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Space Shuttle Challenger



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The atmosphere in parts of our country has many people feeling as if the end of the world is imminent. Well maybe it is, but most generations have felt the same way. On the other hand, most Americans are just living their lives and assuming the world will still be here tomorrow.

We are coming to an anniversary on January 28th of one of the most 28th of one of the most intense days in my teaching career. It was different than days that we had guns in the schools, or on 9-11. In these cases, it was physical safety that we had to try to express to our students.

It was different in 1986. If you still don't remember the event, it was the morning that the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded just over a

exploded just over a minute after lift off. What bothered the 2,000 students in my school is that many were watching because that was the day the first teacher in space, Christi McAuliffe. This mother of two had earned a spot on the shuttle by winning a competition over 11,000 teachers.

There were thousands of students watching the program on TV, many in my building. Many were

watching Christie's parents watch the takeoff and then at the time of the explosion. They were in a special bleacher with special guests and all were somehow tied to these seven astronauts. Many cameramen understood what that explosion meant and started filling the human tragedy of these family members -because everyone knew what that explosion meant including my students and they empathized.

While some complained about the personal and financial cost to

al and financial cost to the country that the Space Program brings, our spirit rose because this is America. We grieved, we honored the dead and we investigated. The Space Shuttle was rebuilt with over 100 changes to make it safer. Today, due in large part to heroic astronauts, they have made our world that no one could imagine without the program.

Our satellite system has brought us cell phones, real time televi-sion, world-wide weather reports, military defense systems, and many other things. Guess what? Very few people asked if the astronauts were Democrats, Libertarians or Republicans, who they voted for in the election, what, if any, religion they

followed. The astronauts continued to be heroic and almost 17 years to the date on February 1, 2003, the Columbia Explorer disintegrated and all seven astronauts died. We have in our community a school named for these heroes -- Columbia Explorers Academy, 4520 S. Kedzie. The families and friends of these deserve heroes prayers because a violent ending to life, like these, lives with us always.

Fall Dean's List At UW-Madison

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cation

Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2020-2021 academic

Honorees must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA require-

Local scholars and their college are: Abigail Chavez, Engineering; Judy Chen, Human Ecology; Sarah Czyszczon, Letters and Science; Grissell Erazo, Letters and Science; Omar Espino, Engineering; Vanessa Flores, Education; Charlene Gorman,

Parks Resume In-Person Events

The Chicago Park District has resumed inperson programming at parks across the city after the State adjusted metrics that determine Covid-19 restrictions for Illinois regions. Winter programs previously scheduled to begin Jan. 4th were suspended in accordance with the State's Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation plan.

Winter In-person offerings include sports, cultural and nature opportunities. Programs will run through March 28th.

Chicago Park District fieldhouses will remain open to the public for washrooms and shelter during the regular hours of operation.

Virtual opportunities include live and prerecorded classes and other unique experiences, including virtual arts and crafts, story time and fitness workouts.

Program spaces are still available.

Acceptable activities include walking, running and hiking in outdoor spaces alone or with members of the same household.

The University of Letters and Science; Laura Guerrero, Engineering; Jo Gutierrez, and Science; Florence Huang, Business; Kai Huang, Letters and Science; Abril Pereznegron, Education; Braulio Puente, Letters

Science; Julio

Engineering;

Daily Vaccinations For Residents

Alexander Roman, Edu-

cation and Raquel Valentin, Education.

The Chicago Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of COVID-19 daily vaccinations for Jan.

City vaccine series completed - cumulative -33,445 doses (23%), 1st dose - cummulative 111,346 doses (77%). 1.2% percent popula-

60632: 1st dose cummulative 1,459 total, 1.6% population. Complete vaccine series 284

total, .3% population. 60638: 1st dose cummulative 1,687 total, 2.9% population. Complete vaccine series 471 total, .8% population.

60608: 1st dose cummulative 2,994 total, 3.7% population. Complete vaccine series 828 total, 1% population.

60609: 1st dose cummulative 1,332 total, 2.2% population. Complete vaccine series 289 total, .5% population.

Richards Honored

Alexandra Richards (60638) has been placed the Gettysburg College Dean's Honor list for outstanding academic Spring 2020 semester. Honorees must attain a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semesters

$Brook field\ Zoo's$ Facebook Live Chats



Photos--credit Jim Schulz/Chicago Zoological Society

Chicago Zoological Society's animal care staff will once again present its "Bringing the Zoo to You" Facebook Live chats on Mondays through Fridays while Brookfield Zoo is closed. The weekday chats are a way to keep the zoo and its amazing animals connected to the public during its temporary closure before reopening to guests on March 1st. The chats became popular when the zoo was previ-ously closed from mid-March through June to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Animal care specialists at Brookfield Zoo will share interesting and fun facts about many of the animals as well as answer questions from viewers. Upcoming educational and entertaining chats will feature an update on Pistachio, a Kemp's ridley sea turtle who arrived at the zoo this past fall; Humboldt penguins; American river otters; snow leopards; Raisin, a Hoffman's two-toed sloth; and orangutans.

Those who cannot tune in, can access "Bringing the Zoo to You" videos on Brookfield Zoo's Facebook page YouTube channel.

The live chats, the nicago Zoological Society's education staff is also producing weekly videos called "Bringing the Play Zoo to You," which are geared towards young children. Play partners will present a different theme each week that highlights ways kids can explore nature, learn about animals, and do fun activities from home. Posted on Brookfield Zoo's Facebook page and YouTube channel every Thursday, each of the videos are available in both English and

Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled

Online events via Zoom.
A knit and crochet cir-A knit and crochet circle meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays of each month from 6 to 7:45 p.m. All skill levels are welcome, all you need is needles and yarn. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event

Live one-on-one homework help is also available online everyday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Brainfuse. Students in early elementary through advanced college prep can get help with: specific homework questions, improving study skills, writing papers, ACT and SAT test prep and learning English as a second language. Use Brainfuse on any connected device or at home with your library

Songs and poems written during the writing circle will have the opportunity to be showcased in a virtual open-mic. Register by noon on the day before at

chipublib.org. The Chicago Public Library will conduct online Creative Write About It! Writing Club via Zoom on Tuesdays, through June 8th from 4

to 5 p.m.
The staff of the The stain of the Thomas Hughes Children's Library will conduct a 30-minute story time for children 3 to 5 and their caregivers on Fridays through Feb. 5th and Feb. 19th and 26 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Register by 9 a.m. the day

before the event.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Children's library will conduct 30 minutes of moving and grooving on Mondays, Feb. 8th and 22nd from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The program is suitable for children ages 0 to

7 and their caregivers.
The staff of Legler
Regional Library will conduct Tots and Tales storytime for ages 0 to 5 and their caregiver via Zoom on Thursdays, through Feb. 11th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Register 24 hours

Ramundo Graduates

Isabella Ramundo (60609), received a of Science Bachelor Degree in Nursing from The University of Alabama during its fall commencement on Dec. 12th.

in advance.

Family Story Time for ages 0-5 and caregivers will feature books, finger will feature books, finger plays, activites, rhymes and music on Saturdays through Feb. 27th at 10 a.m. Register by 9 a.m. the day before.

STEM Around the House will be available on Tuesdays, Feb. 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th and May 25th at 5 p.m. Participants will solve

Participants will solve problems, meet design challenges and have some STEM-y fun with things you have around the house. Best for kids ages 5 to 12, but younger children are welcome to participate with an adult. Register at least 24 hours before the event.

Mock Interviews and Resume Help for adults and Teens is available on Thursday, Feb. 4th to 25th from 10:15 to 11:15

Pet Show & Tell for kids and tweens will be featured on Saturday, Jan. 30th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Talk about your dog, cat, rabbit, hamster, fish or whatever pet you have at home. Register by 5 p.m. on Jan.

29th. Student Chicago Invention Convention for ages 5 to 13 will be conducted on Tuesdays, Feb. 2nd through 23rd from 5 to 5:45 p.m. This project based program utilizes existing STEM skills and emphasizes creative problem-solving, resilience and communication. Plan to attend all 4 sessions, if possible. Register 24 hours in advance.

Register for events at chipublib.org.

Dean's List At Iowa State U.

More than 11,000 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2020 Dean's List. Honorees must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Local scholars are: Colleen Clare Curtin, senior, Agricultural Stu-Arturo Ivan Madies: gana, sophomore, Computer Engineering and Michelle Pasek, senior, Hospitality Management.

Virtual Programs At Unique Gift Ideas Archer Heights Library For Valentine's Day

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled a variety of programs for children and adults via Zoom. Register at chipublib.org the day before

lib.org the day before each program.

Reading Buddies will be featured on Feb. 6th with Beginners on Thursdays, 4 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Independents will meet on Thursdays, 4:30 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Beginners - Beginning To Read On Your Own. These books have: smaller print with less white space, several lines of text space, several lines of text per page, less repetition and rhyming, varied sen-tence structure, punctua-tion and verb tense, more complex stores, and less picture support.

Some examples are:
King & Kyla by Dori
Hillestad Buttler, Ling &
Ting by Grace Lin, and
Penny and Her Marble by

Kevin Henkes.

Independent - Reading
On Your Own. These
books have chapters, less
pictures, rich vocabulary detailed phrases and sen-tences, and more complex plots and themes.

Some examples are:
Barkus by Patricia
MacLachlan, Frog and
Toad by Arnold Lobel,
and Meet Yasmin by

Saadia Faruqi.
Citywide Children's
Programs will be led by
librarians and presenters from all over the city. For more information

including how to register, visit chipublib.org/Kids Citywide Events.

Citywide Story Time with stories, songs and rhymes for children 0-5

and their families is scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 3 p.m. Citywide After School

activities exploring books, science, art and more will be conducted Mondays and Thursdays at 4:30 Citywide Sunday

Discovery takes a closer look at STEAM topics with hands-on activities. Biweekly Sundays at 2

The Virtual Adult Graphic Novel Books Dicussion Club will meet on the 2nd Monday of on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are Feb. 8th: *The World of Edena* by Moebius and March 8th: *Huck* by Mark Millar and Rafael Albuquerque.

The Virtual Book Discusion Club will meet on the 4th Wednesday of

on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are: Feb. 24th, Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz; March 24th, The Long and Faraway Gone by Louis Berney; April 28th, We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter; May 26th, The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern; June 23rd, The Last Time I Lied by Riley Sager; July 28th, Virgil Wander by Leif Enger; Aug. 25th, End of the Myth by Greg Grandin; Sept. 22nd, A Map is Only One Story; October 28th, OBOC; Nov. 24th, Girls Like Us by Cristina Alger; and each month from 6:30 to by Cristina Alger; and Dec. 22nd, IQ by Joe Ide.



Valentine's Day is a time when we celebrate the love we have for one another. But for others, Valentine's Day may be a Valentine's Day may be a time when they remember, despite all efforts, those who spurned that love. Who is to say they can't celebrate Valentine's Day as well?

This year for Valentine's Day, Brookfield

Zoo is once again offering the chance to name a cockroach in honor of that un-special someone. For a \$15 donation, name one of the Madagascar hissing cockroaches that resides in Hamill Family Play Zoo after an ex or anyone who may have wronged you. The "Name a Cockroach" package includes a Certificate of Naming that can be filled out and shared with the recipient or kept as a reminder that a cockroach bears your recipient's name as well as a placement on the Cockroach Naming Board, located inside Hamill Play Family Although Brookfield Zoo is temporarily closed until March 1, photos of the board will be posted on the zoo's Facebook page on February 14th.

Those interested in naming a cockroach after a loved one or someone who has a fondness for

the hissing insect, can do that too. Just click on that option when filling out the online form at CZS.org/NameACockroach 2021. Contributions go to the Chicago Zoological Society's Annual Fund. Brookfield Zoo has

dozens of charismatic ani-mals available through its Animal Adoption program that would make the perfect Valentine's gift for that special someone. From Pistachio, a Kemp's ridley sea turtle, and Arnieta, a reticulated giraffe, to a red panda or one of the Nigerian dwarf goats, a \$35 contribution will go towards the care of the animal you choose for one year. The recipient will receive a 5-inch by 7inch color photograph of the selected animal, a personalized certificate of adoption, a species fact sheet, an Animal Adoption decal, and an invitation to the exclusive 2021 Animal Adoption summer event.

A gift card carrying your name and Valentine's Day message can accompany the gift. To ensure regular mail delivery by Feb. 14th, orders must be received by Feb. 5th. To purchase an Animal Adoption package wight CZS ang/Animal age, visit CZS.org/Animal Adoption or call (708)

CZS Presents Virtual Lectures

The Chicago Zoological Society is offering a virtu-al lecture series featuring an array of fascinating topics about Brookfield Zoo's history, animals, and conservation programs. Following each presentation, there will be time for a question and answer session. Lectures. which begin at 7 p.m., are free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required and can be made

at CZS.org/LectureSeries. Learn about the many facets of the Animal Programs Department at Brookfield Zoo, including nutrition. veterinary services, animal welfare, and husbandry on Wednesday, Feb. 10th. wednesday, Feb. 10th.
Bill Zeigler, senior vice
president of animal programs for the Chicago
Zoological Society, will
present "The Zoo Beyond the Exhibits: Maintaining a Leadership Role" during which he will discuss how Brookfield Zoo's

2,600 animals are cared for.
"The Reign of Wolf 21"
with Rick McIntyre will take place on Thursday, 25th. McIntyre, author of the Alpha Wolves of Yellowstone Book Series, has recorded more sightings of wild wolves than any other person in history. Having spent years in the field observing wolves in Yellowstone National Park, McIntyre is considered one of the world's foremost experts on wild wolf behavior.

He'll speak about the true story of a wolf pup, called 21, whose father was shot and killed the day he was born. Wolf 21 and his seven siblings were raised by a single mother before a young adult male joined the pack and helped her care for the pups. Later Wolf 21 left the pack and joined a neighboring one as its new alpha male. He had an especially close relationship with female Wolf 42 that lasted for many years. When she died, he was never the same and did something especially poignant at the end of his long life.

Designated Illinois' state insect in 1975, the

monarch butterfly is recognized for its beautiful orange and black markings and phenomenal migration. However, its numbers are declining due to climate change, pesticide use, and habitat loss. Find out what Illinois is doing and how the public can help the monarch during an informative discussion, "The Illinois Monarch Helping Project: Pollinators, Empowering People," on Tuesday March 9th. Andre Copeland, interpretive programs manager for the Chicago Zoological Society, and Iris Caldwell, program manager for the Energy Resources Center at the University of Illinois Chicago, will share the state-wide action plan to add 150 million milkweed stems to the landscape by

The final virtual lecture, "Connecting One Landscape for Wildlife and People," takes place on Wednesday, March 24th. Ryan Lutey, executive director and Mitch Doherty, conservation program manager for Vital Ground Foundation, will give an overview on the organization's efforts to protect and restore North America's grizzly bear populations for future generations. Based in Montana, since its founding in 1990, Vital Ground Foundation has helped conserve and enhance approximately 620,000 acres of habitat.

Moreno Honored

201 students were named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Marshall-Community College, Iowa. Honorees must have taken 12 or more credit hours during the semester and have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average while attending.
Ernesto Moreno of

Chicago earned a perfect

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To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information.

Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to brightonparklife@

Shedd Aquarium Plans Reopening



Photo credit: @Shedd Aquarium/Brenna Hernandez Shedd Aquarium is preparing to reopen its

doors after 70 days of closure with general public admission beginning on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Memberships help fuel the aquarium's mission-driven work in animal care, conservation and education. Members-only hours will be offered on Sunday, Jan. 31st at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. reservation times.

This includes limited building capacity, online purchasing of timed tickets to entry, mask requirements, hand sanitizer stations and one-directional pathways.

Gorecki Honored

Gorecki, Drake (60632), has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College of Clinton, New York for the 2020 fall semester. Honorees must have

carried throughout the

semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

A first-year student, Drake is a graduate of Walter Payton College Prep School.





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Lincoln Library Sponsors Art Contest

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Illinois State Board of Education is sponsoring an art contest on the theme, "Art Surrounds Us."

Judging will occur across four levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. In each level a winner and three runners-up will be selected, and one piece will be selected as "Best in

The 16 top designs will be displayed by the Abra-ham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, and a single winner will be used as a poster sent to all schools during Illinois Arts Education Week, March 15th-19th, 2021.

Artwork may be submitted now through Feb. 12th. The winners will be announced in conjunction with Illinois Arts Education Week. The winner of "Best in Show" will be recognized during an ISBE Board meeting and a framed copy of their work will hang in the Board of-

Submissions must be 11 inches by 14 inches and two dimensional. They cannot feature copyrighted characters or images. More details are available ALPLMArtContest.

Heating Repair Grant Program

The Emergency Heating Repair grant program is available to income-eligible Chicago homeowners for service to repair or replace their furnace or boiler heating system. Limited funds are available on a first-come, firstserved basis.

The Open Enrollment Period is now until April 1st. Application packages are available by calling 311 by request through CHI311 app. or visiting www.chicago.gov/ housing.

Maximum gross income for 2020 is \$58,000 for 2 people. Add \$7,000 for each additional per-

son.
The program is open to Chicagoans who own and occupy a 1-to-4 unit residential property within the city limits. The property must be inhabitable condition and not a risk of foreclosure. Commercial and mixed-use properties do not qualify.

For more information, call (312) 744-3653 or doh@cityofchicago.org.

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President A. Lincoln

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, at 212 N. Sixth St. in Springfield, holds an unparalleled collection of Lincoln books, documents, photographs, artifacts and art, as well as millions of other items pertaining to Illinois history. Traditional exhibits, eye-catching special effects and innovative storytelling techniques educate

For more information, www.president lincoln.illinois.gov.

Webinars Explain Money Management

Let's Talk Money is a free, online webinar series from University of Illinois Extension that can help individuals and families, gain a better understanding of basic financial topics and nancial topics and improve their financial

situation. The 8-week series helps consumers turn tough financial topics into more simple conversations. Participants will learn strategies to help understand spending habits, manage debt responsibly, understand credit scores, and save money for retirement and important life events.

events.

Register at go.illinois.
edu/TalkMoney for one or
more sessions held on
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Topics include: Who are
You with Money? (Feb. 2),
How Much is Too Much
Debt (Feb. 9), Fair Access
to Credit (Feb. 16), Debt
Repayment Strategies
(Feb. 23), Credit Scores
Revealed (March 2), Secrets for Financial Success (March 9), Framing
Biases, Overcoming Hur-Biases, Overcoming Hurdles (March 16) and Make Your Savings (March 23). Grow

For more information, contact program organ-izer Kathy Sweedler at sweedler@illinois.edu.

IRS Warning On COVID-19 Scams

The Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division is warning taxpayers about a new wave of COVID-19-related scams as the agency delivers the second round of Economic Impact Pay-

A variety of Economic Impact Payment scams and other financial schemes designed to steal money and personal information from taxpayers has emerged.

Some common scams include: Text messages asking taxpayers to disclose bank account information under the guise of receiving the Economic

Impact Payments.
Phishing schemes using email, letters and social media messages with key words such as "Coronavirus," "COVID-19," and "stimulus" in varying ways. These communications are blasted to large numbers of people and aim to access personally identifying information and financial account information (including ac count numbers and pass-

words). The organized and unofficial sale of fake athome COVID-19 test kits

chi.gov/heat

(as well as offers to sell fake cures, vaccines, pills, and professional medical advice regarding proven treatments).

Fake donation requests for individuals, groups and areas affected by the disease.

Bogus opportunities to invest in companies developing vaccines while promising that the "company" will dramatically increase in value as a re-

sult.
The IRS does not send unsolicited texts or emails. The IRS does not call people with threats of jail or lawsuits, nor does it demand tax payments on gift cards.

COVID-19 should be reported to the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 submitted through the NCDF Web Complaint

Form. Taxpayers can also report fraud or theft of their Economic Impact Payments to the Treasury Inspector General for Administration online at TIPS.TIGTA.GOV.

Taxpavers who receive unsolicited emails or social media attempts to gather information that appear to be from either the IRS or an organization linked to the IRS, should forward the message to phishing@irs.gov.

Virtual Memorial

The City of Chicago unveiled a web-based, virtual memorial to remember Chicagoans who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

Invites Submissions

Residents are encouraged to share stories and photos about their family, friends, and neighbors through an online form that can be accessed www.chicago.gov/ covid19.

Chicago Rx Card

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Obituaries



RITA A. MILCAREK passed away on Jan. 17th. She served as a paralegal at two Chicago law firms: Lord Bissel and Brook and McDermitt, Will and Emery Illinois, secretary of the Paralegal Association and Chicago Legal Aid Foundation Association Association and Chicago Legal Aid Foundation. As secretary of the Council of Catholic Women at the Our Lady of Snow Church, she assisted underpriviledged children in the Brighton Park and Midway area. Ms. Milcarek was a graduate of DePaul University and Daley College. Survivors are her twin sister Jeanne Lamping; niece-in-laws Jean and Kimberly Monocchio; nephews Joseph, Richard and Joseph, Richard and Ronald Monocchio, and great-nephews Mitchell, Anthony, Dominick, Anthony, Dominick, Nicholas, Scott, Jacob and Nathanial Monocchio. Visitation was held at Ridge Funeral Home.

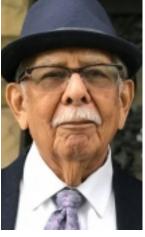


EDWARD STANLEY ODENBACH, of Cicero. He was the of Cicero, IL. A United States Army Veteran, Vietnam War, passed away Jan. 23rd at the age of 74. He was the husband of late Mary Ann Sojka-Odenbach (nee Bartoszek); father of late Walter-Sojka; brother of Mary Lou (Michael) Polyak and late Gerald Odenbach; brother-in-law of Angie Bartoszek, late Zofia (late Stanislaw) Kopinski, late (Krystyna) John (Krystyna) Nowobiliski, late Stanley (Mary) Bartoszek and late Jozef (Maria) Baroszek; uncle of Laura, Aimee, Michelle and Lyle. Visita-tion will be held Thursday, Jan. 28th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer. 11 a.m. Funeral Mass will follow at St. Bruno Church. Online registration is required. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.



PAOLA KESEK QUINTERO, age months; daughter Richard Kesek and Veronica Quintero; sister of her twin, Paolina, Angelina, Daniela, Natalia Kesek, Anthony and Ailine Quintero; granddaughter of Su sana Quintero and late Anna (nee Oblazna) and late Walter Kesek; niece of Sophie Kesek, Robert Kesek, Gloria Quintero and Leonel Quintero; great niece of Thaddeus Oblazny, John Oblazny, Theresa Oblazny, Stanley Oblazny, Mary Bernatowicz. Visitation was held Jan. 26th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Kowalska Faustina Church on Jan. 27th. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

VIRGINIA ROZA, (nee Petlicki), of Archer Heights, passed away on Jan. 24th at the age of 96. She was the wife of late Martin Roza; mother of James Martin (Cynthia) Roza; grandmother of Blythe Anne (Michael) Zada & Elspeth Jean (Daniel) Slocum; great grandmother of Fiona, Valerie, Jacob & Danya; daughter of late Mary (nee Depowski) & late John Petlicki; sister of late An-Esther) Walter (late Petlicki, late Walter Petlicki, late Angeline (late John) Pogwidz, late John (late Evelyn) Petlicki & late Joan (late Frank) Labanowski; aunt of Ronald Getches, Everett (Lillian) Petlicki, Pat (Tom) Howley, John (Tom) Howley, John (Myrna) Petlicki, Frank Labanowski, (Vicki) (Vicki) Labanowski, Theresa Ganas, late Joan (John) Poskus, late Billy (late Mary) Conrad, late Ronnie & late Mary Ann Getches. Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 28th from 3 to 7 p.m. at Zarzy-cki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer Ave. 10 a.m. funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Richard Church on Friday, Jan. 29th. Online registration is required. Entombment will be at Resurrection Garden Mausoleum.



LUIS CAYETANO SALAS passed away on Jan. 15th at the age of 98. A retiree of Local 710, he was a life long resident of Archer Heights and served as Operations Manager for Middle State Motor Freight. Visitation and Chapel Service was held Jan. 22nd at Szykowny Funeral Home, Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director, 4901 S. Archer. Interment was at St. Mary Cemetery.

History of **Skokie Lagoons**

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct a Zoom presentation of the History of Skokie Lagoons on Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Guest speaker: Gary Morrissey will explain the origins, transformation, and how it has become an important resource for wildlife and outdoor education.

Registration is required at https://www. eventbrite.com/e/historyof-the-forest-preservesskokie-lagoons-tickets-13 5369440641.

FRANK J. SISKA, age 93, husband of Sabina (nee Ciunczyk); father of Elizabeth (Richard) Chlopek & Victoria Siska; grandfather of Caitlyn; brother of Veronika (Jan) Dudzik , late Maria (late Dudzik, late Maria (late Jozef) Firszt, late Wojciech (late Helena), late Andrzej (late Helena) & late Jan (late Maria) Siska. Visitation was held Jan. 27th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs Inurpment was Springs. Inurnment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



HERMINIO MARTINEZ-TOLEDO passed away on Jan. 20th at the age of 66. He was the husband of late Rachael Martinez; father of Jerry (Reyna) Negrete, Jorge (Kathy) Negrete, Robert (Cheri) Negrete, Linda, and Ronald (Kristen) Negrete; brother of Alfonso, Elpidio, Ezequiel, M.A. Amparo, and Jaime; grandfather of 34 and great grandfather of 35. Visitation was held Jan tinez; father of Jerry Visitation was held Jan. 27th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was at Michoacan, Mexico

Science Pogram On Facebook Live

The Little Red Schoolhouse will conduct a program "I'm a Scientist: The Matter of Attraction" Facebook Live on Thursday, Feb. 18th at 10 a.m.

An experiment will demonstrate how magnetism effects our planet and its processes. For more information, (708) 839-6897 or littlered. schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov.

Polar Plunge To Go Virtual

The annual Chicago Polar Plunge, presented by Jackson, will be a virtual event for the firsttime in its 21-year history, due to the pandemic. From March 1st -7th, new and former plungers will have the opportunity to plunge safely in a setting of their choosing – whether it be jumping in the snow or running through a sprinkler – while raising money for the 7500 participants of the Special Olympics Chicago/Special Children's Charities pro-

Registration is now open by visiting www. hicagopolarplunge.org. Prizes include: a Peloton bike or exercise mirror to those who raise \$25,000; Two round-trip tickets on United Airlines to the first plunger to raise \$2,100; choice of Polar Plunge towel, wireless speaker or water bottle to all who raise \$300; an official Chicago Polar Plunge t-shirt for all those who fundraiser \$200 and a Chicago Polar Plunge neck gaiter to the first 200 people who register.

Other prizes such as Yeti coolers, televisions, Apple Ipads and Airpods will also be awarded to top fundraisers.

A virtual melt-down party will take place on Sunday, March 7th, where photos and video clips of participating teams and individuals will be showcased. Special Olympics Chicago athletes, various Plunge

Teams, local dignitaries and celebrities also make appearances. The winners of the annual costume contest and most creative plunge awards will be announced.

Last year's Chicago Polar Plunge was the most successful to date with over \$2.2 million raised, and plungers.

Fundraiser of the year for our organization, this is the perfect year for those who have not participated in the Plunge in the past, and who may have found the idea of jumping into Lake Michigan during the cold March weather a little daunting. The Virtual Polar Plunge allows everyone to participate in whichever manner they choose.

For more information call (312) 527-3743; or email polarplunge@ sochicago.org.

BPNC Provides Finance Counsel

The Financial Services department of the Brighton Park Neighborhood Counsel is virtually and telephonically providing counseling on services such as firsttime home buying, financoaching, foreclosure prevention.

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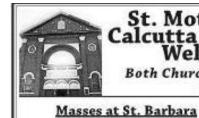
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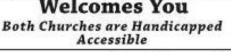
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Moratorium On Utility Shut-Offs

Attorney General Kwame Raoul reminds General residents that state-regulated electric and natural gas utilities are prohibited from disconnections

through March 31st. Customers should explore their options to manage their bills over the winter and avoid having a large balance become due in the spring. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program application period is open until June 20th, or until funding is exhausted. Utility customers may be eligible for LIHEAP funding if their household inperiod is at or below 200 percent of the federal level. Many households that were not previously eligible may now qualify if they are now unemployed or underemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Call the Illinois LIHEAP Hotline at 1-877-411-9276 or visit the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's website to determine eligiblity or to find an agency that can help with applications. Regulated electric and

gas utilities are offering extended bill payment options, including up to 24 months to pay amounts past due as well as bill assistance to customers who are facing financial hard-



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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
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DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY

AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-QS12

MARY WILLIAMS. PATRICIA DAVIS. CLAIMANTS

2020CH04192 1238 W. 73RD ST. CHICAGO, IL 60636

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN tha pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on Decem ber 30, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 23, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highes bidder, as set forth below, the following de

scribed real estate:
Commonly known as 1238 W. 73RD ST.,
CHICAGO, IL 60636 Property Index No. 20-29-119-041-0000

The real estate is improved with a single

family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Munic-ipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is

due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judg ment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to gen eral real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any rep-resentation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the

purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court

file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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For information, examine the court file,
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630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-20-00713 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 2020CH04192 TJSC#: 41-46 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection

Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiffs attorney is deemed to be a debt collector at tempting to collect a debt and any informa-tion obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2020CH04192 I3162792

Esperanza Expands Pediatric Service Esperanza

Centers 47th & California will welcome VIDA Pediatrics, 59th and Troy to its network of clinics. Starting Feb. 1st, VIDA Pediatrics will officially become "Esperanza at VIDA Pediatrics," and continue to offer a full array of services. This will be Esper-

anza's fifth site, with the others located in Little Village, Marquette Park, and South Lawndale.

Alejandro Clavier, MD, MPH, became Esperanza's medical director in 2008, and left the organization in 2015 to open VIDA, his independent practice. His training was completed at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he served as chief resident.

Children ages 0-17 account for 28% of Esperanza's total patient population.

For more information about Esperanza at VIDA Pediatrics, call (773) 906-5160 or visit www.vidapediatrics.com.

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What is Cryptocurrency?



The promise of cryptocurrency is greater

By Matt Rooney

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first time, people to

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might be familiar - Bit-

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ers may not – Cardano, Tezos, and EOS. There

are thousands of different

coins, each one designed

to have certain character-

istics such as speed, size,

memory, and abilities

that make them unique

and suitable for certain

tasks. Something comparable would be the apps

on your smart phone -

some are similar, yet oth-

ers perform vastly differ-

token Filecoin powers a

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that allows anyone to

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digital information with

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data kept secure on its

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are met. (i.e. transfer car

title; receive funds) This

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It may appear that this technology benefits only the wealthy technocrats, however quite the opposite is true.

55 million or 22% of Americans households are unbanked or underbanked. Imagine the benefits that could open up for them to buy, sell and transfer money easily for

very little fees. Cryptocurrencies provide an equality of opportunity, regardless of where you were born, your background, or your income. Anyone with a smart phone or internet connection will have ac-

cess to crypto. For most, it will be another financial tool alongside the checkbook, credit and debit cards. Others will find new ways to invest in the future. But for all it will be a new way of

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3,667 New Cases Of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 3,667 confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illiincluding additional deaths. Cook County fatalities

included 2 males 40s, 1 female 50s, 1 male 60s, 1 female 70s, 1 male 70s, 1 female 80s, 2 males 80s, 1 female 90s and 1 male

IDPH is reporting a total of 1,108,430 cases, including 18,883 deaths, in 102 counties. Laboratories have reported 69,285 specimens for a total 15,553,319. 3,001 in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with 608 in the ICU and 320 on ventilators.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from Jan. 19th–25th is 4.6%

Debt Forgiveness For Utility Bills program qualifications. Mayor Lori E. Light-

foot announced that the City has set aside \$8.9 million in potential debt forgiveness for eligible homeowners enrolled in the Chicago Utility Billing Relief Program, a debt relief initiative that reduces the cost of water, sewer, and water-sewer tax portions of utility bills for low-income residents. Launched in April 2020, the City has already cut in half the water utility bills for 8,539 participants, and the City anticipates setting aside more forgivable utility debt in 2021 as more qualified customers sign up for the program. UBR Program enrollees are eligible for total debt forgiveness on their past due balance.

The UBR program provides low-income residents with a 50 percent reduced rate on their water, sewer, and watersewer taxes, as well as debt forgiveness on their outstanding utility balance for those who pay the reduced rate for one year. Over the course of the year, customers are not required to make any payments on their set aside balance and collection and shut-off activity is suspended during enrollment. Since implementation in April, enrollees have averaged \$1,044 in outstanding utility debt

set aside. While working in part-nership with CEDA of Cook County, who operates the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the City has engaged in a public education campaign to enroll homeowners who meet

activities

Youth

cludes: must reside in the City of Chicago; must be a homeowner who resides in a single-family home or two-flat; and Income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty

Level, i.e., the 30-day in-

Eligibility criteria in-

come for a family of four cannot exceed \$4,367. Homeowners are encouraged to check their eligibility at www.chicago. gov/ubr and follow the prompts to complete the verification income process. For more information, contact the City's Utility Billing & Customer Service Center at (312) 744-4426 or utility-

bill@cityofchicago.org. Residents who do not qualify for the UBR Program may be eligible for a Senior Citizen Sewer Exemption. This program grants a sewer charge and sewer tax exemption to seniors aged 65 or over who own and occupy their own residence. The property must have a separate metered water service or city water assessment. Seniors who do not qualify for the exemption because they own and occupy a townhome, condominium unit, or cooperative unit with a shared water service or assessment may qualify for the Annual \$50 Senior Citizen Sewer Re-

The City offers several utility bill payment plans for residents including a 6-, 12-, 18-, 24-, or 36month payment plan, which are accessible online or by phone. For more information, contact at (312) 744-4426 or utilitybill@citvofchicago.org.

Chgo. Park District Öffers Ice Rinks



The Chicago Park District operates ice rinks at McKinley Park, 2210 W Pershing rd., phone (312) 747-5992 and Wentworth Park, 5625 S. Mobile, phone (312) 442-2194. Admission is free, skate rental is \$7 for all ages.

McKinley Park offers open skate on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m., Fridays from 1:30 to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday events are 10 to 10:45 a.m., Stick & Puck; 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Pond Hockey; 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn to Skate and 1 to 9 p.m. Open

Wentworth Park features open skate on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Šaturdays events are 10 to 10:45 a.m. Stick & Puck; 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Pond Hockey; 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn to Skate and 1 to 9 p.m. Open Skate. Sunday events are 10 to 10:45 a.m. Stick & Puck; 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Pond Hockey and 12 to 6 p.m.

Open Škate. The Chicago Blackhawks are giving kids ages 5-12 the opportunity to participate in a free 1hour Learn to Play ice hockey clinic which will be coached by Blackhawks

Gamez Graduates

Maryjane earned a Master of Education degree from Con-University of Seward, Nebraska during the Fall of 2020.

Fan Development staff at Wentworth Park on Saturday, Feb. 13th from 11 to 11:45 a.m. (ages 5-8) and 12:15 to 1 p.m. (ages

For more information or to register, visit chicagoblackhawks.com/

Urge Filing Of FAFSA Form

Since the 2021-22 Free Application for Fed-Student (FAFSA®) form became available on Oct. 1, 2020, the completion rate among high school seniors is down 12% compared to last year. Students could miss the opportunity to take advantage of federal grants, work-study funds, and loans to continue their ed-

Department's Federal Student Aid office is urging high school seniors to file the FAFSA form to help defray, and in some cases completely cover, the costs of their postsecondary education. FSA has made it easy for students and families to access resources at StudentAid.gov and via the myStudentAid mobile application using a computer, tablet, or mobile

hanced help topics that present further guidance through the FAFSA form. Skip-logic functionality ensures applicants see only the questions that pertain to them.

Resources include en-

College Fair

Goes Virtual Tribune Publishing will sponsor a free Virtual College Fair March 4th through 20th. The event will feature schools across the country, virtual campus tours, talks with industry experts and informational senrios.

Registration is required at TribPubCollege-Fair.com.

The Federal Emer-Ohio, and Wisconsin. The online application will continue through March 7th at https://com-Management Agency is committed to actively involving youth in preparedness-related munity.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/ through the

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Call4Calm

text "TALK" to 5-5-2-0-2-0

The Illinois Department of Human Services' Mental Health Division has launched a free-of-charge emotional support text line for Illinois residents experiencing stress and mental health issues related to COVID-19.

Individuals who would like to speak with a mental health professional can text "TALK" to 5-5-2-0-2-0, or for Spanish "HABLAR" to the same number: 5-5-2-0-2-0

Call4Calm is free to use, and individuals will remain anonymous. Once a resident sends a text to the hotline, within 24 hours they will receive a call from a counselor employed by a local community mental health center to provide support.

Individuals can also text 5-5-2-0-2-0, with key words such as "unemployment" or "food" or "shelter" and will receive information on how to navigate and access supports and services

Aid Navigators For Small Business

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will direct a \$3.4 million investment to expand community navigator outreach programs and technical assistance services provided through the State's Small Business Development Centers. These investments are designed to help more businesses take advantage of financial assistance recently made available through the renewed Paycheck Protection Program, and other federal programs set to launch

The state's plans to help small businesses will build on the community navigator outreach model piloted during the Busi-

Open Lectures For Residents

Cook County and the University of Chicago Office of Civic Engagement announce an additional events of Open Lectures for Residents.

Organized around seven themes: COVID-19 and Health, Economics, Elections, History, Philosophy, Environment, and Racial Bias. The content will feature a combination of past lectures and interviews in audio and video formats.

The courses will be available at civicengagement.uchicago.edu also linked from the County's website cookcountyil.gov.

For more information and the full content schedule, visit the Open Lectures webpage at civicengagement.uchicago

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ness Interruption Grants program which directed \$275 million to nearly 9.000 small businesses

The passage of additional federal COVID-19 stimulus by Congress in December 2020 provides several new and extended financial assistance programs to help small businesses. This includes a \$284 billion extension of PPP, which began accepting applications from

In the coming weeks, more than \$35 billion will be made available to small businesses through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance as well as the new Shuttered Venue Operators grant programs. For more on eligibility for these programs, visit the U.S. Small Business Administration website.

Free Yoga Class **At Conservatory**

The Garfield Park Conservatory will present an online Yoga Class on Saturdays through March 27th from 9 to 10 a.m.

This class works to reduce stress while improvstrength mg strength and flexibility through visualization, focused breathing, and yoga postures with modifications for all

Beginners to advanced yogis are welcome to join. Pre-registration is required. This class is free but they welcome donations to help offset programming costs.

Learn more at https://garfieldconserva-

Shedd Aquarium Closed To Visitors



Shedd Aquarium is temporarily closed, but digital doors will remain open and full of everevolving fun videos, experiences and programs. By participating in any of the paid virtual programs, you are directly fueling the aquarium's mission and helping to support animal welfare, conservation research and ongoing virtual education efforts.

Meet sea otters, penguins, or sea lions from home during a Virtual Animal Encounter. Two links for \$69.95, share this experience with a friend or family member

Families can log-on from the comfort of their home for "Zzzs Under the Seas" a Virtual Slumber Party with Shedd for \$125 per household. Explore all aspects of aquatic life, including up-close looks at animals at Shedd in their habitats or behind-thescenes, and participate in hands-on activities, games and more. The next morning, enjoy breakfast with the belugas and yoga with the fishes.

Virtual Aquarium Adventures for grades K-5 will cost \$39.95. Meet animals up close, explore Shedd Aquarium habitats and participate in handson activities, games and

A free program, "Sea Curious" designed by kids will answer a question about animals by exploring and having adventures at the aquarium. There are 9 aquatic animal videos, 3-5 minutes each. Video topics range from "do animals play?" to "What do animals eat?"

A free program "Stay Home with Shedd" for grades 3-5 will feature underwater biology and aquatic biodiversity.

There are 4 aquatic animal videos,10-15 minutes each, 3 student activity packets, 1 companion educator guide and 3 activity packets on biodiversity & conserva-

Swim with Sharks in 360 features sharks at Shedd Aquarium's Wild Reef and in the crystal-blue waters of The Ba-

Underwater Beauty Live Cam will discover the dreamlike patterns of angelfishes, tangs and butterflyfishes.

Virtual Reality Penguins will explain how the aquarium cares for rock-hopper and Magellanic penguins. Download the app to start exploring.

Shamrock Shuffle Opens March 19th

The Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle will kick off on Friday, March 19th and culminate on Sunday, March 21st. Shufflers can take part in the virtual 8K run, 2-Mile walk or The Mile by registering at Shamrock-Shuffle.com.

Participants will create a race experience in their own communities, set a goal and celebrate the accomplishment of crossing their own finish

Create a hydration plan for your run to ensure you are drinking enough fluids and utilizing water and a sports drink to stay hydrated and maintain sodium lev-

Pay attention to your local weather forecast and dress for the appropriate weather conditions.

Participants will have access to their digital event bib numbers starting on Monday, March 15th. Shufflers can download their official bib number by clicking on "Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle" under the Your Registrations" tab in their participant ac-

countOpens a Dialog. A digital Bank America Shamrock Shuf fle finisher certificate will be available to download after the race results are successfully submitted.

Assistance Programs For Homeownership

Governor JB Pritzker announced the creation of two new programs designed to help bring additional assistance to working class families and underrepresented communities. Offered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the SmartBuy and Opening Doors programs were designed to aid communities of color, which have historically endured many barriers in their path to-

ward homeownership.
Illinois Treasurer
Michael Frerichs reported that than 2 million people carry student loan debt, the average value of which is \$29,855.

Borrowers must meet eligibility requirements established for IHDA's DPA programs, and homebuyer education is required. IHDA

Mortgage SmartBuy will provide a 30-year fixed rate first mortgage with a deferred \$5,000 for down payment and/or closing cost assistance. In addition, the program will provide 15% of the purchase price (up to \$40,000) in assistance for student loan debt relief to borrowers looking to buy a home and help build generational wealth.

Potential borrowers must have at least \$1,000 in student loan debt and must pay off their full remaining student loan balance at closing. The promissory note and deed restriction will have a term of 3 years, and if the borrowers sell the property within that time, they will need to sell to another borrower within IHDA's income and purchase price limits.

IHDA Mortgage Opening Doors is designed to increase home purchase accessibility for low- and moderate-income quali-fied homebuyers. This includes Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients. IHDA will provide a 30-year 1st mortgage with a fixed interest rate and \$6,000 in down payment and/or closing cost assistance. The down payment assistance is forgiven after five years.

For additional information and a list of the nearest participating lenders, $\overline{ ext{visit}}$ ihdamortgage.org.

City Speed Cameras Now Activated

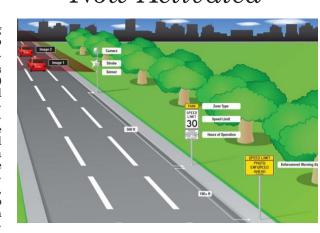


Photo Image by City of Chicago

Speed cameras located near schools and parks in the City of Chicago will begin ticketing drivers for going 6-10 miles per hour over the limit starting in March.

Effective now, drivers going 6-10 mph over the limit in "Children's Safety Zones" will receive a warning by mail. After March 1st, speeders will be issued a \$35 ticket.

Over 11 mph will receive a \$100 fine. Areas which have a speed camera are marked by signs and usually have a limit of 30 mph. Those found near schools are generally enforced from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. while those in park zones are active from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., 365 days

Mayor Lori Lightfoot included "enhanced fine

enforcement" changing the cameras' limits as part of a budget which aimed to address the city's \$1.2 billion shortfall.

Free Food **Distribution**

The community is invited to partake in a free food distribution at Our Lady of Fatima, 2751 W.

Every Saturday from 10 am. to noon, while supplies last.

For walk-ups, enter through Pershing rd. alley behind the Acero -

Sandra Cisnero's school. For drive-ups, enter

through California - 38th

pl. and food will be placed

in your trunk.

Ice Skating Ribbon Open at Maggie Daley



At Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph st. skaters can experience "alpine in the city" as they lace up their ice skates and follow a path twice the length of a lap around a traditional skating rink. Complementing the skating ribbon are places to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and rent skates. Skate with your own is \$5. Skates are available in child's size 8 through men's size 12. Rental for standard lockers \$5, locker \$8 - per day. Make reservations at maggiedaleypark.com.

Tax Loan For Senior Citizens

issued by the State of Illi-

nois, do not have to be re-

paid until the property is

sold or the homeowner

dies. A simple interest

rate of 6 percent per year

is charged. The maximum

loan is \$5,000 per year. To

must be at least 65 years

old by June 1st of the year

in which the application is

the application from cookcountytreasurer.co; Sub-

application and copies of

the required documents to

the Treasurer's Office by

First Installment for Tax

Year 2020 is due March

2nd, 2021, but late

charges are waiv through May 3rd, 2021

the

Homeowners reapply every year. The

To apply: Download

homeowners

completed

waived

qualify,

made.

March 1st.

charges

Senior citizens having a hard time paying their property taxes can take advantage of a loan program administered by the Cook County Treasurer's

Seniors whose annual household income \$55,000 or less can apply now for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program, which issues loans to cover property

tax payments.
The loans, which are

ployment complaints relating to the Coronavirus are surging, the Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone. The lawyer referral fee will be waived in the wake of the public health pandemic.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on the website www.chicagobar.org.

Zoom Workshop On Photography

5621 S. Nottingham Ave. - Location, Location, Location.

Price Change Archer & Nottingham - Quad Level 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms brick with 3 baths. New roof on home & garage, all windows upgraded with shades or blinds. Built in sprinkler system; A/C in 2009, hardwood floors in 2017, 2.5 car garage, side drive. Semi finished sub basement, fireplace, laundry room and more. Call for more details at



6918 W. Archer Ave. - Price Reduced Commercial brick building. Large store front & 3 offices, 1/2 basement, 85x125lot. Parking in rear and additional parking across the street. Immediate possession! Call (773) 582-9300.

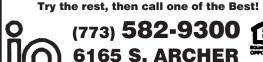
6742 W. 64th Place #2W: Second floor unit, 2 bedrooms,

1 1/2 baths, balcony, all appliances stay. New hot water heater, new patio door, all electric condo. Washer and dryer in the basement common area; plenty of storage in the basement and a party room. Two parking spaces. Quick possession. Call (773) 582-9300.

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RENTALS: Looking for an apartment, condo, home or store front. Give me a call! (773) 582-9300

Try the rest, then call one of the Best!



(At Austin) **CALL FOR A FREE MARKET ANALYSIS.**

CBA Offers Legal Service

As consumer and em-

program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, Feb. 20th from 9 a.m. to noon, the public can call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to

The Forest Preserves of Cook County will conduct an online Winter Photograpy Skills Workshop via Zoom on Wednesday, Feb. 24th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The presentation will include recommendations on picturesque preserves to explore with your camera. Q&A will be held at the conclusion of the program. Registration is required at https://winter photoskills1.eventbrite.



OFFICE OF THE **COOK COUNTY TREASURER** January 2021 cookcountytreasurer.com As the most difficult year in memory thankfully recedes, I want to wish you all the best for 2021 and to deliver a few words about some of the projects and reports my office has been working on which I believe

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Dear Constituent:

are important to you. These include:

This and other studies below can be found on cookcountytreasurer.com. The Top 50 - This extension of The Pappas Study lists the 50 properties in Chicago and suburbs with the largest property tax increases since 2000, showing an increasing tax burden on homes and businesses.

The Pappas Study - A 20-year history of the growth of property taxes in Cook County. Our research shows

taxes rose over two decades by 99 percent, nearly triple the growth in the cost of living (36 percent). Note:

Scavenger Sale Study - Our report shows that the Scavenger Sale, designed to auction off dilapidated housing, is a failure and communities with the worst housing pay the most taxes, have the highest crime and lose the most residents. We call on the Legislature for a remedy.

Extraordinary efforts to give taxpayers their money - My office has access to \$122 million that belongs to people, not government – \$76 million in refunds for double-payments and overpayments and \$46 million for exemptions for which eligible taxpayers (often seniors) did not file. We have enlisted aldermen, commissioners and state legislators to find these owners of homes, businesses and land who may not know that they have money due them. Black Houses Matter - Because the bulk of tax delinquent properties is in the African American community,

I began this program to locate owners to a) encourage them to pay back taxes to avoid possibly losing their property, and b) inform them when they have refunds or exemption money coming. I carry this message weekly on my radio show on WVON/1690 AM every Monday at 11:30 a.m. State of the Office - A review of my office's advancements in technology, efficiency and service through

2020 as given to the Cook County Board of Commissioners when I recorded my 18th straight year of cutting my corporate budget. As the pandemic worsened life for our people, and having done so already for the second installment of

2020, I convinced the County Board to waive penalties on late payments for two months on both property tax installments in 2021. The First Installment of 2020 taxes is due March 2, 2021, with application of late charges moved back to

May 3, 2021. The Second Installment of 2020 taxes is due August 2, 2021, with application of late charges moved back to October 1, 2021.

Getting the word out about these and other matters during the pandemic has been extraordinarily time-consuming. The times may continue to test us in 2021, but if we live in the hope and expectation that we will prevail, I believe that Providence will see that we do prevail.

Sincerely,

Maria Pappas