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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Chicago Flamenco Festival

The Instituto Cervantes of Chicago (31 W. Ohio St.), is thrilled to announce the return of flamenco masters for the 22nd Chicago Flamenco Festival, taking place now through March 23. This multi-week festival, dedicated to the preservation, presentation, and celebration of the multi-cultural art form of flamenco, includes an extraordinary lineup, featuring performances by esteemed flamenco artists from Chicago and across the U.S., as well as internationally renowned artists from Spain.

“Since 2002, the Instituto Cervantes of Chicago has brought together the top talent in the world of flamenco for our annual Chicago Flamenco Festival,” said Teresa Hernando, cultural program coordinator for Instituto Cervantes of Chicago.

Performances and talks will take place in three different venues: Instituto Cervantes of Chicago (31 W. Ohio St.), City Winery (1200 W. Randolph St.) and Space Evanston (1245 Chicago Ave.). Tickets range from \$15 to \$40, with discounts offered to Instituto Cervantes of Chicago members and students. Information and tickets can be found at www.chicago.cervantes.es.

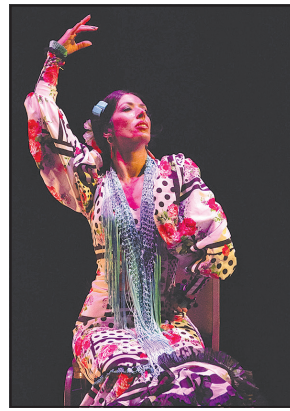
Dr. Tawana “TJ” Robinson

Dr. Tawana “TJ” Robinson a life-long resident of the 27th District. I was born into a hard-working blue-collar family in the Roseland community. Tawana is a Morgan Park High School alumnus. I am a church and community servant with good character, sound judgment, and morals. I am the CEO of a non-profit organization called “It Takes a Village,” which was designed to provide marginalized youth with access to alternative education, trade programs, and employment opportunities in the 27th District. I am a board member for another non-profit organization that provides housing and independent living for people with disabilities in Illinois.

I am also a program advocate for a post-secondary program called “Jump the Education Barrier,” which has been featured on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and major news outlets. In May 2023, she was featured

teaching and performing poetry at a CPS selective enrollment school on the national public broadcast PBS, which will air in March 2024 on Channel 11 WTTW in Illinois. Additionally, in her work as a community activist, she co-created the program Exodus to Excellence, along with a state legislator, which empowers youth as early as 12 years of age to become involved in community-based organizations, exposure to municipal government, and employment opportunities, by making them aware of state and federal employment opportunities.

Targeted Goals: As your State Representative, I will build a better economy, demand the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share of taxes, freeze property taxes for seniors, expand property tax relief, ban assault weapons, commit grant funding to community based violence prevention programs, provide state dollars for park



*Irene “La Chiqui” Lozano.
Photo by Casey Mitchell,
courtesy of Ensemble Espanol.*

districts, schools, townships, and infrastructure, defend women’s right to choose, protect funding for Planned Parenthood, lower cost of prescription drugs, guarantee paid leave for every Illinois worker, and fight for equal pay and healthcare for all. You will see an upward trajectory of positive fresh new trends. Safer streets, quality schools, thriving businesses, and a better quality of life aren’t out of reach and unattainable for 27th District constituents.

As your State Representative, I can assure you that I won’t continue the status quo. I’ve personally knocked on your doors; you’ve invited me into your homes, and I’ve heard your concerns. As your State Representative, I will have an open-door policy in which your voices will be heard, and we will resolve problems in the 27th District together. We will share 1 vision and 1 mission—to improve the quality of life for 27th District residents.

The Soul Commitments Band: The Saviors of Dublin Soul

Friday March 8, 2024, the doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm.

The 13-piece Soul Commitments band pays tribute to the popular music from the cult film “The Commitments,” the story of a bunch of Irish kids dubbed “The Saviors of Dublin Soul.” It’s the music of American soul icons who recorded in Muscle Shoals, Memphis, and Motown. Bring your dancin’ shoes.

“The Soul Commitments is the brainchild of Doug James, who was inspired by the wonderful tunes from the 1991 movie *The Commitments*, about a ragtag group of Dublin musicians that love soul music as much as we do! Including a horn section and female vocalists, the band is on fire with songs by the likes of Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett & Aretha Franklin. It’s a full-fledged revue.”

For tickets and more information go to www.lyrictheater.com. The Lyric Theater is at 12952 Western Ave, Blue Island, IL 60406.

MWRD President Kari K. Steele Honored with Trailblazer Award

As part of its Black History Month celebration recently, Mayor Fred Bilotto of the City of Blue Island awarded Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) President Kari K. Steele with the prestigious Trailblazer Award. This accolade recognizes individuals who have demonstrated pioneering leadership in education, healthcare, and economic development.

“Thank you to Mayor Bilotto for this meaningful recognition,” said President Steele. “Your support motivates me to continue pushing boundaries for positive change. It is an honor to be acknowledged as a trailblazer, and this award reinforces my commitment to serve our communities with dedication while spreading awareness about the resources and opportuni-



(L-R) State Representative Bob Rita, MWRD President Kari K. Steele, and Blue Island Mayor Fred Bilotto. Photo courtesy MWRD.

ties at the MWRD.”

During President Steele’s leadership, the MWRD has made significant advances in storm-water mitigation strategies that emphasize the importance of protecting our most valuable resource, Lake Michigan.

President Steele is proud of the MWRD’s work to emphasize environmental justice in all agency practices. Mayor Bilotto presented the award and acknowledged President Steele’s leadership and her relentless pursuit of excellence. “Kari Steele represents the very essence of a trailblazer - someone who leads by example, breaks down barriers, and

opens doors for others,” said Mayor Bilotto. “Her contributions within the Illinois Legislature have not only advanced environmental stewardship but have also empowered communities, making her a deserving recipient of this year’s Trailblazer Award.”

For more information about President Kari K. Steele, to review President Steele’s Annual Message 2022 and to learn more about MWRD visit www.mwrdd.org. Feel free to reach out to the office of MWRD President Kari K. Steele at (312) 751-5694 with any questions or to discuss issues that are important to you.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

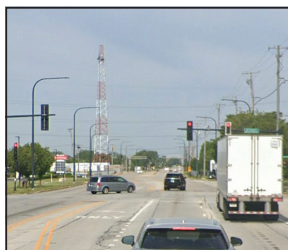
Hooley in the Park

3-day music and dancing weekend, Fri 3-22 6:00 pm to Sun 3-24 10:30 pm Chicago Gaelic Park 6119 W. 147th St. Oak Forest IL. 708-687-9323 ChicagoGaelicPark.com.

Village of Mokena resurfacing project to begin this Spring

Spring roadwork will begin ramping up in the coming months and residents will begin to see resurfacing work on 191st Street soon. Resurfacing of 191st Street between La Grange Road and Wolf Road will occur in 2024 and the project is anticipated to begin in March and conclude in September, weather permitting.

This resurfacing project is being completed through a grant award from the Will County Governmental League Surface Transportation Program in which the Village of Mokena will only incur 20% of the total cost for Construction and Construction Engineering. The project will include curb and gutter, manhole, and sidewalk repairs, as well as intersection improvements, milling of existing surface course, and new pavement surface.



Spring roadwork area. Courtesy Village of Mokena.

Early Voting at Oak Forest City Hall begins now

Early voting for the presidential primary election will take place now through March 18 at Oak Forest City Hall.

Voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot vote on Election Day.

A government-issued,

photo ID is not required, but is helpful if there is a question about the voter's registration, address, or signature. Providing an ID also can speed up the process because there are ID card readers at every check-in station.

You can register to vote

at all early vote sites. Any voter who needs to register for the first time or file an address change, must present two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter's current address.

Please note: City Hall is not a voting site on Election Day March 19.

Follow us @LetsTalkWomxn

Let's Talk Womxn Chicago has over 115 leading female restaurateurs and owners as members and ambassadors. It is cohosted by Mary Aregoni of Saigon Sisters, Heather Bublick of Soul & Smoke, Julia Shell of The Albion Manor and The Dandy Crown, and Kate Vrijmoet of Necessary and Sufficient Coffee, with Rohini Dey, Ph.D. of Vermilion.

More Than March Bash Chicago Participating Let's Talk Womxn Ambassadors:

Kathy Hardy A Taste of the Philippines, Ashley Ortiz Antique Taco, Laurence Noguier

Bistronomic, Melanie Casati Casati's Modern Italian, Catalina Gaete-Bentz Catan Pisco, Agnes Rapacz Chicago Tea House, Javon Nicholas Egg Rolls Etc, Molly Matelski Enjoy MMMM, Michelle Foik Eris Brewery and Cider House, Tiffany Williams Exquisite Catering & Events, Nicole Nassif Imee's Kitchen, Carol Cheung Jade Court, Genesis Bencivenga Lorenzo's Frozen Pudding, Korina Sanchez Moe's Cantina, Sam Rattanopas NaKorn, Kate Vrijmoet necessary & sufficient coffee, MacKenzie DeVito No Bones Beach Club, Dana Cree Pretty Cool



Photo Annette Dixon.

Ice Cream, Raiye Rosado Rabid Brewing, Mary Aregoni Saigon Sisters, Geraldine Hernandez Savory Crust, Heather Bublick Soul & Smoke, Lori Seay Soul Veg City, Jessica Perjes Tacotlan, Taylor Mason Taylor's Tacos, Julia Shell The Albion Manor and The Dandy Crown, Clodagh Lawless The Dearborn, Sarah Weitz The Fat Shallot, and Rohini Dey Vermilion.

Village of Tinley Park names Chocolate Fest winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Village's recent Chocolate Fest in which diners received a Golden Ticket in exchange for ordering a special at one of the participating restaurants, which included Ed and Joe's, Vinny's Clam Bar, Hillgrove Tap, Primal Cut, Siam Marina, SIP Wine Bar, and Frankie's.

Winners were randomly drawn from the Golden Ticket recipients and included Angela M., Kristin O., Latonya E., Lauren D., Mary D., Shauntel J. and Teresa E. All won a gift card to one of the participating Chocolate Fest restaurants and, of course, some chocolate!

Many thanks to everyone who participated.

Mokena residents Early Voting begins now

Early voting has begun for Mokena residents. Residents who are interested in voting early in the primary election can do so between now and March 15 at Village Hall from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Village Hall is located at 11004 Carpenter Street.

The General Primary Election will be held on

Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Assigned polling places are located on the back of voter registration cards. If you are unsure of your polling place, please visit www.willcountyclerk.gov.

The Will County Clerk's Office purchased new state-of-the-art election equipment that will be used to cast and count bal-

lots, as well as streamline the process for voters and for Election Judges at Early Voting locations in the 2024 Elections.

Village Staff would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation to assist you in successfully casting your ballot during the early voting period.

Rep. Rita joins local leaders as Park District takes over Tinley Park Mental Health Center site

State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, on Monday joined with fellow legislators, local officials, and environmental experts to mark the official transfer of ownership of the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center site. Rita helped lead legislation through the Illinois General Assembly that sold the former state property to the Park District of Tinley Park for \$1.

Rita also helped ensure \$15 million was included in the state budget to clean up the property and prepare it for the Park District to take over.

Rita said he was proud of the cooperative spirit all involved in the land exchange showed over the past year to get to this point.

"For too many years, this site was an eyesore and frustration for the residents of Tinley Park. But with the leadership and teamwork of all of us working together, now it will become a crown jewel for recreation in the area," Rita said. "I appreciate the hard work that has been done to date and am proud to have helped ensure the Park District is in charge of the site's future. Brighter and better days are ahead for this land, this community, and the region."



State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, speaks at a news conference in Tinley Park recently. Photo courtesy Ryan Keith PR Solutions.



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**Celebrating
Our 50th Year!**

SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Palos Heights

Move with the Mayor of Palos Park

A national initiative that works with mayors across the country to challenge their communities to be more physically active. Mayors encourage their communities to be physically active to lower their chances of heart disease and its risk factors like high cholesterol,

high blood pressure, and diabetes.

Mayor Nicole Milovich-Walters is hosting monthly events encouraging the residents of Palos Park to lead active and healthy lifestyles. A list of events is below.

March 19, 2024, Sunset at the Stairs 6:00 pm at

Swallow Cliff Woods-North Forest Preserve; April 20, 2024, Rid Litter Day 9 am at Rec Center; May 18, 2024, Doggie Dash 5K & 1-Mile Fun Walk/Run at Rec Center and June, Spring Nature Walk with Jan Pietrzak. Info at www.palospark.org.

Correction: Arlene Adams receives 2024 Unsung Heroine Award

Dear Readers, We apologize for the error in our recent article where Arlene Adams' name was not mentioned correctly as the recipient of the Unsung Heroine Award. We regret the mistake and any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused. Ensuring accuracy in our reporting is of utmost importance to us, and we are reviewing our processes to prevent such errors in the future.

Sincerely, Village View Publications.

Each year in honor of Women's History Month, Cook County presents the

Peggy A. Monte's Unsung Heroine Award to 18 women whose contributions to their communities, families, and professional endeavors have been vital but seldomly recognized. We are honored that this year's 17th District Award Winner is our own Arlene Adams!

Arlene is a very active member of our community on the board with McCord Gallery and Cultural Center, a member of Garden Guild I, a member of Palos Park Woman's Club, active with Palos Park Village Players, Palos Fine Arts, and more!



Arlene Adams with Mayor Milovich-Walters. Courtesy Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison.

On behalf of Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison and the entire Village of Palos Park congratulations to Arlene Adams for receiving the 2024, 17th District Peggy A. Monte's Unsung Heroine Award!

Moraine Valley Workforce Development Night

Moraine Valley Community College is hosting a free Workforce Development Night on Wednesday, March 27, 5 to 7 p.m., in Building T, Fogelson Theater, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

High school students ages 16 and older can explore the possibilities of various careers available through nontraditional education at Moraine Valley, including commercial driving, nondestructive testing, pharmacy

technician, dental assistant, sterile technician and more. Courses typically take one semester to complete. Students and parents will be able to speak with instructors and learn more about each program. Light refreshments will be served.

"Exploring nontraditional careers at this event gives families another look at Moraine Valley's vast offerings. For a teenager contemplating a career path, or for those who want to start work-

ing right away, these are short-term, ready-to-work courses," said Syreeta Brown, Moraine Valley senior program manager of Corporate, Community and Continuing Education.

Registration is required for students and parents. Sign up for the event at <https://self-serv.morainevalley.edu/Student/InstantEnrollment>. For more information, contact Brown at browns379@morainevalley.edu or (708) 608-4247.

Palos Heights Public Library events

Irish Music Concert: Dr. Murphy's Band, Thursday, Mar. 14, 2024, 7 pm. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a lively concert of Irish music from Dr. Murphy's Band! Sunday at The Cinema: The Quiet Man (1952), Sunday, Mar. 17, 2024, at 7 pm. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, join us to watch the classic Irish film The Quiet Man on our big screen.

Women of the Vietnam War: Tuesday, Mar. 26, 2024, 7 pm. A presentation for Women's History Month from historian Kathryn Atwood featuring the perspectives and experiences of women from all sides of the Vietnam War: military personnel, civilians, medics, and journalists. Info: www.phlibrary.org or call 708-448-1473.

Chicago Sinfonietta presents ECHO

Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 PM Chicago Sinfonietta celebrates Women's History Month with ECHO, a program that highlights women in music. The program includes the Chicago premiere of Florence Price's Concert Overture No. 2, a dynamic and passionate work that showcases Price's masterful orchestration and distinctive musical voice; Samuel Barber's beloved Violin Concerto performed by the rising star Amaryn Olmeda in her Chicago debut; Francis Poulenc's Les biches Suite, a playful and evocative work that blends neoclassical and jazz elements with irresistible charm; and the world premiere of a currently untitled piece by Clarice Assad, with the talented vocalist and composer herself performing as soloist. Don't miss this powerful tribute to the women who have shaped the world of classical music and continue to inspire us today.

Auditorium Theatre (50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive) is dedicated to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community, and educational programming. Tickets start at \$25.00. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit AuditoriumTheatre.org.



Amaryn Olmeda. Photo courtesy of Chicago Sinfonietta.

Palos 118 Board Approves Resolution for Free Full Day Kindergarten

At a recent meeting, the Palos 118 Board of Education voted to approve a conditional resolution for free full day kindergarten to start in fall 2024 should voters approve a referendum that will appear on the March 19, 2024, ballot.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Anthony Scarsella told board members at the regular board meeting that the State of Illinois has mandated that all Illinois public school districts must provide free full day kindergarten starting in the 2027-2028 school year but the successful passage of the district's referendum in March would provide

funding to start the program 3 years ahead of the state mandated deadline.

Scarsella said that the resolution is the first formal step to implementing the full day program if voters approve the referendum. The District currently offers a tuition-based full-day program that requires families to pay \$3,250 per student for a full day of instruction.

On the March 19 ballot, Palos 118 is asking voters to approve a referendum that would allow the school district to shift approximately \$4.35 million in future property taxes from its debt service fund to its operating

fund to address financial challenges stemming from unfunded mandates from the state and federal government. From that, the District plans to utilize \$2 million to eliminate growing budget deficits and avoid cuts to programs and services, another \$2 million that will fund capital improvements to the district's aging school buildings, with the remaining \$350,000 that will be used to pay for the State's free full-day kindergarten mandate.

More information about the Palos 118 referendum can be found online at palos118.org/referendum.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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Burbank, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Justice, Oak Lawn

Evergreen Park Historical Commission Museum

The Evergreen Park Historical Commission Museum will be open every first and third Saturday of each month from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. The museum is located in the Evergreen Park Senior Center located at 9547 S. Homan Ave. The museum can also be opened to groups during the week by appointment. If interested, please contact George Peso at 708-422-5222 to make a reservation.



Pictured are most of the seniors from Richards High School named Illinois State Scholars for 2024. Photo courtesy Richard H.S. Bob McParland.

Richards announces Illinois State Scholars for 2024

Richards High School in Oak Lawn proudly announces that 26 members of the 2024 senior class have been named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Roughly 10 percent of the state's high school seniors earn this recognition each year. In order to earn Illinois State Scholar honors, students must rank in the top half of their graduating class and score in the 95th percentile of the ACT or SAT.

Richards seniors named Illinois State Scholars this year include Amelia Benson, Oswaldo Cadenas, Abigail Cole, Mary Gacek, Mya Garcia, Natalie Gargas, Sebastian Gasinski, Aryan Jain, Aine Kelly, Keegan Krawczyk, Malik LaValle, Madeline Lichter.

Also named were: Salma Makhoulf, Violet McIntyre, Sophia Negrete, Lillian O'Dea, Vanessa Orintas, Nora O'Shea, Dominick Paul, Amanda Romero, Haneen Saleh, Ann Sheahan, Julia Stalzer, Caroline Turwon, Nemir Uwainat, and Michael Wickman.

Polaris Storm Sewer Improvement Project in Oak Lawn

The Village of Oak Lawn is working with the MWRD to address persistent flooding by creating additional stormwater storage and improving storm sewers.

Oak Lawn has had severe urban flooding that has impacted hundreds of residents, filling homes and yards with stormwater. To address this flooding, the Village and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) have approved a flood control project near Polaris Intermediate (PIE) School.

The project will include a stormwater storage

detention basin in the sport fields at PIE, the layout of which has been mutually agreed upon after public presentations, renderings, and a recorded stormwater easement. The fields will serve as temporary storage for overflow stormwater: a new storm sewer system will backflow into the fields once the sewer pipes fill up and slowly release back into the storm sewer system as the downstream system allows. The project will have no downstream impacts and will be permitted through MWRD. The new underdrain system will greatly increase

the field's ability to drain water and return to use.

The project will include new baseball fields, a football field, retaining walls, stairways and ramps for maintenance vehicle access. Additionally, roads will be resurfaced where the storm sewer is installed along both 105th St. and Kilpatrick Avenue.

The Village is currently negotiating an intergovernmental agreement with MWRD to share construction costs. Final project design is ongoing and design is expected to be completed in August 2024. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2024.

Visit Chicago Southland releases its 2024 Visitors Guide

The 2024 Chicago Southland Visitors Guide has been released so it's time to dust off the calendars, gather your family, colleagues and friends and plan the perfect activity or getaway!

The 2024 Visitors Guide is the bureau's thirty-sixth edition and the most concentrated to date. The 82 colorful and glossy pages include sections of Things to See and Do, Arts & Culture, Accommodations, Dining, Shopping, Transportation and Golf in Chicago's 60 south and southwest suburbs. Special articles include Chicago Southland Bucket List, Foodie Tour, Four Seasons Four Agendas, and Exploring Black History.

To order a hard copy of the Visitors Guide, call Visit Chicago Southland at 888-895-8233, you can also ask for a digital copy of the 2024 Visitors Guide.

Oak Lawn Park District Dance Instructor Makes a Difference

Oak Lawn Park District Dance student and instructor, Lily O'Dea has created a permanent donation bin in the Oak View Center & Museum (4625 W. 110th St.) as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project. It is made for dancers to donate their shoes so they can be reused by future dancers.

Lily is currently a co-captain for the Independence Dance Team and a senior at Richards HS. The Girl Scout Gold is the highest award that a Girl Scout can receive in their scouting journey. The award is earned by finding an issue in your commu-

nity that you care about, learning about it from trusted resources, finding a plan to tackle it, having the project reviewed by the Girl Scout council, then sharing the story to help and inspire others to make a difference.

"With the permission of the Oak Lawn Park District, I have created a permanent dance donation shoe bin, said Lily. "This donation bin is located across from the dance office at the Oak View Center."

What to donate: Gently used or brand-new dance shoes in all colors and sizes- specifically tap, jazz,



Lily O'Dea. Courtesy Oak Lawn Park District.

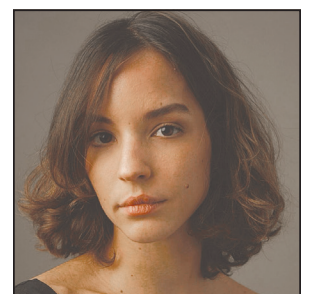
ballet and character shoes.

How to donate: Tie or strap one dance shoe to the matching pair, pull the bin handle and drop your shoes into the opening.

How to reuse: Please let your dance teacher know the exact size and style of shoe you were looking for, and we will check the availability.

Joffrey Ballet's 14th Annual Winning Works

The Joffrey Academy of Dance, Official School of The Joffrey Ballet, presents four world premieres for the 14th annual Winning Works Choreographic Competition. Following the Joffrey's national call for ALAANA (African, Latinx, Asian, Arab, and Native American) artists to submit applications for the competition, this year's winners include: Jainil Mehta, Martha Nichols, Manoela Gonçalves, Houston Thomas, and Chicago-based winner Xavier Núñez (Recipient of the Zach Lazar Winning Works Fellowship). Each will choreograph an original work for the Joffrey Academy Trainees and Studio Company, featuring a commissioned score by a chosen composer collaborator. Winning Works will be presented at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago's Edlis Neeson Theater (220 E. Chicago Avenue) on March 8 to 10 and March 15 to 17, 2024. Tickets for Winning Works are \$30 and are currently on sale at joffrey.org/winningworks.



Manoela Gonçalves. Courtesy Joffrey Ballet.



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From Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady
"May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold—and at the end of your rainbows may you find a pot of gold."
- Irish Blessing

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Meet Tawana

Dr. Tawana "TJ" Robinson is a lifelong resident of the 27th District. She is a Doctor of Education and has served the district for over 25 years in public schools in the 27th District as a special education teacher, regular education teacher, and school administrator interchangeably.

Previously Endorsed by the Chicago Tribune

"Democratic Party officials last year chose Rep. Justin Slaughter to replace retiring Rep. Monique Davis. We wish we could say Slaughter has made a mark in Springfield, but his voting record so far is generally in lockstep with party leaders, including supporting a 32 percent income tax hike in July. His opponent, TJ Robinson of Chicago, has an education background and promises to be a stronger voice for low-and middle-income families. Robinson is endorsed."

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Biograph Theater presents *Bill W. and Dr. Bob*

Coming to the Richard Christiansen Theater of the Biograph Theater in Lincoln Park (2433 N. Lincoln Ave.). The critically acclaimed

“Bill W. and Dr. Bob,” is the true story of the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. Marmo stars in the Chicago production, alongside a cast of local

actors, with performances beginning March 7.

It tells the story of the two men who pioneered Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as the story of their

wives, who founded Alcoholics Anonymous. Tickets for the play

range in price from \$69 to \$79 and are on sale now at

www.billwanddrbobonstage.com.

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VOTE TO PUT ILLINOIS CITIZENS FIRST

Enough is enough! You can no longer close your eyes and pretend that we live in Utopian paradise. Illinois is not a port in the storm but the actual tsunami. It is time to get off your couch and stand up for what our Founding Fathers stood for. It is time to stop this real-life game of Monopoly where the criminals pass go and are given a “get out of jail free card”. It is time to prioritize American Illinois citizens before these illegal immigrants. Veterans are waiting months for their medical care at the VA.

American families are living in shelters and many others are struggling to make ends meet. Seniors are trying to figure out how they are going to pay their property taxes. Parents are denied a seat at the table when the school is making decisions on their child’s physical and mental health. Our civil and constitutional rights are being threatened and infringed upon as each new Progressive bill gets written. Illinois can no longer be the petri dish for Pritzker’s goal of becoming President. We are living in a domestic war of good versus evil. Which side are you on?

I NEED YOUR HELP! Get in the trenches with me. Please invest in our state by investing in my campaign For State Representative District 36. Donations can be given at www.ShanahanMcGovern.com. Sign up for email updates, volunteering opportunities, and events coming up. Volunteering is a valuable gift and is greatly needed. I may be outfunded now but I am NOT outworked. As Helen Keller said, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”. Let’s work together to stop the insanity!

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they passed away, where they lived, and any extenuating circumstances. There is a class action lawsuit, hopefully.

We have an attorney that might be able and willing to take the time. So now we are collecting names. We are trying to start this due to the United States of America's government, not closing our borders and making them accountable for the murders that happened.

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