

2nd Dist. Candidate For State Representative



Dr. T. MAH

Dr. Theresa Mah is candidate for State Representative in the 2nd District of the Illinois State Legislature, a district that includes portions of Bridgeport, Chinatown, Pilsen and McKinley Park.

A former college professor with a PhD in American History and teaching experience in history and ethnic studies, she first came to Chicago for graduate studies at the University of Chicago over 20 years ago. She has been a homeowner and resident in McKinley Park for almost 10 years.

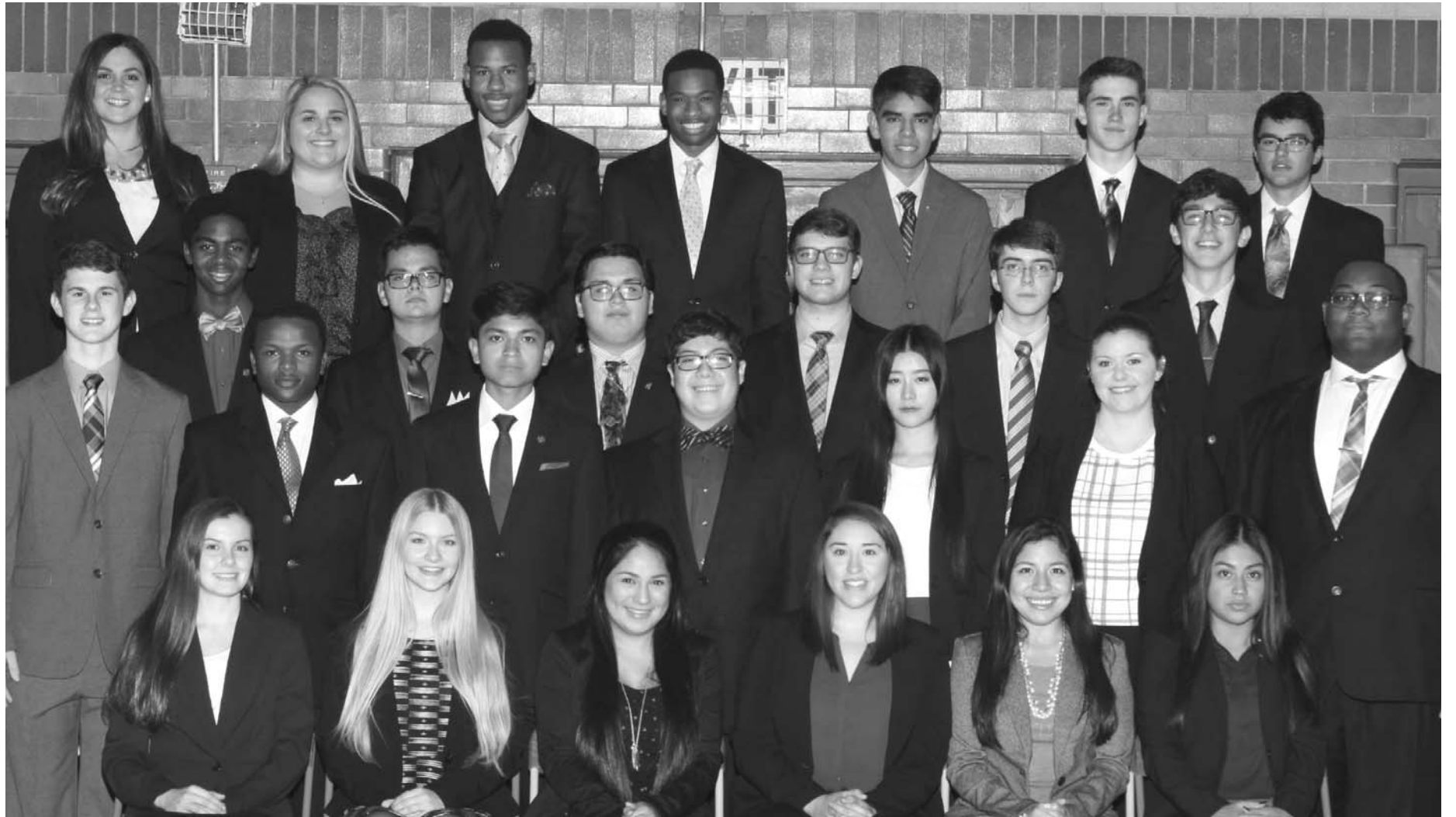
As a senior advisor in Governor Pat Quinn's administration, Dr. Mah gained insight and experience in state government while working with legislators, cabinet members and co-workers to improve diversity and minority representation.

She worked with advocacy groups on issues such as immigrant rights, voting rights and language access.

Prior to her position in the Governor's office, she spent several years working in the area of immigrant rights, initially with the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and then in the Chinatown community to improve the conditions, community resources, access to elected officials, and voting power of the immigrant community. Working with a coalition of community organizations that made up the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community, she was instrumental in efforts to increase voter registration, education and turnout; increasing the voting power of the Chinese American community through redistricting; advocating for a new Chinatown library and field house; preventing the closure of the Chinatown Post Office; and urging community members to become more involved in lobbying their elected officials on various issues.

Dr. Mah currently serves on the UIC Task Force, is an elected Community Representative on the Local School Council at Kelly High School, is co-founder of the Bridgeport Alliance, served on the Advisory Board of the Chinese-American Museum of Chicago, and is a member of the McKinley Park Progressive Alliance.

De La Salle Institute Inducts National Honor Society Members



De La Salle Institute, 3434 S. Michigan ave. announces that it has inducted 27 students into the Brother J. Richard Rush, FSC, Chapter of the National Honor Society. Pictured in front row are: Allison Galvin, Kaitlyn Truty, Karina Utreras, Maribel Estrada, Serena Fernandez and Johmayra Matute. Second row: Matthew Carroll, Justin Jackson, Eduardo Ramirez, Juan Ramos, Yucen Han, Colleen Barnotes and Daniel Berry. Third row: Shiloh Boston, Joshua Annicks, Dimitri Villalobos, Bryan Bachleda, Jack Mills and Maximino Castillo. Fourth row: Casey Barringer, Morgan Billa, Nathan Dancy, Charles Montgomery, Luis Rogel, Peter Zaja and Frederick Ziemianin. Not pictured is Jonathan Quigley.

Schools, the Ultimate Soft Target



BY: DR. R. PLETSCHE

Soft target seems to be the phrase of the day. In short, it means a place where the most damage can be done with the least possibility of failure. It's like watching an accident waiting to happen. Several institutions I am aware of have started or least planning "active shooter" scenarios in their buildings. Most of us realize the complex in San Bernadino had these and maybe it did save some lives. It is too early to tell and I will not name those I know are starting these drills.

The Chicago Public Schools do have a program set forth that we, as principals, called our code red drills. These drills are good as a minimum and some feel okay because if you follow the protocol you would not be held personally responsible. But what about morally? If there was more that you could do as a staff member or principal. You can always hope for the best but prepare for the worst. No set of directives from a central administration can possibly cover all the differences in all the schools our children attend. Only people who deal with a building daily could plan on proper evacuation or lock-down. Every school has a different number of exits, some of which are not safe to use. One building I was principal at had an exit that went into a chained in area; outsiders would not have known about this.

Parents must toe the line between safety and making our children worry too much. I believe that all parents should arrange with their children an emergency meeting place, should pick a neighbor or friend who is home during the school day that is not worried about their own children in school who would be able to guide and protect

your children in your absence. Police have told me that in large scale emergencies, cell phones can become overloaded and be of no or little help. You must develop the confidence in your principal to have the staff prepared to follow protocol and to consider themselves as a parent of the kids in front of them and, in turn, trust their own children to the teachers they are in front of.

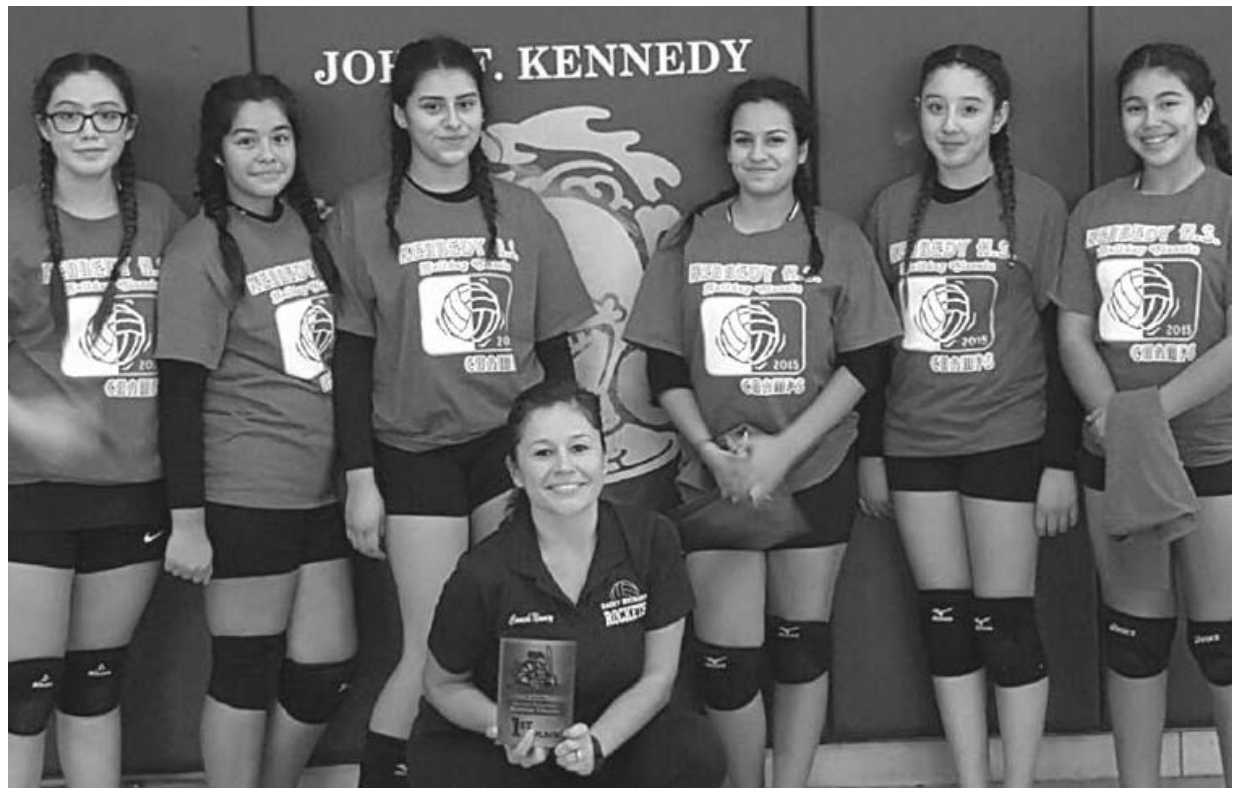
Security officers in the schools are very few because they cost too much. Some principals have used their funds to hire off-duty Chicago Police officers and, of course, these officers are armed and trained. But in a short survey of neighborhood schools, very few have this. Most have well-meaning nice men and women who get to wear a blue shirt, but can do nothing when confronted with arms. It has been pointed out by security experts that when these people always sit in the same location, they are the first targets.

The teachers remember for all intents and purposes, in an emergency you become the mom and dad. Take drills seriously and if you see a problem, react don't watch. I heard one news reporter state the odds of being a victim of a terrorist is greater than the odds of being struck by lightning, and I doubt that you want to run around outside in a thunderstorm. It is better to over-think and hopefully later laugh at it, than to attend funerals.

Toys For Kids In 12th Ward

12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas will conduct his annual Toys for Kids celebration at the True Value Club, 2950 W. 25th st. on Monday, Dec. 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ward residents may bring children ages 10 and under to receive a free toy. Santa will pose for pictures with children and adults. Donations for the Chicagoland Toys for Kids drive will be accepted at the 12th Ward Service Office, 3476 S. Archer, Grandpa's Delight, 2025 W. 35th st.; El Rey, 4157 S. California; Lindy's Chili, 3685 S. Archer; Wm. McKinley Post #231 at 1954 W. 35th st. and L.A. Fitness, 2620 W. Pershing road. For more information, call (773) 523-8250.

St. Richard Wins Volleyball Tourney



Kennedy High School conducted its Holiday Classic Volleyball Tournament for female students in 7th to 9th grade in Dec. 5th. Schools participating included Mark Twain (7th and 8th grade), Byrne (7th and 8th grade), St. Mary Star of the Sea (8th grade), St. Bruno (8th grade), St. Richard (8th grade), and Kennedy High School (freshmen). St. Richard beat the Byrne 8th grade team within the first two sets to win the championship title. Team members are Sophia Aguilar, Tianna Cruz, Valeria Galindo, Miranda Morales, Leslie Gimenez, Kayla Sanchez and Coach Nancy Sanchez.

Christmas Display At Science Museum

The 74th annual Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light at the Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore drive will run through January 3rd.

This exhibit began as a United Nations Day salute to the Allies during World War II. Guests will enjoy more than 50 trees and displays decorated by volunteers from Chicago's ethnic communities to reflect their diverse culture and holiday customs. The 45-foot grand tree will be decked out with more than 30,000 twinkling lights and hundreds of ornaments and festive trimmings.

A mix of festive holiday tunes will play

Midway Choir Offers Concert

The Midway Community Choir will present its annual Winter Concert at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 5550 S. Merrimac on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 3 p.m. Admission is free, and donations may be made to support the choir. The afternoon will conclude with snacks in fellowship hall. For more information, contact Joanne McGriff at (773) 585-1094.

throughout the Rotunda; "snow" falls every half hour; and on the weekends and select weekdays, guests can enjoy performances of various ethnic dance and choral groups on the Holiday Stage.

Santa Claus will appear for photos from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Saturdays and Sundays through December 20th.

Advisory Council At Kelly Park

The Kelly Park Advisory Council will conduct its monthly meeting at the fieldhouse, 41st and California on Monday, Dec. 14th at 6:30 p.m.

There will be an update on fundraising efforts, ideas for Spring activities and the opportunity to meet new supervisor Don Serlo.

Holiday Concerts At Library Center

The Chicago Public Library will present a free Holiday Concert Series at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on select weekdays at 12:15 p.m.

The performers include the Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra and Chorus on Thursday, Dec. 10th; 100th Anniversary celebration of Frank Sinatra's birth on Monday, Dec. 14th; Walter Payton College Prep High School Choir on Tues-

day, Dec. 15th; Columbia college Chamber Choir on Wednesday, Dec. 16th and Robert Morris University Concert Choir on Thursday, Dec. 17th. For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

Advent Service

Blessed Sacrament Parish of McKinley Park will conduct Advent Christmas Reconciliation Service at Saints Peter & Paul Church, 3745 S. Paulina on Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 7 p.m.

ISAC Announces State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announces the names of the 2016-17 Illinois State Scholars who possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank. State Scholars rank in approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors, representing 652 high schools across the state.

Congratulatory letters have been sent to honorees, and the agency has provided personalized Certificates of Achievement to each high school for distribution. While this recognition does not include a monetary prize, scholars are encouraged to cite the honor on applications for college admission and scholarships.

ISAC encourages students interested in attending college next fall to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible after Jan. 1st to determine eligibility for federal and state aid. ISAC offers free financial aid and college access events to assist students and families with the college-going process. Students can also visit the ISAC website and in particular the new ISAC Student Portal for college planning, financial aid and financial literacy information and free tools.

State Scholars from Curie Metropolitan High School are: Juan Abarca, Janet Armas, Liliana Armas, Raymond Barragan, Patrycja Budzyk, Paloma Camarena, Diana Castro-Ramirez, Mulan Chen, Cauria Duarte, Daisy Evariz, Monica Fernandez, Eduardo Gonzalez, Brian

Hernandez, Josemanuel Hernandez, Yasmeen Hernandez, Jasmin Lopez, Yesenia Martinez, Sherry Mel, Rene Munoz-Baltazar, Obed Ortega, Jocelyn Pacheco, Guadalupe Perez, Jai-lene Rodriguez, Nykia Rutledge, Diana Saucedo, Julia Stasik, Steve Tenorio, Jennifer Valdez, Stephanie Valencia, Gisel Vazquez, Fernando Vega, Zhibin Ye and Ariel Zaker-Nunez.

State Scholars from Kelly High School are: Zhuo Cao, Jie Chen, Vanessa Cheng, Kevin Fong, Yajaira Gallegos, Michael Hu, Heather Lee, Lariza Martinez, Peter Mei, Moises Pena, Wilson Ruan, Maximiliano Vazquez, Manuel Villegas, Cheng Wu, Jessica Wu, Jia Yi Wu, Jiaci Wu, Jing Wu, Peng Wu and Wenao Wu.

De La Salle East: Bradford Bingham, Francisco Carreon, Aaron Funes, Jonathan Quigley, Rayes Weems and James Wilson-Schutter.

De La Salle Institute West: Kaitlin Biondo, Olivia Garcia, Guadalupe Godinez and Crystal Padilla.

John F. Kennedy High School: Denisse Alvarez, Anisa Codamon, Joanna Czopek, Jorge Heredia, Steven Hernandez, Miriam Larios, Mary Lotesto, Izzabelle Murillo, Emilia Niensajdl, Kathy Podobinska, Lucas Thomas, Alexis Torres, Natalia Turza, Claire Tzyznik and Cesar Zuniga.

John Hancock High School: Iridiana Magana, Susana Ortega, Liliann Rosas, Alexis Salto and Giselle Villalobos.

Scholarships To Cornell College

Students from around the United States have earned scholarships from Cornell College of Mount Vernon, Iowa and were admitted for the Fall 2016 semester.

Local recipients are Karen Diazdeleon (60609), Presidential Scholarship; Krystal Pena (60609) Founders Scholarship; Jesus Ruiz (60632) Presidential Scholarship and Joseph Witek (60638) Dean's Scholarship.

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Enrollment For LIHEAP Now Open

Nicor Gas reminds customers who may be eligible for financial assistance to take advantage of funds that could help offset winter heating costs. The enrollment period for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is open to the general public.

Administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, LIHEAP is a federal block grant that provides resources to states to help low-income families meet their energy needs. The program, which provides heating

assistance to low- and fixed-income residents, including working families with young children and senior citizens, allows a one-time annual payment to help offset energy costs. For more information about or to locate an application agency, call (877) 411-9276.

The Nicor Gas Sharing Program provides one-time annual grants to qualified residential customers. Administered by the Salvation Army, the Sharing Program is funded by contributions from Nicor Gas' customers and employees.

The Nicor Gas Budget Plan helps minimize "peaks and valleys" in natural gas bills, making household budgeting much easier. Customers pay a consistent amount every month for a 12-month period - allowing customers to build up a credit balance to help offset winter bills that may be higher due to increased usage.

For more information, visit www.nicorgas.com.

Spanish Mass At St. Richard

St. Richard Parish, 5030 S. Kostner, will commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, Dec. 11th with the Children's Choir and Folkloric Dance at 10 p.m., Holy Rosary and songs with Mariachi at 11 p.m. and Mass of the Roses officiated by Bishop Rojas at midnight.

Order of the Arrow 100th Anniversary



On Dec 2nd, St. Jane de Chantel Boy Scout Troop 671 held a gathering for their members who belonged to the Gete Manitou Chapter of the Order of the Arrow Owasippe Lodge 7 to observe its 100th anniversary. The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society founded in 1915 by Dr. E. Umer Goodman, who wanted some definite form of recognition for those Scouts who exemplified the spirit of the scout oath and law in their daily lives. Dr. E. Umer Goodman. Members rededicated themselves to brotherhood, cheerfulness and service followed by fellowship and refreshments. Pictured in front row are: Dan Murphy, Mike Murphy, Ed Melkonian, Sam Dacanay (past Chapter Chief), Robert Murillo, Phil Hahn and Sean Murphy. Back row: Jerry Soukal, Dan Dacanay (Scoutmaster) and Anthony Murillo. Any boy ages 7 to 17 interested in Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825.

Seek Elected School Board

State Rep. Silvana Tabares is leading an effort on elected representatives school board in Chicago by meeting with local school and community groups and launching a petition drive to give families a voice in their children's education.

She is walking door-to-door to gather signatures in support of House Bill 4268, which creates an elected Chicago school board comprised of 13 members elected from four regions for four-year terms. To sign her online petition, visit www.bit.ly/electedschoolboard-tabares.

For more information, call (773) 522-1315.

Holiday Art Show In Bucktown



The 17th Annual Bucktown Holiday Art Show will be staged at Holstein Park Fieldhouse, 2200 N. Oakley on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12th and 13th from noon to 5 p.m.

100 artists will be offering handmade works in photography, ceramics, jewelry, paintings, clothing and accessories, and

more. Just west of the Kennedy Expressway-exit Fullerton ave., go west one block to Oakley and then south two blocks to the Fieldhouse. There is free parking on residential streets. Or, take the El to Western ave. on the Blue Line, walk north to Palmer st., and two blocks east to the Fieldhouse. Many buses stop within walking distance--Fullerton ave., Western ave., Armitage ave., or Damen ave. buses.

A live DJ will spin holiday tunes. A Silent Auction will benefit SNOW CITY ARTS

Go to www.Bucktown-Promotions.com for more information or to download a free admission pass.

Santa Breakfast At Rhine VFW

Rhine VFW Post #2729 & Auxiliary, 5858 S. Archer, invite all to have Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus on Sunday, Dec. 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are gifts for kids and raffles. Bring your cameras, Santa will be available.

Proceeds will benefit Various VFW programs. Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children aged 3 to 8. Under age 3 are free. Parking is available across from the post on the west end only.

For more information, call (773) 284-9025.

Collection For Food Pantry

12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas, 3476 S. Archer is collaborating with Blessed Sacrament Parish to collect donations for the food pantry at St. Maurice Rectory, 3617 S. Hoyne.

75 families utilize the pantry twice a month plus 2 emergency pantries. This month's requested item is breakfast cereal. Donations may be brought to St. Maurice Rectory or the 12th Ward Service Office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (773) 523-8250.

Santa Breakfast At St. Richard

St. Richard Parish, 5030 S. Kostner, will host Breakfast with Santa and Santa's Secret Workshop on Sunday, Dec. 20th from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast at \$6 for adults and \$4 for children includes eggs, sausage, pancakes and choice of juice, coffee and milk.

Children can have their picture taken with Santa for \$3. Santa's Secret Workshop will offer a holiday shopping experience for children with items for \$1 to \$10. Everyone is welcome.

Free Day At Field Museum

Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore drive is offering the final free admission day of 2015 on Dec. 13th.

The facility is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas Day. Final admission is at 4 p.m.

Anointing Of The Sick Mass

St. Richard Parish, 5030 S. Kostner, will offer a Sacrament of Anointing Mass on Saturday, Dec. 19th at 11 a.m. All are welcome, especially those who are sick or suffering in any way: mind, body or spirit.

Father Krzysztof Janczak will anoint all in need to bring spiritual and physical strength. Anyone in need of support of the Sacrament of Anointing, and cannot attend the Mass, may contact the Parish Office at (773) 585-1221.

Quiet Study

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., offers quiet study night on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Laptops and beverages are allowed, no cell phones. Registration is required at the front desk.

IDPH Urges Flu Shots

The Illinois Department of Public Health urges anyone who has not yet received flu vaccine to get it as soon as possible. This week is National Influenza Vaccination Week (Dec. 6th to 10th) a national observance to highlight the importance of continuing vaccination. While many people typically get the flu vaccine in early fall, flu activity usually peaks between December and February.

In addition to getting a flu shot, IDPH recommends following the 3 C's: clean, cover, and contain. Clean - frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water. Cover - cover your cough

and sneeze. Contain - contain your germs by staying home if you are sick. Influenza antiviral drugs can be a second line of defense for treatment of some who get sick with flu and can lessen the duration and severity of symptoms.

Meditation Class At Daley Library

The Chicago Public Library will conduct a meditation class at the Richard M. Daley Branch Library, 3400 S. Halsted on Monday, Dec. 28th at 4 p.m.

The family program features stress relief and a nutritional component.

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Nominations For Golden Apple Award

Golden Apple is accepting nominations for the 2016 Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award.

The 2016 Golden Apple Awards will recognize 10 full-time teachers in grade 9-12 classrooms, and the Golder Award will spotlight one principal or head of school at a public or private school. All nominees must be educators within Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry or Will counties.

Administrators, teachers, counselors, parents and students are invited to nominate an outstanding high school teacher and/or school principal who has made a significant difference to students and the school community.

Nomination forms are available online, (Golden Apple Award and Golder Award) and are due by Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 2016.

Each Golden Apple Award recipient receives a tuition-free, spring quarter sabbatical to study at Northwestern University and a \$5,000 cash award. Recipients also become Lifetime Fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators.

To be eligible for the Golder Award, candidates must have served as a principal or head of school at one or more public or non-public schools for five or more consecutive school years. Recipients receive a cash award of \$10,000 — \$2,000 to be used for their own personal professional development, and \$8,000 for a school project of their choosing.

Recipients of the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching and The Stanley C. Golder Award are notified during surprise visits to their schools in the spring. They will be recognized at the Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Leadership annual event in the fall of 2016 and during the broadcast of the televised show on WTTW/Channel 11.

Applications For Benefit Program

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer has certified representatives to assist with application for the medical card or Illinois Link Card.

Required documents are Social Security cards; proof of income (last 30 days); State ID or drivers license; permanent resident card, certificate of naturalization, birth certificate or passport.

Gross monthly income guideline for one person is \$1,276 with \$450 month for each additional family member.

Appointments are required with Lupe Roque, Elizabeth Tellez or Lilliana Almazan at (773) 523-7110.

Newspaper Talk At Library Ctr.

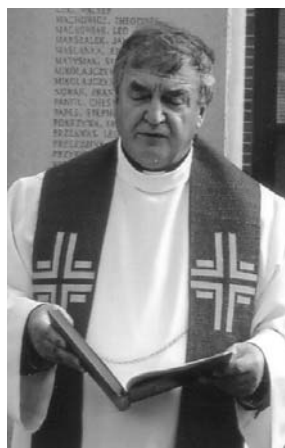
Michael Conklin will discuss Chicago newspapers and their contribution to American Culture at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. on Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-4300.

CWV Post 500 Observes Veteran's Day



Five Holy Martyrs Catholic War Vets Post 500 held a commemoration service at the monument in front of the Richmond School Building on Nov. 11th. 3rd and 4th grade students attended the ceremony to honor the living veterans and to pray for the repose of the souls of deceased veterans. Pastor Fr. Tomasz Sielicki led the prayer service, there was a question and answer period with the veterans and 8th grade student Joseph Mercado read his letter to the veterans which acknowledged their sacrifice and bravery. Veterans pictured in 2nd row are: Richard Cerniak, Raymond Flores, Joseph Bobek, Chester Rybak and Sylvester Majka. Standing is Larry Kulik.



Fr. Tomasz Sielicki



Joseph Mercado

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo' will stage its 34th annual Holiday Magic festival on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 12th-13th, 19th-20th, and 26th-27th plus Dec. 28th-31st from 4 until 9 p.m. Guests can enjoy Chicagoland's largest lights festival, featuring more than one million twinkling LED lights illuminating the zoo's walkways, the new Polar Lights, nearly 550 trees decorated by local community organizations and corporations, singing to the animals, professional ice-carving demonstrations, Zoo Chats, photos opportunities with animals, live entertainment, a 41-foot talking tree, and a model railroad display.

On the West Mall, guests can color the sky with the new Polar Lights, an interactive light extravaganza with accompanying music. Zoogoers may activate and control the color and shape of 30 moving lights. Four pixel-mapped LED trees are capable of generating patterns with thousands of colors.

The East Mall will feature Tic-Tac-Snow, a new interactive board light display that guests can play, polar bears and penguins replace X's and O's. Santa and Mrs.

Claus will be available for photo opportunities and to hear everyone's wish list in the Underwater Viewing Gallery at Seven Seas through Dec. 20th.

Many of the animal exhibits will remain open until 8 p.m. during Holiday Magic, including Hamill Family Wild Encounters (parakeet habitat will be closed), Tropic World, The Living Coast, Big Cats, Great Bear Wilderness, The Fragile Kingdom, The Swamp, Feathers and Scales, Birds and Reptiles, and Hamill Family Play Zoo. There will also be a 6 p.m. Dolphins In Action each night. Additionally, guests can join carolers to sing seasonal songs to the big cats, bears, and reindeer and can learn about their favorite animals from animal care staff at special Zoo Chats held each evening.

At the Holly Jolly Theater, guests can enjoy live entertainment that will take place each night between 5 and 9 p.m. There will also be magicians, a model railroad display, costumed characters, and professional ice carvers, who will create frozen works of art from giant blocks of ice. Plus, the exterior of the Swamp exhibit will be illuminated with the Holiday Lights Spectacular featuring a "video-mapping" light show.

The zoo's restaurants and food stands will be open for standard menu items as well as holiday favorites.

Holiday Magic comes to a celebratory end on Thursday, Dec. 31st, when everyone is invited to ring in the New Year. A DJ will have the Holly Jolly Theater rockin' and rollin' with music, fun games, party favors, prizes, and more beginning at 6:00 p.m. and culminating with an early countdown at 8 p.m. Families with younger children can head to Hamill Family Play Zoo, where kids can make noisemakers and enjoy an early kid-friendly countdown at 8 p.m.

Alumni Hockey For De La Salle

De La Salle Institute will be hosting its first annual Alumni Hockey Game on Saturday, Dec. 12th from 5:30 - 6:40 p.m. at Johnny's Ice House East, 1350 W. Madison St. The fee of \$50 covers a jersey and the game. For more information or to RSVP, contact hockey coach John Wallin at (312) 842-7355, ext. 123.

M-P Civic Assn. Invites Members

The McKinley Park Civic Association has begun a Membership Drive to attract neighbors and new residents to one of the area's leading neighborhood associations. For over 40 years, they have planned and coordinated the annual Memorial Day Parade, discuss neighborhood business initiatives, review plans of potential new businesses, create neighborhood beautification projects and hold their annual Educators Benefit. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th St. at 6:30 p.m. During the drive membership dues are \$5 with buy one,

get one free. Every month there's a prize for best attendance as well.

Holiday Show At Shedd Aquarium

Shedd Aquarium will celebrate an aquatic show Holiday One World on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 20th and daily Dec. 21st through Jan. 2nd except Dec. 25th.

The multi-species show features marine mammals showcasing their natural behaviors set to a celebratory soundtrack.

For more information, call (312) 939-2438.

Obituaries

LUCILE J. BINKLEY (nee Truckenbrodt) 93, wife of late Robert; mother of Carolyn (Donald) Voegtlin, Sharon (Robert) Voegtlin, and late Raymond; grandmother of 9; great-grandmother of 13; sister of Dolph (Candace) Truckenbrodt. Visitation and funeral services were held Dec. 8th at Bethany Baptist Church, Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Wollschlaeger Funeral Home.

Janet (Vincent) Rodriguez, Mark (Nadica) and Daniel (Elaine), grandfather of 7 and great-grandfather of 10; brother of Carole (late Kenneth) Gierloff, Loren, Vicich, Diane (late John Daley and late Leo Milashaski) Daley Milashaski and late Mary (late George) Andretich; son of late John & Julia Vicich. Bob was a long time butcher at Van's Finer Foods in Brighton Park and later served as a funeral livery driver. Funeral services were held Dec. 5th from Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home to St. Terrence Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

HELEN M. RZEPKA (nee Sury) formerly of Archer Heights passed away on Nov. 30th at the age of 89. She was the wife of late Chester Rzepka; mother of Cynthia (Mike) Lotz; grandmother of Michelle (Matthew) Lotz-Palcer, Kevin and Michael Lotz; great-grandmother of Ellery and Evelyn; predeceased by two brothers and two sisters.

Visitation and chapel services were held Dec. 4th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

ROBERT N. VICICH age 80, husband of late Noreen (nee Enright); father of Robert (Debbie),

Lira Singers Offer Concert

The Lira Singers and Symphony will present a performance of Polish & American Carols at St. Mary of the Angels Church, 1850 N. Hermitage on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 3 p.m.

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