a crucial election year, there are still some important remaining questions.

Also, despite the recent agreement on school funding reform, there still isn't much trust at the top.

So some Democrats wonder whether Brady and Rauner are floating this idea in order to ultimately blame Democrats for not going along with them after the GOP moves the goal posts a dozen times. Or, perhaps, is it designed to somehow lure the Democrats into countering with a gas tax hike, which they can then be blamed for?

Leader Brady is generally a sincere guy and he definitely wants to accomplish big things in his new job, so take that for what you will.

Gov. Rauner has in the past demanded reductions to the prevailing wage as part of any capital plan deal. If this plan has any significant poison pills, the Democrats will likely just take their chances with the 2018 election. Word is that Brady will meet with labor representatives today.

And even if it is "labor friendly," the Democrats will undoubtedly want some sort of ironclad assurances that money will actually be spent in their own districts, including and (probably) especially in Chicago. There's also a very real concern that Rauner's administration, badly hobbled by firings and resignations, will bungle the administration of a capital plan.

The Amazon "HQ2" search, with its promise of up to 50,000 high-paying jobs, also has to be considered here.

Our state's bickering political families have to put on their best possible face when the prospective client comes over for dinner. Any public rekindling of this horribly partisan feud could cost the state big.

And, hey, capital money may be needed to entice the company into building its second headquarters in or near the city.

I'm not holding my breath at all, but it would be nice if they can put this together. We need the jobs.

Rich Miller also publishes *Capitol Fax*, a daily political newsletter, and *CapitolFax.com*.

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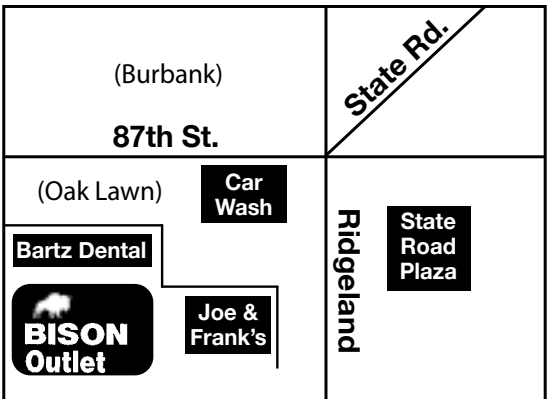
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# BUSINESS

## Hormel acquires Fontanini Italian Meats



**Comings & Goings**  
**Bob Bong**

**H**ormel Foods Corp. announced it has acquired McCook-based Fontanini Italian Meats and Sausages, a branded foodservice business, from Capitol Wholesale Meats Inc.

The company specializes in authentic Italian meats and sausage-

es, as well as a variety of other premium meat products including pizza toppings and meatballs.

“This is a strategic acquisition for our high-growth foodservice division,” said Jim Snee, president and chief executive officer at Hormel Foods. “The Fontanini brand is highly regarded, and the addition of these products to our portfolio will allow us to accelerate growth for both Hormel Foods foodservice and for Fontanini through expanded distribution and new customers.”

“Hormel Foods has an excellent reputation as one of the strongest food companies in the world with a track record of successfully acquiring family-owned businesses like ours,” said Gene Fontanini, chief executive officer of Capitol Wholesale Meats Inc. “This acquisition

will allow Fontanini to strengthen under the Hormel Foods umbrella given its leadership in retail combined with our shared leadership in foodservice. Through this business, the Fontanini family has left its mark on the world. Partnering with Hormel Foods will allow us to expand that mark. I couldn’t be more proud of all that we have accomplished and I look forward to seeing where we go next.”

The company was founded in 1960 by Oriano Fontanini, a young Italian immigrant, and his wife, Jennie. Originally, it was a meat company selling prime cuts of beef, pork, veal, fresh cut chickens, and making freshly ground hamburger.

As business continued to grow, the owners made the decision in 2008 to build a new 188,000-square-foot state-of-the-art plant in McCook.

### Beverly Woods shuts down

The McGann family is now out of the banquet business.

The family closed its iconic Lexington House banquet hall on 95th Street in Hickory Hills two years ago and Sept. 17 was the end of the line for the equally popular Beverly Woods restaurant and banquet hall, 11532 S. Western.

The Lexington House was opened in 1970 by Jack McGann long after he opened the Beverly Woods in 1954.

Owner Bill McGann (Jack’s son) announced the decision to close in a posting on Facebook: “ The Beverly Woods



Restaurant has closed its doors after 63 years.

“Our family wants to thank everyone in our great neighborhood for a great run. In a business where longevity and continuity is very difficult and extremely rare; we are very proud to have been of service to multiple generations. So many friends have passed through our doors over the years. It is bittersweet to finally close our second home and move on to new ventures. We want to bid a heartfelt fond farewell to all of our great customers, neighbors and friends.

“Our iconic landmark building and property are now for sale.

“For serious inquiries please contact Chuck Groebe at (708) 205-8703.”

McGann, 67, told the Beverly Review the decision to close was a tough one considering the banquet hall was booked through the end of the year. Other factors included the city of Chicago’s recent minimum wage increase to \$11 per hour, the unpopular 1 cent per ounce Cook County sweetened beverage tax and the reluctance of his son and daughter to continue running the restaurant after they took over managing it in 2015.

“It’s a difficult decision,” McGann said. “I’ve been doing this for 40 years, and there’s never a good time to close; but we considered all the options and just felt it’s time to go off into the sunset.”

He said that customers with reservations for coming months are being informed of the closure, and all deposits are being returned.

The business had 40 employees, 12 of them full-time.

The building and property are listed for about \$1.3 million with real estate agent Chuck Groebe.

### Halloween Land stores now open

A Chicago-area Halloween seasonal store called Halloween Land is now open at 16839 S. Torrence Ave. in The Landings shopping center in Lansing and at 7455 S. Cicero in Ford City. For hours and information, visit myhalloweenland.com.

### White Barn joins Bath & Body Works

The newly remodeled Bath & Body Work store is now open at Chicago Ridge Mall and it features a sister White Barn store.

The stores feature body care products and candles.

### Panera coming to Lockport

Groundbreaking was last week for a new building at the southeast corner of Adelmann Drive and 159th Street in Lockport at the Lockport Square shopping center.

The 7,940-square-foot building will be home to a new Panera Bread restaurant and Aspen Dental office.

The Panera will have an outdoor seating area (weather permitting) and a drive-through lane.

Panera hopes to be open in time for the holidays.

### Clark Street Sports now open

A newly revamped Clark Streets Sports apparel store is now open at Louis Joliet Mall in Joliet. The store is across from Windsor and right next to New York & Company.

*If you see a new business in town or wonder what happened to an old favorite, drop me a line at bobbong@hotmail.com.*

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## PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



BOYCP spirits are running high after the Bobcats' thumping of rival Corliss.

– Southwest News-Herald photo by Bianca Jones



After crushing their opponent in one of the most emotional homecoming games in years, the St. Laurence Vikings are hoping to maintain their momentum under the lights tonight against the Leo Lions. – Supplied photo

# Bobcats thump Corliss, unbeaten in conference

**By Randy Whalen  
and Jason Maholy**  
*Correspondents*

The Back of the Yards football team tuned up for this weekend's first-place showdown in the Great Lakes Conference by defeating Corliss, 38-14, May 21 at Gately Stadium.

"We're really proud of where we're at, but we're not satisfied," BOTY coach Sheamus Murphy said. "There are still a lot of things we need to fine tune and improve upon."

Quarterback Jeremiah Harris was 6-of-11 passing for 63 yards and a touchdown pass of 10 yards to Jakhari Johnson. Harris added eight rushes for 56 yards and three TD's to pace the Bobcats (4-1, 3-0) offense. Brandon Crittendon (11 carries, 70 yards, TD) and Keshawn Brown (5 receptions, 33 yards) also contributed on offense. On defense Keshawn Brown recorded a safety and Eddie Ramirez registered an interception and a fumble recovery.

"We have a big one this week against Chicago Military Academy Bronzeville," Murphy said. "It's pretty much for the conference championship. It's going to be a great challenge for us. We must have a great week of practice and preparation to get the results we want."

## St. Laurence 56, Chicago Hope Academy 0

Wearing green-ribbon decals on their helmets in support of pediatric cancer awareness, and playing in front of a homecoming crowd clad in green in remembrance of student Isabel Lopez, who recently died after a long battle with cancer, the St. Laurence football team rode a wave of emotion and stellar play on both sides of the ball.

St. Laurence (3-2) held a Green Out event in honor of Lopez, a former Queen of Peace student who transferred to St. Laurence after Peace closed.

"They put things in perspective for the student body," Vikings coach Harold Blackmon said. "We accentuated the things that we felt like she would have wanted to be a part of, and essentially she is – she's a part of it in spirit now. And our students responded."

Hope came into the contest 4-0 and ranked sixth in Illinois in Class 2A in the latest AP poll, but was no match for the Vikings, a 6A program this season. Se-

nior running back Tori Clinton rushed for 188 yards and four touchdowns, including runs of 43 and 44 yards; and senior wide-out Alex Saunders caught three passes for 103 yards, and hooked up with quarterback Devin Rembis on scores covering 47 and 80 yards.

Dontae Bronson and Adam Andrews both picked off passes for a defense that recorded St. Laurence's first shutout this season.

## St. Rita 38, Mount Carmel 21

The Mustangs (4-1, 1-1 in the Catholic League Blue) took the lead for good at 21-14 when senior Chris Childers (16 carries, 88 yards, 4 receptions, 42 yards) hauled in a 24-yard TD pass from senior quarterback Jake Zylman right before halftime. They pulled away with a pair of TD's to open the second half.

David Gleaves made sure his only carry was a good one with a 1-yard TD plunge. Gleaves (4 receptions, 43 yards) also caught an 11-yard TD pass in the second quarter from Zylman (12-of-18, 140 yards, 2 TDs, 15 carries, 74 yards, TD). George Western picked up a Caravan fumble and raced 26 yards for a touchdown to make it 35-14.

Mount Carmel (3-2, 0-2) was paced by Alek Thomas, who had 20 carries for 104 yards, including scoring on a 1-yard sneak for an early 7-0 lead, and Kyle Davis, who scored on an 84-yard run. Thomas, a Texas Christian recruit, started his football season late after helping Team USA win a gold medal at the World Baseball/Softball Confederation U-18 World Cup.

## Curie 42, Lane Tech 0

The Condors (4-1, 2-0) had 497 yards on the ground and scored four TDs. AJ Sanya (6 carries, 100 yards, TD), sophomore Steven Cheek (96 yards) and junior D.J. Howard (3 carries, 94 yards) led the way.

## Raby 14, Solorio 6

The Sun Warriors (4-1, 1-1) scored early but couldn't convert any more points and fell in a key Illini Land of Lincoln Conference matchup last Friday. J.J. Price scored for Solorio on a 65-yard run, but the PAT was blocked leaving the score at 6-6 with 9:46 left in the first quarter. It was quite a different game than last year when the Sun Warriors won 57-34 on Sept. 23 at Hanson

Stadium.

## Chicago Tech Academy Charter 20, Bogan 16

After opening the season with four straight victories, Bogan fell in the tight Intra City Conference crossover. Keondre White (15 carries, 60 yards) scored both of the Bengals (4-1) touchdowns in the first half. White, a junior, finished with 195 all-purpose yards, including 95 on punt returns. Freshman Johnny Robinson (20 carries, 75 yards) also contributed on offense, but the Bengals were held to 150 total yards on offense.

"Yes it was a heart breaking loss for the kids," Bogan coach Stacy Douglas said. "They are not used to losing. To give up a 10-point lead should serve as a lesson not to underestimate your opponent and finish strong."

## Catalyst/Maria 18, Kelly 6

After starting the season with three straight losses, Catalyst/Maria (2-3, 1-0) captured its second straight win in the Intra City 2 Conference clash last Friday over visiting Kelly (1-4, 0-2) at Stagg Stadium.

## Kennedy 36, Juarez 8

Quarterback Anthony Farano (9-of-12, 165 yards, 2 TDs) led the offensive attack for Kennedy (3-2, 1-0 in the Intra City 3). Junior Anthony Church (3 receptions, 125 yards) caught a pair of TD passes, including an 85-yarder. Senior Alonzo Diaz (15 carries, 125 yards) and sophomore Allan Garcia (9 carries, 65 yards) both scored a pair of TDs for the Crusaders.

## Hubbard 55, Brooks 0

After dropping their first three games of the season, the Greyhounds (2-3, 2-0) jumped out to a 39-0 halftime lead and won their second straight game. Brooks (0-5, 0-2) was shutout for the second consecutive time in the Illini Prairie State Conference game last Saturday at Gately Stadium.

## De La Salle 42, Wheaton St. Francis 0

The Meteors (4-1, 1-0 Catholic League Green) led 35-0 at halftime and coasted to the win.

Robbie Simental (7-of-8, 215 yards) fired four touchdown passes -- two to senior Mi-

chael Coates one to senior Jameel Stephens one to junior Tommy Coates.

Senior running back Jalen Thomas (14 carries-68 yards) also contributed on offense. Junior Dominee Daniels grabbed an interception, Dakota Biliskov forced a fumble and fellow senior Bryan Perkins recovered it for the Meteors.

## Perspectives/Leadership Co-Op 47, Goode STEM 12

The Knights (1-4, 0-2) fell in the Illini Prairie State Conference clash last Friday to the host Warriors (2-3, 1-1) at Gately Stadium.

## Farragut 33, Gage Park 12

Despite scoring a season-high in points, the Owls (0-5, 0-2) fell last Thursday in the Intra City 3 Conference clash at Rockne Stadium.

## Marist 63, Marian Catholic 6

Senior running back D.J. Harrell ran for 157 yards and four touchdowns, and the RedHawks' offense racked up more than 530 yards in an East Suburban Catholic Conference game to remain unbeaten.

Junior quarterback Mike Markett continued his strong play, completing 9-of-13 passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns and rushing for 48 yards. Sophomore wide receiver Jadon Thompson caught three passes for 138 yards and two scores.

The RedHawks' 63 points is the most they have scored this season, and they have now outscored their five opponents 215-69.

## Providence 22, Brother Rice 16

Providence quarterback Caden Kalinowski tossed a 39-yard touchdown pass to Jerrell Wright with 1:48 remaining in the game as the Celtics dealt a serious blow to the Crusaders playoff hopes.

Rice (1-4 overall, 0-1 in the Chicago Catholic League Blue) must win-out to reach the five victories for playoff eligibility. The Crusaders' remaining games are at Mt. Carmel and St. Joseph, at home against St. Rita, and on the road against highly rated Loyola.

Crusader junior Jayshon Means knotted the score at 13 when he returned a punt 58 yards for a touchdown and John Richardson booted a 35-yard field goal with 52 seconds left in the third quarter to make it a 16-16 game.



## SOUTHWEST SPORTS

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# Oh, snap – SXU drops game to defending national champs

By Jeff Vorva  
Sports Editor

Before they know what hit them, St. Xavier University's football players were staring at a 25-0 deficit thanks to three touchdowns from No. 1-ranked and defending national champion St. Francis (Indiana) and a pair of bad snaps on punt attempts that resulted in two safeties.

SXU, ranked 11th in the country in the NAIA by the coaches, settled down but the damage was done as St. Francis won 48-23 Saturday in a Mid States Football Association crossover game at Bishop John D'Arcy Stadium in Fort Wayne, Ind.

St. Xavier fell to 3-1 overall and hopes to get back on the winning track

when it hosts Taylor University in a homecoming game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Deaton Field in Chicago. Taylor improved to 2-1 with a 33-19 victory over Trinity International University on Saturday night. The Trojans' lone loss was to NCAA Division I Butler, 27-21.

Against St. Francis, SXU coach Mike Feminis went with sophomore Alex Martinez as his quarterback. Martinez started the second game of the season, a 48-13 win over Missouri Baptist, sandwiched in between starts by junior transfer Justin Hunniford, who engineered two wins including a season-opening stunner over then-No. 5 Marian.

Martinez was 28 of 54 for 258 yards including two

touchdowns, and one interception. But he was sacked eight times and that, combined with three bad snaps, took 97 yards off the team's total yardage and it finished with 194.

The former St. Laurence signal caller's favorite target on the day was Nick Czeszewski, who had 10 passes for 93 yards.

St. Francis (4-0) came into the game averaging 57.3 points and 614 yards per game. SXU held the NAIA powerhouse to nine points under its average and gave up 456 yards. St. Francis quarterback Nick Ferrer threw for 351 yards and four touchdowns. Kevin Block and former Richards High School standout Josh Hettiger each had eight tackles for SXU.



Alex Martinez and his St. Xavier University teammates had a tough day Saturday with a 48-23 setback to No. 1 St. Francis (Ind.). – Southwest News-Herald photo by Jeff Vorva

## Red Stars clinch playoff spot

By Jeff Vorva  
Sports Editor

The Chicago Red Stars nailed down a playoff spot in the National Women Soccer League.

The Chicago Fire temporarily lost the hammer in Major League Soccer.

In a busy Saturday of area soccer action, the Red Stars claimed one of the four playoff spots in the NWSL with a 3-2 road victory over Houston. Jen Hoy, Casey Short and Christen Press scored goals for the Red Stars (11-6-6). The team wraps up the regular season at Portland on Saturday.

Heading into this week, North Carolina was in first

with 46 points, Portland had 44, Chicago 39 and Orlando 37. The playoff semifinals are Oct. 7-8.

Meanwhile the Fire was lunging for low fruit trying to grab second place in the MSL's Eastern Conference but missed with a 3-1 loss road loss to Philadelphia. The Fire, which had a 14-10-6 mark and 48 points before Wednesday's game against San Jose, fell to fourth in the conference after Atlanta (49 points) beat Montreal, 2-0 on Sunday night.

The Fire has not officially sealed its first playoff bid since 2012, but it is close. A home win Saturday against the second-place New York City FC should help pin it

down.

On Saturday, Philadelphia (9-12-9) used a pair of goals from Chris Pontius to help doom the Fire.

Luis Solignac scored the Fire's lone goal in the 67th minute with Nemanja Nikolic and Matt Polster picking up assists.

"Obviously we're not happy with the performance nor the result, but credit to our guys for pushing hard until the end," Fire coach Veljko Paunovic said. "I think this team never gave up and tried, after we scored the first one, we tried to push and score the second which would have helped us obviously in order to get the point at least but it didn't happen."



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# The heat wave is gone, fall is finally here

By now our unseasonable heat wave should be gone, but I wound up cutting my visits to Marquette Park short last week--especially over the weekend, when temperatures soared to 94 and 95 degrees. Even the ducks seemed to be spending most of their time sheltered in the shade of the plants along the shoreline.

I must say I was surprised to see that the scheduled soccer and football games were played in that heat. Those young kids really play their heart out, no matter what the weather.

If you are interested in playing soccer, it is time to sign up for the fall soccer league at Marquette Park. Registration is now open. Games will be played each Tuesday evening from Oct. 31 to Nov. 28. Games will be played indoors in the west gymnasium. Playoffs and championships will be included. For more information, call the park at (312) 747-6469.

Craft Day is this Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Chicago Lawn Branch Library, 6120 S. Kedzie. Library staff honor Hispanic Heritage Month by offering everyone the opportunity to learn how to create colorful papel picado banners. The event takes place from 2 to 3 p.m. All ages are welcome.



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The three building blocks of mental health will be discussed at the library from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3. The presentation will be about emotion management, boundary setting and preventing emotional distress. Dan Bader, who recently retired from the Chicago Department of Public Health, will give the presentation.

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, all are invited to bring your pets to the blessing of animals at St. Rita of Cascia Church, 6243 S. Fairfield, at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4. The blessing will take place on the stairs of the Fairfield entrance of the church.

The monthly Mass praying for the beatification of Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in the St. Casimir Chapel, 2601 W. Marquette Road. The celebrant will be the Rev. Michail Ford, OP, director of the National Shrine of St. Jude. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. All are invited.

Today we will close the book on our memories of the Chicago Lawn Train Station with one from Bob T.:

"I remember in the late 1950s when I was a little guy, Santa would arrive in Chicago Lawn on the Grand Trunk train. He would pull in to the station just in time to lead the annual Christmas parade down 63rd Street. Us kids would get as far into the station as we could to get the first glimpse."

Thanks to Bob and everyone who has shared a memory with us. As you read this, the building is gone and workers are still backfilling the area. I have a photo of the building when it was home to The Train Station Restaurant and I will post it on the Chicago Lawn Historical Society Facebook page. Next week we will return to 1967.

## Cake pans ready for fall

It's hard to believe another month has flown by. You would never know by the temperature that we are headed into October. I think next week is supposed to be back to normal with temperatures in the 70s. I sure hope so. I bought a couple of fall and Halloween cake pans, so whenever the weather wants to cooperate I am ready to bake.

St. Simon the Apostle Church, 52nd and California, will host the Choir Divino Celeste led by Gino Rodriguez from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 18. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Mexican-style food will also be on sale.

Immigration consultation services are available at St. Clare de Montefalco Church, 54th and Washtenaw, from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays. It is free, and no appointment is necessary.

Come to St. Clare's gym at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 for information on DACA. To learn more about this event, please call Carmen Mungia at (617) 955-3849.

Time is running out to make your reservation for the Beatification Mass of Fr. Solanus Casey on Nov. 18. There were only 100 tickets available. Reservations deadline is Sunday, Oct. 1. The cost

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is \$50 per person, but you must leave a \$25 deposit at the office. Buses will leave the St. Clare parking lot at 6 a.m. and arrive in Detroit, at Ford Field. Please bring your own food, drink and snacks; remember, there will be a lot of walking and stairs. For more information, call the office at (773) 436-4422.

The Gage Park Branch Library, 2807 W. 55th St., will offer after-school fun from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3. It is for children ages 6 and up. There will be games, crafts and playtime. Story Time is on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to noon. It is recommended for children ages birth to 5 years and their caregivers. There will be stories, songs, games and a lot of fun. On Oct. 7, they will offer Saturday Family Fun from 11 a.m. to noon. for preschoolers and up. It consists of reading, crafts and games.

Enjoy your week and please send your Gage Park information to karen.sala@hotmail.com.

## Rocket Run, Blocktoberfest make for a busy Saturday

This Saturday, Sept. 30 is busy, busy, busy for the Catholic parishes in Archer Heights. First at 8:30 a.m. there is the "Rocket Run" over by St. Richard; and then off to party at St. Bruno's Blocktober fest from noon to 9 p.m. Bingo will also be played from 4 to 7 p.m. in the gym. There will also be kids' activities.

Congratulations to the winners of the Archer Heights Civic Association House 2017 Beautiful Awards. The winners were announced at the September meeting, and doubtless you read the front-page story in last week's edition of the Southwest News-Herald.

Twenty-five properties were saluted, and two commercial properties also won an award. If you go to their website (ahcivic.org), under the "awards" tab you can learn about the awards and view some of the lovely properties from years past. Under the "recent news" tab, you can view this year's winners.

A haunted house will be staged at Archer Park, 4901 S. Kilbourn, on Saturday Oct. 28th from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The haunted house is recommended for children ages 5 and up.

This is the perfect time of year to visit



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the Museum of Mexican Art at 1852 W. 19th St. One of their current exhibits is Day of the Dead, running through Dec. 10. Day of the Dead is an important tradition in Mexico, honoring deceased loved ones. Altars are built with memorabilia of the departed. I visited the museum last year in the fall to view the exhibit, and it was well worth it. And after the visit I suggest dining on carnitas in Pilsen.

On Oct. 7 there will be a street soccer and volleyball tournament at St. Bruno School, in the parking lot. Sign-up starts at 1 p.m., and games begin at 2 p.m. Soccer teams will consist of five members and volleyball teams will consist of six members. For more information, please call Ana at (773) 727-4079 or Francis at (224) 999-3975.

## 'Living Rosary' to be held in St. Thomas More garden

For Catholics, October is the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Therefore, on Sunday, Oct. 8 the St. Thomas More Altar Guild invites all to a Living Rosary. It will be held at 2 p.m. in the church's garden (weather permitting). The garden is located on the south side of the church at 81st and California. Refreshments and a raffle will follow. For more information, contact the rectory office at (773) 436-4444.

The CAPS Beat 834 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 at Bogan High School, 3939 W. 79th St. Enter via the east parking lot entrance. For additional information, contact the Chicago Lawn (8th) District CAPS Office at (312) 747-8724.

Class of 1972 graduates of St. Bede the Venerable School will hold their reunion



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at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., Merrionette Park from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Tickets are \$50 per person and include an open bar and appetizers. For reservations and/or more information, contact Jocko at (773) 307-3465.

Beautiful, inspirational music is coming to St. Bede Church, 83rd and Kostner, as international recording star Hermana Glenda (Sister Glenda) performs in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. Tickets are \$20 each. For details, call the rectory at (773) 884-2000 for details.



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## PROGRESS

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indoor-air quality tests as part of a multistep process to determine if the fumes emitted are poisonous or not. But he did not commit to testing all homes.

Further, he did not say how many homes would be tested, and how many would not.

Earlier this month, 23rd Ward Ald. Michael R. Zalewski, chairman of the City Council Committee on Aviation, told the Southwest News-Herald, "I am committed to holding the Department of Aviation and the Emanuel Administration accountable to test every home affected and replace windows at each home that qualifies"—a reiteration of something he said to CDA officials on July 11.

Frame also told the Southwest News-Herald that CDA's contractor has removed all RSIP windows from one home he declined to name—citing privacy concerns. He added that some of the windows have been taken to a laboratory for analysis.

"Those results should be available in a few weeks—mid-October—and those results will be used to identify the target compounds," Frame said. "That will help us figure out what chemicals we're looking for, in determining the cause of the odor."

In response to a question, Frame said he did not know which windows in the home were to be tested, and which not. He said the determination was made by

the CDA contractor. "We defer to their judgment," he said.

RSIP homeowners have stated that windows that seem to emit the most and strongest odors are second-floor windows that get a lot of exposure to the sun.

Frame said that if all goes according to plan, some of the homeowners with RSIP complaints will have their windows replaced this year, while others will see theirs replaced in 2018. He would not say how many homes will have their windows replaced.

### Aviation chief ordered to appear, again

Zalewski said this week that he intends to get a definite answer on the scope of indoor-air quality testing—and other matters—at the next joint meeting of the City Council Committee on Aviation and Committee on Finance, set for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Mayfield Banquets, 6072 S. Archer. The public is invited to attend.

Summoned to appear at the meeting will be CDA Commissioner Ginger S. Evans, who was a no-show at a similar joint committee meeting at Hale Park on Aug. 23, which she had been ordered by attend by the City Council.

Her absence—she was apparently more than 1,000 miles away, watching the solar eclipse—infuriated 14th Ward Edward M. Burke, dean of the City Council and longtime chairman of the Committee on Finance, as well as other aldermen and Southwest Side homeowners in attendance.

Since then, Burke and 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn have sponsored a resolution demanding that Evans "show cause why she should not be held in contempt" by the City Council.

### Background

The concern over RSIP windows was reported first and exclusively by the Southwest News-Herald on June 9, and in subsequent weeks over the summer.

The story started with four Chrysler Village homeowners expressing concern about foul-smelling fumes emitted by their RSIP windows. In the weeks after the story broke, more than 80 homeowners have stepped forward to report that they, too, have RSIP windows causing foul odors in their homes.

Several of the homeowners have had cancer diagnoses since the windows were installed. Some were installed in 2006, others in 2011.

All homeowners interviewed by the Southwest News-Herald have said they hope the fumes coming from their RSIP windows are not toxic to them or their children.

CDA initially refused to conduct in-home air quality tests, but did an about face under pressure from local aldermen, as well as U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3rd).

CDA also initially refused to replace defective windows unless homeowners signed an agreement not to sue the city, even if the windows were found to be emitting cancer-causing fumes. They backed away from that demand, under pressure.

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"I need answers in order to make an informed decision about what I am agreeing to, especially since no one from the CDA is capable or knowledgeable enough to answer my detailed and technical questions."

Zidarich also requests that she be able to review results of Amec Foster Wheeler's laboratory testing of the windows they removed from one home, before she makes a decision on in-home air testing. "Just as Amec Foster Wheeler has determined this step is necessary to set the parameters for the in-home testing, this information will allow me and other homeowners to make an informed decision about the windows currently in their homes."

She demands an efficient and prompt response.

"I do not expect to be

stalled another four weeks for answers as to what transpired with the last letter I sent," she wrote. "I do not expect to receive it last-minute before the next hearing that is to be held. This campaign of attrition waged by the CDA on the homeowners of this city, whom they have a fiduciary duty to serve, is an appalling and insulting travesty and needs to end immediately. Our family's health—mental and physical—is at stake."

Zidarich also criticized CDA for sending her a "Dear homeowner" letter on Sept. 22, in which the department offers in-home air quality testing, but only if she agrees, in writing on a notarized letter, by Sept. 29.

"This is what they've been doing all along," Zidarich told the Southwest News-Herald. "They delay, delay, delay—and then when they make any kind of an offer to start remediation, it comes at the

very last minute with little to no time for homeowners to make an informed decision. It's like a carnival game that rigged against us—except instead of losing a dollar or two—we're talking about people possibly losing their lives over this, if the windows are off-gassing toxic fumes."

Zidarich likened the RSIP situation to environmental catastrophes in suburban Crestwood, as well as Flint, Mich., where government officials jeopardized the health of the people they were entrusted they serve.

"They are putting us through hell," Zidarich said. "This week, the fumes in my house have been worse than ever. We're choking on the air and using fans to try to and blow it out of the house. I don't know how Aviation officials sleep at night, but we're not."



### Clearing Civic officers ready to serve

Thirteenth Ward Ald. Marty Quinn administers the oath of office to officers of the Clearing Civic League at their September meeting, held recently at Hale Park. Serving the group this year are Mary Shilney, president; Richard Techman, vice president; Marie Zilka, secretary; Linda Dobias, treasurer; George Jasencak and John Arvetis, sergeants-at-arms; and Eleanor Pastorek, Millie Sapunar, Jim McGuire and Dave Pavic, trustees. Since 1960, the CCL has served as an advocate for neighborhood improvement.

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## Will bless pets at St. Rene

St. Rene Church, 64th and New England, will be holding a Saint Francis Day Pet Blessing at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 in the parish parking lot.

Local pet owners are

invited to attend. For additional information, call (773) 229-8523.

Saint Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1181 into a rich family. He had a particular love for nature and the

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"We've found older adults heal more rapidly and stay healthier longer when they take active roles in their own recovery," said Frank Guajardo, executive director of Smith Crossing, a life plan community in Orland Park. "Our goal is to enable our residents to heal faster and not lose gains they've achieved while in rehab after surgery or a medical incident."

Senior living communities like Smith Crossing and Smith Village in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood are employing wellness programs that can bolster and sustain recoveries after residents' short-term rehab has ended. Both life plan communities provide rehab care for older adults recovering from heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hip/knee replacement, and coronary artery bypass graft surgery. Both campuses also provide short-term rehab programs for nonresidents.

"It's definitely advantageous to have a wellness program in place to sustain recovery from major health challenges," said Shane Malecha, clinical specialist for Aegis Therapies which supports Smith's fitness and therapy programs. "We're striving for better results." Aegis serves both Smith communities by providing physical, occupational and speech therapy services when patients are discharged from a hospital, and by maintaining onsite wellness centers for residents.

Smith wellness centers are outfitted with HUR equipment, a leading provider of exercise and fitness equipment de-



(Above) Frank Guajardo, executive director at Smith Crossing, believes wellness programs help residents achieve more lasting recoveries. — Photo by Robert Knapp

(Left) Marti Jatis, executive director of Smith Village, sees how wellness programs help residents get back on track more quickly after health challenges. — Photo by Waldemar Reichert

signed for older adults. HUR's software makes it possible to address and monitor an individual resident's fitness needs and goals, according to Malecha. Residents also benefit from the expertise of wellness coordinators who tailor individual exercise programs and regularly review residents' fitness gains.

"When older adults engage in wellness therapies in addition to the prescribed recovery treatments, they become active

much more quickly," said Malecha, who is a physical therapist.

"We've seen how our residents who stick to a wellness exercise routine remain healthy and strong for many years," said Marti Jatis, executive director of Smith Village. "Our wellness program enables residents to live life to the fullest with less down time."

Before enrolling in either of Smith community's wellness program, residents

must obtain their doctor's okay. And before using exercise equipment or signing up for classes, they meet with their wellness coordinator who evaluates their ability to balance and move freely.

Wellness coordinators Karinna Wesley for Smith Village and Michael Clemens for Smith Crossing use fitness assessment tests recommended by the National Institute on Aging. The coordinators both regard regular assessments and annual checkups with physicians as vital to determining wellness and preventive care.

"The big advantage for Smith Crossing and Smith Village residents is that even after recovering from a significant health challenge, they have access to fitness measures that make it easier for them to track and improve their health," Malecha stated.

*Smith Crossing is one of only 10 life plan communities in Illinois awarded a five-year accreditation for "exemplary performance" to international standards set by CARF-CCAC, the industry's sole accrediting body. Sponsored by Smith Senior Living, a not-for-profit organization serving older adults since 1924, it offers spacious residences and engaging programs for independent living, as well as assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. It also provides short-term rehabilitation services for residents and others requiring assistance after surgery or a medical incident. For more information about Smith Crossing, call 708-326-2300 or visit [SmithCrossing.org](http://SmithCrossing.org).*



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# It's not too early to get that flu shot

## Nasal spray again not recommended for 2017-2018 flu season

As soon as the influenza (flu) vaccine is available in your community, the Illinois Department of Public Health recommends everyone 6 months and older be vaccinated. Because of concerns about how well the nasal spray vaccine worked during the past two flu seasons, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is recommending people get a flu shot and not the nasal spray. Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. “We recommend people get a flu shot by the end of October, if possible. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for the body’s immune response to fully respond and for you to be protected,” said IDPH Director Dr. Nirav D. Shah. “Therefore, it’s better to be vaccinated before flu viruses start circulating.”

The flu season typically begins in October and peaks between December and March. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that can cause mild to severe illness. Serious cases of flu can result in hospitalization or death. Getting a flu shot can reduce flu illnesses, doctors’ visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. The more people who get vaccinated, the more people will be protected from flu, especially those who may not be able to be vaccinated, such as babies under six months. Any-



It's not too early to start thinking about flu season. – Supplied photo

one can get the flu, even healthy people. Getting a flu shot is the first and most important step in protecting you and those around you against flu viruses. Flu symptoms can include fever or feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, tiredness, and some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults. Flu is typically spread by droplets when someone with the flu talks, coughs, or sneezes. People can also get the flu by touching something, like a door handle, that has the virus on it and then touching

their mouth, eyes, or nose. On average, it’s about two days after being exposed to the flu before symptoms begin. However, you can pass the flu to someone roughly a day before you start experiencing those symptoms, and up to five to seven days after becoming sick. In addition to getting a flu shot, IDPH recommends following the 3 C’s: clean, cover, and contain. • **Clean** – frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water. • **Cover** – cover your cough and sneeze. • **Contain** – contain your germs by staying home if you are sick.

Influenza antiviral drugs can be a second line of defense for treatment of some who get sick with the flu. Many observational studies have found that in addition to lessening the duration and severity of symptoms, antiviral drugs can prevent flu complications. Because it is important to start antiviral medication quickly, high-risk patients should contact a health care professional at the first signs of influenza symptoms, which include sudden onset of fever, aches, chills, and tiredness. To find a location to get a flu shot in your community, check with your health care provider or local health department.

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# Thinking About Health

## U.S. Healthcare Ranked Lower Than In Most Developed Nations

BY TRUDY LIEBERMAN, RURAL HEALTH NEWS SERVICE



One thing I haven't heard much in this latest healthcare debate is that the U.S. has the best health system in the world. That's different from the last two times around.

When the nation debated the Clinton health plan in 1994 and the Affordable Care Act in 2009-2010, a huge talking point for politicians and special business interests opposed to reform was, "The American system is so good, why change it?"

It's different this year. Maybe that's because the public realizes America doesn't have the best, and their own interactions with what American healthcare has become tell them a different story. The old talking point doesn't compute any more.

Of course, we've all had some good experiences. And we generally continue to believe that the money we spend on super expensive technology and medicines equates to good care even though evidence shows those costly interventions may not deliver as advertised and actually may be harmful.

However, taken as a whole and measured on several dimensions, including

access to care, administrative efficiency, equity, and health outcomes, the U.S. compares poorly relative to other industrialized countries.

In its latest study comparing the U.S. with 10 other countries – the United Kingdom, Australia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Canada and France – the U.S. ranks dead last. This is the sixth time since 2004 that The Commonwealth Fund, which supports Thinking About Health columns, has done such a survey.

"Each time we have managed to be last," says Eric Schneider, a senior vice president of the Fund.

I've been writing about these surveys since they began, but this time the findings really grabbed my attention, especially this:

In the U.S., 44 percent of people with incomes below the median – about \$55,700 in 2015 – reported that the cost of care prevented them from getting medical treatment they needed. Twenty-six percent of those with incomes above the median also said financial barriers prevent them from getting care. That means that the high deductibles and high coinsurance that most health plans now require makes it hard to pay for care.

By contrast, in the U.K. only 7 percent of people with low incomes and only 4 percent of those with higher incomes said they had trouble getting care. Yes, that's England, the nation whose National

Health Service has been much maligned by American politicians over the years.

In this latest survey, the U.K. ranked number one overall and was judged the best when it came to equity and the process of care – preventive care, safe care, coordinated care and patient preferences – and third when it came to access. People in Britain seem to be doing OK despite all those queues for services Americans have heard about from the media.

When it came to equity, access to care, and health outcomes, the U.S. ranked last, which also challenges the common assumption we have the best care in the world.

The U.S. has given a lot of attention to healthcare over the past decade, and the positive changes made by the Affordable Care Act have substantially decreased the number of uninsured and provided generous

subsidies to help them buy coverage. I would have expected our rankings to improve. I asked Schneider about that.

He explained that the lack of universal coverage is a barrier and the cost of care is still too high for too many Americans, even if they have insurance. Families with incomes in the middle ranges of eligibility for ACA subsidies – incomes of around \$60,000 or \$70,000 – get small subsidies and face high deductibles and other cost-sharing, a trade-off they must make if they can afford only plans with low premiums.

Our complicated system of getting medical bills paid and the endless negotiations between providers and insurers – in other words, the administrative hassle – is also a huge drawback. Fifty-four percent of U.S. primary care doctors said insurance restrictions made it hard to get needed treatment for their patients, Schneider said. "That's a big problem."

The U.K., Australia and New Zealand shine on this dimension. Schneider said that if the U.S. changed the way it pays providers, used fee schedules and global budgets – an amount a country, group, or hospital decides it will spend on care – the public would benefit.

Just as important, Schneider told me, was the lack of U.S. investment in primary care compared to other countries where primary care is more widely and uniformly available. They dedicate a greater percentage of their medical workforce to that kind of care rather than specialty care. The U.S. favors expensive specialists.

So does the U.S. do well on anything? Although we ranked last on overall health outcomes such as life expectancy at age 60, there were bright spots such as breast cancer survival and fewer hospital deaths for heart attacks and stroke.

Those few achievements are simply not good enough.

*What's your biggest beef with the health-care system? Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com).*

## Processed meats can increase colorectal cancer

Eating hot dogs, bacon and other processed meats daily increases the risk of colorectal cancer, with the more you eat the greater the risk, finds a new report by the American Institute of Cancer Research and the World Cancer Research Fund.

The report, an analysis of the global research, adds to the evidence that diet and lifestyle play an important role in protecting against colorectal cancer.

Diet, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Colorectal Cancer also found that eating whole grains daily, such as brown rice or whole-wheat bread, reduces risk of this cancer. This is the first time AICR/WCRF research links whole grains independently to lower cancer risk.

There is strong evidence that physical activity protects against colon cancer, according to reports.

"Colorectal cancer is one of the most common cancers, yet this report demonstrates there is a lot people can do to dramatically lower their risk," said Edward L. Giovannucci, MD, ScD, lead author of the report and professor of nutrition and epidemiology at the Harvard TH

Chan School of Public Health. "The findings from this comprehensive report are robust and clear: Diet and lifestyle have a major role in colorectal cancer."

The new report evaluated the scientific research worldwide on how diet, weight and physical activity affect colorectal cancer risk. The report analyzed 99 studies, including data on 29 million people, of whom over a quarter of a million were diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

"The findings from this comprehensive report are robust and clear: Diet and lifestyle have a major role in colorectal cancer."

### Hot dogs, Alcohol and Red Meat

For processed meat, every 50 grams consumed daily – about one hot dog – linked to a 16 percent increased risk of this cancer.

Other factors found to increase colorectal cancer risk include:

Being overweight or obese. Previous reports from AICR and WCRF have found that excess body fat also increases risk for ovarian, post-menopausal breast, esophageal, colorectal, gallbladder, liver, endometrial, kidney,

stomach cardia, pancreatic, and advanced prostate cancers.

Consuming two or more daily alcoholic drinks (30 grams of alcohol), such as wine or beer

There was also strong evidence that eating high amounts of red meat regularly (above 18 oz cooked, weekly) increases risk. Red meat includes beef and pork.

### Lowering Risk with Fiber, Activity and Grains

The report concluded that eating approximately three servings (90 grams) of whole grains daily reduces the risk of colorectal cancer by 17 percent. It adds to previous evidence showing that foods containing fiber decreases the risk of this cancer.

For physical activity, people who are more physically active have a lower risk of colon cancer compared to those who do very little physical activity. Here, the decreased risk was apparent for colon and not rectal cancer.

In the US, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer among both men and women, with an estimated 371 cases diagnosed each day. AICR estimates that 47 percent of US

colorectal cancer cases could be prevented each year through healthy lifestyle changes.

### Preventing Colorectal Cancers

AICR estimates that 47 percent of US colorectal cancers could be prevented if all adults were to get to a healthy weight and follow other healthy lifestyle habits.

Other established lifestyle links to colorectal cancer include inflammatory bowel disease and smoking. Screening is also an important part of colorectal cancer prevention.

Notes Giovannucci: "Many of the ways to help prevent colorectal cancer are important for overall health. Factors such as maintaining a lean body weight, proper exercise, limiting red and processed meat and eating more whole grains and fiber would lower risk substantially. Moreover, limiting alcohol to at most two drinks per day and avoidance or cessation of smoking also lower risk."

### Fish, Fruits and Vegetables, Emerging Evidence

The report found other links

between diet and colorectal cancer that were visible but not as clear. There was limited evidence that risk increases with low intake of both non-starchy vegetables and fruit. A higher risk was observed for intakes of less than 100 grams per day (about a cup) of each.

Emerging evidence also showed links to lowering risk of colorectal cancer with fish and foods containing vitamin C. Oranges, strawberries and spinach are all foods high in vitamin C.

The research continues to emerge for these factors, but it all points to the power of a plant-based diet, says Alice Bender, MS, RDN, AICR Director of Nutrition Programs. "Replacing some of your refined grains with whole grains and eating mostly plant foods, such as fruits, vegetables and beans, will give you a diet packed with cancer-protective compounds and help you manage your weight, which is so important to lower risk."

"When it comes to cancer there are no guarantees, but it's clear now there are choices you can make and steps you can take to lower your risk of colorectal and other cancers," said Bender.



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Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
TIJUANA R. GARDNER  
Defendants  
17 CH 4559  
3516 WEST 81ST STREET  
Chicago, IL 60652  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 31, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 2, 2017, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 3516 WEST 81ST STREET, Chicago, IL 60652  
Property Index No. 19-35-208-022-0000.  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$61,878.16.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.  
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710 Please refer to file number 17-4839.  
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE  
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjssc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.  
JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC  
230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(312) 541-9710  
E-Mail: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com  
Attorney File No. 17-4839  
Attorney ARDC No. 40342  
Case Number: 17 CH 4559  
TJSC#: 37-7066  
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Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
DITECH FINANCIAL, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
ANNA ROSA GOVEA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendants  
16 CH 016080  
7930 S. KOLIN AVENUE  
CHICAGO, IL 60629  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 20, 2017, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 23, 2017, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 7930 S. KOLIN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60629  
Property Index No. 19-34-201-039-0000.  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.  
For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-16-15012.  
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CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE, IL 60527  
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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com  
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Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Attorney Code. 21762  
Case Number: 16 CH 016080  
TJSC#: 37-6875  
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
DANIEL OWENSBY, THELMA OWENSBY, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Defendants  
15 CH 12263  
2901 WEST 73RD STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60629  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 17, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 7, 2017, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 2901 WEST 73RD STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60629  
Property Index No. 19-25-121-019-0000.  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.  
For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 258415.  
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McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC  
One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300  
CHICAGO, IL 60602  
(312) 476-5500  
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Attorney File No. 258415  
Attorney Code. 60489  
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GUILLERMINA MARTINEZ-GARCIA AKA G. MARTINEZ GARCIA AKA GUILLERMINA PATRICIA GARCIA AKA GUILLERMINA MARTINEZ GARCIA AKA GUILLERMINA MARTINEZ; HSBG NEVADA, NA FKA HOUSEHOLD BANK; THE CITY OF CHICAGO;  
THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; VIRGINIA MARTINEZ; GERALD NORDGREN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR GUILLERMINA MARTINEZ-GARCIA AKA G. MARTINEZ GARCIA AKA PATRICIA GARCIA AKA GUILLERMINA MARTINEZ, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendants,  
17 CH 1214  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
P.I.N. 19-26-301-029-0000.  
Commonly known as 3822 West 75th Place, Chicago, Illinois 60652.  
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.  
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg Oliver LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. For Bidding instructions visit www.alolawgroup.com 24 hours prior to sale. F16120026  
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122  
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Common Address: 7964 Lavergne Avenue, Burbank, Illinois 60459  
P.I.N: 19-33-211-022-0000  
Improvements: This property consist of a Single Family Home.  
Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments.  
Premise will NOT be open for inspection.  
Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney  
ANSELMO, LINDBERG OLIVER LLC  
  
1771 W. DIEHL, Ste 120  
Naperville, IL 60563  
Sales Department  
foreclosurenotice@fal-illinois.com  
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# EXPANSION

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2018, the 57,000-square foot project will help prepare Chicagoans for the more than 20,000 jobs coming to the region in the engineering and advanced manufacturing fields over the next decade, Mayor Rahm Emanuel said a ceremony Monday afternoon.

“The Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Center at Richard J. Daley College will prepare our students with the tools and resources necessary to succeed in a 21st century highly-specialized, technology-oriented economy,” Emanuel said. “We are making unprecedented investments across our City College campuses to support graduates in seizing the thousands of opportunities in engineering and manufacturing.”

The mayor said that the training provided at the new center will make Chicagoans more attractive than ever to manufacturing-sector employers offering job that pay top wages.

“That talent for that factory [job] that requires an advanced degree is going to be done right here at Richard J. Daley. These companies will not have to go [overseas] for talent; and I want to make sure that the kids of Chicago, the kids that go here to Richard J. Daley have a chance at good-paying jobs where you can raise a family and send your kids to college on your salary.”

In his remarks, Emanuel credited several local political leaders for the support of community colleges, including Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madi-

gan (D-22nd) and Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley (D-11th), neither of whom was able to attend the ceremony. He also praised State Sen. Martin A. Sandoval (D-11th)—who was on hand—as an effective friend of education in the city.

Daley College students will learn on state of the art equipment, preparing them for the technological changes occurring in the engineering and manufacturing industries, as firms move towards creating “intelligent factories” that integrate automation into CNC machining and quality assurance, according to a City Colleges statement.

“This is a win-win for the 18th Ward specifically, as well as for the Southwest Side in general,” Curtis told the Southwest News-Herald as he and others waited for Emanuel to arrive at the site, located on the south side on 76th Street, in what has been a large parking lot immediately west of the Ford City East retail strip mall.

At Curtis’ insistence, a number of jobs relating to construction of the new center are going to people who live in the neighborhoods close by. “Plus, once this center is open in 2019, I anticipate that there will be people from this area working here,” he added. “This center will be a huge plus for the neighborhoods of the 18th Ward, providing new education and employment opportunities, improving property values, attracting new businesses and generally improving the quality of life here—making a good part of Chicago even better.”

The new center will incorporate manufacturing



An artist's conception of a bird's eye view (looking east/northeast toward 76th and Pulaski) of the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Center at Richard J. Daley College, after it begins service in 2019. — Supplied image

high bay space, three classrooms, five engineering/manufacturing labs, two computer labs, and administrative space—as well as a pedestrian bridge connecting the center to the existing college building that includes student collaboration spaces.

Officials said it will offer 1.5 times the current manufacturing space that currently exists at Daley College, allowing CCC to serve 1,000 manufacturing students per year in spring and fall semesters.

Earlier this year, City Colleges joined the 50K Coalition, a group of universities, professional associations and businesses that aim to help produce 50,000 minority and women engineering graduates each year by 2025.

“Daley College’s new facility, combined with strong links to area employers and academic links to both our high schools

and four-year colleges will enable us to remove the barriers to our students’ success and create a robust and diverse pipeline of talent into engineering and advanced manufacturing careers,” Salgado said.

The new facility will help prepare students to seize the projected 660 annual job openings in engineering and 1,400 annual openings in advanced manufacturing in Cook County over the next decade.

City Colleges engineering pathways will focus on transfer to bachelor’s degree programs in high wage fields with median wages of \$88,000/year across engineering fields (such as civil, mechanical and electrical). The Advanced Manufacturing program, a stackable degree and certificate programs in five areas, will continue to evolve based on industry trends and ongoing employer feedback, targeting jobs such as: indus-

try machinery mechanics (118 annual openings and median wages of \$42,000/year) and welders (115 annual openings and median wages of \$30,200/year).

“We have been a family business in the Chicago area for 71 years, and because of the growth potential we see in terms of available, well-trained, experienced workers resulting from initiatives like this from City Colleges, we intend to stay,” said Kathleen Dudek of Dudek & Bock Spring Manufacturing Company, headquartered on the West Side. “I’m excited to see the creation of this new center at Daley. Colliers International has reported that companies have added 22.3 million square feet of manufacturing and warehouse space in or around the Chicago area in the 12-month period ending in June. With expansion like that, businesses such as mine will need and welcome workers

with the education and experience Daley College students have gained thanks to its curriculum and this center.”

City Colleges is working with the Public Building Commission to oversee the construction of the manufacturing center, which has been designed with input from City Colleges’ College to Careers faculty and industry partners. Emanuel launched College to Careers in 2011, which aligns each City Colleges with a fast-growing industry sector and involves employers and universities in evaluating City Colleges’ curricula and facilities to ensure they prepare students for in-demand careers, and in offering students the opportunity for internships and a first pass at job opportunities. Since the launch of College to Careers, more than 4,000 students have found a job or paid internship in a high-demand field.

# JUSTICE

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and several broken bones in the attack—and has slowly healed in the months since.

Among those supporting Regnier in court last week was 14th Ward Ald. Edward M. Burke, who has angrily and publicly denounced Claiborne as “a barbarian” several times in recent months.

Regnier has accepted an invitation by Burke to lead members of the Chicago City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance at their Oct. 11 meeting.

The alderman said he plans to have Regnier driven to City Hall in a limousine accompanied by a police escort.

In court, Claiborne shed tears as he apologized to Regnier, a Catholic woman of faith who attends Mass weekly. She cried in response.

“I’m glad it’s over,” Regnier told the Southwest News-Herald several hours after the sentencing, as she sat on her porch and enjoyed a bit of ice cream. She expressed mild concern about the length of the sentence

but softly added, “I feel sorry for him, but he did wrong. He should know that.”

Regnier’s family, including daughter Judy Dusk, were with her in court.

“This is a happy day because justice was served,” Dusk told the Southwest News-Herald, “but it’s a sad day because [Claiborne] is so young. I have a kid that age. But he needs to be put away, so he can’t do that again.”

Dusk repeatedly credited Jimmy and Tommy Pieprzyca, owners of Villa Rosa Pizza, 5786 S. Archer, who immediately after the crime put up a cash reward that played a key role in Claiborne’s arrest.

Dusk is a part-time delivery driver for Villa Rosa, as well as the newly re-opened Danny’s Pizza, also owned by the Pieprzyca brothers.

“Those guys have been with us every step of the way,” she said. “They’re like family. I’d do anything for them.”

Also supporting Regnier were the volunteer court advocates from the Chicago Lawn (8th) Police District.

They supported her case in person at all 13 court dates since the first hearing

back on Jan. 17. In all, the advocates literally stood up in court for Regnier 57 times—offering silent support and insisting that justice be done.

“I think justice was served,” said longtime court advocacy program director Barbara Ziegler, a West Lawn resident. “It’s over and done with, and Mrs. Regnier was spared the ordeal of a trial.”

In all, there are currently 26 volunteer court advocates in the Eighth District, and the district’s team is the largest and most effective unit citywide. Those interested in more information are encouraged to email Ziegler at b.g.ziegler@comcast.net or call the Eighth District CAPS Office at (312) 747-8724.

## Background

Regnier was standing on a corner near her house in the 5100 block of South Long at about 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, waiting for a daughter to pick her up and take her to a dentist’s appointment. When she became cold and walked back inside her home, Claiborne snuck up on her and followed her. Just inside



Josephine Regnier gives a kiss to 14th Ward Ald. Edward M. Burke last week outside court at 26th and California. Looking on are her daughters, Joyce Franklin, Joan O’Connor and Judy Dusk, as well as restaurant owner Jimmy Pieprzyca. Regnier grew up near 52nd and Aberdeen and smiled as she said she remembered Burke when he was a boy growing up in the same neighborhood. — Supplied photo

the door and without saying a word, he grabbed her purse and beat her—breaking several of her ribs and giving her a black eye and large bump on the head.

Claiborne was spotting running away by Regnier’s daughter, who briefly pursued him in her car. The man then jumped into an SUV and sped down an alley, losing control and slamming into a utility pole just behind Villa Rosa. He bolted from the vehicle—which police later said was

stolen from near 62nd and Francisco—and dropped Regnier’s hair bonnet on the ground and ran away with her purse in his arms. The purse contained about \$50 cash, police said.

The crash and aftermath were captured on Villa Rosa’s surveillance video. Images were promptly shared with police, who in turn distributed them to the press and public.

The Pieprzyca brothers quickly made a public offer of \$5,000 for information

leading to the arrest and conviction of the attacker.

That reward, authorities said, was instrumental in the arrest of Claiborne.

A man who knows Claiborne stepped forward to claim the reward and help police set up a sting to apprehend Claiborne near his home. He told authorities that Claiborne had approached him and sought help in getting out of state quickly.



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