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Raid of 'well kept' nursing home sparks protest

CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 9116 184. Section 2, p.1

By Jack Houston
and Mark Eissman

SIX ELDERLY residents of an unlicensed Marquette Park nursing home were removed Saturday by state health authorities in a daylong raid that sparked bitter criticism from the home's operator and relatives of residents.

During the raid on the Good Shepherd Home, 3222 W. Marquette Rd., a Jesuit priest and the home's chaplain, Rev. Thomas Anceticeus, of the Lithuanian American Province, was arrested and taken to the Chicago Lawn District police station, where he was fingerprinted and locked up for seven hours on charges of obstructing a police officer.

"They [the residents] were panicking," said Father Anceticeus, 62, after posting \$1,000 bond. "Most of them speak English with difficulty, and they were really scared and didn't know what was going on. The police wouldn't let me talk to them and calm them down. They were interfering with my duties as a priest to console and comfort my people."

Chet June, executive assistant to the director of the Illinois Department of Health who participated in the raid, said: "The priest was telling everyone to rise up and revolt for Jesus Christ."

FATHER ANCETICEUS, a Lithuanian immigrant, angrily denied the charge.

Police, who forced their way into the back door of the home shortly after 9 a.m., said they found no one in charge and no professional nursing staff.

But the home's operator, Ona Pranckevicute, 55, countered that four employees were caring for the 11 elderly residents, many of whom were born in Lithuania.

Six residents, who authorities determined to be in need of professional medical care, were taken by ambulance to Chicago Ridge Nursing Home, 10602 Southwest Hwy. between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The other five will remain at the home temporarily, authorities said.

Birute Prapuolenis, a relative of one of the residents, said that being removed from the home struck some residents like "going to Auschwitz or Siberia."



Tribune photo by Walter Kale

Rev. Thomas Anceticeus of the Lithuanian American Province is arrested during Saturday's raid of an unlicensed Marquette Park nursing home.

JUNE SAID authorities had attempted unsuccessfully for months to make alternative arrangements with Pranckevicute. He said the home, which has been open for five years, has been operating without a license and does not meet state or local fire codes for nursing homes. June said the problems with the home are structural and not easily rectified.

From the outside, the building appears well-maintained, and health officials described it as neat and clean. The eight-room, bilevel home of brick and stone has a flower garden in the front decorated with a statue of Jesus kneeling. Greenhouses are on both sides of the second floor.

Saturday's raid is the latest in a campaign begun last year by Illinois Atty. Gen. Neil Hartigan to drive unlicensed nursing homes out

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Tribune photo by Val Mazzenga

estimated 10,000 people turned out to watch the flying carpets and horses that were included in the janza.

ving GOP cold

When GOP leaders, such as national party Chairman Paul Laxalt, a U.S. senator from Nevada, wooed Brzeczek last year to make the race against Daley, they expected the high-profile former Chicago police superintendent to be a powerhouse campaigner.

MANY EXPECTED Daley to be vulnerable to a strong challenge because of lingering bitterness over his role in the three-way 1983 Democratic mayoral primary won by Harold Washington.

But a WBBM-TV [Channel 2] poll taken this month found Daley outdistancing Brzeczek 60 percent to 24 percent.

Brzeczek contends that his campaign has not been anemic.

"It just seems that way because so much attention was given to the Democratic presidential campaign," he said. "I've been out five nights a week since last October."

Nonetheless, much has gone against Brzeczek. He hasn't been able to collect the money he

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of existence. It occurred less than three weeks after June had warned that continued closings of unlicensed and decertified homes could result in a shortage of nursing of home beds.

June said his office first received complaints about the home in August, 1983. The attorney general's office joined in the investigation last December and sued the owner in January, he said. The case has been in the courts since, he said.

JUNE SAID THE city also has filed criminal housing charges against the owner because the home does not meet fire codes.

He said the state obtained a court order Saturday to conduct the raid after he and other health officials were denied entrance to the home Friday.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge John Hechinger said Saturday evening that he had no choice but to authorize the raid. "Here's a home without a license and with fire code violations, so as a judge, what can I do but close them down? As a judge, I don't make the overall nursing policy of the state."

Pranckevicute, also a Lithuanian immigrant, arrived three hours after the raid began and begged officials for more time to relocate the residents.

Speaking through a translator at times and on her own, Pranckevicute complained: "It is impossible to believe they could do this in America, by force."

SHE MAINTAINED that "the people, they were happy there. No one says they weren't healthy and



The Good Shepherd Home at 3222 W. Marquette Rd. in Marquette Park where state health authorities removed six residents Saturday. Health officials described the home's interior as "clean and neat."

Tribune photo by Walter Kala

happy. We do not understand how they can take people by force and who do not speak English. And now I'm worried about where they will go and who will care for them."

Residents are charged \$700 to more than \$1,200 a month at the home, she said.

Pranckevicute contended that the residents were receiving all needed medical care and that she often called a doctor to the home. "We had a doctor here maybe two, three times a week, whenever they were needed. The people, they wouldn't

be so happy here if they weren't healthy."

Adolph Jilionis, of Darien, whose in-laws have lived in the home for 15 months, said he was satisfied with the care they were receiving.

He said he and his wife visit her elderly parents and take them to the doctor regularly.

"THEY SPEAK their language [Lithuanian] here. The food is good. They give them baths. Everything is satisfactory," he said. He said he and his wife pay the home \$1,250 a

month to take care of the couple.

"When we were looking, we saw licensed nursing homes that were dirty. We would like to leave them here," he said. "The problem is the language. They don't speak English," he said.

He said they received a call from the owner a few weeks ago in which she said the state might close the home because it was unlicensed and could not meet fire codes. He said it would cost at least \$2,000 a month to place his in-laws in another facility.

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SUN-TIMES/Kathleen Reeve

Ona Pranckevicute (center, front), owner of two unlicensed Lithuanian nursing homes, talks to reporters

yesterday with the help of an interpreter, the Rev. Thomas Ancetieus, about the raid on her homes.

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2nd rest home raided; 6 residents removed

By Jim Ritter

When her bedridden mother began drifting into senility last year, Emily Valantinas placed her in the Good Shepherd II nursing home.

Good Shepherd didn't have an operating license. But Valantinas said it offered something more important for her 91-year-old mother: residents who spoke Lithuanian, a staff that cooked ethnic food and "tender loving care."

"They would kiss her and pet her and make her feel at home," Valantinas said.

But Valantinas' mother was moved to another home yesterday after the Illinois Public Health Department conducted its second raid in three days on unlicensed Lithuanian nursing homes.

Yesterday, officials evacuated six of the nine residents who lived in the unmarked two-flat at 3316 W. 55th. Five were moved to licensed nursing homes, and one was returned to her guardian.

On Saturday, the state evacuated six of the 11 residents living at Good Shepherd I, a similar facility at

3222 W. Marquette.

"It's a tragic affair," Valantinas said. "They're very well taken care of. I'm ready to scream."

The raids are among a series of actions the state has taken in the last year to close unlicensed nursing homes.

The Lithuanian homes violate building and fire codes and lack a licensed nursing staff to dispense pre-

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scription drugs, said Chet June, a Public Health Department spokesman.

"If this place burned down today, relatives would ask, 'Why didn't we do something?'" June said.

Residents who remain at the two homes can walk and take care of themselves, June said.

But Ona Pranckevicute, who operates both homes, said the state's policy will

transform her residences into little more than "boarding houses."

"It would amount to just keeping tenants and nothing else," she said. "The care of the elderly would not be met."

Pranckevicute, 55, said she charges \$370 to \$1,200 a month, depending on the amount of care needed. Some relatives said Good Shepherd residents received better care than conventional nursing homes provide.

"They get fresh Lithuanian food that doesn't come in cans," said Victoria Milleris, whose 88-year-old father and 82-year-old stepmother had lived at the home. "And they can communicate in their own language."

Pranckevicute permitted a reporter to tour Good Shepherd II before residents were evacuated. Though a few kitchen floor tiles were chipped and the furniture was old, the facility appeared generally clean. Seven residents lived in five bedrooms on the first floor; two residents and three to four staff members lived upstairs.

After eating a chicken din-

ner, residents spent the afternoon watching TV and speaking in their native tongue in a large, sunny living room. The only decorations are a crucifix, two statues of the Virgin Mary and three large rubber tree plants.

Later, Pranckevicute clutched a white rosary and spoke in Lithuanian to a priest while she watched paramedics remove residents on stretchers.

State agents who raided the home were acting under a court order that cited Pranckevicute for inadequate care in some cases. She said it would be impossible to bring the homes up to licensing standards.

Instead, she said, she plans to open a licensed, 56-bed nursing home in a converted high school in Cedar Lake, Ind., by December. Residents must pay a \$10,000 "foundation fee" to enter the home, plus \$800 a month, she said.

The fate of the eight residents who remain in the two homes is to be decided in an Oct. 10 hearing before Circuit Judge John F. Hochinger.

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2nd nursing home shut



Two workers (left, left photo) and a resident of a second Good Shepherd Nursing Home peer out the front door at the commotion outside their facility at 3316 W. 55th St. Monday. Later, ambulance workers move a resident needing nursing care out of the unlicensed home home. (Staff photos by Art Vassy and Larry Ruehl)



State officials move out 5 of 9 elderly residents

By JIM DUFFY
Staff Reporter

CHICAGO — Authorities Monday ordered the transfer of five residents from an unlicensed Gage Park nursing home operated by the owner of a similar facility in Chicago Lawn where six patients were removed Saturday.

The homes, both called Good Shepherd Nursing Home and both primarily serving residents of Polish, Lithuanian and Russian origin, are owned by Ona Prancheviciute. The Gage Park location, 3316 W. 55th St., had nine residents, most of whom did not speak any English.

"They are unlicensed, but they are

providing nursing care," said Chet June, executive assistant for the state Department of Health. "It's that simple." June entered the home under a court order calling for the transfer of patients in need of nursing care.

Two of the residents were ordered transferred to the California Gardens Nursing Center, 2829 S. California Blvd. Three residents were ordered transferred to the Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, 10602 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge, which is the current location of all six Good Shepherd residents transferred Saturday from the

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Nursing home owner Ona Prancheviciute watches as her residents are moved. (Staff photo by Larry Ruehl)

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Chicago Lawn home, 3222 W. 67th St.

Both June and two relatives of Good Shepherd residents said the Gage Park home was clean and well-kept.

But June said the building had "no fire protection" and "no professional nursing staff."

"I think it's excellent," said Victoria Milerus, whose father and stepfather lived at Good Shepherd. "In other places they never would receive as good care as they did here."

Emily Valaninas said Good Shepherd offered her mother "tender loving care." She fears that the move will be too traumatic for her mother, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

"When they move her, she's going to be in shock," Valaninas said. "She's gonna die on me." Valaninas said she would move her mother to another of Pranckeviciute's facilities, if it were open and legal.

"I can't go against the law," she said. "But I don't know what to do. I'm ready to scream."

Father Thomas Amicetus, chaplain at Good Shepherd and a friend of the owner, said another Good Shepherd facility would be open by Christmas. The homes in Chicago were too small and not able to be licensed because of architectural factors, he said.

The new home will be located on 80 acres of land in Cedar Lake, Indiana, Amicetus said.

June acknowledged that some relatives and residents were satisfied with the Good Shepherd homes. "Our Lady of Angels School might have been a fantastic school, but 92 people burned there," he said.

Barry Taerbaum, administrator of the Chicago Ridge Nursing Cen-



Relatives of residents at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home talk to the press Monday. (Staff photo by Art Vassy)

ter, said the patients that arrived at the facility over the weekend were "in fairly good condition."

"Families were upset, but the main problem was not knowing (about the transfer in advance)," he said. Taerbaum said he met Saturday with the families and noted that several other residents at Chicago Ridge speak Lithuanian, Polish or Russian.

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Residents who were not in need of nursing care were not transferred, June said. Five residents at the Chicago Lawn home were not transferred, along with four from the Gage Park location. Only three residents remain at the Gage Park home, June said, because one resident was moved out by his family.

Midway

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than \$185 million in improvements.

Washington's objection to the ordinance was based on a controversial amendment backed by Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, that would have given the council veto control over city contracts.

In a statement released late Monday, the committee

nue construction and avert a layoff of more than 400 workers.

Each side rushed to blame the other as this morning's deadline approached.

Burke again added contract control amendments to three ordinances introduced by Washington to allow for the O'Hare expansion, funding application for the \$495 million Southwest Side transit line and funding application for \$26 million in Jackson Park L renovations.

Washington said he is continu-

repairs sought by Washington but tied to the Burke contract control amendment. Washington has vowed to veto that ordinance.

Burke's compromise would create a contract review panel, chaired by Washington and Burke, and consisting of three members appointed by the mayor and two members appointed by Burke.

Under his plan, a simple majority of the board (four members) would be required to approve all competitively bid contracts, but a two-

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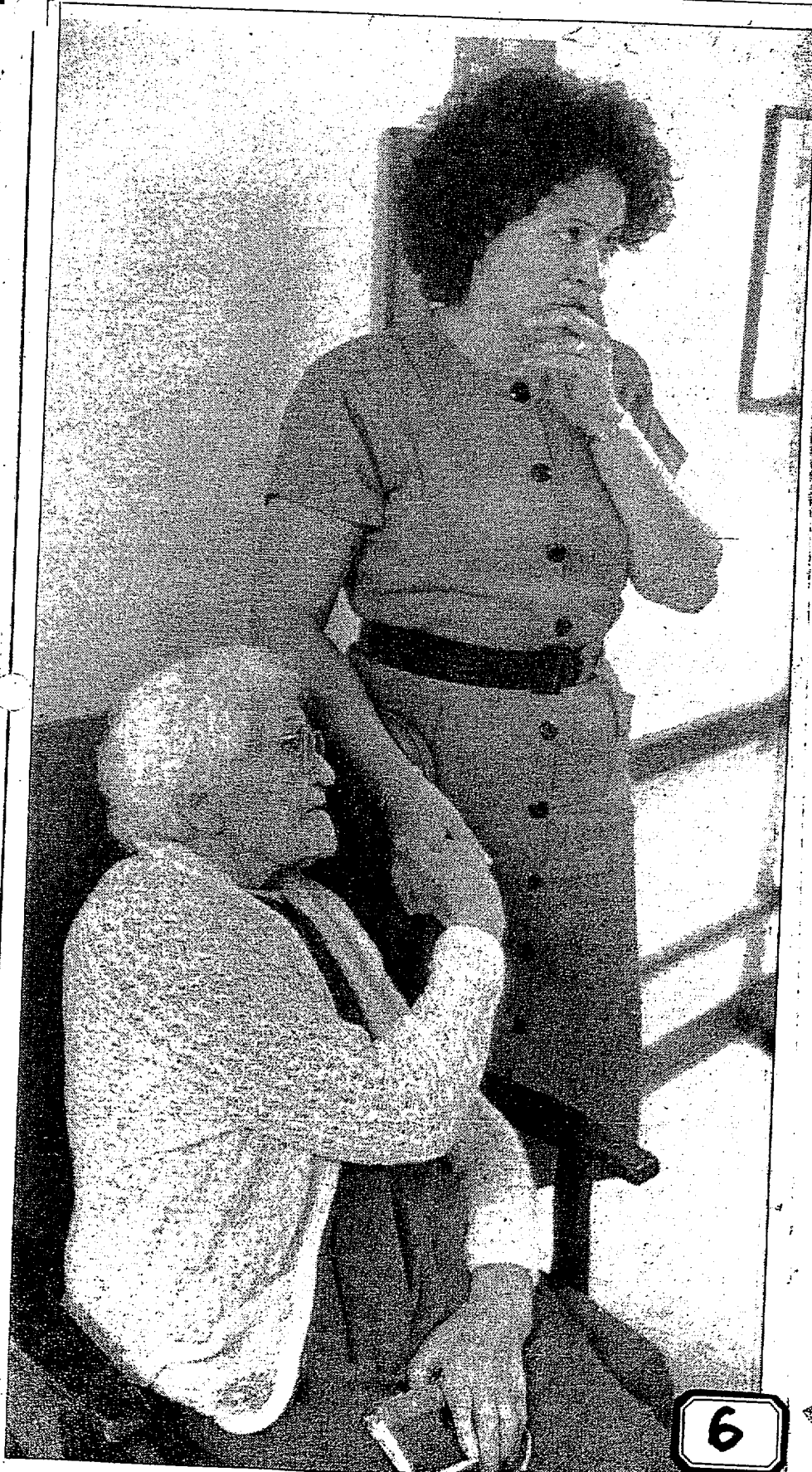
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Aurelija Ivinskis, 95, is comforted Tuesday by a relative, Regina Zemaitis, at the Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, where she was taken Saturday after a raid on an unlicensed nursing home on the Southwest Side.

Tribune photo by Don Casper

Woman removed in nurse home raid charges abuse

By William Recktenwald
and John Kass

A **CONTROVERSIAL** raid on an unlicensed Southwest Side nursing home drew new criticism Tuesday as relatives complained that they had no notice that residents would be moved and a 95-year-old woman alleged that she was abused in the home to which officials took her.

The Lithuanian residents repeated their objections to the forced removal Saturday from the not-for-profit Good Shepherd Home, 3222 W. Marquette Rd., which they said provided a home-like atmosphere and workers who spoke their language.

The transfer, conducted before a crowd of reporters by the state Department of Public Health, also brought criticism from Illinois Atty. Gen. Neil Hartigan, who said the department should concern itself with more serious cases.

At least six residents were transferred to relatives' homes or to Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, 10602 Southwest Hwy., in the suburb.

AURELIJA IVINSKIS, 95, charged that an attendant at Chicago Ridge rubbed a urine-soaked undergarment against her face shortly after she arrived.

Speaking through an interpreter, Ivinskis said she became excited during the move from Good Shepherd and had "an accident." After arriving in Chicago Ridge, Ivinskis said, she placed the undergarment by the bathroom door in her room, as was the custom at Good Shepherd.

But, she said, an attendant rubbed her face with the garment as punishment.

Chicago Ridge Administrator Barry Taerbaum said Tuesday that Ivinskis' charge "sounds real difficult [to believe]. . . . We just don't have problems like that." But he said he would interview employees to find out what had occurred.

G. JOSEPH ZEMAITIS, of Cicero, said Ivinskis, his granddaughter, would not have misunderstood what happened.

"When she says that a soiled undergarment was rubbed from her face down to her chin, that is pretty specific. I do not have a doubt that it happened just as she said," Zemaitis said.

Relatives of the displaced residents planned to meet Wednesday to discuss ways to allow Good Shepherd to remain open. The facility has been denied a license because it does not meet the structural requirements imposed by the federal and state governments for such

institutions.

On Monday, patients also were removed from a second Good Shepherd Home, at 3316 W. 55th St.

Relatives stressed that at the Good Shepherd Home on Marquette Road attendants and patients came from similar backgrounds.

"**THEY ARE** used to a traditional ethnic fare at Good Shepherd and they ate as a group around a table in chairs, not off a tray sitting on the bed. She was happy," Zemaitis said.

"She had her doctors and parish priest that came and visited, relatives and friends who speak the same language. To uproot her is traumatic as hell and it was done in such a grandstand fashion, with TV cameras and photographers and police officers. That's a real class way of moving a bunch of geriatric patients."

Hartigan, who has led raids on unlicensed nursing homes in recent months, questioned the merits of acting against Good Shepherd.

"It seems evident that the elderly people were not physically abused at the home," he said.

"Instead of going after this type of activity, we have asked the [Department of Public Health] to provide us with information on nursing homes that show evidence of neglect and abuse of their patients. But we've been obstructed. They [the department] have systematically refused to give us the information so that we can prosecute."

"**THEY HAVEN'T** revoked a nursing home [license] since 1979. But they have obstructed the prosecution of bad facilities by not giving us information on them."

Taerbaum of Chicago Ridge said the state contacted him two weeks before the evacuation from Good Shepherd to see if his home could accommodate patients. "Until they arrived, we did not even know the sex of the patients," Taerbaum said.

He said he did not know what home the patients were being transferred from until he saw the move on television.

Like the relatives of other patients, Zemaitis complained that he had not been notified of the move. "If they [the Department of Public Health] knew two weeks in advance, why didn't they notify the next of kin? That is irresponsible."

Zemaitis said he and his wife learned of the raid from television Saturday evening. Had they known, he said, they would have arranged for Ivinskis to be

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Franklin Pk. shooting kills 1, hurts 3

By Ray Gibson
and Eleanor Nelson

FRANKLIN PARK police said Tuesday that they have a sketch of a suspect in the assassination-style killing of one man and the wounding of three other people in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood in the western suburb.

Killed by gunfire was Salvador Hernandez, 32, of 3037 N. Ruth Ave., Franklin Park. Two teenagers and a maintenance man, all of whom worked in an Elk Grove Village senior citizen housing complex, were critically wounded when someone fired at least eight shots into Hernandez's car, said Police Chief James Bickley.

The shooting occurred at about 6:40 a.m. Tuesday in an alley near

James and Ruth Avenues, near where Hernandez and the teens lived.

In critical condition in Elmhurst Memorial Hospital with multiple gunshot wounds were Jose Calderon, 43, of 1130 Cheekwood Ave., Elk Grove Village; and Leon Hernandez, 18, and Nicholas Hernandez, 16, both of whom lived with Salvador Hernandez. Officials said Salvador Hernandez apparently was an uncle of one of the boys, but the relationship of the other boy was not known. All three are said to be improving.

BICKLEY SAID there apparently was only one gunman, who used a .380-caliber automatic pistol. The four were shot as they prepared to go to work in the northwestern suburb.

Bickley said they are investigating whether the shootings may have been gang related. He said that the neighborhood is known to have gang activity but that police have had no recent gang problems.

"We have a composite sketch from witnesses," he said. "We're trying to make an arrest."

Calderon and the two teens worked at Village Grove Apartments, 1130 Cheekwood Ave., said Ruth Guest, resident manager of the 300-unit senior citizen complex.

SHE SAID CALDERON, the assistant maintenance man for seven years, had developed rapport with the 400 elderly residents of the apartments, and the residents were upset when told Tuesday afternoon of the shooting.

Care home

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CHET JUNE, executive assistant to the director of the Department of Public Health, who supervised the removal, denied the grandstanding charge. Asked how the news media were there, June said, "We don't

know how they got there."

He also said the department "did not contact any relative because we were under a court order." The order did not prohibit the calling of relatives, but it did not require it, either, he said.

Sophie Brazionis, the 70-year-old daughter of another displaced resident, said, "They were so happy there [at Good Shepherd]. There was special personal care. No one

had bedsores. Every night [the operator] would look in to see that everyone was all right. She would hug them."

Taerbaum, who has administered the 231-bed facility for more than four years, said the care at his facility cannot be compared to that at Good Shepherd.

Michael Arndt, John O'Brien and Eleanor Nelson also contributed to this story.

Arches

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but the Des Plaines restaurant always had been leased.

Steve Leroy, manager of media relations for the corporation, said that the lease would expire in November, and the corporation knew that it had to buy the building before then if it was to be saved.

"It wasn't as though there was a change of heart or anything," he

said. "We weren't pressured into it or anything."

LEROY SAID that the corporation hopes to restore the restaurant to the way it looked in 1955.

"The idea to preserve it was always in the back of our minds," he said.

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WAREHOUSE CARPET SALE

2 state offices trade blame for nursing home raid

By William Recktenwald and John Kass

THE ILLINOIS attorney general's office and the state Department of Public Health sought to blame each other Wednesday for a controversial raid on an unlicensed Southwest Side nursing home in which a Roman Catholic priest was arrested.

Six elderly Lithuanian residents, most of whom speak little English, removed from the Good Shepherd Home, 3222 W. Marquette Rd., and a 95-year-old woman alleges that she was abused hours later in the licensed nursing home where health officials relocated her.

Atty. Gen. Neil Hartigan ordered aides to conduct an independent survey to determine whether proper care is being provided to the transferred residents, as well as to elderly Lithuanians removed from a second unlicensed Good Shepherd Home, at 3315 W. 55th St.

Serious building and fire code violations were cited at both locations.

But Chet June, executive assistant to the director of the state Department of Health, said the raid he led Saturday was initiated at the behest of Mike Laird, an assistant to Hartigan.

"THE REASON we were at the [nursing home] in the first place was, at the insistence of Mike Laird to close the place down," June said.

At a press conference Wednesday morning, Hartigan said he was outraged by allegations that an attendant had rubbed a soiled undergarment in the face of 95-year-old Aurelija Ivinskis in Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, 10602 Southwest Hwy., in the suburb.

He called the incident "absolutely the most inhumane thing that could be done to a person, and we have opened an investigation of that incident today."

Hartigan's office had been aware of violations at the homes and was instrumental in obtaining the transfer order. But he repeated his assertion that the state Department of Public Health should concentrate on more serious cases rather than on homes such as the two shut down,

where good care was given, according to relatives of the residents.

HARTIGAN AND state health officials have taken credit in the last six months for several other raids on unlicensed nursing homes, but none stirred the controversy spawned by the ones June led Saturday and Monday.

In an escalation of an apparent feud between the health department and Hartigan's office over access to information and complaints about nursing homes, Hartigan threatened to sue the Department of Public Health if it does not provide his office with information about homes guilty of serious neglect.

Hartigan's comments came after a half-hour meeting in his Chicago office with the chaplain of the two Good Shepherd homes, Rev. Anicetus Thomas, and several other Marquette Park residents protesting the closing of the two Good Shepherd Homes.

BEFORE THE meeting with Hartigan, Father Thomas, who helped operate the homes, said his group was seeking a delay from the health department in further action against the homes while plans are underway to convert a former high school in Cedar Lake, Ind., into a 56-bed nursing facility to accommodate the tenants from the homes.

Father Thomas said that a New York-based Lithuanian credit union, Kasa, had approved a \$250,000 loan to help remodel the Cedar Lake building.

Father Thomas said his arrest by Chicago police Saturday was ordered by June.

JUNE SAID Saturday that Father Thomas was shouting to the patients, "Revolt for Jesus Christ" during the raid.

When told Wednesday of Father Thomas' accusation, June said, "We asked him repeatedly not to upset the people. We never said he couldn't talk to the people. That 'Revolt for Jesus' remark may have been a gaffe on all our parts."

June also said that he did not ask police to arrest Father Thomas and added that he left the room while Father Thomas was upsetting the people.

Seamen ordeal

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Nursing home furor grows

City, state officials rap transfer process

By JIM DUFFY Staff Reporter

CHICAGO — The transfer of Lithuanian residents from two unlicensed nursing homes by the state Department of Health drew strong criticism Wednesday from city and state officials.

After meeting with relatives of the transferred residents and the owner of the unlicensed facilities, Attorney General Neil Hartigan said his office would investigate allegations that a transferred patient was abused at the Chicago Ridge Nursing Center.

Hartigan charged that the Department of Health has not cooperated with his office in the case of the two Good Shepherd nursing homes, owned by Ona Pranckevicute.

Five residents were transferred Saturday from the Good Shepherd facility at 3222 W. Marquette Rd. Another five were transferred Monday from 3316 W. 55th St. Relatives have complained that the Department of Health moved the residents without notifying family members.

"The attorney general and City Council Committee on Health think it is deplorable that the Department of Health moved the residents without notifying the families," said Joe Kulys, an aide to Ald. Al Majerczyk, 12th, chairman of the Committee on Health.

But Chet June, executive assistant in the Health Department, charged that the attorney general's office and Pranckevicute were responsible for the move.

"At the last two court dates, the assistant attorney general argued vigorously against granting any continuances," June said. He added that Pranckevicute offered the department "total non-cooperation. She wouldn't tell us who the relatives were."

Pranckevicute said that June never asked her



Ona Pranckevicute, owner of Good Shepherd Nursing Homes, and the Rev. Thomas Amicetus, chaplain, meet with relatives of residents who were transferred out. (Staff photo by Don Weinzierl)

for the names of the relatives.

Relatives or guardians of the transferred residents were notified the day of the transfer. "The attorney general's office never brought that (notification of relatives) up as an issue with us," June said. "We were carrying out a court order at (their) insistence."

Joe Claps, the attorney general's chief of nursing homes, disagreed. He said the Health De-

partment received advance warning so that the transfer could be "as orderly as possible."

The residents' relatives met Wednesday night to form an advisory committee to help Pranckevicute bring her Marquette Road home up to licensing specifications. The group named Leon Narbutis president of the committee.

Kulys said that Majerczyk's office would offer free legal counsel to Pranckevicute.

Economic slowdown

Feud brews over nursing home raids

By Jim Ritter

State officials traded accusations yesterday over the handling of two controversial raids on Lithuanian nursing homes.

Illinois Attorney General Neil F. Hartigan threatened to sue the state Public Health Department for investigating relatively minor violations while ignoring serious nursing home abuses.

Hartigan also charged that Health Department workers are tipping off nursing home operators about his office's investigations.

But Hartigan himself was criticized for his role in the raids.

Hartigan's office "vigorously insisted" that Circuit Judge John F. Hechinger order the recent raids on two Good Shepherd nursing homes, said Health Department spokesman Chet June.

"We were only reacting to the court order, which said we had to proceed right now," June said.

Petition sent

And last week, Good Shepherd supporters sent Hartigan's office a 400-signature petition asking that residents be allowed to stay at the homes until a licensed Lithuanian home opens in Cedar Lake, Ind.

"He didn't even acknowledge the petition," said the Rev. Anicetus Thomas-Tamosaitis, a spokesman for the group.

Hartigan said his aides never showed him the petition, because he can't follow the details of every case.

On Saturday and Monday, Health Department inspectors removed 11 elderly Lithuanians from two unlicensed homes on the Southwest Side over the objections of relatives who said they received good care.

The Health Department had begun investigating the homes last year. Last January, Hartigan's office filed a lawsuit against the homes on behalf of the Health Department.

Hartigan criticized the Health Department for investigating Good Shepherd for "technical" violations while ignoring about 100 reports of abuse and neglect at other homes.

"We have referred very substantial cases to them, and haven't gotten any coop-

eration," Hartigan said. "They better stop their obstruction, or they'll find themselves in a courtroom."

But June said the Health Department and attorney general's office often investigate the same cases "and we work just as diligently as they do."

Hartigan also accused the Health Department of sabotaging his investigations.

"I think the system has been fixed for years," Hartigan said while taping "Insight," to be aired at 7:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Sunday on WCLR-FM (101.9).

"When our people go out [to investigate nursing homes], it's remarkable that the administrator will be waiting at the front door," Hartigan said. "How do they know we're coming?"

No proof offered

But Hartigan offered no proof of any tipoffs.

Hartigan said he will investigate allegations that former Good Shepherd residents have been abused at Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, where seven of them were transferred.

G. Joseph Zemaitis said his wife's great aunt complained that a staffer punished her by rubbing her face with an undergarment soaked with urine.

Nursing home administrator Barry Taerbaum denied any patients were abused.

Meanwhile, Good Shepherd supporters met with Ald. Aloysius A. Majerczyk (12th) to discuss building a licensed Lithuanian home in Brighton Park on the Southwest Side.

U.S. may sell public h

By Howard Kurtz

WASHINGTON—The Reagan administration, after cutting back on public housing programs for 3½ years, has come up with a pre-election plan that would allow public-housing tenants to buy their apartments.

A demonstration program, to be unveiled soon by the Housing and Urban Development Department, would involve selling some federally owned projects at a substantial discount, probably to tenant associations.

The plan's key architect is

Stuart M. Butler of the Heritage Foundation, a British scholar who helped develop President Reagan's plan to offer tax incentives to encourage development in designated "urban enterprise zones."

"The reason it's going ahead rapidly now is not unconnected to the election," said Butler, who has discussed the plan with senior HUD officials. The administration, he said, "sees it as a potential vote winner."

Butler said the White House may have noticed that public housing home owner-

ship, which—like enterprise zones—was a concept originated in Britain, provided a re-election to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher last year.

But June Q. Koch, assistant secretary in search, said she initiated plan immediately after office in June.

"It's just not politics contended. 'We've looking at this for time."

The idea also has support from a stalled enterprise bill, Rep. Jack Ken-

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at the number of physicians having already satisfied the extensive requirements for board eligibility, let alone certification, is not great enough to supply all of the board-certified emergency specialists necessary to adequately staff Chicago's many emergency departments in accordance with the proposed amendment.

"Regulatory legislation is fine when knowledgeably constructed and wisely applied. The proposed ordinance shows no sign of either," she declared.



AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS remove an elderly resident from the second Good Shepherd Home, at 3316 W. 55th st. during a raid on the unlicensed nursing home Monday. Five elderly persons were removed from the home and transferred to licensed facilities in Chicago Ridge and at 28th and California.

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Lithuanian Community Hits Raids on Nursing Homes

By CHRIS M. LOUDON

Amidst sharp criticism by area residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health this week conducted raids on two unlicensed Southwest Side nursing homes.

The raids, which resulted in the removal of eleven elderly residents, many in their 90's, has drawn fire from the

Lithuanian community over the way health department officials handled the situation and the fact that the relatives of the residents were not notified beforehand.

Six people were removed from the Good Shepherd Home, 3222 W. Marquette, on Saturday, and five more were taken from the Good Shepherd

Home II at 3316 W. 55th st. on Monday. Both homes are owned by Ona Pranckeviciute, 55, who says she has operated the homes for five years.

The raids came following a year-long investigation by city and state health officials and the state attorney general's office.

Acting on a court order issued by Circuit Court Judge John Hechinger, health department officials conducted inspections of the homes and determined that they did not provide adequate skilled care for those residents needing that level of nursing care. Several building code violations were also cited.

But relatives of the homes' residents have complained bitterly over the treatment their relatives received from the state.

"You should have seen those poor old people," said Birute Prapuolenis, a friend of one of the residents who was removed. "It's exactly the same as when we had to run away from the Communists—sitting with a little packet and not knowing where they would take us."

Prapuolenis said she wasn't notified that her friend, Aurelija Ivinskis, 96, had been transferred out of Good Shepherd until she went to pay her weekly visit and found that she had been moved to the Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, 10602 Southwest Highway.

Prapuolenis told the News-Herald that the first night Ivinskis was at the new facility she was placed on the third floor with mentally disturbed patients, despite the fact that she is mentally alert and able

to dress and feed herself. She said that Ivinskis was frightened by the other patients' crying and screaming and that she wasn't given a blanket although she was cold.

Many of the relatives claim that the board of health knew of the raid more than two weeks in advance and that if they had been notified they could have been able to find alternative housing themselves.

Some people wondered aloud why the health department could take the time to notify the media of the impending raids but not have the courtesy to tell the families.

Julia Gaysowski, whose mother, Alexandra Sidlauskas, 93, was also transferred to the Chicago Ridge home, said that it will be difficult to find a home comparable in price and care to Pranckeviciute's.

"To us, they provided excellent care," she said. "The house was always clean, and although the staff members weren't certified and they aren't nurses, they have love and compassion."

Costs run from \$300 to \$1,500 per month, depending on the level of care needed.

Gaysowski said that another benefit Good Shepherd offered that others can not is the home-like atmosphere in which everyone, from the staff down through the residents, speaks Lithuanian, her mother's native language. Relatives have complained that the residents, many of whom can not speak English, are lost in nursing homes in which Lithuanian is not spoken.

"That's how they die," said Peter Jasaitis, whose mother, Elizabeth, 89, lived at the Good Shepherd Home on 55th st. "They have no one to talk to—it's like a jail. But at the (Good Shepherd) home, my mother

enjoyed it because she had people she could talk to."

Pranckeviciute, in an interview with the News-Herald said that in addition to the common bond of language, the residents enjoyed her home because of the loving, individualized care the residents received there.

She said authentic Lithuanian meals are served regularly, staff members constantly look in on the residents and that care is provided "only as needed." She added that only a few of the residents needed medication administered to them and that those who did just took pills.

Both homes, when toured by a News-Herald reporter appeared to be neat and clean and the few residents who didn't require nursing care and were allowed to stay at the home expressed happiness with their life there.

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A FRIGHTENED WOMAN is gently eased downstairs as she is moved from the unlicensed home. Health department officials raided another home at 3222 W. Marquette rd. on Saturday and relocated six elderly Lithuanian people. The raid was witnessed by dozens of residents and scores of reporters and camera crews. (News-Herald Photos by Christopher M. Loudon)

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Some houses in the area could be reconstructed, and others could be moved into the neighborhood of legendary mansions to become a satellite attraction to the fair, he said.

With the assurance of a fair, Kramer suggested, private interests should undertake many commercial and residential developments, integrated racially and economically, on the Near South Side.

Kramer, who got his assignment this month from the fair governing board after serving as interim RTA board chairman and Illinois Transportation secretary, said he'll recommend, after independent feasibility studies next spring, whether there should be a fair.

But he said his guess now is there will be one and Chicago "needs it more than ever," to prove it can make a big project work.

Knoxville and New Orleans had financially disastrous fairs, Kramer conceded, but he said they mounted expositions akin to state fairs, in contrast to Chicago's internationally sanctioned world's-fair.

Moreover, Kramer said, Chicago has 60 million people within a day's drive—10 times the New Orleans market.

Kramer said it would be more valid to compare the Chicago event to the Los Angeles Olympics, which produced a \$150 million profit.



Germans protest maneuvers

Members of the West German peace movement kneel, forming a human roadblock to stop a German army tank from passing through the village of Freien-

steinau. The effort, part of nationwide demonstration activities against NATO maneuvers, was pulled away by soldiers.

Percy's daughter ous as broadcast panel cl

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican members apparently moving to take control of the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting yesterday ousted Democrat Sharon Percy Rockefeller as chairman and replaced her with the director of Women for Reagan-Bush.

Balloting was secret, but the board announced that GOP ticket backer Sonia Landau, a New York media consultant, had received six votes to four for Rockefeller, wife of West Virginia Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV and daughter of Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.).

Sharon Rockefeller will remain a board member because her term does not ex-

pire until 1987.

Congress created the independent, not-for-profit Corporation for Public Broadcasting to oversee the distribution of federal funds to public radio and television stations.

The corporation also controls a national program fund for public television and oversees the distribution of federal money to National Public Radio.

The board, which now includes seven members initially selected by President Reagan, elected Republican R. Kenneth Towery vice chairman. Towery, of Austin, Texas, is president of the Sentinel Corp., business and political consultants.

"The Republicans appear to be banding together on a partisan basis," a broadcasting corporation source who asked not to be identified said of the voting. Rockefeller was seeking her fourth one-year term as chairman.

Generally credited with helping to improve relations with Congress, she took time before the election to announce that the Senate had approved a new budget authorization bill Thursday night for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and that House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John D. Dingell (D-Mich.) had pledged to seek his chamber's approval before Congress adjourns.



Sharon Percy Rockefeller
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Priest denied a visit to home residents

By Jim Ritter

A Jesuit priest was denied permission to visit Lithuanian residents from the partly closed Good Shepherd nursing homes.

Chicago Ridge Nursing Center employees Thursday night forbade Father Anicetus Thomas-Tamosaitis to see seven former Good Shepherd residents who are now staying at the south suburban nursing home.

Chicago Ridge administrator Barry Taerbaum said he acted on the advice

of Illinois Public Health Department workers who warned that Tamosaitis could "upset" the nursing home residents.

But Tamosaitis said, "I don't think they have the right to prohibit a clergyman from visiting patients."

The residents were transferred to Chicago Ridge after the Public Health Department raided two unlicensed Good Shepherd homes on the Southwest Side last Saturday and Monday.

Good Shepherd allegedly

violated building and fire codes, and doesn't have a medical staff, but relatives said residents received excellent care.

During last Saturday's raid, Tamosaitis was arrested for allegedly obstructing a police officer.

"He was impeding and disrupting us, and upsetting the residents," said Health Department spokesman Chet June.

June said yesterday that he would advise Chicago Ridge to allow Tamosaitis, now helpful, to see patients in the future.

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Both north- and southbound service was affected by the derailment. It also interrupted service on the Skokie Swift and the Evanston Express lines.

Shuttle buses were operated southbound from Howard to Wilson, where southbound rapid transit service resumed as the tracks were cleared.

Workmen were still working to right the derailed rapid transit cars and resume full service on the line.

The cause of the derailment was not known, Stern said.

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NEW YORK—A federal agent yesterday refused a Justice Department request to stop a man from charges that he was a spy.

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A resident of Good Shepherd Home, 3222 W. Marquette Rd., is escorted from the residence Sept. 15 during a raid by the Illinois

Department of Public Health and Chicago police. Right, Rev. Thomas, chaplain at the home and who was arrested in the raid, goes

over papers at another Good Shepherd home, 3515 W. 35th St., where he's also chaplain. The second home was raided as well.

Nursing home raids: This cure may be unhealthy

By William Recktenwald
and William Gaines

IT HAS HAPPENED 12 times in Chicago this year. State officials swoop down on an unlicensed nursing home and hastily remove the elderly people who live there while reporters scribble notes and TV cameras roll.

But behind the glaring, hit-run media coverage and the publicity for those who raid the homes, serious questions exist about the impact of the raids on the elderly people they are supposed to be helping.

Some experts in geriatric care believe that forcibly transferring elderly people in such an abrupt way presents potentially grave

threats to their health and emotional welfare and should be avoided except when their health is in immediate jeopardy.

"The whole business of shutting down facilities at all has been problematic," said Patricia Nemore, an attorney with the National Senior Citizens Law Center in Washington.

"Unless the facilities are just real death traps, you have the problem of wrenching people out of their normal living situations.

"TRANSFER TRAUMA is the phenomenon of people suffering more from being moved ... and dying from being moved. Studies show it is most traumatic when they are moved against their will."

Two state agencies, the attorney general's office and the Department of Public Health, have jointly conducted 11 of the 12 Chicago raids in 1984 and others throughout the state. In one case their actions produced few long-term benefits.

During a raid last month on an unlicensed nursing home at 5644 S. King Dr., 20 patients allegedly needing medical care were moved to Gracell Terrace, 6410 S. Kenwood Ave.

The raid was conducted after reports were received by the attorney general's office of a "generally dirty, filthy condition" in the home, Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert Egan said at the time.

Since then a dozen of the

dislodged people have returned to the King Drive address. The raid was conducted, was publicized and is history.

CONCERNS ABOUT the circumstances behind the raids have been underscored by the statements of Neil Hartigan, the attorney general, and Chet June, executive assistant to the director of the Department of Public Health, after a raid Sept. 15 that provoked bitter public controversy.

The raid, in which a Roman Catholic priest was arrested on a charge of obstructing a peace officer, brought into focus the political aspects of well-publicized crackdowns on institutions allegedly violating regulations that place more empha-

sis on the width of a door than on the quality of life.

Hartigan and June each blamed the other after the raid on the not-for-profit Good Shepherd Home, 3222 W. Marquette Rd., from which 11 elderly Lithuanians were forcibly removed though their relatives and state officials agreed that the quality of care was not in question.

The home, however, did not meet strict structural and fire-code requirements.

THOUGH HARTIGAN'S office had obtained the court order for the raid, he quickly charged that the public health department was applying the wrong priorities when it closed Good Shepherd.

June replied that the raid had

been initiated at the insistence of one of Hartigan's aides.

Hartigan, a potential Democratic candidate for governor, and June, who works for Republican Gov. James Thompson, vied with each other for credit after the earlier, noncontroversial raids.

In an interview Friday, Hartigan said incidents such as the Good Shepherd raid "could be taken by nursing home people to blur the whole question." Dramatizing the incident could help "cover up the true problems in a system of regulation that stinks," he asserted.

He said his office's efforts are frustrated by a system that is "wired." When state inspectors go

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Raids

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THE QUESTION of whether an unlicensed home, despite code violations, can provide a better living experience than a licensed one was brought home by the indignity that 95-year-old Aurelija Ivinskis said she suffered on the day she was forcibly moved from Good Shepherd. In the excitement of the move, Ivinskis said, she had "an accident," and following the custom of her former home, she placed a soiled undergarment by the bathroom door in her new room. An attendant in the new home punished her by rubbing her face with the urine-soaked undergarment, Ivinskis maintained.

Barry Taerbaum, administrator of the new home, the Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, 10602 Southwest Hwy. in the suburb, expressed disbelief at the complaint. But he explained that his institution is so much bigger than Good Shepherd that the same kind of personalized treatment could not be expected.

Relatives of the patients transferred in the Good Shepherd raid charged that they were not informed of the move until they saw it on television.

Some officials recognize the quandary posed by the need for good care on one hand and strict compliance with rules on the other.

PATRICK MURPHY, Cook County public guardian, believes the state must close unlicensed nursing homes because they need regulation. But he called the Good Shepherd raid "unconscionable."

"The transfer [of patients] should have been gradual," Murphy said. "You don't do it at 6 in the morning with police cars and ambulances. All the experts in the field agree that tremendous problems could be caused. Some [patients] are like little children. They become disoriented. It could kill people."

"Most of the [unlicensed] places we have seen are holes. There are exceptions, and the Lithuanian home was not a bad place."

Still, Murphy believes nursing homes should be licensed. "A lot [of the regulations] are obviously bull—so much space per person and so on—but it is necessary to have regulations and inspections."

David Patt, executive director of the Illinois Citizens for Better Care, a nursing home watchdog group, said his organization files citizens' complaints with the state about poor care in licensed homes. But instead of following up on those complaints, he said, the inspectors "pick on the homes for small things

that are easy to complain about, not the real problems of abuse."

"THEY [THE inspectors] are taking the easy way. What is most important is whether good care is being provided, not whether a facility is licensed or unlicensed," he said.

"If the Good Shepherd home had a fire and two residents died, there would certainly be an outcry. But if two residents die in a licensed facility and they die of bedsores or neglect, people just say, 'That happens,' and forget about it."

Aside from the hard trauma, there is poignancy in sudden forced transfers. "My friend Simon, I miss him," said Albert Hall, 58, who was forcibly transferred in June from an unlicensed home at 6444 S. Ellis Ave. to the licensed Kenwood Terrace home, 6125 S. Kenwood Ave.

"He's not with me," Hall complained. "He was before. I don't know where he went. The last time I saw him was when we were moved in a hurry." Hall said he didn't know Simon's full name, and without that, state officials said, they could not trace his whereabouts.

THE TRIBUNE interviewed more than two dozen people transplanted from unlicensed nursing homes this year. The most common complaint was that they had been moved so hurriedly that they didn't get a chance to take their clothes with them.

"I had no clothes when we moved," said Hall, wearing the one white shirt and one pair of blue checked pants that he said now constitute his wardrobe.

"I still have my clothes at the other place," he said, "but I can't get them. It's closed. I also don't have any money. I'd like to be able to buy soda pop and cigarettes."

"I left my overcoat, my shoes and a radio behind," said Luster Dixon, 74, who was moved in March from a home operated at 4054 S. King Dr. to the Burnham Terrace nursing home, 14500 S. Manistee Ave., Burnham. "I didn't have time to take them. I guess they're gone."

Melba Russell, 55, one of the people who have returned to 5644 S. King Dr., said she is happy to be back.

"I LIVED WITH Anne [Clay, the proprietor] for seven years before they came and took us. They herded us like animals and took us to Gracell. I got to take some of my stuff, but it happened so fast I didn't get to take all of it."

Among the possessions she left behind was a brown and white cat. "I couldn't take it with me to Gracell, but Anne watched it for me. She had it taken care of while I was gone, and now I have it again."

Many patients had complaints about the places they were moved from, but the public health department's inspection reports disclose

that their new residences have shortcomings too.

In an inspection of Burnham Terrace in August, 1983, an inspector reported that a surly aide refused to change a patient's soiled clothing. The aide was later fired, according to the home's administration.

Inspectors also reported that the right of privacy of a patient there was abused, that a patient was left unattended under an improperly positioned heat lamp and that "the facility does not have adequate staffing sufficient to meet the total nursing needs of its residents," according to records of the state health department.

MOREOVER, SAID the inspectors, the linen chute was "grossly soiled with feces smears," cockroaches were seen in the shower rooms and dietary areas, residual insecticide was visible on cabinets in the utility rooms and pantries, and floor care was neglected in the dining storage areas.

In another inspection Aug. 16 of this year, Burnham Terrace was cited for not implementing "effective measures to prevent harborage for cockroaches."

But when a reporter visited Burnham Terrace unannounced Thursday, it appeared clean and patients seemed comfortable.

In an inspection of Kenwood Terrace in February of this year, cockroaches were found in nine resident rooms, the pantries and the kitchen. Inspectors noted a "strong objectionable odor" throughout and said hot water was not provided at all times, according to the health department records.

The report stated that the cockroach problem was repeated from the previous year.

Inspectors also complained that 50 beds had "sheets that were paper-thin and yellow stained. ...

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Nurse Velma Smith looks after Harold Leom, 64, Home, 6125 S. Kenwood Ave., in June from a home who was transferred to Kenwood Terrace Nursing at 6444 S. Ellis Ave. run by Ruby Shoemaker.

Beds were made with soiled, smelly sheets, contributing to odor in the rooms."

At Graceit Terrace, inspectors complained after a January, 1984, inspection that food was not stored

at the proper temperature, medications were not always properly recorded, and broken windows were noted for the second year, according to the records.

Residents complained of the cold,

the inspectors said, noting that a radiator had been turned off because it leaked water.

Mark Eissman also contributed to this story.

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Poor Judgment

Normally, when state health officials raid a nursing home one would expect everyone, with the exception of the home's operator, to end up happy.

The residents are happy. Happy because they are free from the neglect that probably caused the home to be raided in the first place.

The relatives are happy. Happy because their parents or grandparents will be moved to a better place for them to spend their twilight years.

And the state health department is happy. Happy because the dozens of reporters and cameramen they tipped off to the raids are showing millions of viewers and readers what a great job of protecting the public they are doing.

But the Sept. 15 and 17 raids on the Good Shepherd Nursing Homes at 3222 W. Marquette and 3315 W. 55th st have only left several people very angry.

The two homes owned by Ona Pranceviciute have been under investigation by the Illinois Department of Public Health for almost four years. The Attorney General's office has been looking into the matter for more than a year.

So what was going on over at Ona's place could hardly be considered a surprise.

Yet, without warning, they suddenly decided to converge on the two homes and forcibly remove 11 elderly residents.

Without warning is a relative term in this case. "Someone" was able to find the time, despite a well-known policy to the contrary, to alert every newspaper, radio station and television station in the city of the impending raids. But, oops, that same someone couldn't find the time to call the relatives and tell them that their 90-year-old father or mother was being moved.

Chet June, executive assistant to the director of the health department, told the News-Herald that the court order directing the raids did not require them to notify the relatives. He said it didn't prohibit them from being notified either.

June claims the court order was issued on Sept. 14 after health officials were denied access to the home on Marquette rd. and the safety of those inside was in question.

Yet on Aug. 29, 1983, the state was denied entry to the home for an inspection and there was no sudden need for a raid.

One can only speculate why the state acted the way it did when it did.

There's no doubt that Pranceviciute was operating without a license. She admits that. And some sort of action had to be taken to rectify the situation.

But the question here is whether the residents of Good Shepherd were endangered enough to warrant an unannounced, forcible relocation to another home.

Family members and the residents themselves praise the life they had at Good Shepherd. Meals were homecooked; beds were clean, and Lithuanian, the only language many of the residents could speak, was a common bond. Even health inspectors said the homes appeared clean and well-kept.

But despite these testimonials, 11 residents, many in their upper 90's, were removed because there were no wheelchair ramps, doorways weren't wide enough and fire-code requirements were not complete at the two facilities.

These are all legitimate concerns, but couldn't they have been dealt with without relocating the residents?

We applaud the state's efforts to protect the elderly from negligent nursing care, but believe that the action taken on Good Shepherd Homes was excessive, badly-executed and, perhaps, politically-motivated. After all, in an election year there isn't a

public official alive who wouldn't welcome some good, free public relations, which raiding a bad nursing home usually provides.

Officials connected with the case maintain they did the right thing, but if they feel so strongly why are they picking up the first month's tab (which should cost the state about \$150,000) at the nursing homes where the Good Shepherd people were relocated? Or is this common practice?

The residents and families of Good Shepherd don't need hand-outs from the state.

What they need is an apology.

as funding for the O'Hare airport transit extension and the Jackson Park "el" line. The Council and the mayor

Nab Pair of Woman

Police chased the suspects on I-90 to South Beloit, where they smashed up the victim's vehicle.

The two suspects fled in a car but were captured by the troopers who used a helicopter to spot the pair.

The victim told authorities he was getting into her auto about 7 p.m. on Saturday when the two suspects forced their way into her car. The victim said that the men forced her into a back seat and that one of the men placed a knife over her throat and took \$20 from her purse.

The woman told police that the second suspect also struck her in the face. The suspects then tied the victim's hands and feet with cloth strips and placed a gag in her mouth.

The pair drove around for several hours before stopping about 3:30 a.m. on Sunday near 2nd st. and Lowe and took the victim sleeping. About 6 a.m. the victim asked to use a restroom and the suspects drove her to 55th st. and Damen.

The pair then drove back to 2nd st. and Lowe. The victim said that the suspects left that area when they saw a police officer talking to a group of people.

The suspects then drove on the Dan Ryan Expressway to the Kennedy Expressway and then to the I-90 expressway. The suspects then stopped at the Belvedere Oasis near Rockford to let the woman use the restroom. At that time the second woman notified authorities.

Host Caucus For Seniors At Center

Chicago's Department on Aging and Disability will hold a senior citizens caucus from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Southwest Multipurpose Center, 6117 S. Kedzie.

A specialist on aging and disability will report on current legislative issues before federal, state and city governments, and talk on "hypothermia" will be given by Dr. Reginald Jones of the Chicago Health Department.

Lester Goldsmith, Southwest Service Area representative to the Chicago Advisory Council on Aging, will report

James P. Hirsch, president of the South Chicago Bank; Daryl Grisham, president of Parker Sausage Company; Mary Hegarty, an attorney; Irving Harris, financier, and Bernard Weissbourd, a real estate developer.

Members of the panel will serve for one year. The panel will then nominate three persons to take over the panel. The new panel could include any of the present members.

The compromise ended a battle by Ald. William Krystyniak (23rd) and Cong. William O. Lipinski (D-5th) to assure construction of the transit line. Lipinski has fought for construction of the line since serving as alderman of the 23rd Ward before his election to Congress.

Krystyniak had earned the wrath of members of the "Vrdolyak 29" because he was the only member of the group to refuse to go along with the majority block's stand. Krystyniak was the only member of the "29" to attend three City Council meetings the majority bloc boycotted in its fight with the mayor.

Set Memorial Service For Lawrence Biever

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Saint Daniel the Prophet Church, 5400 S. Nashville, for Dr. Lawrence Biever, founder of the Chicago 4-H program. Dr. Biever, 72, died June 6 in Rochester, Minn.



The Rev. Charles Fanelli, director of the Pro-Life Office for the Archdiocese of Chicago, will be the main celebrant of the Mass. A reception will be held after the Mass at the home of Ken and Beddi Operzedek, 6620 W. Archer ave., owners of the Ridge Funeral Home and former 4-H members.

Among those who are expected to attend the service is Anna Rose Biever, widow of the man who was known as "The Father of 4-H." The couple moved to Rochester in 1975 after residing at 7154 S. Francisco. The Bievers had a combined total of more than 100 years in the 4-H program.

In 1957 after Dr. Biever received his doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin he and his wife were named 4-H specialists by the University of Illinois. The couple

CONVENTION. The mayor has backed the guarantee home equity plan proposed by the coalition (News-Herald Photo)

Local Officials Blast Raids on Nursing Homes

By CHRIS M. LOUDON

Local officials spoke out sharply this week against the Sept. 15 and 17 raids of the Good Shepherd Nursing Homes at 3222 W. Marquette rd. and 3315 W. 55th st.

Accusing the Illinois Department of Public Health with "Gestapo-like" tactics, Ald. Aloysius Majerczyk (12th) criticized the state for being "insensitive" to the needs of the elderly who had been living in the homes.

Majerczyk's comments were part of a wave of strong opposition voiced by local residents and officials to the controversial raids.

In a press conference last week, Majerczyk denounced the state's actions, saying the needs of the residents at the

homes were not considered.

"State law needs to be changed to protect the rights of nursing home patients," he said. "When court action is contemplated, I propose that families or guardians of nursing home patients and the residents themselves be notified of any planned or pending action."

State Sen. Frank Savickas (D-15th), in a statement released to the News-Herald this week, said the Health Department acted "undiplomatically and without adequate concern for the welfare of the elderly residents."

"Reforms in our nursing home industry are certainly needed," Savickas said. "However, in this case, I believe that the department acted in an undiplomatic manner in hastily removing elderly residents from the home, thereby causing unnecessary emotional trauma to senior citizens who were happy and well cared for."

"It is imperative that the Department exercise prudence and good judgment where the handling or moving of the elderly is concerned. The entire episode was traumatic, and incidents of this nature must be avoided in the future," he stated.

The raids have drawn bitter opposition from the Lithuanian community, especially from relatives of the residents who were displaced.

Relatives claim that although the health department had enough time to notify the media of the impending raids it didn't call the families, thus leaving them to find out by news reports and frantic calls from friends living in the area near the homes.

Questions have also been raised whether any action was needed against the homes.

"Although the home was not licensed," Savickas said, "the problems it had were of a structural nature and should have been handled bureaucratically."

"There were no cases of abuse or neglect," he continued. "Moving elderly persons under even the most sympathetic conditions can be traumatic. But in this instance, neither the residents nor their families were prepared for such a hasty move nor were

While state officials take blame for the raids, relatives of the residents and several Southwest Siders have gotten together with Ald. Majerczyk to consider alternative siting for a licensed nursing home for aging Lithuanians to replace the Good Shepherd homes.

The 11 residents removed from the two homes were brought to the Chicago Ridge Nursing Center, 10602 South Western Highway, and the California Gardens Nursing Center, 2829 S. California.

The removal of the 11 senior citizens has also sparked a feud between Illinois Attorney General Neil Hartigan's office and health department officials.

Hartigan has said that the department should concentrate on more serious cases rather than on homes like Good Shepherd, where violations were not of abuse but of a structural nature.

But Chet June, executive assistant to the director of the state Department of Health told the News-Herald that the raids were a direct result of action taken by Hartigan's office

Keynote speaker at the event. The president and vice-president have been invited to the rally.

Buses will leave the 12th Ward GOP headquarters, 3871 S. Archer ave., at 11:30 a.m. The transportation charge is \$2. Free refreshments will be served in the headquarters after the rally. Reservations and more information are available at 376-9289.

Among the Southwest Side residents serving in the Division are Danquole Valentinas 7218 S. Whipple; Karolis Milko vaitis, 6743 S. Rockwell, and Casimir Oksas, 10520 S. Hamilton, Lithuanian co-chairman and John Derkach, 5570 W. 70th st., Bedford Park, a Ukrainian co-chairman.

Donald Walsh, a Mt. Greenwood resident, last week was named by Governor James Thompson, who heads the state campaign for Reagan Bush, as chairman of the Young Democrats for Reagan. Walsh is a 10-year resident of the Chicago area. Walsh said Reagan would be ousted by a landslide.

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three bands have agreed to
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63rd Street Christmas Parade
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Scheduled to perform are the
St. Rita and De La Salle High
School bands and the Medina
Highlanders Bagpipe Band.

Other groups included in the
parade are the Budweiser
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wagon from Forest View
Farms of Tinley Park and
several floats. The parade
will step off at 11 a.m. at 61st
st. to Tripp and disband at Lee
School.

The next parade meeting
will be held at 6:30 p.m. Mon-
day at Marquette National
Bank, 62nd and Pulaski. Per-
sons interested in participat-
ing can attend the meeting or
call Harry Meyer, parade
coordinator, 436-1000.

District. One of the officers
assigned there is James Drew,
a former partner of Tactical
Officer Robert Kulak of the 8th
District while Kulak was in the
4th District.

Just a few days before
Genovese was arrested, Kulak
had joked to his former part-
ner that the 8th District police
would capture the bank rob-
bers.

Kulak was one of the officers
who assisted in the investiga-
tion after Friday's arrest.
Other officers who took part
were Lt. Robert Burns and
Tactical Officers Robert
Spiegel and Al Bartosik.

Genovese had been charged
with two counts of aggravated
assault and one count each of
unlawful use of a weapon and
theft of lost property in connec-
tion with Friday's incident.

However, those charges
were dropped in court on Mon-
day so federal bank robbery
charges could be pursued.

Guaranteed home equity is a
voluntary plan which would
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47th St. Crash Kills Southwest Side Man

A Southwest Side man was
killed Saturday when his car
reportedly crossed the center
line on eastbound 47th street
near Western and smashed
head-on into another car
traveling in the opposite direc-
tion.

Thaddeus Marczak, 44, 5224
S. Paulina, died from massive
chest trauma. He was pro-
nounced dead at Holy Cross
Hospital.

According to police, Marc-
zak was driving left of the cen-
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In the other car were Mitch-
ell Zuwala, 60, and his wife,
Janina, 4645 S. Hermitage.
They were treated and re-
leased at Bernard Mitchell
Hospital.

tume judging contest on
Saturday as part of the
annual "Great Pumpkin
Jamboree."

The Curie and Kennedy
high school bands will take
part in the parade which will
start at 10 a.m. at Peck
Grade School, 3826 W. 58th
st., and end at Archer Park,
4901 S. Kilbourn. A costume
judging contest for young-
sters will be held at noon at the
park.

Also marching will be
Attorney General Neil Har-
tigan; Cook County Sheriff
Richard Elrod; Cook County
Treasurer Edward Rosewell,
and Clerk of the Circuit Court
Morgan Finley.

The Great Lakes Naval
Band will also march in the
parade. Chicago White Sox
mascots Ribbie and Roobarb
will also be featured. Enter-
tainment will also be pro-
vided by bands playing Ger-
man and Mexican music.

Nab Resident For Attempted Theft of Auto

A 30-year-old Clearing man
was arrested early Friday for
the attempted theft of an auto
from 5231 S. St. Louis. The theft
apparently was foiled when the
victim heard the suspect enter-
ing the auto.

Edward Johnson, 6015 W.
62nd st., was captured a short
distance from the scene as he
tried to run away. Johnson was
charged with attempted auto
theft and unlawful use of a
weapon after officers found a
knife in his possession.

The owner of the car called
authorities about 3:15 a.m.
when he heard someone enter-
ing his auto. The victim then
turned on his porch light, scar-
ing off Johnson and a com-
panion.

Patrol Officer Tom Gudga-
lis, the first officer on the
scene, broadcast a description
of the suspects. Tactical Offi-
cers Robert Kulak and Al Barto-
sik nabbed Johnson after a
short foot chase. Police are
still seeking Johnson's com-
panion.



PROTESTING RAIDS—Ona Pranckeviciute (left), owner of the Good Shepherd Nursing Homes at 3222 W. Marquette and 3316 W. 55th st., joins with staff members and relatives of residents of the homes in Center downtown Friday and called for the return of the residents and the firing of Chet June, executive assistant to the director of the state Department of Health, who carried out the raids.

(News-Herald Photo by Tom Downes)

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feel guilty by a Sally collecting contributions. "I think some allowance could be made for the Salvation Army," he said at last.

And if no allowance is made?

Well, there will be that much less. Simple arithmetic.

A good case can be made for the Salvation Army on the basis of need, of suburban shopping centers putting aside their policies and the slight hindrance to commerce that a strategically ill-placed kettle might be.

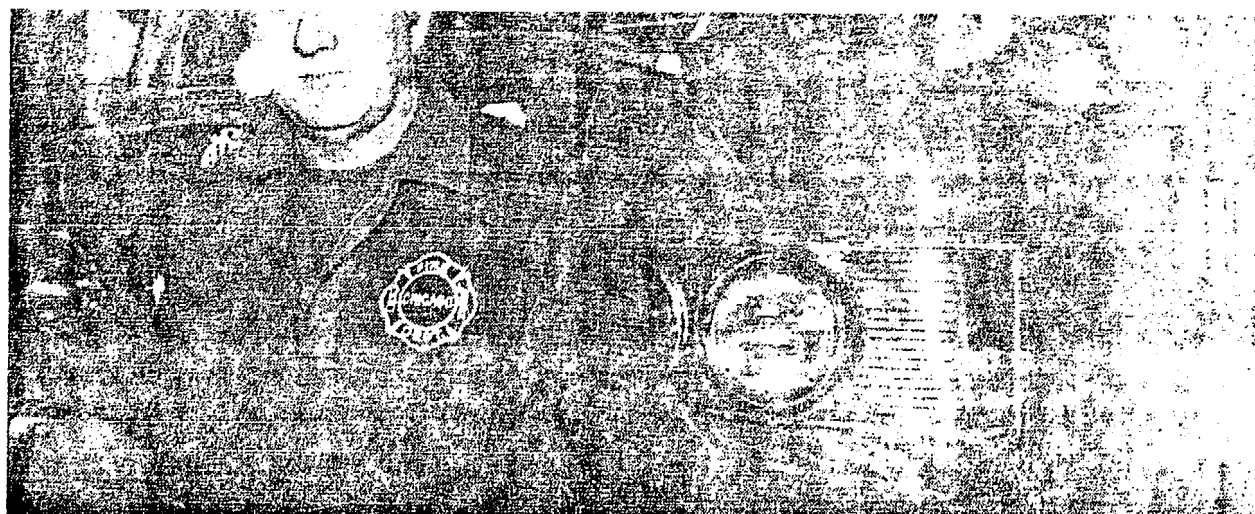
That's the case on behalf of the poor. It doesn't play in Peoria this year, if you've been following election returns.

A better case might be made for the poor in spirit.

SUBURBAN KIDS in their plasticvilles, hanging out at the Mall or the Shopping Center in imitation of city life, never getting to hear the music of the season. Never being reminded by some out-of-tune Sally trumpeter that there are people in this world who are not like you and me.

Never hearing the music that cuts through the din of cash registers, buy orders in the mink coat stores, storewide specials announced over the loudspeakers.

Never hearing the ringing of the bells because the grinchers have forbidden them.



Tribune photo by George Thompson

Heroic rescue just 'name of the job'

Chicago Fire Department Lt. John Sampey rests after pulling 3-year-old Juanita Anderson from a burning bungalow Tuesday at 2619 S. Harding Ave. A 19-year veteran, Sampey insisted his efforts were

routine saying, "That's the name of the job. Our job is to save people, and we're happy to do it." Juanita was reported in "reasonably stable, but serious condition," at Edgewater Hospital.

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Woman forcibly removed from nursing home

By William Recktenwald

ANOTHER ELDERLY Lithuanian resident has been forcibly removed by county authorities from an unlicensed Southwest Side nursing home even though the resident had previously resisted the move, and despite a report indicating that she was well looked after.

The removal of Antoinette Tamanauskas, 89, by Cook County Public Guardian Patrick Murphy is the latest in a string of controversial actions taken against two Lithuanian nursing homes by state and local authorities.

An attorney for the guardian's office said Tamanauskas was removed last Friday from Good Shepherd Home, 3316 W. 55th St., by an ambulance crew accompanied by police and a social worker from Murphy's office.

But Tuesday, Murphy said that his office is re-examining the case.

"I'LL VISIT the home myself to see just what the conditions are," Murphy said. "If we were wrong, then we are wrong, and we'll admit it."

The home in which Tamanauskas lived is one of two on the Southwest Side, both with the same name, owned by Ona Prankeviciute.

The homes were raided in September by state authorities, who removed 11 residents on the grounds that the homes were unlicensed and had building code violations.

Relatives of the residents and some of the residents complained that the raids were unreasonable. Relatives said the residents had liked the homes because they were small and Lithuanian was spoken.

ON ONE of the raids in September, Tamanauskas "became excited and resisted being moved," according to a

letter written by the state Department of Public Health to the public guardian's office. Public health workers left her to avoid inflicting "transfer trauma" on her, the letter said.

Later, however, one of Murphy's social workers, Gaile Liutkus, who speaks Lithuanian, visited Tamanauskas in Good Shepherd Home. She filed a report that Tamanauskas was living in the basement with only a bed.

An attorney for Murphy's office, Cynthia Farenga, got a court order naming the office the official guardian for Tamanauskas because she allegedly suffers from mental problems. Tamanauskas was then transferred to California Gardens Nursing Home, 2829 S. California Ave.

On Tuesday, a Tribune reporter visited her former living quarters in the Good Shepherd Home unannounced. The reporter found that her bedroom was

warm and had contained a bed, a dresser, and a chair. The bedroom was next to a bathroom and a full kitchen with table and chairs, and near a small furnished living room with plants.

AN EXAMINATION of Tamanauskas' file in the guardian's office turned up a notation apparently made by a different social worker, describing her treatment in Good Shepherd:

"Stays in the basement, but gets lots of kisses and hugs."

Rev. Anicetus Thomas, a Jesuit priest who is chaplain for the Good Shepherd homes, said Tamanauskas lived in the basement "because she talks aloud quite a bit, even at night, and disturbs other residents." He expressed concern that she would be "drugged with tranquilizers" in a different nursing home.

In a related matter, Atty. Gen. Neil

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to a developer for a location, a quarter-acre lot and a quarter-acre lot, on the ground that adverse effect on near-

le Wednesday by Judge came in a suit filed by

Environmental Protection Agency.

BEVERLY BANK filed the suit, which charged that the county zoning ordinance was unreasonable and sought an injunction against the county to stop it from interfering with the planned landfill.

County, Orland Township supervisor and chairman of an organization called Save Our Environment was jubilant. "It's a very happy day. I'm very pleased," he said. "The Orland area is ... a tremendous residential area, and this [proposed landfill] area has homes that border it, homes across the street."

fore could still legally be built on the site.

"The project died of its own weight, not because of the lawsuit, which played a small role," Sabo said. "I died because financiers didn't want to lend the money because the project was too expensive."

"To pay off the bonds, they would have had to charge in excess of \$1,000 a month for rent. That's Gold Coast prices."

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Rest home transfer 'like kidnaping'

89-year-old's removal from unlicensed facility causes furor

By William Recktenwald

AN AMBULANCE attendant who took part in the forced removal of an 89-year-old woman from an unlicensed Southwest Side nursing home said Thursday that the transfer resembled a "kidnaping."

Jim Askin, 32, an attendant for Berz Ambulance Co., also said he was ordered by police to crawl through a basement window that an officer had opened after those inside the home refused to open the door.

Cook County Public Guardian Patrick Murphy, the woman's court-appointed guardian, said he will investigate the move.

Though he didn't excused the manner in which the woman was transferred, Murphy said two of three social workers whom he had told to visit the home found the facility "not adequate." He also said he believes that the administrators, in the past, have mismanaged the finances of at least one resident.

"I AM GOING to visit the home on Monday," he said. "If I think that it is a decent home and the woman wants to go back, then she will be there on Tuesday. The woman has right to live or die where she wants."

The woman's case points up the complexities of enforcing nursing home laws and regulations.

No one contends that the woman was mistreated, nor does anyone question that she was content in the

home. At the same time, however, no one disputes that the home was not licensed and could not be licensed without expensive and drastic remodeling.

This presents authorities with a problem as to whether the woman should have been allowed to remain in a facility that does not meet safety and nursing standards but that apparently gave her good care.

MARILYN SHARKO, a social worker for the public guardian's office, acknowledged the difficulties. She was one of those who examined the woman's basement apartment.

"When we were in the basement I really think we were focusing more on the woman than on the furniture; it is sparsely furnished," she said. "But we asked, 'What if she fell out of bed in the night?' No one could hear her; no one would come to help."

In two controversial raids in September, 11 residents were taken by the Illinois Department of Public Health from two Southwest Side homes. It was charged that the homes did not meet state and city regulations.

The woman, Antoinette Tamanauskas, was one who was supposed to have been taken. Authorities did not move her at the time to avoid inflicting "transfer trauma."

SOME RESIDENTS and their relatives complained that the raids were unreasonable, noting that the residents had liked the homes be-

cause they were small and Lithuanian was spoken.

Tamanauskas, a Lithuanian immigrant, had lived for 18 months in Good Shepherd nursing home, 3316 W. 55th St., one of two centers with that name owned by Ona Pranckevicute.

Tamanauskas stayed in a furnished basement apartment, away from other residents, because "she talks aloud quite a bit, even at night" and could disturb others, said Rev. Anicetus Thomas, a Jesuit priest and the home's chaplain.

She was removed on Nov. 16 after a social worker reported that she was living in the basement with only a bed.

Probate Judge Richard Dowdle issued a court order to transfer her to California Gardens Nursing Home, 2829 S. California Ave. Later that day, she was transferred to Country Manor Nursing home, a licensed facility at 1635 E. 154th St., Dolton.

ASKIN, THE ambulance attendant, said he came forward to describe the move because the way in which it was conducted troubled him.

"This woman had an orderly thought process; that is one of the things that bothered me," Askin said. "We're talking about a woman with a mind, not a vegetable. It was like a kidnaping; we went in there like a storm trooper."

Askin said he arrived at the home at 11 a.m. Nov. 16 with three policemen, two social workers and a doc-

tor.

He said that when no one answered the door, a police officer opened a window and told him to crawl through to open the door.

"The basement was very nice; it was furnished, with a lot of plants," he said. "It was very warm, but probably just comfortable for a woman of her age."

AT FIRST Tamanauskas was calm, he said. But, he said, she began to kick and shout when she saw the stretcher and realized she was about to be moved.

"The doctor told us to put restraints on her," he said. "She was yelling, scratching and flailing around. We restrained her wrists, but she kept yelling as we carried her out and kept it up in the ambulance and continued at California Gardens."

"I was really worried that she might have a heart attack," Askin said.

After they were told there was no room for Tamanauskas at California Gardens, Askin said they took her to the Dolton nursing home, 20 miles southeast of the Good Shepherd facility. She was there Thursday.

Since the transfer, she has apparently adjusted.

"I was out to Dolton on Monday," social worker Sharko said. "She was calm and seemed to be happy, but she said that she wanted to go home, to Wallace Avenue, where she lived before going to Good Shepherd."

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Judge rules unlicensed nursing homes can't take ill residents

By JIM DUFFY
Staff Reporter

CHICAGO — Chancery Judge John Hechinger ruled Wednesday that two unlicensed Lithuanian nursing homes on the Southwest Side may not accept residents who need nursing care.

Hechinger made the ruling even though no one from the Good Shepherd homes, 3316 W. 55th St. and 3222 W. Marquette Rd, appeared in court. The homes' owner, Ona Pranckeviciute, has refused to attend proceedings since shortly after 10 residents were removed from the homes by the state Department of Health in September.

Healthy residents who did not need daily medical care were allowed to remain at the two sites.

"Her main reason for not going is that she hasn't committed any

crime," said Rev. Anicetus Thomas, chaplain at the homes. "She feels the Good Shepherd homes have been trampled enough."

Hechinger made permanent his temporary order that allowed the September raids. Those raids were criticized by many city and state officials because residents and their relatives did not receive advance notice of the action.

Hechinger stipulated in the order, however, that if any future transfers must be made from the homes, the Department of Health must appear in court before taking action. In October, Hechinger said the raids were "a little more blunt and cold than we expected."

Father Thomas was arrested during the raids and charged with obstructing a police action for allegedly urging residents to resist the



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raid. That charge was dropped Wednesday by the state's attorney's office, Father Thomas said.

No final decision has been reached on one other patient, Antoinette Tamanauskas, who was removed from Good Shepherd in November.

Tamanauskas currently resides at the Countryside Plaza Nursing Centre, 1635 E. 154th St., Dolton. Cook County Public Guardian Patrick Murphy said that Tamanauskas, 89, will remain at Countryside for about one month for health reasons.

After that she will either return to Good Shepherd or transfer to California Gardens Nursing Center, 2829 S. California Blvd., Murphy said.

"I feel sorry for her," Murphy said. "She's doesn't know what's going on. She's a ping pong ball in this whole mess, and she deserves better."

Bone marrow patient hopes to go home

By JIM DUFFY
Staff Reporter

Despite a rocky week of fevers and rashes, Brian Sroufek of Palos Park is determined to make it home as soon as possible.

Two weeks ago, Sroufek received a bone marrow graft that doctors hope will save his life. He suffers from aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder in which red and white cells are not produced by his bone marrow.

Hospital spokesperson said preliminary signs indicate that Sroufek's bone marrow has begun to

ple days ago and he's lost all his hair," Danon said.

"I feel a lot better today," Sroufek said. During the fevers, he said his skin "turned dark red, like I came from a jungle or something."

He tried to eat solid foods for the first time Wednesday morning, when he had a Popsicle and a pear.

"It'll take a while to get used to food again," he said. "But all you can do is keep trying."

The transfusion causes a soreness in the mouth and alters the way foods taste, Danon said.

Sroufek, who plays guitar with a

RTA committee mulls expanded SW parking lots

By KLAUS PALINKAS
Transportation Reporter

CHICAGO — Paved and expanded parking lots in Beverly are among a series of proposals under consideration by the Regional Transportation Agency's Budget Committee.

The committee met briefly

other \$600,000 for paving at 95th Street and \$375,000 for improvements at the Illinois Central Gulf Line station at 91st Street on the Southeast Side, the spokesman said.

The federal government will supply 75 percent of the funds

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Television crews, to be sure, are not part of the territory for performers at the Carousel bar, which rotates in the middle of the Windows restaurant on the 12th floor of the North Shore Hilton in Skokie.

But the Sanfords are celebrities—at least for the moment—and, when they returned to work this week, they discovered that they could share some of the mega-star's

Sanford's \$5 million copyright infringement suit against CBS Inc. went to trial last week in Chicago.

SANFORD CONTENDS that he wrote the tune that Jackson used in his hit song "The Girl Is Mine."

In final arguments Wednesday, a defense attorney argued that Jackson had no reason to steal the song. "He has all the songs in the world. He doesn't need music from any-

Wednesday without reaching a verdict. It will resume at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Because of the trial, the Sanfords did not perform last week, and Vic Citro, who hired them at the Carousel, was glad to have them back. He didn't mind the camera

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Charge dismissed against priest

By William Recktenwald

A CHARGE AGAINST a Catholic priest who was arrested during an early-morning raid on an unlicensed South Side nursing home last September was dismissed Wednesday.

The charge of obstructing police was ordered dropped by Circuit Court Judge Carl McCormick after prosecutors said they did not have sufficient evidence to proceed against Rev. Anicetus Thomas.

Father Thomas was arrested Sept. 15 by police who accompanied state investigators in a raid on the Good Shepherd Home, 3222 W. Marquette Rd., where he served as chaplain.

At the time, police alleged that Father Thomas had incited elderly patients during the raid, which was

conducted by Chet June, executive assistant to the director of the state Department of Public Health.

Investigators cited serious building and fire code violations at the home and at another Good Shepherd facility at 3315 W. 55th St., which was raided two days later.

AT THE TIME of the first raid, June told reporters that Father Thomas had inflamed elderly patients by shouting, "Revolt for Jesus Christ."

After the priest denied the charge, June conceded, "That 'Revolt for Jesus' remark may have been a gaffe on all our parts."

The raids became controversial after an elderly patient complained of abuse at the nursing home to which she and about 12 other Good Shepherd patients were involuntari-

ly transferred by the public health department.

The public health department and Illinois Atty. Gen. Neil Hartigan's office became embroiled in a feud, with June saying the raid of Sept. 15 was initiated at the behest of an aide to Hartigan.

Hartigan threatened to sue the public health department for dragging its feet on providing the attorney general's office with information about homes guilty of serious patient neglect, while pursuing such technical violations as doorways that were too narrow.

Since the raids, the two Good Shepherd homes have continued to operate, but as homes for the elderly rather than as nursing homes. About half a dozen residents remain in each.

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Face to face with a ghost

Sarah Neeb, 4, peers up at the ghost of Jacob Marley, played by Franc Dennison, during a holiday festival in Holly, Mich. The streets of Holly's historic Battle Alley come alive with characters from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" every year.

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 12/23/84, p. 52

Tougher state watch on care homes vowed

By Dean Schott

The state's crackdown on unlicensed nursing homes this year was a flop because it was little more than a publicity stunt, says Thomas B. Kirkpatrick, the state's new public health chief.

"More than 96 percent of the inspections turned up nothing. And when they did turn up something, they [officials] didn't know what to do about them," said Kirkpatrick, director of the Public Health Department since Oct. 15.

He has dumped the department's campaign, begun last May 1, because it was "ill conceived and misdirected."

Officials "were so concerned about the public show that they didn't think things through," said the 41-year-old director.

Of 771 places inspected for allegedly operating without a license, only 17 were referred for prosecution, either to the attorney general or local state's attorneys, Kirkpatrick said.

When the campaign was announced by then-acting director Fred Uhlig last April, it was predicted that as many as 140 unlicensed nursing homes would be uncovered, half of them in Chicago.

Only three cases turned up in the city. Two Marquette Park facilities are under court orders not to operate as nursing homes, and a South Side building owner is facing criminal charges.

To keep better tabs on both legal nursing homes and unlicensed ones, Kirkpatrick next month will assign 15 full-time nurses, nutritionists and other experts to the Chicago area for the first time.

"Seventy percent of our business comes from Chicago, yet we have not had a full-time [nursing home] staff here," he said.

The Chicago staff will try to whittle the backlog of nearly 400 complaints, while providing same-day response to new complaints from nursing home residents and their families.

In the past, Kirkpatrick said, his agency would take up to two months before making inspections on complaints. "What good is that?" he asked.

Health inspectors also had problems differentiating between a minor complaint and a serious problem, he said. "Water being too hot in a bath was treated the same as someone being burned to death by hot water," he said.

Ben Ovitz, 73, died last January of complications after being put into a tub of scalding water two months earlier at the Moon Lake Convalescent Center in Schaumburg. Hearings are under way to revoke the home's license.

Since 1979, only one nursing home license among 900 has been lifted—a record that Kirkpatrick wants to change. He predicts license revocations could reach five in the next year, or a 500 percent increase.

Part of the problem has been the attitude of some department employees, Kirkpatrick said. "There's a tendency to avoid making judgments and taking risks. They have been hiding behind red tape," he said.

"If someone tried to make a judgment, they got stung by the press, their superiors and politicians," Kirkpatrick said.

He is trying to forge a new working relationship with Attorney General Neil F. Hartigan's office, which has been highly critical of the department's efforts in the past. "Many of his criticisms were on target," said Kirkpatrick.

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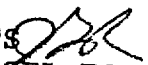
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WASHINGTON

January 30, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHLEEN BUCK
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Review of AWOL Case

The attached letter to the President from the Mayor of Rensselaer, New York, is forwarded for whatever action by the Department of Defense you consider appropriate. In his letter the mayor requests review of an absent without leave prosecution.

Many thanks.

Attachment

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Subject: requests review of AWOL CASE

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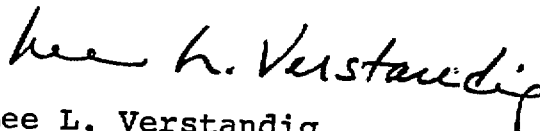
Dear Mayor Harrigan:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the appropriate officials at the White House Counsel's Office for their consideration and direct reply. You should be hearing from them shortly.

I sincerely appreciate your bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Lee L. Verstandig
Assistant to the President
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The Honorable Joseph E. Harrigan
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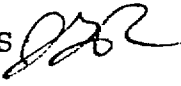
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January 30, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
SUBJECT: Correspondence Concerning South Africa
from Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
Under Law

Gay J. McDougall, Director of the Southern Africa Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, has written the President to request that he urge South Africa to drop charges of treason against certain individuals. The matter should be referred to the Department of State for handling. A draft doing so is attached, as is a brief letter advising McDougall of our referral.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1985

Dear Ms. McDougall:

Thank you for your letter to the President requesting that he urge the government of South Africa to drop treason charges against certain individuals.

I have referred your correspondence to the Department of State for whatever review that Department considers appropriate. You may expect to hear directly from that Department.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Ms. Gay J. McDougall
Director, Southern Africa Project
Suite 400
1400 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVIS ROBINSON
LEGAL ADVISER
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Correspondence Concerning South Africa
from Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
Under Law

The attached letter to the President from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is referred to the Department of State for whatever action and direct response you consider appropriate. The letter requests that the President urge South Africa to drop treason charges against certain individuals. I have also attached a copy of my interim reply.

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 12, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GAY J. MCDUGALL

SUBJECT REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO URGE THE SOUTH
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December 11, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

We have grave concern for the plight of those South Africans previously held under section 28 of South Africa's Internal Security Act who were charged yesterday with treason. We are also concerned that such charges will also be lodged against Archie Gumede, Billy Nair and Paul David when they leave the British Consulate in Durban where they have sought sanctuary for the past three months. These men were detained in connection with their efforts to organize a peaceful boycott of elections under the new South African constitution. To term such activities treasonous is evidence that whatever reforms Prime Minister Botha has instituted do not include freedom of speech.

Yesterday you called on "the government of South Africa to reach out to its black majority by ending...the detention, without trial, and lengthy imprisonment of black leaders." A deescalation of the conflict in that country cannot be achieved by merely substituting for detention without trial the practice of charging black leaders with serious offenses when they attempt to exercise internationally recognized civil and political rights.

We request, Mr. President, that you use your good offices to urge the South African Government to drop those charges of treason imposed yesterday and to permit those men currently in the British Consulate in Durban to leave freely without threat of detention or charge.

Sincerely,

Gay McDougall

Gay J. McDougall, Director
Southern Africa Project

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
SUBJECT: Shift in the Mood of Americans
With Regard to Law Enforcement

James G. Woodall, a district attorney from western Tennessee, has written the President to describe his efforts to obtain death penalty convictions and to applaud the President for helping restore Americans' faith in themselves. I recommend simply a brief reply thanking Woodall for his support.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1985

Dear Mr. Woodall:

Thank you for your letter of January 24 to the President. In that letter you described your experience with death penalty cases in western Tennessee, and expressed the view that the President has helped restore Americans' faith in themselves.

I appreciate your taking the time to share your informed views with us. We are grateful for your supportive comments and hope that our efforts in the law enforcement area will continue to merit your approval.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. James G. Woodall
District Attorney General
State of Tennessee,
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Jackson, Tennessee 38302

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January 24, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Tennessee first enacted a constitutional death penalty in 1976. Since that time, I have personally been involved in as many death penalty cases as anyone in West Tennessee.

While our office death qualified several criminal juries from 1976 to 1980, we did not obtain a death penalty conviction until 1980. Since that time we have received a total of four death penalty convictions in our judicial district. Tennessee juries have returned the death penalty forty times since 1976.

While there are many variables that would account for no death penalty convictions in our circuit from 1976 to 1980, I am personally convinced that the reason Madison County jurors are returning death penalty verdicts in appropriate cases is due to a change in the mood of the country.

I feel that the jurors' attitudes reflect that they are more law enforcement oriented, that the respect for the rights of victims has increased, that confidence in the Supreme Court has returned, and they are proud to be Americans again. One can sense that they feel that the White House is occupied by someone who possesses a sense of law and order.

On a national level, the state of readiness of the armed forces is probably the most important deterrent to foreign intervention. On the local level, the police and the criminal justice system is the deterrent that protects the citizenry from the criminal element.

This shift in mood did not occur until you were elected to the office of President and began to restore our faith in ourselves. This gives us the courage for today coupled with the hope for tomorrow.

Respectfully yours,

Jerry Woodall

JAMES G. WOODALL
District Attorney General
26th Judicial District

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1985

Dear Ms. Sisco-Ledbetter:

This is in response to your letter of January 24 to the President and Mrs. Reagan. That letter described the circumstances surrounding the legal action you have instituted in state court, Ledbetter v. Mitchell. In your letter you requested that the President take action to prevent your case from being delayed.

Please be advised that it would be inappropriate for the White House to interfere in any way in a private civil suit pending in state court. Accordingly, no action may be taken in response to your request.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Ms. Sheila Sisco-Ledbetter
c/o Mr. & Mrs. James DeLoach
Box 212, Route 5
Humboldt, Tennessee 38343

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