



Chess Honors For Kelly High School



The Kelly High School Chess Team competed in the Bolingbrook Raider Chess Invitational on Sept. 6th. Seventeen teams competed in the event with Kelly being the only Chicago Public School. The team finished 2-2 on the day, coming in ninth place overall, but the highlight of the day was junior standout Peng Wu (left) who went 4-0 on the day and finished in first place at third board. Also shown with the medal winner is coach Neal Suwe.

Circuit Court Offers Tours

The Circuit Court of Cook County will mark Black History Month with public tours of the Richard J. Daley Center Courthouse, 50 W. Washington st. Monday, Feb. 2nd through Friday, Feb. 6th beginning at 10 a.m.

Highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a judge and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives.

Participants will receive a guide which offers helpful information about the Circuit Court of Cook County is structured, explains the basics of trial proceedings and includes a directory of court and county services.

Reservations are recommended at (312) 603-1927 or (312) 603-3587 by Jan. 28th.

Battle of Bulge Observance At Resurrection Cemetery



Central Park Post #1028, The American Legion participated in a holiday wreath laying ceremony at the Resurrection Cemetery Veterans Memorial Site. This annual event commemorates the World War II Battle of the Bulge on Dec. 16th, 1944. A short homily, bugle call of "Taps" and a rifle salute was performed by the Legion's ritual team to observe the 70th anniversary of the costliest battle of the war. Pictured are: Henry Sarabia, John Castanedo, Will Lloyd, Post Commander Jack Carr, John DiVizio, Ken McClory, Bernice Kash, Rich Prohaska and Rich Bieniek. Not shown is Frank Sarabia.

Walking Tour Of Chgo. Arts District



The Chicago Arts District offers a self-guided walking tour of the 2nd Friday of the month from 6 to 10 p.m. The event begins at 1821 S. Halsted for maps and details. 30 galleries, creative spaces and over 50 artists will be available.

Civic Meeting In Archer Heights

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct a general membership meeting in the cafeteria of UNO Veterans Memorial Campus, 47th & Kildare on Wednesday, Jan. 14th at 7:30 p.m.



JUDGE R.L. JAGIELSKI

Guest speaker will be Raymond L. Jagielski, Cook County Circuit Court Presiding Judge.

Officers will be elected and then installed by the judge. There will be reports on police building and zoning issues. Cake and coffee will follow.

12th Ward Offers Winter Service

The 12th Ward Service Office has resumed its winter service by shoveling sidewalks, shuffling residents, providing jumps to dead batteries, spreading salt on front sidewalks and performing wellness check on seniors. Residents are encouraged to call the Ward Office at (773) 523-8250.

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, Jan. 11th 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.

Silver Skates Speed Skating competition for ages 7 and up will be held Thursday, Jan. 15th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Participants must wear gloves, long sleeves and bicycle or hockey helmet. Helmets and skates will be available free of charge. Top qualifiers in the childrens' division will advance to the Citywide Championship on Jan. 24th.

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.

Pilot Project For Courtroom Cameras

Chief Justice Rita B. Garman of the Illinois Supreme Court and Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans of Cook County Circuit Court announced that media cameras will be allowed in some Cook County criminal courtrooms.

The media will be allowed to video and audio record proceedings at the George N. Leighton Criminal Court Building at 26th and California in accordance with procedures contained in the Illinois Supreme Court Policy on Extended Media Coverage and a new local Circuit Court rule promulgated by Chief Judge Evans.

A request for cameras at a hearing or trial must be initiated by the news media through a coordinator.

The Supreme Court Policy gives absolute discretion to the trial judge on whether to allow extended media coverage of a proceeding.

The Supreme Court Policy requires attorneys to inform the parties and the witnesses that a request for EMC has been made. It allows for parties and witnesses to object to the request, but it is not intended that such an objection, while in the discretion of the judge, will be automatically granted.

In prosecutions for sexual abuse, or when sexual abuse is an essential element, there will be no extended media coverage without the alleged victim's consent. An objection to extended media coverage by a testifying victim in any other forcible felony prosecution, and by police informants, undercover agents and relocated witnesses shall be presumed valid.

The policy also prohibits media coverage in any juvenile, divorce, adoption, child custody, evidence suppression and trade secret cases, as well as in any court proceed-

On All-Catholic League Soccer Team



De La Salle Institute announces that four of its student-athletes have been named to the 2014 All-Chicago Catholic League Team in soccer. Honored were seniors Alex DeLeon (South Loop), David Dominguez (Back of the Yards) and Silvio Lopez (Back of the Yards) and sophomore Uriel Cortez (Back of the Yards). Dominguez was selected to the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association's All-Sectional Team, while DeLeon was named De La Salle's MVP. The Meteors were 5-2 in Catholic League play this season and finished in a three-way tie for second in the CCL North. Pictured are assistant coach Carlos Nunez, Silvio Lopez, David Dominguez, Alex DeLeon, Uriel Cortez, assistant coach Antonio Maldonado and head coach Francisco Martinez.

On All-Catholic League Football Team



De La Salle announces that four members of its varsity football program were chosen to the 2014 All-Chicago Catholic League Green Division Football Team: junior quarterback Tom Duddleston (Bridgeport), sophomore wide receiver/defensive back Eric Rooks (East Side), junior wide receiver/defensive back Donald Gardner (Hyde Park) and senior wide receiver/defensive back Drew Chavarria (Bridgeport). Chavarria finished with 49 catches for 673 yards and six touchdowns. On defense, he added 32 tackles and one interception. Duddleston was 239-of-388 passing for 2,731 yards and 25 touchdowns. Gardner tallied 52 catches for 597 yards and seven touchdowns. On defense, he added 30 tackles and two interceptions. Rooks led the Meteors in receiving with 57 catches for 589 yards and seven touchdowns.

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Parks Offer Free Fitness

The Chicago Park District invites residents to kick off the New Year by working out for free through Jan. 13th. Registration is required and participation in all activities is on a first come, first served basis.

The wide array of fitness classes include aquatic aerobics, cycling, pilates, yoga, kickboxing and strength training. The Park District's 72 centers feature upright and recumbent bicycles; free weights and benches, cable cross-overs multi-station weight machines and core-focused weight equipment.

After free fitness week, residents can purchase must set up an account prior to registering either online or in person for a monthly, three month or annual membership.

Auto Classes For Seniors

The Chicago Park District will conduct automotive classes for seniors citizens age 60 and older at West Lawn Park Auto Garage, 4232 W. 66th st. on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 9th. Registration fee is \$15.

Registered seniors may bring in their cars for a check up for the brakes, charging system, cooling system, air-conditioning, heater, tires, belts and computer system. For further information, call (773) 284-6143 or (773) 284-2803, weekdays after 1 p.m.

WBDC Schedules Free Webinar

The Women's Business Development Centre will conduct a free webinar on its GrowthWheel on Jan. 21st from noon to 12:45 pm.

This new curriculum teaches business owners to self assess where they are in 20 areas related to four challenges: business concept, customer relations, profitable operation and organization. For more information, call (312) 853-3477.

Credit Workshop At Library Center

The Chicago Bar Association will conduct a program on Cleaning Up Your Credit at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Monday, Jan. 26th at 12:15 p.m.

A question and answer period will follow.

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Posada At PJPII School



Students at Pope John Paul II Catholic School are back from Christmas break and eager to start the second half of the school year. Before they left for Christmas vacation, everyone gathered for the annual Christmas Program on Dec. 18th. Each class took turns singing carols and enjoyed a performance from the PJPII Band. A highlight of the evening was the performance of a posada with students dressed in full costume and narrating the ritual re-enactment. Pictured are Gisella Mitchell, Sara Jarosik, Gabriella Morales and Daniel Castillo.

Winter Break At Jones Prep.

Young Chicagoans 4-24 (and families) are invited to drop in on Destination: Chicago - Winter Break, a free festival of doing and making, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, between 11am and 4pm, at Jones College Prep, 700 S. State St. Partygoers can sample programs offered by dozens of youth-serving organizations. This Maker Party will feature hands-on activities and workshops to fulfill many interests, including robotics, nature, fashion, art, music, architecture, science, digital media, coding and more.

Youth will be entered into a drawing for an iPad Mini and other prizes when they complete the Winter Break Adventure Challenge between now and Jan. 19. Visit Chicago CityofLearning.org today! Chicago City of Learning is a year-round program that sees all of Chicago as a classroom, with opportunities to learn new skills, discover passions and build pathways to further education and careers. Digital badges offered through CCOL recognize learning across programs in the initiative - whether at a park, museum, library, or online course - giving learners a digital portfolio that communicates the skills they have developed.

In-Class Hacking



BY DR R. PLETSCHE

My daughter once predicted that I would never retire. She noticed that I left before she did, got home after her, and had more homework than she did. She stated I have no idea what you would do with your time. When I did retire from Nightingale, it was a shock to her, especially when almost immediately a couple of suburban schools offered me principalships. But after about four months, I accepted the principalship at St. Paul/Our Lady of Vilna. After three years, I retired again. I have turned down a few jobs, but have kept busy working on committees at schools, I even have subbed to help a principal friend. But full time is out of the question. I volunteer at the Field Museum and constantly converse with students and teachers. This year at a Christmas party gave me my next subject to bring up to educators and students - hacking in the classroom.

At this party, middle school teachers were talking about how much time they had to spend in the class dealing with students hacking into other student's computers. The teachers were from a Chicago charter school, a suburban school and a CPS school and all had a similar problem. The students during class would hack into each other's computers and put it on inappropriate sites. A 7th/8th grade History teacher stated that the school has tried to block these sites, but with the available tech in the school, only the teacher was blocked.

A situation that I had never thought of was available to everybody on the internet. Check it out yourself. There are at least 100 sites on how to hack, some even give classes on Youtube. It is easy for people who have never tried to control 30 students how it is a simple problem. I have had

teachers complain about who they have been targeted on different sites. While talking to teachers at the museum, it becomes quite clear that the more affluent suburban schools don't have this problem. They simply don't teach or use computers in school. They do this at home and they don't spend class time on research. That's homework.

Boy am I glad I retired. Think of the problems: budgets are getting smaller, computers and such are needed for mandated testing, and the state has passed a new law where it is now the school's responsibility to deal with cyber bullying regardless of whether it occurred in school or not. Computers, as we all know, become archaic quite quickly and a lot of the budget must be spent on repairing the machines and constantly upgrading them. Yet many Chicago parents brag about technology in their school and so you must have a program for recruitment sake. While many of my friends still have this problem, I am very glad to be able to hunt and fish and pretend to be a sage.

McElroy Honored



Art Hannus (right) president of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation recently presented Edward F. McElroy with the Illinois State Crime Commissioner Life Time Achievement Award. Ed has been active in the field of news and sports on WJOB, WIND and WJJD radio for over 65 years and currently hosts two TV shows. The Ed McElroy Show is taped at Comcast Channel 19 in the south suburbs and his Community in Focus Show tapes at Chicago Comcast Access TV, Channel 19. He is Past National Commander and Past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America.

Author Turow At H-W Library

Bestselling author Scott Turow will discuss the right of authors in the digital age at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 6 p.m.

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

City Services For Cold Weather

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, along with officials from the Office of Emergency Management and Communications Department of Streets and Sanitation, other City departments and sister agencies reminds residents about City - offered services during the winter months and provided residents with tips to avoid weather and health emergencies during cold and extreme weather.

The City's improved Plow Tracker application provides information about snow removal efforts and a new initiative to target landlords that fail to provide adequate heat to their tenants.

Residents are urged to prepare for cold temperatures and snowy conditions throughout the winter by taking steps, such as preparing emergency kits for residences and vehicles and stocking up on necessities, which will help in emergency situations or if weather conditions become dangerous.

Call 311 to be connected to City services for assistance.

Hotline For Elder Abuse

Elder abuse refers to a negligent act (physical, sexual, emotional, confinement, passive neglect, willful deprivation, or financial exploitation) by a caregiver or another person known by the victim that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult 60 years of age or older.

The Illinois Department on Aging operates a 24 hour hotline at (866) 800-1409 to report the abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of an eligible adult. There are resources to help victims and all calls and information related to suspected abuse are confidential. In addition to older adults, IDoA extends protective services people with disabilities ages 18 to 59 who live in a domestic setting.

WBDC Offers Free Webinar

The Women's Business Development Center will conduct a free webinar titled "Growth Wheel Series: Is Your Business Idea Clear?" on Tuesday, Jan. 20th from noon to 12:30 p.m.

While the objective of a business is to make money, it's mission is very different. Join the webinar to learn how to: 1) Build a broad, clear mission statement that resonates with you and your customers and provides value; 2) Utilize a tool to help you formulate the company's purpose and mission in the world; 3) Utilize a tool that will help you hone your description of your business idea, to make it easier to sell and receive feedback on your idea; 4) Describe your idea more fully and concisely.

For registration, call (312) 853-3477.

Teen Programs At Library Ctr.

The Chicago Public Library will challenge teens with interesting programs at the YOUmedia Center of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

Fuse for Teen Techs will be offered on Mondays, Jan. 12th and 26th at 4 p.m. Participants will explore hands-on challenges in technology and design. Try to complete challenges in operating solar panel cars, basics to Arduino programming, 3D design, 3D printing, and Android app development.

Rock U For Teens will be held on Wednesdays, through Jan. 28th at 4 p.m. Participants who want to play in a band but can't play an instrument will utilize an iPad to automate technical knowledge.

Entrance Exam For De La Salle

De La Salle Institute, 3434 S. Michigan Ave., will conduct an entrance exam for young men and women on Saturday, Jan. 10th at 8 a.m. The fee is \$25 and students must bring two no. 2 pencils. For more information, call John Brogan, director of admissions at (312) 842-7355, ext. 147.

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Legion Conducts Toy-Clothing Drive



The American Legion Central Park Post #1028 held its annual Christmas Charity Drive and delivered a pick-up truck full of toys, stuffed animals, coats and over 30 boxes of clothing, along with a donation of \$200 to the Catholic Charities Casa Catalina Basic Needs Center, 4537 S. Ashland. Pictured at the presentation along with Sister Joellen (Basic Needs Director) are legion members Rich Prochaska, John Castanedo, John Divizio and Ken McClory.

Savings Program At H-W Library

A financial literacy workshop with savings tips for college seniors and new employees will be offered in the video theater of the Harold Washington

Library Center, 400 S. State sr. on Tuesday, Jan. 20th at noon.

Attendees will learn the importance of starting a savings plan early.

Obituaries

HELEN R. WOJTAK (nee Zacyk) of Archer Heights passed away on Jan. 1st at the age of 93. She was the wife of late John; mother of Catherine (Richard) Forrester and James (Debra) Wojtak; grandmother of Michael (Darcy) Barrett and Craig (Fiance Clare) Wojtak; great grandmother of Angelece and Jonathon Barrett; preceded in death by her four brothers and their spouses; sister-in-law of Ray Wojtak and Irene Wojtak. Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 8th from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., 5088 S. Archer. Funeral services will follow at St. Bruno Church at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Helen was a member of St. Pancratius Golden Agers and Central Park Post Aux., American Legion.

URSZULA ZADOW (nee Owczarek) passed away on Jan. 3rd at the age of 77. She was the wife of Walter Zadow; mother of Grazyna (late Czeslaw) Kubiak; grandmother of Michael and Dominik (Kamila) Kubiak; great grandmother of Victoria and Adrian; sister of Helen (Michael) Kozlik, late Irena (late Stanislaw) Ostrowska and late Janina (late Wacław) Kaczmarek. Visitation was held Jan. 7th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Helen Church, 2315 W. Augusta Blvd. on Thursday, Jan. 8th at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Applications For Benefit Program

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer, is offering appointments to apply for All Kids, Medicaid and SNAP benefits. Contact Laura or Lupe at (773) 523-7110 for required documents and income levels.

Cultural Center Schedules Exhibits

This fall and winter, the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, will host new free exhibitions, showcasing several Chicago-based artists—including internationally renowned sculptor Richard Hunt—and one artist currently working and living in Berlin. Exhibitions at Expo 72 (72 E. Randolph Street) and City Gallery in the Historic Water Tower (806 N. Michigan Avenue) will include a celebration of the Chicago International Film Festival's 50th Anniversary and the first in an occasional series of Social Practice exhibitions and programming.

Chicago Cultural Center Exhibitions: A six-decade survey devoted to the work of celebrated Chicago sculptor Richard Hunt will be on display through March 8, 2015 in Exhibit Hall, 4th Floor North, at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Hunt is one of the country's most prolific artists, with over 100 commissioned works installed in public buildings, parks, university campuses and urban plazas.

This survey will be drawn largely from the artist's own collection and will include sculptures dating from the mid-1950s, when he was a student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, to the present and will feature studies for major commissions on which he is presently at work. The exhibition will focus on the variety of Hunt's approaches to his work and his working methods, and examine the essential qualities of lyricism, movement and physicality in his oeuvre.

All exhibitions at the Chicago Cultural Center are presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE). Gallery hours are Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday – Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (1st Floor galleries open at 9 a.m. Monday – Saturdays); closed holidays. Admission is FREE. For more information, visit chicagoculturalcenter.org; like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, @ChiCultCenter.

Expo 72 (72 E. Randolph Street) will host Rolled, Stoned & Inked: 25 Years of the Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, through Feb. 28th. All sorts of inksters have pulled etchings, lithographs, woodcuts, monotypes and screen prints at the CPC, Chicago's longest-running independent print shop.

The exhibition will include prints by Carlos Cortez, Tony Fitzpatrick, David Driesbach, Michael Goro and John Himmel-farb, among others. Live printmaking demonstrations will occur in the gallery on a weekly basis (schedule TBD). For more information about the Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, visit chicagoprintmakers.com.

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Fund Drive For Gun Victim

14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke urges the public to assist authorities in solving the case of the murder of a father of three who was slain while waiting at a bus stop after finishing his shift at a Burger King near Western and Ogden avenues.

Services for Donatello Herrera, 35, were held Monday, Dec. 22nd at Szykowny Funeral Home.

Donations to help support the family are being accepted through the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, 1751 W. 47th st. Members of the public interested in helping the Herrera Family may contact the council's Executive Director, Craig Chico, at (773) 523-4416.

Herrera was the victim of a random drive-by shooting which occurred at approximately 1:15 a.m. on Dec 17th. A gunman in a passing sport utility vehicle opened fire striking him in the abdomen.

Mr. Herrera was studying to become an IT specialist. He leaves behind a wife, Amanda, two sons, Donatello, Jr., 15, D'Artagnon, 12, and a daughter, Serenity, 6.

Service Awards For Volunteers

The Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is accepting nominations for the sixth annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. For-profit businesses that support service will also be recognized.

Individual awards will be presented to one youth (18 years and under), one adult (19-54 years old) and one retiree/senior (55 years and older) in each of the Commission's five service regions.

National Service Awards will be presented to one AmeriCorps and one Senior Corps member in each of the five regions. One award will be given to a for-profit business in each of the five service regions.

Within each category, applications will be given special priority based on the areas: economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, disaster preparedness/response, health, and veterans and military families.

Nominations are due by Jan. 30th. Visit www.serve.illinois.gov for the nomination forms and more information. Recipients will be selected and notified by March 30th. The Serve Illinois Commission will host a ceremony to honor recipients on April 20th, at the Executive Mansion in Springfield.

Nominations For Red Cross Heroes

The American Red Cross is accepting nominations to honor community members who have demonstrated heroism through extraordinary acts of courage or kindness on or after Jan. 1st, 2014. To nominate a hero, call (312) 729-6388 by Jan. 30th.

Honorees will receive a Red Cross medal of honor during the 13th annual event Tuesday, April 21st at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E. North Water.

The nomination categories include: Adult Good Samaritan, Blood Services, Citizenship, Community Impact, Disaster Relief, Emergency Medical Assistance, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Military, Nurse and Youth Good Samaritan.

Edible Workshop For Zoo Animals

Lincoln Park Zoo will conduct an Animal Enrichment Workshop in the Tadpole Room of Park Place Cafe, Cannon drive and Fullerton parkway on Saturday, Jan. 10th from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Adults and kids of all ages can make edible pinatas and other creative enrichment items for the zoo animals. Once the enrichment is complete, head out to the zoo to see the animals pounce and play with their new items.

The cost is \$5. For information visit www.lpzoo.org/events/calendar.

Newberry Library Offers Exhibits

The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton is a world-renowned independent research library that is home to a collection spanning six centuries. The collection features items such as illuminated medieval transcripts, rare early maps, rich genealogical resources and the personal papers of Midwest authors. Free and open to the public, the Newberry offers exhibitions based on its collections; theatrical performances; lectures and discussions with leading humanists; seminars and workshops; and teacher programs.

Free Tours of Mexican Museum

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W 19th st., will conduct free public tours on Saturdays, Jan. 17th, Feb. 21st, March 21st and April 18th at 12 noon in English and 1 p.m. in Spanish.

Art classes for ages 7 to 12 will be conducted on Saturdays, Feb. 28th to March 21st from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will create Alebrijes out of paper mache and other materials.

The cost is \$75. For registration information, call (312) 433-3908.

Recycling For Christmas Trees

The Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation will conduct live Christmas tree recycling at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing; Marquette Park, 6700 S. Kedzie and Wentworth Park, 5701 S. Nar-ragansett through Jan. 17th.

Residents can also recycle old electronic devices and household chemicals at the City's Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility, 1150 N. North Branch st.

Opening Reception For Art Exhibit



"Heroes on the Big Screen" by Hernandez and "The Addict" by Ruiz.

Prospectus Art Gallery, 1210 W. 18th st., will present "Urban Flashback," the work of Alfonso Piloto Nieves Ruiz and Ricardo Santos Hernandez, Jan. 9th through March 1st.

Mr. Piloto is a self-taught artist from Queretaro, Mexico living in Chicago since 1997. He has been sharing his knowledge through workshops in community centers, parks and schools since 2004.

Mr. Santos Hernandez was born in the border city of Nogales, AZ. His journey as a public school teacher transplanted him to Laredo and Austin, TX. It was in Austin at the age of 40 when he decided to study art at the Univer-

sity of Texas. In 1996, he earned his Masters Degree in Painting and Drawing was received from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Urban Flashback is the new body of works that explore the physical and psychological effects of living in the big city. The opening reception will be held on Friday, Jan. 9th from 5 to 10 p.m.

Elvis Karaoke At Library Ctr.

The Chicago Public Library will conduct Elvis Presley Karaoke at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Friday, Jan. 16th at 12:15 p.m.

The public is invited to come on stage and sing their favorite Elvis song to celebrate what would have been his 80th birthday (Jan. 8th, 1935).

Participants may choose two songs from the available catalog. The lyric sheet and CD music track for each song will be provided. Selections are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (312) 747-4850.

Kelly 1965 Class Plans Reunion

The June 1965 graduating class of Kelly High School are planning a 50 year anniversary at Polonia Banquets, 4604 S. Archer on Friday, Sept. 18th at 6 p.m.

For reservations, contact Walter Krieger at (219) 922-0110 or email wckrieger@hotmail.com.

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