

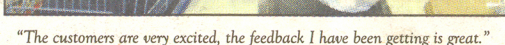
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Eric Roque wanted to open a grocery store and found an ideal location, the vacant building on 132nd and Baltimore in Hegewisch. Members of the Hegewisch Chamber of Commerce agree the fresh produce market is a perfect fit for their community.

"I just liked what I saw and jumped in," said Roque. "I saw a neighborhood that had no store and needed one."

Roque, a 28-year old who grew up in the suburbs, worked with his family's food distribution company and had experience working with grocers. He said

it was always his goal to own a business. It took Roque four months to open the Hegewisch Fruit Market. He said he wanted to open in two months but there were some unexpected obstacles he had to get around. He said he overcame them and opened the store on March 16. He said since the market opened on Tuesday, a good amount of customers and steady traffic have come through the store.

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Brian Twardosz, president of the Hegewisch Chamber of

to get their groceries," said Twardosz.

Twardosz said more businesses are opening in the community. He said he would really like to see a pharmacy, bakery and coffee shop open in Hegewisch. He said he is confident Roque will get involved with the Chamber of Commerce and the community. 10th ward Alderman John Pope helped Roque secure the necessary permits. He said Roque has pledged to hire locally, not sell liquor, keep the store clean and maintain appropriate store hours, all which make him a good corporate citizen.

"Local residents should support the owner because he has committed to support

THE MARKET HAS AN INTERNATIONAL food section that features food from Mexico, Poland and Italy. It also has fresh produce, which is delivered seven days a week, and meat, which is delivered six days a week. Roque said the freshness of the food, cleanliness of the store and above average, affordable produce prices sets his store apart from other stores in the area.

He said he appreciated all the help Alderman Pope provided and also credited the city with the success of his business. "I would tell others my age who want to start a business if they know the business to go ahead," Roque said. 

Hegewisch Attorney Sworn in to U.S. Supreme Court Bar

BSERVER OBSERVER HIGHLIGHT

Chicago attorney George L. Tamvakis was sworn in as a member of the United States Supreme Court on March 2nd. A motion for admission to the Bar was submitted in open court by Cook County State's Attorney and Chicago Bar Association President Anita Alvarez to Supreme Court Chief Judge John G. Roberts.

The motion was granted by the Court allowing Tamvakis to join this elite group of attorneys. In person admission is limited to less than one percent of all attorneys admitted each year.

"The Supreme Court has a rich

history and I am deeply moved to have had this experience," said Tamvakis. "This was a memorable day for me and my family."

The day began with a private breakfast at the Supreme Court Building. Following the ceremony, a luncheon reception was held.

"It is truly an honor to be recognized by the highest court in the United States," said Tamvakis. "The entire ceremony was an indication of the prestige and power of the Supreme Court."

An applicant for admission to the bar must be sponsored by two

attorneys who have previously been admitted and are in good standing. Among the privileges available to Tamvakis are access to the Court's law library, the right to sit in the reserved section of the courtroom for oral arguments and permission to present cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Tamvakis is the principle partner in the firm George L. Tamvakis Ltd,



located in Chicago's downtown business district and the Hegewisch community. The firm concentrates on worker's compensation matters.

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He received his Juris Doctrina degree from Valparaiso University School of Law and a BA degree from Augustana College.

He resides in Park Ridge, IL, with his wife, Georgette, and their three children, Mark, Alyssa, and Kristy. ☞

Lions Host Governor's Night

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On February 11, 2010, the Southeast Lions held their Governor's Night dinner at Jovial Club. The Southeast Lions were happy to host District 1-A Governor Raymond Jachim and his wife, First lady Marlen Jachim.

After Dinner, Governor Jachim commented on the Lions Banner and the multitude of citations for the outstanding services and achievements of the Southeast lions Club. "I am inspired to be with a group of Lions with such deep commitment" said Governor Jachim. He went on to discuss problems with hearing aid and eyeglass providers and advised the group to keep him informed so that he can assist them in their mission to help the community.

Another highlight of the dinner was the 30 year medal presentation to Victor Ramos Jr. which was accepted by his father Victor Ramos Sr. Service medals were presented to Lions who are also armed forces Veterans. The recipients were Gilbert Garcia, Joe Gonzalez, Victor Ramos Sr., Gilbert Medina, Paul Swalwe, and Andy Di Santo.

The Southeast Lions would like for you to Save the Date for the Annual Pancake Breakfast! It will be held at St. Francis De Sales parish Center on May 2nd. More information will follow in the Observer. ☞