

## FHM Holy Name Installs New President



On Jan. 11th, the Five Holy Martyrs Holy Name of Jesus Society welcomed its new president for 2015, Ted Jankowski, a longtime parishioner. Passing the gavel is Jerry Skowronski (right). The Society meets on the second Sunday of each month at the 9 a.m. Mass, followed by a continental breakfast. New members are always welcome, ages 13 and older. The next meeting is on Sunday, Feb. 8th.

## Ice Skating At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road, will operate an outdoor ice skating rink through March 1st.

The schedule includes, Sundays - Open Skate from 12 to 6 p.m.; Hockey from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Open Skate from 3 to 7 p.m.; Rat Hockey from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays - Open Skate from 3 to 7 p.m.; Fridays - Open Skate from 1:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays - Stick & Puck from 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Pond Hockey from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.; Learn to Skate from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Open Skate from 1 to 5 p.m.; Family

Skate from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Cartoon Skate will be held on Sundays, through Feb. 22nd from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fee for all ages is \$3. Open skate will be available with favorite cartoon characters.

Rink admission for adults is \$3; children and students with valid ID free; seniors and military discount \$1. Skate rental: \$6 for all ages. Special - adult admission with skate rental \$7. Special - Family Skate Fridays 6:30 to 9 p.m. at \$10 per family (includes skate rental).

For more information, call (312) 747-5992.

## Mercado Joins Holy Name Society



Joseph Mercado (left) was accepted into the Five Holy Martyrs Holy Name of Jesus Society on Jan. 11th by outgoing president Jerry Skowronski (right). The 13 year old son of Alan & Karen Mercado of Brighton Park, Joey is a 7th grade student at Pope John Paul II school, 1st class Scout and senior patrol leader for Boy Scout Troop 465 and an altar server for Five Holy Martyrs Church.

## Early Registration For O-D Baseball

The Omega Delta Youth Baseball & Softball League has announced its final day for early registration for the 2015 baseball and softball season. Families are encouraged to register early and save up to \$50 per child.

Registration will be held Saturday, Feb. 7th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Metropolitan Bank, 1947 W. 35th st.

Boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 16 are welcome to participate this summer.

Registration fees are as follows: T-Ball Division (ages 4-5) \$65, Rookie Division (ages 6-8) \$80, Youth Girls Fast-pitch Softball (ages 8-10) \$90, Minor Division (ages 9-10) \$100, Major Division (ages 11-13) \$110, Junior Girls Fast-pitch Softball (ages 10-13)

\$100 and Teen Fast-pitch Softball (ages 14-16) \$110.

Fees include complete uniforms, trophies, awards banquet, ticket to a minor league baseball game and much more. A \$10 sibling discount is available to families with multiple children.

Proof of age is required and should be submitted at registration. All fees will increase after Feb. 15th.

For more information, call (312) 661-4733.

## Free Tax Prep At Kelly High

The Center for Economic Progress, in collaboration with the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, will be providing free tax preparation at Kelly High School, 4136 S. California, on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Services are provided with funding from the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago.

Taxes will be prepared on a first come, first serve basis to people who meet the income guidelines: Families with less than \$50,000 year and individuals with less than \$25,000 year.

For more information, call (312) 252-0280.

## All-American Program Opens

For the past 10 years that Congressman Dan Lipinski has represented the Third Congressional District, his office has sponsored the All-American Boy & Girl Program. This program - which was created by Bill Lipinski more than four decades ago, is designed to honor young men and women who are involved in their community, excel in the classroom and participate in extracurricular activities.

The program is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who reside or attend school in the Third Congressional District. The competition begins with an initial application due at one of Lipinski's offices by Monday, Feb. 23rd. After the finalists are chosen, they will be interviewed by a panel of judges, comprised of local community leaders, teachers and other dignitaries during the week of March 2nd.

All finalists will receive Congressional Recognition for their participation. The top three finalists in each category will receive a plaque and prize at a ceremony scheduled for mid-March.

For more information or an application, contact Frank Salerno at (312) 886-0481.

## MSI Offers Free Entry for Kids

The Museum of Science and Industry Chicago, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive will offer free museum entry to two kids ages 3-11 with purchase of one paying adult Feb. 1st to 28th.

Visitors may check out the new permanent exhibit, Number in Nature and get lost in a mirror maze while discovering mathematical patterns are everywhere. Run in a human-sized hamster wheel. See lightning strike - indoors. Manipulate a tornado. Hear your heart beat 13-feet tall. Climb inside a historic locomotive. See baby chicks peek out of their shells.

Free kids museum day entry tickets must be obtained onsite at the ticket counter, they cannot be acquired online. For more information, visit msichicago.org.

Additional experiences, including the WOW! Tour, Omnimax films, U-505 Submarine on-board tour, Future Energy Chicago, Coal Mine and special tours are not included in Museum Entry. They require additional, timed-entry tickets. Parking is not included.

## Civic Meeting In Archer Heights

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct a general membership meeting in the cafeteria of the UNO Veteran Memorial School, 4248 W. 47th st. on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Candidates running for the Office of Mayor and Alderman have been invited to speak.

For the office of Mayor, the invited are incumbent Mayor Rahm Emanuel, challengers Robert Fioretti, Jesus Garcia and Willie Wilson. Candidates for the 22nd and 23rd Wards have also received invites. 14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke is unopposed.

Cake and coffee will be served after the meeting.

## Computer Workshop At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., offers introduction to computer workshops on Thursday, Feb. 5th and Saturday, Feb. 21st at 2:30 p.m.

Participants will learn computer basics: how to start a computer and how to operate the mouse and keyboard. This workshop is especially for seniors but everyone is welcome. Call (312) 747-6082 to register.



The Kelly High School Junior Varsity Chess Team won first place at the CPS Championship Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 31st at the Rodolfo Lozano Bilingual and International Center. Lead by Jia Wei Lin who finished undefeated at 4-0 and Miguel Gomez who finished 3-1, the team captured its first city championship in Kelly High School history. The Varsity team took 5th place and were lead by Wena Wu who finished a perfect 4-0 and Felix Serrato and Julio Rangel who both finished 3-1. The Varsity team is currently preparing for the IHSA State Tournament in two weeks. Pictured are Jia Wei Lin, Yanzhuo Wei, Jordan Lumpkin, Canjie Zheng, Joey Cai, Coach Suwe, Kenneth Wu, Miguel Gomez and Miguel Carrillo.

## Rep. Zalewski Offers Reform Crime Bills

As Gov. Bruce Rauner prepares to outline his priorities before the Legislature, State Rep. Mike Zalewski is offering a package of proposals that he believes should be high on the list this session: criminal justice reform.

Zalewski has worked to rebalance the state's corrections system for the last two years, starting with his push for stronger criminal penalties for gun felonies. That turned into the work of the Joint Criminal Justice Reform Committee, a bipartisan collection of House and Senate members that met last summer and fall to consider reworking the laws that put criminals behind bars.

He is taking a new approach to the debate over gun penalties based

on sentencing modifications that would increase penalties for illegal gun possession while introducing factors for judicial discretion and case-by-case review. Judges can alter the length of the person's sentence based on an individualized assessment of the offender, and provides opportunities for corrections programming and counseling while the person serves their sentence.

Zalewski is proposing a series of bills to address several topics that were considered by the reform committee:

Ensures consistency in drug laws when students are present to reduce inconsistent judicial findings. Allows domestic violence victims to present evidence at sentencing regarding their abuse in the event they are convicted of defending themselves. Creates a pilot program to let Cook County authorities use drug analysis field tests to determine whether recovered substances are illegal marijuana, cocaine or heroin, reducing the number of days a defendant waits for a preliminary hearing. Applies enhanced Class 4 felony penalties for property theft of no more than \$300 to those with two or more convictions of certain thefts and burglaries, rather than one previous conviction. Increases the threshold amount for theft from \$500 to \$1,000.

## Library Programs For Children

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, has scheduled interesting programs for children during February.

Families with children ages 5 and up will enjoy stories and crafts on Tuesdays, Feb. 17th and 24th at 6 p.m.

A story and guided play time to promote early literacy development for ages 2-5 will be held on Wednesdays, Feb. 18th and 25th at 6 p.m.

Children and teens ages 7 to 16 will create their own Valentine's Day greeting card on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 4:30 p.m.

Families with children ages 5 and up will celebrate Chinese New Year with a story time and craft on Thursday, Feb. 19th at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-0666.

## Workshop On Property Tax

Money Smart Partner Raila and Associates will conduct a financial literacy program at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Monday, Feb. 9th at noon.

Participants will learn how to lower property taxes, get tax exceptions, refunds and understand market value reassessment notices, self-help tax links. Bring your tax bill, official tax appeal forms will be provided.

## Dean's List At Bradley U.

The following area students have received recognition on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at Bradley University in Peoria: Lauren Bourret, Kimberly Paluch and Jillian Szymkiewicz. Honorees must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

## City Chess Title For Kelly High

## Best Buy Challenge Winners



Hundreds of young Chicagoans, along with their parents and teachers, plus representatives of two dozen youth-serving organizations, converged at Jones College Prep on Jan. 24th for the second annual Destination: Chicago - Winter Break. Presented by Chicago City of Learning and Hive Chicago Learning Network, the Maker Party featured activity stations and workshops in photography, fashion, engineering, architecture, digital media, music, computer science, choreography, journalism and forensics. Patricia Harris, Project Manager for Best Buy's Geek Squad, presented laptops and iPads to the youth who won the Best Buy Challenge, powered by Chicago City of Learning. From left: Robbie Austin of Irving Park, Zuliaka Rudd of Brighton Park, Alex Pei of Lincoln Park and Marlena Sykes of South Shore. Photo Credit: Jim Sandherr, Digital Youth Network.

## Parent Workshops At Curie High

Curie High School, 4959 S. Archer, invites parents, students and the community to attend a parent workshop conducted by psychologist Ferney Ramirez Hernandez. A professor of psychology and education at the Universidad san Buenaventura in Columbia, he currently coordinates training programs for adolescents and parents in the Chicago Public Schools and is the author of 11 published books on adolescents.

The workshop begins at 6 p.m. and will be conducted in Spanish. The topic on Feb. 17th is "How to Teach Adolescents for Success." The workshop will provide practical advice that will promote positive communication between parents and children.

## On Dean's List

Daniel Hermle was named to the dean's list at Carroll University of Waukesha, Wisconsin for the fall 2014 semester. Honorees must have a grade point average for the semester of at least 3.5 on a 4-point scale.

## BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information and a calendar of free local events. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!

## Guest Speaker



D. SHORE

Commissioner Debra Shore of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Teamster Retirees Club, #705 at Union Hall, 300 S. Ashland on Wednesday, Feb. 18th following a 9:30 a.m. coffee hour.

Her topics will be "green infrastructure" and ways to preserve resources.

Ms. Shore is the founding editor and writer of "The Chicago Wilderness." She has degrees from Columbia College, John Hopkins University and Goucher College.

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## Kiddy Kare Observes New Year



The children at Kiddy Kare Pre-School, 4444 S. Kedzie, observed the New Year with a craft project to make hats and decorations. Open enrollment for age 13 months to 10 years is available. Parents may call (773) 376-5622 to arrange a tour of the facility.

### Teen Center At Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament Teen Center, 3530 S. Hermitage, is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 6:30-7 p.m. and some Sundays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. ACT preparation is offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

An appeal has been issued for couches, lazy boys, ping-pong table, pool sticks, Wii games and handyman help. Teenagers who require service hours may complete them at the youth center. For more information, contact Jim Kozy at (773) 415-7193. The website address is www.bspteencenter.com.

### Merri Dee At Library Center

In celebration of African American History Month Merri Dee, award-winning Chicago television and radio personality will discuss her memoir "Life Lessons on Faith, Forgiveness & Grace" at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Thursday, Feb. 5th at 6 p.m. Ms. Dee will be joined in conversation by Micah Materre, news anchor at WGN-TV. Books will be available for purchase and signed at the conclusion of the program.

She has served as a television news anchor, talk-show host, radio disc jockey, author, motivational and inspirational speaker.

For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

### Youth Ministry At Lady of Snows

The Youth Ministry Program at Our Lady of the Snows Parish, 4810 S. Leamington will attend a St. Valentine's Day "Youth Mass" on Feb. 14th at 7pm.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. For questions or to RSVP contact the parish office at (773) 582-2266 no later than February 13th.

The Youth Ministry Program meets on Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and offers teenagers a unique and comprehensive preparation in the areas of catechesis, prayer and worship, service and leadership.

### Candidate Forum For 15th Ward

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council will conduct an aldermanic candidate forum 15th Ward at Shields Elementary School, 4250 S. Rockwell on Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 5:30 p.m. Invited candidates are Rafael Yanes, Raymond A. Lopez, Adolfo Mondragon, Eddie L. Daniels, Raul O. Reyes, Otis Davis Jr., Raul Ventura, Sandra L. Mallory and Alberto Bocanegra.

Residents may ask the questions that matter most to them (lack of jobs, violence prevention, school programs and services, etc).

### STEM Program At Naval Academy

The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland will conduct a Summer Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Programs for 8th to 9th graders June 1st to 6th, 10th graders June 8th to 13th and 11th graders on June 15th to 19th.

The overnight program is designed for students in good academic standing. The cost is \$425 plus transportation to the Academy.

Applications will be accepted through April 15th. For more information, call (410) 293-1858.

### Free Course For GED and ESL

National Latino Education Institute has open enrollment for free GED and English as a Second Language courses.

The GED course has morning and afternoon start times and the ESL course is offered at four locations on the South Side.

Information sessions are conducted three times a week. To register, call (773) 247-0707.

## Scout Sunday At St. Gall Parish



On Sunday, Feb. 1st members of St. Gall Cub Scout Pack 3697 and Boy Scout Troop 697 along with their families celebrated Scout Sunday during 10.30 a.m. Mass with Pastor Gary Graf and special guests the Rev Monsignor Micheal Boland, President of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago; Alderman Edward Burke and State Senator Martin Sandoval. Several members of the Cub Scout Pack were presented Catholic religious awards, (Light of Christ) to Josiah Lopez, Marco Hernandez and Jose De La Garza. (Parvuli De Latin for Children of God) to Issaiah Lopez, Morgan Juarez, Joshua Pena and Jamie Davis. Following the Mass, Monsignor Boland blessed the Convent building which is the new home for Catholic Charities offices in the area. A reception was held after the dedication for guests and parishioners.



Pictured are Issaiah Lopez, recipient of Parvuli Dei; Josiah Lopez recipient Light of Christ, Rev Monsignor Michael Boland and Ed Melkonian, Asst Scout Master / Webelos Ldr.

### Promote Reading To Children 0-5

The Chicago Public Library has launched the "Take 20, Read Plenty" public awareness campaign to promote the importance of reading 20 minutes a day to children ages 0-5.

Research indicates that children are equipped with 100 billion neurons at birth, but pathways between the neurons are not yet established. Reading to children aids in strengthening those connections.

Moreover, the number of words a child is exposed to between the ages of zero and three are strong predictors of educational success and eventual economic stability.

Seminal research shows there is a thirty million word gap between families of lower and higher socioeconomic statuses, so children living in poverty tend to fall behind faster in their development and in school. Children need to hear at least 1,000 stories read aloud before they can learn to read themselves.

Each CPL location will have a reading nook in order to model the practice of reading aloud and to provide an atmosphere conducive to reading aloud.

### City Assistance For Caregiving

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Service offers a variety of programs and services for families who are caring for their older loved ones.

The following programs and services are available to informal caregivers: Counseling, Support Groups, Workshops and Lectures, Respite, Legal Assistance, Caregiver Corners and Case Management. Some programs do have additional assessment requirements. Most are free, however, a slight donation is often requested. A few programs do have a sliding fee scale based on income and asset levels.

Topics include counseling, support groups, workshops and lectures, respite, legal assistance, caregiver corners and case management.

For further information on caregiving, call (312) 744-4016

### Application For Health Coverage

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, provides free application assistance for Medicaid, Ride Free and License Plate Discount and Get Covered Illinois on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. through Feb. 9th.

Appointments are required at (312) 743-0493.

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## Viet Nam Moving Wall Ceremony



The American Legion Central Park Post #1028 Ritual Team was honored to participate in a ceremony for the Viet Nam Moving Wall which was hosted by the Berwyn Park District. In appreciation for their patriotism and service Jeffrey S. Janda executive director, presented post #1028 with an American flag that was flown over the moving wall. Post #1028 was also recognized as a commemorative partner in support of the Viet Nam War 50th Anniversary by the United States Department of Defense. Pictured are Wayne Parthun, Veterans chairman Berwyn; Ken McClory, Post 1028 event chairman; Commander Jack Carr; John Divizio and Berwyn Commissioner Frank Amaro, chairman of ceremonies and military liaison.

## Grammy Camp At DePaul University

34 female high school students received free, expert training in Songwriting, Electronic Music Production or Audio Engineering during the Best Buy Grammy Camp at DePaul University Loop Campus on Dec. 13th.

Approximately 50 other applicants were chosen from high schools city-wide, as well as after school programs, such as those offered by the Best Buy Teen Tech Center at

Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy and other Chicago City of Learning partner organizations like YOUmedia, Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, GlobalGirl Media, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and After School Matters.

Participants earned a digital badge, which shows the skills they achieved and is stored at ChicagoCityofLearning.org in portfolios that can be

shared with teachers or prospective employers.

The participants of this camp will have the chance to apply for a full scholarship to the summer residential Grammy Camp Program. Anyone interested in an immersive music industry summer experience is encouraged to apply to Grammy Camp at [www.grammyintheshools.com](http://www.grammyintheshools.com) before March 31st. For more information, call (312) 822-0505.

## Lipinski Opposes Trade Agreements

In his State of the Union Address, President Obama requested that Congress grant him Trade Promotion Authority - also known as fast-track authority - so that Congress would only be allowed an up-or-down vote on any trade agreement with no amendments. Unfortunately, Republicans seem ready, if not eager, to give the President this authority. But Congress has already ceded too much power to the executive and judicial branches, and Americans deserve more transparency and an opportunity for input, not less. It would be especially problematic for the American people - especially the middle class - if Congress gave up its authority when it comes to trade agreements, considering how harmful many of these deals have been to American workers over the past 20 years.

"Since NAFTA was signed, Illinois alone has lost 293,000 manufacturing jobs. These were quality jobs with high wages and good benefits that supported middle class families. Since that time, we've seen Democratic and Republican presidents continue to negotiate trade agreements with policies that have led to a soaring trade deficit, stagnant wages, and continued outsourcing.

"President Obama lobbied Congress to pass the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement a few years ago. We were promised 70,000 new jobs and soaring exports, but the cold reality is a loss of 60,000 in jobs in the past two years and a 25% increase in the manufactured goods trade deficit with Korea. Right now, the President is negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership with 11 major Asian countries that comprise 40% of the United States' goods trade. The United States already has a more than \$40 billion manufacturing trade deficit with these countries and past experience with trade deals indicate this could get much worse, costing more American jobs. Making matters worse, U.S. manufacturers, such as automakers and the steel industry, have serious concerns about currency manipulation by

Japan and others, which directly undercuts American jobs and export opportunities, and there's no assurance that the President's trade negotiators will fight to prevent this type of economic deceit in the trade pact.

"I've always said that American manufacturers are the best and most innovative globally, but they can't compete if we keep ramming through free trade agreements with countries that aren't



By Dan Lipinski (IL-3)

being held to a high standard and a level playing field. The passage of my bipartisan manufacturing strategy legislation last Congress was an important step forward for reinvigorating this sector, but even the passage of legislation like that doesn't change the reality that America's workers and businesses cannot prosper if our trade policies force them to compete with one hand tied behind their backs.

"That's why Congress needs to consider any trade agreement through regular order procedures that include real debate and the ability to offer amendments, not just one up or down vote on an agreement that was negotiated without transparency. Otherwise, we're just passing an agreement that repeats the mistakes of the past, putting Americans out of work, threatening our environment, weakening food standards, and lowering workers' rights globally."

## Open House at Kiddy Kare



Kiddy Kare Pre-School, 4401 and 4444 S. Kedzie, offers a variety of programs for children ages 13 months to 10 years. State assisted programs are offered for parents who qualify. For more information or to schedule a tour of the facilities, call (773) 247-6642.

## IDPH Observes Heart Month

February is American Heart Month and Illinois Department of Public Health Director Nirav D. Shah, M.D., J.D. encourages everyone to reduce their risk of heart disease and learn the warning signs of a heart attack.

The risk for developing heart disease depends on overall health, family history and health behaviors. While family history can't be changed, even modest changes to diet and lifestyle can improve heart health and lower the risk of heart disease by as much as 80 percent.

Basic actions to lower your risk of heart disease include: Get active and eat healthy, Watch your weight, Control your cholesterol and blood pressure, Don't smoke, If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.

Symptoms: Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. If someone shows signs of a heart attack, call 911.


To continue raising awareness of the significant role that heart disease plays in women's health, IDPH is encouraging Illinoisans to celebrate National Wear Red Day with Go Red For Women on Friday, Feb. 6th.

## African American History Month

Chicago Public Library is "Celebrating Diversity" during African American History Month by observing the culture, heritage, achievements and contributions of African Americans. The public is invited to visit branch locations to participate in a variety of free author programs, special events, film screenings, Story Times and more. For a complete listing of the Calendar of Events, including dates and locations, go to [chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org).

The opening program, presented by the Library's African American Services Committee, features Merri Dee, Chicago's own trailblazing television and

radio personality, discussing her memoir *Life Lessons & Grace* with Micah Materre, news anchor at WGN-TV. Born in Chicago, Merri Dee has served as a news anchor, talk-show host and disk-jockey. Her career path has also led her to become a celebrated author, motivational & inspirational speaker, and a fierce advocate for violence prevention. The free event takes place on Thursday, February 5 at 6 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. For more information, call (312) 747-4050.



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## Obituaries

**ANESTACIO FERRALEZ SR.**, U.S. Army veteran of WWII and longtime resident of Brighton Park passed away on Feb. 1st at the age of 92. He was the husband of the late Mary (nee Guerra); father of Dan, Rosemary, Anestacio Jr. (Donna), Natalie (Ed), Roy, Anita (Chuck), Ray (Dawn) and Joey; grandfather of 13 and great-grandfather of 8. Visitation will be held Sunday, Feb. 8th from 2 to 8 p.m. at Mount Auburn Funeral Home, 4101 S. Oak Park ave., Stickney. Funeral service will be held Monday, Feb. 9th at Five Holy Martyrs Church, 4327 S. Richmond for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Mount Auburn Memorial Park.

**DONALD R. KING** 76, U.S. Army veteran, of McKinley Park; brother of Zita (late John) Golden, Mary D. (late Thomas) Oates, late George D. and Jack C. King and late Margaret Hermann. Memorial Mass was celebrated Jan. 31st at Blessed Sacrament (Our Lady of Good Counsel Church). Arrangements were entrusted to Suerth Funeral Home.

**SUSAN PACOUREK** passed away on Jan. 31st at the age of 92. She was the wife of late Thomas Pacourek; mother of Carlann (Richard) Sterndorf and Kimberly (Bill) Goebel; step-mother of Robert (Michelle) Pacourek, late Thomas (Peggy) Pacourek, late Donald (Lois) Pacourek, and late Doris (Bud) Borchardt; grandmother of Lori, Kerri and Eric. Preceded in death by a sister, Mary Truban and brothers, John and Andrew Smado. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, Feb. 5th, 9:30 a.m. at St. Gerald Church, 9349 S. Central ave. Arrangements by Central Chapel.

**SANDRA SUE SNURA** of Sturgis, Michigan passed away on Dec. 27th at the age of 63. She was born Dec. 23rd, 1951 in Chicago to the late James & Susan (Pyznarski) Guadagnola. Sandra lived most of her life in Brighton Park, attended Burroughs Elementary School and Kelly High school.

Surviving are her children Georgina (Marcus) Dreger of Constantine, MI. and Jamien (Rita) Panfil of Oak Forest; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren and a brother James (Donna) Guadagnola of Blue Island. She was preceded in death by her parents.

**PEDRO ROMERO VARGAS** of Archer Heights passed away on Jan. 28th at the age of 92. He was the husband of late Macrina Arroyo; father of Angel (Lourdes), Antonio (Guadalupe), Francisco (Rosa), German (Leonor), Celina (Able) Segura, Hector, Rosario (Tobias) Palomino, Guadalupe, Jose Juan (Irma), Marisela (Juan) Gutierrez, and Gloria (Cleodito) Molina; grandfather of 34; great grandfather and great-great grandfather of many; brother of Luis, Manuel, Salvador, Petra, Francisca, late Jose, late Vincenta and late Dolores. Visitation was Feb. 2nd at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd. Interment was at Saint Martin Cemetery in Maravatio Michoacan, Mexico.

## Applications For Benefit Program

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer, is offering appointments to apply for All Kids, Medicaid and SNAP benefits.

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