

**Pearl Harbor**



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The words Pearl Harbor bring about many thoughts. But it continues today to tell the story of the American Spirit. One of the many sad stories of that attack was the sinking of the USS Oklahoma. Many of you have seen movies about the attack. The Oklahoma was the ship hit by torpedoes and was capsized and a desperate effort was made to save sailors and marines who were trapped in the upside down ship as welders unsuccessfully tried to cut holes into the hull. The official total of those killed on the Oklahoma was 429. Of those about 35 were almost immediately identified. The rest were buried in The National Memorial Cemetery in the Pacific, which is in an extinct volcano crater in

Honolulu. With the present day ability of forensic scientist and their work with DNA about 388 of those that died on The Oklahoma are being exhumed from 46 plots in that cemetery in hopes to identify as many as possible. This is one of those intangibles that Americans expect. "We leave no one behind". While this is not always possible, there are always those trying to complete this pledge. There are still people trying to identify remains in Viet Nam. It has recently been reported that these forensic scientists have identified about 100 that were killed in the USS Oklahoma. After the families have been notified they have the opportunity to bring back the remains to a location of the families' choosing. The process is one of great solemnity and respect. Our young ones should realize that this "grateful nation" goes on forever. Just a note on this 76th anniversary of The Day of Infamy, about 2400 died at Pearl Harbor with about 1200 on the USS Arizona and 400 on the USS Oklahoma. If you go to Hawaii, you should, as do most Americans and Japanese, pay the respect at Pearl. We, as a family, have visited American military cemeteries in Italy and Normandy. I hope I taught my children well. They are great places to pray for peace.

**State Scholars At De La Salle Institute**



De La Salle Institute announces that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission has designated 17 of senior students as 2018-19 Illinois State Scholars. Front Row: Christine Pierre; Aaron Galka; Grace Wozniak; Cameron White; Brittany Miller; Nataly Montiel; Reeanne Nyden and Kevin Wang. Back row: Shaun LeVine; Charles Webber; Simon Hernandez; Gabriel Garcia; Dakota Biliskov; Tiffany Haep; Yan Sun and Hankai Xing. Not shown is Max Masquelier.

**Sones de Mexico Plans Gala Event**

Sones de México Ensemble, will celebrate 23 years in service of Mexican music and culture at the National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st., on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 6 p.m. The gala event, titled *¡Que Florezca! (Let it Bloom)* after their first album, will take as its theme the creative blossoming of the organization as a champion of Mexican folk music and culture.

"Flowers have a symbolic meaning in Mexican culture," adds Juan Dies, co-founder and executive director of Sones de México. "They represent a compliment, poetry and song, love, youth, fertility, death and rebirth." Henry Roa and his late wife Juanita of Brighton Park have long been advocates of Mexican folk music and dance in Chicago. The couple will be presented with Sones de México's first ever Keepers of Culture Award for a lifetime of service to Chicago's Mexican-American community that included a role in the development of seminal organizations like Cuerdas Clásicas and the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago. Mr. Roa has served on Sones de México's Board of

Directors since 1998. The silent auction will include such rare items as a vintage *guitarrron* built by luthier Roberto Morales, a signed and numbered print by Mexican muralist David Alfaro Siqueiros, and a 5-night stay at a private three bedroom home in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. For those who can't attend the gala, supporters may bid on items in advance online at [sonesdemexico.com/auction](http://sonesdemexico.com/auction).

A 5-course menu will be created by Chef Dudley Nieto, with each course utilizing flower essences from Mexico and inspired by the four themes that Sones de México Ensemble used in structuring the *¡Que Florezca!* album: Concheros, Huapango, Mariachi and Negritude. Each symbolizes the three major ethnic contributions to Mexican culture. The evening will conclude with an intimate recital by Sones de México Ensemble. For more information, visit [www.sonesdemexico.com](http://www.sonesdemexico.com).

**Civic Meeting In Archer Heights**

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct a general membership meeting at UNO Veterans Memorial School cafeteria, 47th and Kildare on Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Steve Schlike, IDOT Consultant Studies Unit Head, along with IDOT 1-55 Managed Lane Team Members will present the revised project. They will have detailed six foot maps that clearly show how the toll lanes will be laid out along the entire route.

**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. 10th at 3 p.m.

Admission is free and donations may be made to support the choir. Tasty snacks will follow. For more information, contact Joanne McGriff at (773) 585-1094.

**Mexican Music At Libraries**

The Chicago Public Library will present holiday performances by Cielito Lindo Family Folk Music at the Little Village Branch on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 3 p.m. and Chicago Lawn Branch on Saturday, Dec. 30th at 1 p.m. The family group of ages 10-14 will sing and play guitar, vihuela, guitarrron and trumpet.

**Aquinas Literacy Center Needs Volunteers**



Aquinas Literacy Center, 1715 W. 35th st., needs volunteer tutors to address the need of adult education in English as a Second Language. All instruction is one-on-one for 90 minutes per week and training is provided. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English. The next Tutor Training Workshop is scheduled for: Friday, Jan. 26th (6 p.m. - 9 p.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 27th (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Tutors must attend both days for certification. For more information, contact Sabrina Poulin, Volunteer Coordinator, at (773) 927-0512 or email her at [Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org](mailto: Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org). 18 volunteer tutors recently completed their training. Pictured in front row are: Mary Orndorff, Arica Brazil, Kevin Bautista, Sr. Gemma Pepera and Haley Jones. 2nd row - Chuck Oliva, Americo Ochoa, Tom Novak and David Chambers. 3rd row - Adriana Mora, Ryan Ott and Reggie Williams-Rolle. 4th row - Erica Ramos and Aisha Fatima. 5th row - Colleen Savory and Jermaine Wiley. 6th Row - Mary Heintz and Sara Carr-Legg.

**Guest Speaker For FHM Holy Name**

The Five Holy Martyrs Holy Name of Jesus Society will conduct its monthly meeting after attending 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Deborah Coffey of Pope John Paul II School. An educator for over ten years, she spent the past eight years as a teacher and administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago. She earned her Bachelors degrees in English and Theatre Arts from Eastern Illinois University and began her career in education as a high school teacher; then moved to the junior high level in the subjects of English/Language Arts and Religion.

A Masters degree in Educational Leadership was received from Loyola University Chicago in 2016 as a part of the Catholic Educator Cohort supported by the Archdiocese of Catholic Schools, Andrew M. Greeley Center for Catholic Education at Loyola. Mrs. Coffey was chosen for the highly selective two-year Center for Transformational Edu-



MRS. D. COFFEY

ational Leadership Program at Notre Dame. The program focuses on professional development for leaders of urban Christ-centered schools and is built around best practices found in the highest performing schools in the country and supporting leaders as they implement these practices in their schools.

**Support Group At Gunsaulus Academy**

Amigos de Gunsaulus, a non-profit organization dedicated to generating funds to increase the educational opportunities at Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy, 4420 S. Sacramento will conduct a kick-off event on Friday, Dec. 8th at 10 a.m.

Founders Karla Espinoza, Ruth Chavez, Laura Patino and Veronica Cornejo; Principal Fernando Kim, 15th Ward Alderman Raymond Lopez, parents, staff and community members will participate. The Brighton Park magnet school, serves pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

"Last May, we were able to send ten students from Earle STEM Academy to a national chess tournament in

Nashville, because of a partnership we built with Southwest Airlines," said Ald. Lopez. "I am honored to join in this endeavor that seeks to raise \$100,000 a year for school trips, educational programming, music and arts programs."

For more information, visit [amigosdegunsaulus@gmail.com](mailto:amigosdegunsaulus@gmail.com).

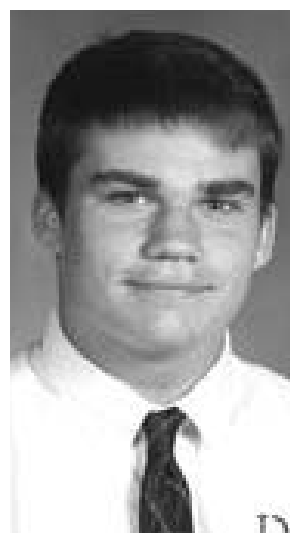
**Ice Skating At Maggie Daley Park**

The ice ribbon at Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph is now open. Admission is free, skate rental is available. Hours are Sunday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Monday to Thursday, 12-8 p.m.; Friday, 12 - 10 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Football Honors For DeLaSalle**



A. RIVERA



J. GUTTILLO

De La Salle Institute announces that the following members of its varsity football team have been honored for their achievements during the 2017 season.

Chosen to the 2017 All-Chicago Catholic League Green Division First Team were offensive/defensive lineman Nick Boehm; linebacker Joseph Bonds; tight end/defensive end Mike Coates; linebacker Dominee Daniels; defensive end Steven Hawthorne; wide receiver Frank Ramundo and quarterback Robert Simental.

Boehm was chosen the co-Most Valuable Offensive Player in the CCL Green, while Bonds was lauded as the co-Most Valuable Defensive Player in the CCL Green.

Named to the All-CCL Green Division Second Team were offensive lineman JaVion Caldwell; wide receiver Tommy Coates; linebacker/defensive lineman Jim Guttillo; defensive back Byron Perkins; offensive lineman Angel Rivera and wide receiver Jameel Stephens.

Bonds also was selected to the Chicago Sun-

Times All-Area First Team, while claiming a place on the 2017 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association's Class 6A All-State Team.

Boehm garnered Honorable Mention status in Class 6A from the IHSFCA, while Ramundo was chosen to the IHSFCA's Class 6A Academic All-State Team.

**Programs At Ridge Library**

The Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 S. Archer, has scheduled informative programs for the entire family.

December is Chicago Children's Book Writing Month. Children ages 5 and up are invited to attend this program. Each child will receive a free blank book to take home and work on throughout December. Author's night is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Children ages 2 to 5 years will make new friends as they play with wooden blocks, Duplos, puzzles, trains and toys on Friday, Dec. 8th from 11 a.m. to noon.

Children ages 3 and up can hear a story and make winter crafts to take home on Saturday, Dec. 9th from 11 a.m. to noon.

**Food Drive**

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct a non-perishable food drive through Dec. 22nd. For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

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## Top Sellers In DeLaSalle Raffle



Matthew Navarro '20 second, Rounding out the top five were Courtney Abenante '21, Kevin Wang '18 and Edward Singleton '18.

Proceeds will benefit the young women and men in their educational endeavors.

## ISAC Announces State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announces the names of the 2018-19 Illinois State Scholars who rank in approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors from 737 high schools across the state. Honorees are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank.

While the recognition does not include a monetary award, honorees will receive a congratulatory letter, Certificates of Achievement and a digital badge, which can be displayed on their online profiles and social media accounts.

All students, who plan to be enrolled in college next fall are urged to complete their 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible in order to determine eligibility for federal and state financial aid. Students can also visit the ISAC Student Portal for college planning, financial aid and financial literacy information. For more information at [www.isac.org/studentportal](http://www.isac.org/studentportal).

## Registration For Polar Plunge



Registration for the 18th annual Chicago Polar Plunge is now open, offering cold weather champions the opportunity to brave the icy waters of Lake Michigan on Sunday, March 4th to benefit the Special Olympics Chicago program.

In the last several years, the Chicago Polar Plunge has attracted national attention with the participation of city of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, "The Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon, actors Vince Vaughn and Dax Shepard, musician and artist Lady Gaga, the casts of Chicago Fire, Chicago

PD, and Chicago Med, and The TODAY Show personalities Al Roker, Tamron Hall and Dylan Dreyer.

Registration is available by visiting [www.chicagopolarplunge.org](http://www.chicagopolarplunge.org). Registrants will have the opportunity to create their own fundraising page to jump-start their efforts. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$200. Prizes will be awarded to the top three individual fundraisers; best three individual costumes; best team costumes; and largest team.

Participants will receive free parking at Lincoln Park Zoo, or a free bus for groups of 20 or more; a souvenir t-shirt; warm towel when exiting the water; free photo downloads; and complimentary food at the "Melt Down Party."

## 5K Run For Arthritis Fdn.

The 5K Jingle Bell run to benefit the Arthritis Foundation will be staged at Soldier Field, 1410 Museum Campus drive on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 9 a.m.

Participants wear their favorite holiday costumes and Christmas sweaters and tie bells to their shoes creating a chorus of jingles as they run or walk through the course.

Starting and ending outside of Soldier Field and running along Lake Michigan, this year's run will raise money to fight America's #1 cause of disability. Entry fees start at \$20 for kids and \$35 for adults.

Register online at [www.jbr.org/Chicago](http://www.jbr.org/Chicago) or call (312) 690-9739.

The Special Olympics Chicago program has over 7500 athletes who compete and train in 22 sports for 122 Chicago Public Schools and in 23 parks through the Park District.

This summer, Chicago will be the epicenter of a nearly week-long celebration from July 17th-21st, in honor of the organization's 50th anniversary. Activities include the first-ever unified cup tournament, a star-studded concert, and dedication of a Special Olympics Eternal Flame at Soldier Field.

For more information, call (312) 527-3743 or email [polarplunge@sochicago.org](mailto:polarplunge@sochicago.org).

## Pop-Up Programs At Planetarium

This winter break (Dec. 26th-30th) guests visiting the Adler Planetarium can enjoy STEAM-focused (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) programming during its second annual Pop-Up Programs event. Each day, three to four programs designed to spark engagement, curiosity, and fun for the whole family will "pop-up" throughout the museum.

Projects Exploration, *Our Solar System*, 1 to 4 p.m. Interact with several engineering challenges in a fun and engaging way, and build something to take home.

Saturday, Dec. 30th: Engineering for Kids, *Curiosity Classroom*, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. as well as science experiments, technology and coding, dancing and physical games, and other hands-on activities. For more information, visit: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/events/pop-up-programs/>

The schedule as of Dec. 4th includes: Tuesday, Dec. 26th - Pumping Station: One, Curiosity Classroom, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Explore various ways of making things move with simple and clever machines, with and without technology.

Crazy 8s Math Club, Our Solar System, 1 to 3 p.m. Do the math to make your own Origami shooting stars and see how far they can fly.

Power Up Tech Academy, Mission Moon, 2 to 4 p.m. Write your own animations and games that guide a rocket to land safely on the Moon.

Wednesday, Dec. 27th Seventh Green Circle, *Curiosity Classroom*, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Art Sculpture: Create "space" in an artistic and unique way by using colorful paper and watercolor pencils to create transparency and an organic feel.

Wonder Works Children's Museum, *Planet Explorers*, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Investigate and identify a variety of rocks. You'll even get a rock to take home.

TechGirlz, *Mission Moon*, 1 to 3 p.m. Learn to program an Edison robot using EdBlocks and an iPad.

SciTech Hands on Museum, *Our Solar System*, 2 to 4 p.m. Topology: various hands-on activities, including large and small puzzles, that dive into the study of interacting solids as they fold and bend.

Thursday, Dec. 28th: Project SYNCERE, *Curiosity Classroom*, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Using the Engineering Design Process (and the materials provided), you will design, construct, and test a wind-powered car.

High Touch - High Tech, *Mission Moon*, 12 to 2 p.m. Edison's Workshop: Explore the amazing world of electricity. Learn what's "current" as you build circuits and much more.

Design Dance, *Our Solar System*, 2 to 4 p.m. Move your way through the Solar System! Play games, learn movement, and work together to demonstrate and gain an understanding of planetary motion.

Analytics Lounge, *Atwood Hallway*, 1 to 4 p.m. What's it Made of?: Explore what things around us -- including historical artifacts, rocks, and coins -- are made of using portable X-Ray Florescence.

Friday, Dec. 29th: NeuroKitchen's Curiosity Club, *Curiosity Classroom*, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come explore Dark Matter and discover the invis-

ible web that supports the structures of the Cosmos on the largest scales. You will help to build a large, three-dimensional fabric installation representing Dark Matter, and decorate it with tiny galaxies.

Steve and Kate's Camp, *Mission Moon*, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Create a space-themed stop motion animation movie. You get to choose your characters, setting, and how long or short you want it to be.

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## Breakfast With Santa At Brookfield Zoo



Brookfield Zoo will feature a breakfast buffet with Santa on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 9th to 17th at 9 and 11 a.m. Guests may then view their favorite animals. There will be photos with Santa, costumed characters and musical entertainment. Reservations are \$29.95 for adults and \$21.95 for children ages 3 to 11.

Brunch with Santa will be available on Sundays, Dec. 10th and 17th at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Santa and costumed characters will pose for photos. Reservations are \$41.95 for adults and \$31.95 for children ages 3 to 11. Visit [CZS.org/events](http://CZS.org/events) or call (708) 688-8355.

## Computer Help At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, offers free computer help on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 to 6 p.m.

Attendees may bring their own mobile device or use the library computer. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

## Red Cross Seeks Blood Donors

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give more life by giving blood this December.

To encourage donations, all those who come to give blood or platelets Dec. 21st through Jan. 7th, will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

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## Fiddle Concert



L. CARROLL

The Company of Folk will present The Art of Work with Liz Carroll at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 1 p.m.

Liz Carroll was born in Chicago of Irish parents and became the first Irish-American musician nominated for a Grammy in 2010. In 2011, she became the first American-born composer honored with the Cumadóir TG4, Ireland's most significant traditional music prize.

For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

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The Office of the State Fire Marshal warns of a recall notice for Kidd brand fire extinguishers which affects 134 models manufactured between Jan. 1st, 1973 and Aug. 15th, 2017. The recall involves two styles, those with plastic handles and push-down Pindicator.

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## Lira Ensemble Schedules Concert

The Lira Ensemble will present a Polish Holiday concert at St. John Brebeuf Church, 8307 N. Harlem, Niles on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 3 p.m.

The Lira Singers, Dancers and Chamber Players will perform Polish and American Carols. For ticketed information, call (773) 508-7040 or (800) 547-5472 or visit [www.liraensemble.org](http://www.liraensemble.org).

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entrepreneurship, architecturally drafting, computer programming, and digital media classes, to Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes where students earn college credit while in high school, students at Kelly find a full range of programs to suit their high school, college preparatory, and vocational interests. Kelly also has an acclaimed International Baccalaureate program that was featured on Channel 11's Chicago Tonight television show and attracts students from around the city for a

rigorous and internationally recognized academic curriculum that studies have shown to produce students who are more prepared for success at the college level than students who are not in such a program.

Zoe is proud to be in the fire training academy and also proud to attend Kelly High School. She said she was fortunate to attend Kelly because the school offers such as wide-range of classes for students and because it is a school that has always supported the CPFTA program.

## By Joe Oswald

For some people becoming a policeman or a fireman is just a job. For others it is a calling. For Zoe Madere, a junior at Thomas Kelly High School, the call to duty is a proud family tradition. Zoe has multiple family members with careers in public service both in Chicago and California.

Zoe always knew she wanted to wear the uniform of a policeman or fireman. When asked why she wanted to join the Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy, Zoe responded that she "wanted to follow in the footsteps of my other family members who devoted their lives to public safety and service."

When she was a sophomore at Kelly she got the information about the CPFTA program from her counselor and filled out the application. She was accepted into the firefighter training program her junior year. The Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy provides training for students interested in careers in public safety, law enforcement, criminal justice, and fire science. The CPFTA is a two-year program that fulfills the two career education or elective credits that all CPS high school students need to graduate.

The Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy only accepts about 250 students each year from all over the city. Students who are interested have to apply their sophomore year, and if they are accepted, the program starts their junior year. As a cadet in the firefighter training program, Zoe goes to the fire academy after school two days a week to train and study. According to Zoe, "the academy prepares the cadets mentally and physically and trains them to hold respect, honor, and integrity for a job that demands a lot of responsibility and discipline." According to Zoe, "as first responders people are placing their lives in the hands of firefighters and policemen, and we have to live up to the responsibility. The academy helps instill the type of discipline and integrity needed for such an important role in society."

Cadets in the program receive transportation assistance to get to either the Police Academy or the Fire Academy after school. Cadets are also eligible to participate in a paid summer internship between junior and senior year and for financial assistance to attend one of the City Colleges of Chicago to complete an Associate's Degree after high school. They can also earn OSHA, Cyber Security Safety, Unarmed Security Guard and CPR/FA/AED certifications with instructional materials provided at no extra cost. Cadets can also apply to take the EMT-B state licensure class for state certification.

A typical day at the academy includes a lot of physical conditioning, such as running, doing push-ups, suicide runs, planks, squats, bear walks, burpies, and jumping jacks. They also take classes in fire science, first aid, and other aspects of public safety. Cadets are expected to be in proper uniform and act in a respectable manner when they arrive at the academy each day. Zoe said it is all a lot of hard work but knows it will all be worth it, and she values the experience and training she is getting.

The CPFTA program is just one program students at Kelly High School have been taking advantage of the last several years. With courses ranging from accounting,

# Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo



Brookfield Zoo's 36th annual Holiday Magic presented by ComEd and Meijer, offers guests 12 enchanted evenings to enjoy the lights and so much more from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, through Dec. 17th and the week of Dec. 26th-31st.

Zoogers can enjoy caroling to the animals, live entertainment, professional ice-carving demonstrations, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus (through Dec. 17th) and more than 600 lit community-decorated trees that line the malls. Around Roosevelt Fountain, nearly 60 local corporations decorated "dancing" trees that will be set to holiday-themed tunes, and the 41-foot-tall Talking Tree is back to interact with guests.

Guests can enjoy visiting animal habitats, restaurants, and gift shops. A packed schedule of music and live entertainment in the Holly Jolly Theater, magic shows, costumed characters, and a model railroad display will add to the festivities.

Through Dec. 18th, youngsters can share their wish lists and pose for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the North Pole workshop located in the Seven Seas Underwater Viewing gallery. Photos can be taken with some of the animal ambassadors. Many habitats, including Great Bear Wilderness, Big Cats, Tropic World, The Swamps, Birds and Reptiles, Feathers and Scales, The Living Coast, The Fragile King-

dom, Hamill Family Wild Encounters, and Hamill Family Play Zoo, will be open and illuminated to view favorite animals. Guests can sing along with carolers to serenade the bears, camels, and big cats. Each night there will be informal Zoo Chats presented by staff, who will share fun facts and information about some of the animals they care for. Zoogers can also attend a 6 p.m. Dolphins in Action.

The Holiday Magic festivities come to a close on Saturday, 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 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.

For more information and a schedule of activities and entertainment, visit CZS.org/Holiday Magic or call (708) 688-8000.

Guests should park in the main parking lot (First Avenue and 31st Street). Activities are free with paid admission (with the exception of in-park activities and photo opportunities). Regular admission is \$19.85 for adults and \$14.50 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and older. Children 2 and under are free. Car parking is \$12. Discounted tickets may be purchased at any Meijer location.

## Library Center Schedules Programs

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled a wide range of programs at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

On Thursday, Dec. 14th, *One Book One Chicago* will feature a conversation with Greg Kot and Mavis Staples at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 9th, Village of Stories will celebrate imagination with storytelling, dress-up, make believe and puppet show from 12 to 3 p.m.

Teens are invited to submit a digital portfolio of original art work and an artists' statement. Prizes include scholarships or gift cards.

Chicago Artworks Studio will teach all ages how to make simple ornaments and wreaths. Materials will be provided.

Dale Tippett, managing broker and senior real estate specialist will explain the home selling process on Thursday, Dec. 7th at noon.

The Make-Believe Association will present a staged reading of "The Long Christmas Dinner" by Thornton Wilder on Monday, Dec. 11th at 7 p.m. The cast includes Miguel Cervantes (Alexander in "Hamilton") and Peter Sagal of "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me".

History and Genealogy Sessions will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from beginners from 1 to 4 p.m. and for Newspaper Resources from 6 to 7 p.m.

## Winter Events At Navy Pier

Navy Pier will conduct Winter Wonderfest Dec. 1st through Jan. 7th. Indoor and outdoor activities will feature rides, climbing wall, ice skating rink and 200 foot Centennial Ferris Wheel.

Free programming includes a cultural market, musical performances from Wicker Park Choral Singers Dec. 9th, Chicago Gay Men's Chorus Dec. 16th and Christmas Concert Dec. 20th.

The Yard At Chicago Shakespeare Carol and Red Velvet. The IMAX Theater will present the latest releases including Justice League and Star Wars: The Last Jedi.

The Children's Museum will conduct a Snow Globe Party in the great hall Dec. 26th to 30th at 2:15 p.m.

For more information and tickets, visit navypier.org.

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## Free Training For Trades

National Latino Education Institute, 2011 W. Pershing road provides free STEM training for trades.

Participants will receive Skills Training, CDL Training and Field Experience with companies in range of industries, including Transportation and Energy Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Requirements: 18 years old, high school diploma/GED, valid driver's license, must be laid-off, or collection unemployment to qualify.

For more information call (773) 247-0707, ext. 218.

## Application For LIHEAP Program

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer is an authorized PY2017 CEDA Energy Partner site.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is now open for households with a senior member (60+); with a person receiving Social Security Disability Benefits; with one or more disconnected utilities; with children age 5 and under; and for the furnace program.

For more information, call (773) 523-7110.

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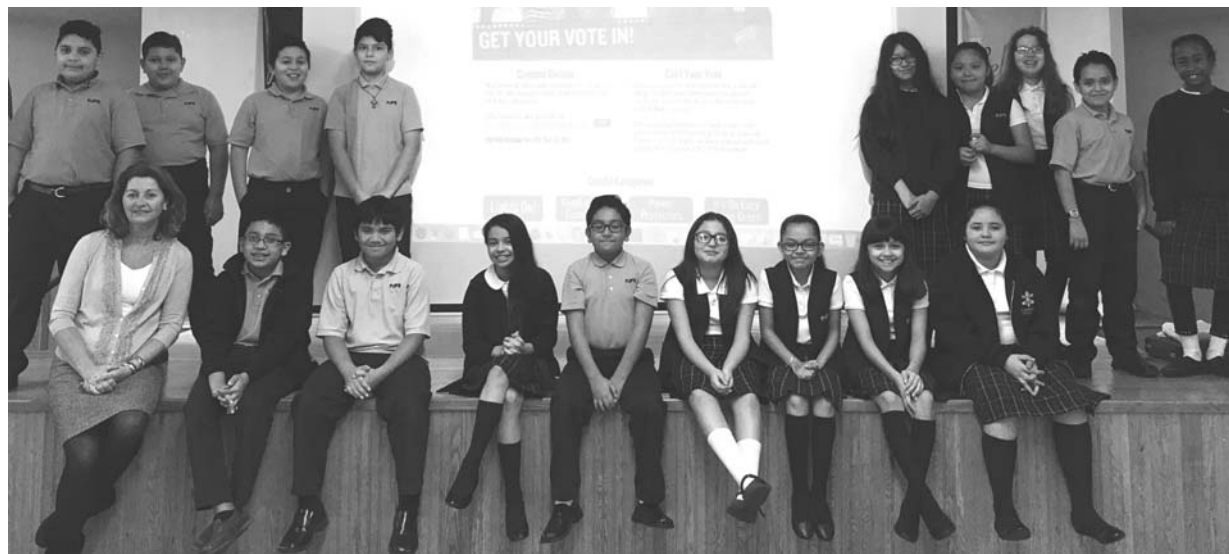
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## Finalists In ComEd Video Contest



Pope John Paul II School, 4325 S. Richmond is a finalist in ComEd's KidVid Contest with its video in the *It's So Easy Being GREEN* category. The contest encourages students to learn more about electrical safety, energy efficiency and how ComEd partners with their communities.

Science teacher, Mrs. Linda Burk, shares, "I am very proud of all of their hard work and how much the students learned through the process." The winning schools will receive a \$2,500 grant for the school, a Power Up VIP Party for the 5th grade class and each student filmmaker will each receive a \$50 gift card. The winning videos will be posted on the ComEd website and YouTube Channel for one month in 2018. You can help by "liking" the video on their website: [www.pjpii-school.com](http://www.pjpii-school.com). Voting ends Dec.15th.

## Toys For Tots Drive At Washington Fed.



Washington Federal Bank for Savings is a registered designated drop off site for Toys for Tots which distributes over 16.8 millions toys to over 7 million less fortunate children. Donations of new unwrapped toys will be accepted through Dec. 15th at 2869 S. Archer or 1410 W. Taylor st. Monetary donations will be accepted at each location or [wafedbank.com](http://wafedbank.com).

## Science Films At Planetarium

The REEL Science Film Series is returning to the Adler Planetarium this fall. The popular series combines cinematic favorites with science conversations about the film—providing a unique opportunity to decipher fact versus Hollywood's creative liberties.

Doors for each event open at 5:30 p.m. and will include fun, pre-movie trivia and videos, a screening of the film, followed by a post-show, "Reel Science" Q&A with Adler scientists and special guests. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Friday, Jan. 12th: Arrival (PG-13). When twelve mysterious spacecraft appear around the world, linguistics professor Louise Banks is tasked with interpreting the language of the apparent alien visitors.

Friday, Feb. 9th: WALL-E (G). In the distant future, a small waste-collecting robot inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate

of mankind.

Thursday, March 8: Demolition Man (R). A police officer is brought out of suspended animation in prison to pursue an old ultra-violent nemesis who is loose in a nonviolent future society.

Tickets are \$15 General Admission Adult and \$12 Child (up to age 11).

For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/whats-here/reel-science/>.

## Homework Help At Brighton Library

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer will have a Teacher in the Library to help students from Kindergarten to 12th grade with their homework on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. except for holidays and school breaks. This service is free and no appointment is necessary.

For more information, stop by the branch or call (312) 747-0666.

## Completion For Reservoir Project

Congressman Dan Lipinski joined with officials from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to announce the completion of McCook Reservoir Stage 1, a 3.5 billion gallon section of the McCook Reservoir, part of the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan.

As the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was drafting the *2016 Water Resources Development Act*, which was signed into law last year, Lipinski secured a provision that prioritized funding and accelerated the construction timeline for the next flood control project, McCook Reservoir Stage II.

When that project is completed, the reservoir will have a total storage capacity of 10 billion gallons and deliver an additional \$143 million per year in flood reduction benefits.

TARP is one of the country's largest public works projects for flood control and pollution. It covers a 375-square-mile area that includes Chicago and 51 suburbs that rely on a combined collection system.

## Poetry Contest Names Winners

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded poets from Chicago and Carbondale as this year's winners of the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award in the 13th annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition.

Anita Olivia Koester of Chicago was awarded first place for her poem "Avowal." Faisal Mohyuddin of Chicago received second place for his poem "Ella Fitzgerald, Entering Chicago by Train, Remembers Her Mother's Voice." Bryce Berkowitz of Carbondale is the third-place winner for his poem "Explain Yourself." The winners read their poems and received the awards during a ceremony at the Illinois State Library.

The competition is named for the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks and is co-sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein, Poet Laureate.

The winning poems are available to read at [http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/enter\\_for\\_the\\_book/](http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/enter_for_the_book/). The winning poems will be submitted to the "Ninth Letter," "RHINO" and "Quiddity" magazines and "Poetic License Press" publications.

## Dollar Tree Aids Operation Homefront

Operation Homefront and Dollar Tree Inc. will once again join forces to make the holidays brighter for military families with the nonprofit's Holiday Toy Drive. Customers can purchase toys for military kids, easing the financial burdens that accompany holiday season for junior- and mid-grade (E1-E6) service members and their families.

Dollar Tree stores will have collection boxes for purchased toys which will be collected by Operation Homefront volunteers for distribution at holiday events.

Operation Homefront.org also accepts online contributions for its programs to stable and secure military families.

## Group Exhibit At Prospectus

Prospectus Art Gallery, 1210 W. 18th st., is presenting a group exhibition of 25 Pilsen artists through Dec. 19th.

Among the featured artists are Montserrat Alsina, Robert Ferreyra, Mark Nelson, Erick Roho Garcia, Ron Gordon and Marcos Raya.

The work will consist of paintings in oil and acrylic on canvas, mixed media, original prints and photography. For more information, call (312) 733-6132.

## Obituaries

**CYNTHIA A. MATKER - CHAVEZ**, age 61, lifelong McKinley Park resident, wife of Efrain Amavizca and late Keith Chavez; sister of Kevin Pochecki; daughter of late Peter & late Eleanor (nee Matker) Cairo. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Parish - St. Maurice location, 3601 S. Hoyne on Dec. 9th at 10 a.m. Private interment will follow at a later date at Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangements by Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne.



**JEANETTE M. MICHALAK** passed away on Nov. 29th at the age of 67. Born Dec. 4th, 1949 to the late Dave & Ann (nee Rastenis) Pruden, she was a 1967 graduate of Kelly High School. Jeanette retired from the Federal Reserve Bank after over 35 years of service. Survivors are her husband, John J. Michalak, Jr. and sister, Susie (Stan) Wienclaw. Jeanette was preceded in death by her brothers, David and Wayne Pruden. Funeral services were held Dec. 2nd at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Joliet. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

## Maker Lab Offers Classes

Chicago's free and publicly accessible maker space, features introductory workshops and open shop for ages 14 & up at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

No reservations are required. Enrollment is first come, first served until capacity is reached and begins 15 minutes before the stated start time.

Join interior Designer Angela Mead-Crenshaw to learn how to create your own snow globes out of recycled glass jars on Saturday, Dec. 16th at 2 p.m. You can bring your own jar or vase if you have a special one you'd like to use.

Learn the basics of inkscape software as you create a design and cut out a snowflake ornament using the laser cutter on Monday, Dec. 18th at 1:30 and 6 p.m.

For more information visit [chipublib.org/makerlab](http://chipublib.org/makerlab).

## Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer will conduct Stay & Play, for ages 0-6 on Mondays through Dec. 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. Get ready for music, games, fun, toys and activities.

Family Story Time will be held on Tuesdays, through Dec. 26th from 6 to 7 p.m. The program of books, stories, poems, songs and simple craft activities is suitable for families with children of all ages.

Preschool Story Time, an early literacy program for pre-school children ages birth to 5 will be held on Wednesdays, through Dec. 27th from 12 p.m. Each program features storytelling, picture books, music and a craft.

Crafternoon with crafts, games and play will be offered Wednesdays, through Dec. 27th from 4 to 5 p.m. Everyone works at their own pace and skill level.

An English Conversation Group will meet on Thursday, Dec. 21st; Jan. 4th and 18th and Feb. 1st and 15th from 1 to 2 p.m. All levels are welcome, coffee will be served.

Super Science for grades K-8 will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7th and 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. Everyone will work at their own pace and level.

College 101 will be presented on Thursdays, beginning Dec. 7th in English at 5:30 p.m. and Spanish at 6:30 p.m.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 21st at 5:30 p.m.

This month's titles are *Logicomix* by Apostolos K. Doxiades and *Real by Takehiko Inoue*. Copies of each title are available at the circulation desk. Ages 14 and up.

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

## Madigan Issues Shopping Guide

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has released her 10th Anniversary Safe Shopping Guide highlighting hazardous toys, children's products and household items that have been recalled over the past year.

Some of the products parents should watch out for include fidget spinners that pose choking hazards to children as old as 14, toys and jewelry with excessive levels of lead, hover boards that can overheat and catch on fire and infant clothing with snaps and buttons that can detach and pose a choking hazard.

Consumers can view and download the guide at [ag.state.il.us](http://ag.state.il.us). For more information about product recalls, contact 1-888-414-7678. Parents and caregivers can also receive recall alerts directly by signing up at recalls.gov.

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