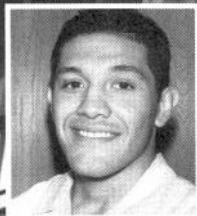


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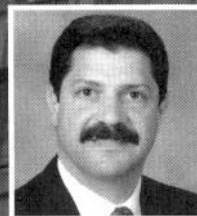
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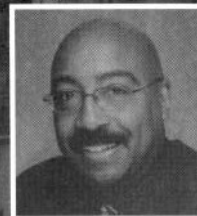
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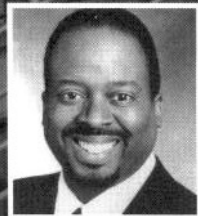
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BUSINESS  
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MEDIA  
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MEDIA  
Carol Marin

## Len Schaller Businessman's Award



Perry Mandera

Perry Mandera was born in 1957 and is married with 3 children. Perry graduated from Roberto Clemente High School in 1975, and then joined the United States Marine Corps Reserves. He learned how to drive a truck while serving in the Marines.

Upon completion of active duty in 1976, he purchased a cargo van and became an owner operator for several different Chicagoland local pick-up and delivery companies.

In 1979, Perry decided to become a business owner. Throughout his business career, he has owned, sold and acquired several businesses. Today he owns The Custom Companies which is a full service transportation company that employs several hundred people with revenues that exceed over 100 million in annual sales.

Some of Perry's personal accomplishments in life are:

- The youngest person ever to be elected Ward Committeeman (26th) in 1983 in The City of Chicago serving one 4-year term.

- In 1991, became the youngest man of the year ever elected as the "Italian American Executives of Transportation" Man of the Year.

- In 1993, became a Board of Director member of the Illinois Transportation Association where he continues to serve today.

- In 2000, was selected as one of the top "100 Transportation Executives of the Millennium".

- In 2000, became a current Board of Director member of the Walter Payton Foundation...which has been re-named to the Walter and Connie Payton Foundation where he continues to serve today.

Perry's commitment to family, church, education, sports and various children charities is what he believes is the base and foundation that had made him and his business what they are today.