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Marvel Super Heroes

Will Literature Be A Battleground?



By Dr. R. Pletsch

There are many educational chat rooms that have an open forum for people to express their ideas. There have been some comments recently that the next fight might be over what is acceptable literature in the school curriculum. We may be entering a period of including authors and subjects some find questionable. If you follow some of these essays, you may come up with the idea that we will see more "cancel culture". Some people are suggesting that we eliminate books from the curriculum solely on who the author was and not the quality of the work. Is the author the wrong race? Have something in his past or maybe his relatives owned slaves? We must be careful. Remember some courts have ruled in

content of the text? Several school districts list the books and authors that are to be covered. But be prepared. For example, you would

Brookfield Zoo has

reopened to the public

with restrictions. There

will be limited animal

viewing during your vis-

its. Indoor spaces, except

restrooms, are closed. All

attractions, including Motor Safari, are closed.

Public access to buildings

As a non-profit, Brookfield Zoo relies on

ticket sales, donations,

annual memberships, fundraising events, phil-

anthropic gifts, and sup-

port from community

donation that will sup-

port animal care and wel-

fare programs, as well as

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ment, visit www.golad-derup.org or call (312) 588-6900. The Brighton

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Illinois residents.

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Consider making a

partners.

is subject to change.

Brookfield Zoo

Has Reopened

favor of porn in public libraries. Will they go

against authors because

of politics instead of the

not be able to read anything from ancient Greece or Rome because their works were done by the aristocracy, most of which owned slaves. Of course, about a half of the founding fathers owned slaves so some people want to get rid of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. This may seem far-fetched, but wait until you see what the Illinois General Assembly recently passed. I don't believe most people want to get rid of everything. The teachers mostly desire that our children be well educated even if the writers may not be what we today might consider as

As usual, parents, teachers and other educators should be careful to defend your children's right. We have a non-elected School Board, so having no election to worry about, who knows where they will stand. When we look at bills from Washington and Springfield, you must remember names of these bills are often deceptive and have nothing to do with the actual bill. Be careful if you just listen to the news about these bills because you could look on the website and look at the contents of the bills

before they are passed.

Seriously there are many great works of literature your child should be exposed to. If the idea is just to be inclusive. is just to be inclusive, that is important. But that which is chosen must also stand on the

merit of the literature. While we hope for the expression of different groups, be it ethnic, political or gender, we must pick good literature proteins the content that the proteins the content of the literature proteins the content of the literature proteins and the literature proteins the literature proteins and the literature proteins and the literature proteins are literature. ture not just because they meet other criteria. believe we have to be careful that we don't end up banning or burning

other critical operations

of the Chicago Zoological

dinosaurs that are bigger

and badder than ever

before have arrived at Brookfield Zoo. Dinos

Everywhere features the

largest—argentinosaurus

measure more than 100

feet in length and weigh

up to 110 tons. Through

Sept. 6th, zoogoers will be

able to search for these

amazing life-like anima-

tronics located through-

Society is offering free admission to Brookfield

Zoo to all active, reservist, and retired

members of the military.

Qualified personnel who

present a valid ID will be

admitted free of charge.

Make sure you reserve your timed ticket before-

Brady Honored

The Chicago Zoological

out the park.

that was estimated to

Over 40 animatronic

Society.

New Arrivals At Brookfield Zoo



Hope, a 5-year-old polar bear recently arrived at Brookfield Zoo. She will eventually be paired with Hudson, the zoo's 14-year-old male polar

While Brookfield Zoo has been temporarily closed due to the pandemic, staff welcomed a new ic, staff welcomed a new addition—Hope, a 5-year-old female polar bear. Since her Jan. 29th arrival, Hope has been enjoying the wintry weather that has descended upon the Chicago area. Guests will be able to see her in one of be able to see her in one of the outdoor habitats at

Great Bear Wilderness.

Hope will eventually be introduced to Hudson, a 14-year-old male polar

bear.

Born at Utah's Hogle
Zoo, Hope's transfer to
Brookfield Zoo was based on a recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Polar Bear Species Survival Plan. Nan, the female polar bear who was most recently at Brookfield Zoo, was recently transferred to Como Park Zoo & Conservatory in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Polar bears are currently listed as a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The main threat of the species' decline is due to reduced access to their main source of foodseal—due to climate change melting the sea ice and other environmental factors.

Admission is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for senior 65 and over. Parking is \$15. Visit CZS.org/Know BeforeYouGo to review the safety protocols.

Assistance For Tax Preparation

Low-to-moderate infoor a free tax assistance come families and older provider closest to them Illinoisans needing assisindividual income taxes can receive free help through several programs across the State of İllinois. The Internal Revenue Service and AARP Tax-Aide programs are providing free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in select loca

How taxpayer assistance is provided and when services are available varies by region, based upon several variables including COVID-19 conditions and volun-

teer capacity.
The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs offer free tax help for individuals making \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities, limited English speaking taxpayers and individuals 60

years of age or older. Taxpayers can search

by visiting the Illinois tance filing their 2020 Department of Revenue's website tax.illinois.gov. Additional assistance is also being offered through the IRS-sponsored Ladder Up Virtual Tax Assistance Program, which also provides free basic tax return preparation for low-to-moderate income and elderly taxpayers.

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free tax assistance to taxpayers over the age of 50 or who have low-tomoderate income. Availability is determined at the local or community level, by appointment only (walk-in service is unavailable this year).

Get the latest news and updates from the Illinois Department on Aging by following the department on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, or by calling the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or by email aging.ilsenior@illinois.

Flower Show At



Destiny Brady, Architecture Undergraduate

has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Fall 2020 semester. UWM is the second largest university in Wisconsin, with more than 23,000 associate, undergraduate and graduate students.

Garfield Conservatory



The Garfield Park Conservatory and Gardens, 300 N. Central park ave, has reopened the indoors to the general public. Virtual programming will also stay connected. The Spring

Flower Show: Saturation will welcome back guests through May 9th.

All 60-minute visits must be pre-booked at visitors@garfieldpark.org or (773) 638-1766.

Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

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 home-work 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 writ-ten during the writing circle will have the opportunity to be showcased in a virtual open-mic. Register by noon on the day before at

day before at chipublib.org.

The Chicago Public Library will conduct online Creative Write About It! Writing Club via Zoom on Tuesdays, through April 27th from 4

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

Speed cameras located

near schools and parks in

the City of Chicago are

ticketing drivers for going 6-10 miles per hour over

Drivers going 6-10 mph over the limit in

Children's Safety Zones"

will be issued a \$35

Over 11 mph will receive a \$100 fine. Areas

which have a speed cam-

era are marked by signs

the limit.

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.

Citywide Tag Team Spanish Story Time for ages 0-5 and their caregivers will be held Fridays through April 2nd from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Two librarians will pair up to read some Spanish books and perform rhymes and songs. Register 24 hours in advance.

Homework Help: Virtual Teacher in the Library for kindergarten through 12th grade will be available Mondays, March 22nd, April 19th and May 17th from 3 to 5 p.m. Register at least one hour in advance.

Little Learners Story Tie for kids, pre-schoolers and toddlers will be held on Wednesdays through April 28th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Ms. Casey from the West Loop Branch will read books and provide fun with fingerplays, songs, rhymes and move-

The Humboldt Branch will conduct an intermediate Spanish Language Class on Saturday, March 6th from 3 to 4 p.m. All levels are wel-

Register for events at chipublib.org.

Photo Image by City of Chicago

and usually have a limit of 30 mph. Those found near schools are general-

ly 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 short-

a year.

City Speed Cameras

Now Activated

At Science Museum



The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th & Lake Shore drive, will feature the interactive exhibition Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes, March 7th through Oct. 24th.

With more than 300 artifacts including original and the short of the state of

nal comic book pages, sculptures, interactive displays and costumes and props, guests can examine the origins of iconic characters such as Spider - Man, Black Panther, Hulk and Captain Marvel. The exhibit for all ages is not included in museum entry. Requires an additional, timedentry ticket. Adults \$18, Children (3-11) \$14.

Easing Of Regulations For Chgo. Businesses

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, the Chicago Department of Public Health and Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection announced the further easing of COVID-19 regulations for businesses. Due to sustained progress in all four reopening metrics, indoor capacity at bars, restaurants and businesses can increase to 50%.

Additionally, bars and restaurants can now remain open until 1a.m., alcohol sales from liquor stores and other establishments with a Package Goods license can now continue until 11 p.m. and indoor fitness class size can increase to 20 people. Other regulations will remain in place for the time being, including the capacity limit of no more than 50 people within any one space at bars, restaurants, events and other venues.

This announcement is possible because Chicago has reached at least the "Moderate-Risk" level in all four of these metrics, and sustained that level for two weeks:

COVID cases diagnosed per day: currently averaging 283, in the "Moderate-Risk" level.

COVID test positivity: currently averaging 2.9%, in the "Lower-Risk" level Emergency Departments visits for COVID-like illness: currently averaging 42 per day, in the "Lower-

Massey Honored

been named to the 2020

fall semester Dean's List

at the University of

plete 12 or more letter-

graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade

He is a junior in the College of Education/ Human Development

point average.

Honorees must com-

Minnesota Twin Cities.

Jeffery Massey has

any one space and 20 people in indoor fitness classes. Additional easing of regulations will be considered if Chicago sustains existing risk levels for at least two weeks. More information will be available at chicago.gov/ reopening.

Risk" level. ICU beds occupied by

COVID patients: current-

ly averaging 103, in the "Moderate-Risk" level

as performance venues, health and fitness cen-

ters, movie theaters and

personal services, can

also increase to 50% capacity, with no more than 50 people within

Other industries, such

Reopening For Park District

Chicago Park District General Superintendent & CEO Michael kelly announced plans to reopen the city's lakefront, playgrounds and indoor aquatics programming as metrics allow the city to ease COVID-19 regulations.

Lakefront parks will be open during normal operating hours and parking fees will be required.

The Chicago Park

District will soon unlock gates and prepare all outdoor playgrounds and nature play spaces to reopen, expanding outdoor recreation opportunities for children, ages 12 and under.

During the Spring programming session, indoor swimming pools will offer limited aquatics programming April 5th through June registration Spring begins Monday, March

Residents are encouraged to check the City of Chicago website for infor-Protect mation on Chicago and Chicago Plus. Protect

Finalist For Teaching Award



R. ROJAS

Golden Apple, the Illinois nonprofit committed to preparing and supporting educators who advance opportunities for students, announced the 2021 finalists for the distinguished Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Leadership.

A competitive award process resulted in the selection of nine Pre-K-12th grade finalists from a record-setting 121 nominations. Rodolfo Rojas, Principal of Everett STEM Academy, 34th & Bell is a finalist for the

Golden Apple Award which honors exemplary performance by a principal or head of school who has had a significant impact on the school, created a culture of inclusivity, and delivered student growth.

The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Leadership recipients receive a cash award of \$10,000, with \$5,000 for the school leader and \$5,000 to the school for a project of the recipient's choosing. Award recipients become Fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators, who play an important role in preparing the next generation of teachers.

Visit http://www.goldenapple.org for more information.

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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.

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VIOLET E. KLIMEK, passed away on Feb. 22nd

at the age of 91. She was the wife of late Walter Klimek; sister of late Marcela, William, Carl, and late Bernice; aunt of

Ralph Carson. Funeral

Prayers were held Feb.

26th at Ocwieja-Robles

Funeral Home, 4256 S.

Mozart. Interment was at

Bethania Cemetery.

Application For NOF Grants

The City of Chicago's Neighborhood Opportunity Fund will reopen for grant applications up to \$250,000 starting Monday, March 8th, with more than \$4 million in funding available for small businesses, nonprofits and cultural institutions on the West, Southwest and South sides. The deadline for applications is Friday, April

The Department of Planning and Development program supports private rehabilitation and construction projects that add economic vitality to neighborhood commercial corridors and support local needs. A map of eli-

Changes To PPP Grants

The Biden administraton recently changed the loan calculation formaula for the federal Paycheck Protection Program

to make it easier for sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed to qualify for relief. They've also established that student loan debt and prior incarceration no longer prevent small business owners from obtaining relief.

"If your business employs 20 people or less, now is the time to apply added State Senator Bill Cunningham. "The federal government has opened a special window where only the smallest businesses - which make up 98% of the small business community - can apply." More

information about the program, including how to apply, is available on the Small Business Administra-tion's website - https:// www.sba.gov/fundingprograms/loans/corona virus-relief-options/pay check-protection-pro-

gible areas and application details can be found on the program's website,

www.chicago.gov/nof.

DPD will host virtual informational sessions to help potential applicants prepare for the submis-

In English: Noon, Friday, March 5; 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 8; 10:30 a.m. and Monday, March

In Spanish: 3 p.m., Monday, March 8th; 10 a.m. and Thursday, March 11th. Register on Zoom or Live Stream on

The Fund was established in 2016 to allocate zoning fees from downtown construction projects toward business projects along West, Southwest and South side commercial corridors.

Grants may be applied toward costs including building rehabilitation, new construction, design, site acquisition and preparation, technical services and other ex-

Finalists selected in the most recent funding round, announced in January, include a Roseland bookstore, a North Lawndale restaurant and a Back of the Yards yoga studio.

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.

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Shedd Aquarium Has Reopened



Shedd Aquarium has reopened its doors with general public admission.

general public admission.

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

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 hands-on 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 an-

imal 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, wrasses, tangs and butterflyfishes. Virtual Reality Pen-

guins will explain how the aquarium cares for rockhopper and Magellanic penguins. Download the app to start exploring.

Art on the Mart Features CPS Seniors

Art on the MART is establishing a partnership with Chicago Public Schools and its All-City Visual Arts Program. The first joint project will showcase the artwork of select Chicago Public School seniors on the façade of the MART as part of a new animated projection entitled *Hope is a Light: Select Works from the Chicago Public School* Class of 2021 to be shown as part of Art on the-MART's late spring pro gram, May 20 - June 26,

Any CPS high school senior is eligible to be a part of this program. Artworks selected for the 2020-21 CPS All-City Visual Arts Senior Portfolio (either Honorable Mention or Exhibition) are automatically consideration for inclusion in the exhibition. Seniors must submit through the All-City Visual Arts High School Exhibition portals to be considered by the deadline of March 26th. To view the submission guidelines which include the selection criteria and application portals, visit http://www.cpsarts.org/ne

ws/artonthemart/. Once chosen, the student artwork will be animated and projected with

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accompanying music curated by the CPS Department of Arts Education in collaboration with iHeart-

 $Art\ on\ the MART$'s program of projections will be shown nightly at 9 and 9:30 p.m. and can best be experienced for free from the jetty section of the Chicago Riverwalk on Wacker Drive between Wells street and Franklin street, where accompanying audio is available.

Art on theMART is the largest permanent digital art projection in the world, projecting contemporary artwork across the 2.5-acre river-façade. Projections are visible to the public from Wacker Drive and along the Chicago Riverwalk, with accompanying audio available on the jetty section of the Riverwalk

The program content rotates seasonally and is selected with the assistance and expertise of the Curatorial Advisory Board. The permanent projection system illuminates the MART with 34 state-of-the-art projectors totaling almost one million lumens. For more information, visit www. artonthemart.com.

Hall of Fame For Senior Citizens

The Illinois Department on Aging is accepting nominations for the 2021 Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame Awards. These awards recognize adults, 65 years of age and older, and highlight the meaningful contribu-

tions they have made. Award nominations are being accepted for the following categories: Community Service, Education, Labor Force and Performance / Graphic

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, June 1st. Eligibility is based on the nominee's past and present accomplishments. The candidate must be a current Illinois resident, or a former resident for most of their life. Posthumous nominees will also be considered. Nomination forms can be filled out online, calling the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or emailing aging.ilsenior@illinois.

gov. For more information on how to nominate someone, visit www.illinois. gov/aging.

Library Schedules Online Programs

The Chicago Public Library invites youngsters to go on a learning adventure to win books, games, technology and more.

Choose your adventure month: Read recommened books, do a hands-on activity, write something to share with other kids, join an online program or virtual event and explore an online re-

Check back each month for new ways to explore at chipublib.org/ Learning Journey.
Visit You Tube.come

and search for story times, hands-on activities and more. Be sure to subscribe for updates.

The weekly video series includes: Make It Monday at 4 p.m. with Hands-on activities fea-turing STEM and art projects. STEAM Team presents live story times on Tuesdays at 10 am.

Voices of Chicago Story

Time highlights a different librarian sharing a unique Chicago experience on the First Saturday of each month at 11

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card chipublib.org/Brainfuse.

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Vaccinations Totals

For Area Residents

The Chicago Depart-

ment of Health and

Human Services issued a report of COVID-19 com-

mulative vaccinations for

completed - cumulative -

173,058 doses, 6.4% of

population; 1st dose -

cummulative 358,657

doses, 13.3 percent popu-

mulative 10,903 total,

12.1% population. Com-

plete vaccine series 2,851

total, 3.2% population. 60638: 1st dose cum-

mulative 7,479 total,

12.7% population. Com-

plete vaccine series 3,195

total, 5.4% population. 60608: 1st dose cum

60632: 1st dose cum-

City vaccine series

changes and tune-ups).

Consumer Complaints

In recognition of National Consumer Protec-Week, Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced his office's list of Top 10 consumer com-

plaints for 2020.
1) COVID-19 (price gouging, IDES/SBA fraud resulting from identity entertainment/ sporting events/travel, housing, credit/financial services).

2) Construction/Home Improvement (remodel-ing, roofs and gutters, heating and cooling,

banks/financial institutions, collection 4) Motor Vehicle/Used

idential mortgage lend-

cars, financing, advertis-

work at home scams, lot-tery scams, investment schemes, phishing).

Products (internet and catalog purchases, TV and radio advertising).

cards, data

tions (cable and satellite TV, telemarketing, wireless phones, phone service and repairs).

Auto Sales (IIIIIII) fects, advertising).

Motor Vehicle/

1,577 New Cases Of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 1,577 confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including 47 additional deaths.

Cook County fatalities included 2 teens, 2 males 50s, 2 males 60s, 4 females 70s, 8 males 70s, 2 females 80s, 4 males 80s, 4 females 90s and 3 males

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 1,189,416 cases, including 20,583 deaths, in 102 counties. Laboratories have reported 56,181 specimens for a total of 18,234,668. 1,231 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with 281 in the ICŪ and 148 on ventilators.

preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from Feb. 23rd - March 1st, 2021 is

Second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. featres books, stories, hands-on projects, special guest and plenty of fun.

Brainfuse Homework help is available every day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. There are resrouces for test prep, English as a second language and writing lab. The program is available on any connected device or at home with your li-

Top 10 List Of

plumbing). 3)Consumer Debt (res-

Auto Sales (as-is used

ing, warranties).
5) Promotions/
Schemes (phone scams,

6) Internet/Mail Order

Identity

breaches, utilities, government document fraud). Telecommunica-

9) Motor Vehicle/New

mulative 10,412 total, 13% population. Complete vaccine series 4,843 total, 6% population. 60609: 1st dose cum-

mulative 5,864 total, 9.6% population. Complete vaccine series 2,337 total, 3.8% population.

Chicago. Resource: gov/covidvax

Bridgeport - 2859 S. Throop

Saturday, 5 PM,

Rosary: Sunday, 5:30 AM

6 AM & 9:30 AM Sunday Masses

Weekday Schedule (Chapel)

Tue., Thurs., & Sat. 8 AM Mass

Obituaries



JAN FINDURA, of Archer Heights, passed away suddenly on Feb. 25th at the age of 50. He was the son of Maria (nee Wadowska) and Andrzej Findura; brother of Elzbieta Findura, Anna (Jan) Wadowska, Jozef (Joanna) Findura and late Andrzej Findura; nephew of Franciszek Wadowski, Helena Segenova and late Pawel (Anna) Findura. Visitation was held Feb. 28th at ZarzyckiManor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer Ave. Interment was in Trybsz,

Online Reporting

Poland.

easier

GRISDELDA ZAVALA passed away on Feb. 12th at the age of 23. Arrangements and visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Funeral Mass was held at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

For Child Abuse The Department of Children and Family **Zoom Events At** Services enhanced and

streamlined its online re-**Archer Heights Library** porting system and opti-The Archer Heights mized its website for Branch Library, 5055 S. submissions through mobile phones to Archer has scheduled make reporting allega-tions of neglect and abuse easier for the public and book clubs, a Graphic Novel monthly discussion and other events via mandated reporters.

A new Virtual Adult Graphic Novel Book Club To make a report of suspected child abuse or will meet on the 2nd Monneglect online in a nonday of each month from emergency situation, visit 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Virtual Book Club https://dcfsonlinereporting.dcfs.illinois.gov/. To meets on the 4th Wednesmake a report by phone, call 1-800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873). Calls and

day of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Library hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

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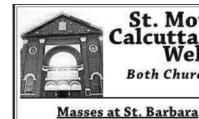
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Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls at (312) 554-2001 from the public and offer legal advice on Saturday, March 20th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Citizens may explain their situation to an attorney who will then suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY

DWAYNE WILLIAMS A/K/A DWAINE WILLIAMS, LISA WILLIAMS, CITIMORT-GAGE, INC., NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Defendants 15 CH 10888 7950 SOUTH MORGAN STREET

CHICAGO, IL 60620 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 30, 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 7950 SOUTH MOR-GAN STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60620 Property Index No. 20-32-203-032-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick, two story single family home with a detached

garage. 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 Municipality 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 general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any ren 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.

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MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dear-born Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602.

Tel No. (312) 346-9088 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector at mpting to collect a debt and any informa tion obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 15 CH 10888 I3164561

Design Impact Grant Program

Designing a Better Chicago, a collaborative initiative organized by NeoCon and theMART, the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, and the Design Museum of

Chicago, is accepting nominations for its second annual Design Impact Grant Program. The 2021 initiative will provide \$25,000 in projectspecific grants individuals and organizations using design or design principles to directly address pressing issues

communities. Last year, Designing a Better Chicago offered this grant to Chicago Mobile Makers and Maplewood Housing for the Visually Impaired. It also recognized seven additional projects for their outstanding work, ideas, and efforts. The Design Impact Grant monies are

funded by NeoCon and theMART. Nominations are required for this invitationonly program and are due by midnight on March 12th. Grant guidelines and a timeline are available at designingabetterchicago.org.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LIMA ONE CAPITAL LLC;

vs.
CDF PROPERTIES INCORPORATED;
CARL D. FORD;
CHRISTOPHER A. BROWN; CITY OF UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants, 19 CH 7195 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 29, 2021 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, act forth below the following described public auction to the nighest bilder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
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The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open For information call Ms. Jennifer E. Walke For information call Ms. Jennifer E. Vallager at Plaintiffs Attorney, Plunkett Cooney, 221 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. 312-670-6900. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

intercountyjudicialsales.com

Vaccine For Serious Medical Conditions

The Illinois Department of Health announced that people with serious medical conditions can be vaccinated, in line with federal guid-

ance.
The expansion includes residents 16 and older with disabilities or conditions underlying who aren't otherwise covered in previous eligibility categories, in accordance with CDC guidelines. The state has made substantial progress toward vaccinating health care workers, seniors in long-term care facilities and others who are already eligible.

Illinois also vaccinated a record 130,000 people on Feb. 24th, including records for both first and second doses.

The expanded list of eligible conditions will include cancer, chronic kidney disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, diabetes, heart conditions, immunosuppressed states from a solid organ transplant, smoking, obesity, preg-nancy, pulmonary diseases, and sickle cell disease.

State-supported sites outside of Cook County will begin taking appointments for the 1B+ phase. A list of these sites can be found at https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/. Appointments will remain

limited. Beginn March. an additional 100,000 doses of vaccine per day on average are expected to be allocated to the state. When the FDA Emergency Use Authorization is granted for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, another 100 million doses are expected to be delivered nationwide.

Virtual Tours Of Cultural Center

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affaris and Special Events will present a prerecorded video tour series or a live 40 minute virtual docent led tour of the Chicago Cultural Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 11 a.m.

Video Tours available at any time from your device https://www.chicago.gov/c ity/en/depts/dca/supp_info /ccc0.html)

For more information VolunTours@cityof chicago.org.

Lincoln Park Zoo Opens March 5th



Lincoln Park Zoo is coming out of hibernation! Reservations for the first weekend (Friday - Sunday, March 5th - 7th) will go live at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28th. Reservations for later dates will be available starting Sunday, March 7th.

Join Lincoln Park Zoo and the Auxiliary Board to celebrate Lincoln Park Zoo's reopening at home and in person with a limited-time Beers & Beers Celebration Pack. Each pack include: admission to Lincoln Park Zoo on reopening Saturday, March 6th (maximum six people, including infants). A ticket for your household to attend an exclusive virtual improv show by The Second City during the

evening of Sunday, March

One reusable tot bag, one 32-ounce crowler of Grin and Bear it (a limited-edition milkshake IPA by DryHop Brewers, in collaboration with Lincoln Park Zoo), another 32-ounce crowler (Dry-Hop's choice), two exclusive pint glasses, two koozies, and a bottle

opener. Pre-recorded DryHop and Lincoln Park Zoo video content that explores the wonderful world of wildlife and the process of brewing some of

your favorite beers.

Discount on Lincoln
Park Zoo's Craft Brews event in September. Snacks and swag from local partners.

For more information, www.lpzoo.org.

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 sprinwhile raising money for the 7500 participants of the Special Ólympics Chicago/Special Children's Charities pro-

gram. Registration is now open visiting www.chicagopolar plunge.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 fundraise \$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 ath-letes, 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 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 polarplunge@ sochicago.org.

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 improve their financial situation.

The 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 other im-

portant life events. Register go.illinois.edu/TalkMoney for one or more sessions held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Topics include: Secrets for Financial Success (March 9), Framing Biases, Overcoming Hurdles (March 16) and Make Your Savings (March 23).

For more information, contact program organizer Kathy Sweedler at sweedler@illinois.edu.

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

Forest Preserve Offers Programs

The Cook County Forest Preserve District has scheduled free interesting

programs.
Dan Ryans Woods Visitors Center, 87th and Western ave. will conduct an hour-long open nature play time on Fridays through March 26th from 12 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays through March 31st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each week will also feature a story trail to incorporate literature into play and a take home activity kit. Registration is required Jessica.Becker@cookcountyil.gov or (312) 415-2970.

Blue Island Public Library will conduct a Zoom presentation, "Birdwatching for Beginners" on Thursday, March 11th at 6 p.m. Registration is required at scain@blueis-

landlibrary.org.
Facebook Live from
Little Red Schoolhouse will feature Making Sense of Senses on Thursday, March 18th at 10 a.m. Like all animals, our senses are directly linked to our survival. A few experiements will be conducted virtually to better understand how they work. Contact (708) 839or littlered. schoolhouse@cookcountyil.gov.

Facebook Live from Crabtree Nature Center will explore Geoheritage

Library Announces Spring Concerts

The Library of Congress will continue its season of Concerts with an offering of virtual concerts, interviews and conversations with artists and composers, lectures, curator talks and educational programs. The spring series kicks off on March 12th with a performance from the young musicians of the New World Symphony, followed by performances from Scottish pianist Steven Osborne on March 19th and the Dudok Quartet Amsterdam on Quartet Amsterdam on March 26th.

All events will be made available at 7 p.m. on the scheduled premiere date on loc.gov/con-certs, the Library's YouTube channel and the Performing Arts at the Library of Congress Face-book page. All events of the season are free, and tickets are not required.



on Saturday, March 20th at 2 p.m. Learn about this global movement to save geologically dynamic locations, how it has been implemented in the United States, and what the future may hold. Registration is required at (847) 381-6592 or Crabtree.NatureCenter@cookcountyil.gov.

Facebook Live from Sand Ridge Nature Center will feature the birds of Cook County on Tuesday, March 23rd at 1 p.m. Contact (708) 868-0606 or sandridge.naturecenter@ cookcountyil.gov.

Facebook Live from Little Red Schoolhouse will explain the ecology of native frogs and why vernal pools are so important for their life cycles on Saturday, March 27th at 1:30 p.m. Contact: (708) 839littlered. 6897 or schoolhouse@cookcoun-

Girls On Run Chgo. Names Board Prexy



J. WILLIAMS

Girls on the Run-Chicago has appointed Joan Williams as its new governing board president for a two year term.

Girls on the Run is a physical, activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through eighth grade to recognize their limitless potential and pursue their

The program supports girls' 3rd through 8th grade social, emotional, and physical health, through virtual programming and socially-distanced programming in small teams.

Joan brings a wealth of expertise in organizational risk, compliance, and financial analysis, and experience as Director of Compliance at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. She has served on GOTRC's governing board for 10-plus years, and previously served as Vice President and Chair of the Board Development & Governance Commit-

She earned a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, an M.S. in Higher Education Administration from Northwestern and J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

To learn more, visit www.gotrchicago.org.

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Ice Skating Ribbon Open at Maggie Daley



At Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph st. skaters can experience "alpine in the city" through March 7th, 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.

State Promotes "Get Hired" Website

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Illinois Department of Employment Services launched Get Hired Illinois - a new portal designed to connect workers with available job and career training opportuni-

Residents will have free access to online workforce development courses via a partnership with Coursera. With Illi-nois facing record unemployment as a result of COVID-19, the Coursera partnership and Get Hired page will serve as important measures in the efforts to get people back to work.

Residents and employers may access www.illinois.gov/gethired.

The new portal blends resources to provide a one-stop-shop for job seekers and employers – providing information on job opportunities as well as unemployment re-sources. The page is de-signed to be user friendly for job seekers of all levels and backgrounds and allows employers to upload jobs, virtual career fairs and training opportunities.

Coursera provides workers looking for new Coursera employment opportuni-ties additional resources for professional development. After completing the online programs, participants will have the op-portunity to continue their studies at a local community college or university, or to connect with employers through their local workforce boards.

Campaign For Opioid Recovery

The Illinois Department of Human Services announced the #RecoveryBelongs social media campaign to increase awareness of International Overdose Aware-

To learn more, visit: https://www.dhs.state.il. us/page.aspx?item=11865 5. If you or someone you know is suffering from an opioid use disorder or substance use disorder, contact the Illinois Helpline (833) 234-6343, "HELP" texting 833234, or visiting: www.helplineIL.org.

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Business Workshops For Certification

The City has created numerous initiatives to increase the number of skilled residents prepared to work in growing industries. Ensuring that disadvantaged populations have access to employment opportunities is a high priority. Workshops will cover the Project Area Resident Ordinance and local hiring requirements, ap-prenticeship utiliza-tion and ex-offender bid incentives. The Depart-ment of Family and Support Services and Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will feature programs they offer.

How to Become Certified, Wednesday, March 10th, 2 to 3 p.m.

DPS is the certifying agency for the following certifications: Minority-Owned Business Enter-prise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Busi-ness, Business Enterprise for People with Disabil-ities, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Airport Concessions Disadvant-aged Business Enterprise.

This workshop provides information on who is qualified to be a Chicago certified form. Learn what documents are needed when submitting an application and how to avoid the most common mistakes in the certification process. Subject matter experts will be on-hand to answer questions about common certi-

fication topics.
Thursday, March 11th, 2 to 3 p.m. eProcurement applies digital technology to the acquisition of goods and services, which has now become the standard solicitation method due to statewide shelter in place requirements. This class focuses on assisting prospective bidders and proposers with registering for an iSupplier account and submitting an online bid to the City. This class is open to all interested in doing business with the City. Vendors who need to respond to an eProcurement solicitation as a result of a recent conversion from paper solicitations are encouraged to attend.

Working with Assist Agencies: Chicago Wo-men in Trades and Revolution Workshop, Wednesday, March 17th, 2 to 3 p.m. Chicago Assist Agencies are comprised of not-for-profit agencies and/or chambers of commerce that represent the interests of small, local, minority, women, vet-eran, and disadvantagedowned businesses. These organizations offer many resources to help businesses at every stage of their growth cycle as well as connect prime contractors with certified firms for subcontracting opportunities. This workshop will outline the role and responsibilities of an Assist Agency.

To register, sign up at chicago.gov/dpsevents.

Pappas Explains Property Taxes

Thanks to a change in the law, property owners have two extra months to pay their First Installment Cook County property tax bills without a late fee, through May 3rd, 2021, Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners in November waived for two months the 1.5 percent per month late fee on all Tax Year 2020 prop-

Taxpayers can pay the First Installment, due March 2nd, 2021, without a late fee through May 3rd, 2021. Late fees also will be waived for two months for the Second Installment, due later this

Taxpayers should look at the front of the bill where a section called "Taxing District Debt and Financial Data," provides information for each taxing district, including: Money owned by your taxing districts; Pension and health care amounts promised by your taxing districts; Amount of pension and health care shortage and Percentage of pension and health care costs taxing districts are able to pay.

Property owners can pay their bills by visiting cookcountytreasurer.com and entering their street address



M. PAPPAS

Resurfacing For Damen Avenue

A resurfacing project Damen ave. Garfield blvd. to Marquette road is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, March 8th pending clearance from existing utilities.

The work will include ADA sidewalk improvements, curb and gutter removal and replacement, milling the existing asphalt pavement, asphalt paving, landscapring and

Temporary "No Parking" signs will be installed as required.

All work on this corridor is scheduled to be completed by May 28th.

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 improving strength and flexibility through visualization, focused breathing, and yoga postures with modifications for all levels.

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:// garfieldconservatory.org/events/

CDOT Promotes Traffic Safety

The Chicago Department of Transportation announced the start of two new Vision Zero community-engagement efforts to reduce traffic deaths and injuries in high-crash areas.

With the impacts of COVID-19, Chicago and many other cities experienced reduced traffic volumes that were and traffic deaths. According to provisional data, 139 people died in traffic crashes in Chicago in 2020, 43 more than in Mayor Lightfoot's Cap-

ital Plan, provides \$49 million over two years for the Complete Streets program. This investment includes \$10 million for Vision Zero and pedestrian safety treatments; \$17 million for expanded and upgraded bike facilities; and \$10 million for

investments in the City's transit system, such as station-area and bus stop upgrades that help. Under the Vision Zero

Chicago Program, the City is using all the tools in its traffic safety toolbox to combat the rise in speeding and fatalities. This includes lowering speed limits where possible; reducing lanes dedicated to motor vehicles; investing in rapid delivery infrastructure projects to make streets safer and by using automated speed enforcement to deter

speeding.
Last year, CDOT installed pedestrian safety infrastructure - such as pedestrian refuge islands and pedestrian bumpouts that extend the sidewalk and shorten the crossing distance - at over 250 intersections.

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 toward homeownership.

Treasurer Illinois 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 qualified 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 participating lenders, visit ihdamortgage.org.

Vaccinations At United Center

A new federal vaccination site will open at the United Center, Madison and Wood st. on Tuesday, March 9th.

The site will have the capacity to administer 6,000 doses per day, all of which will be provided directly by the federal government and not taken out of the state or city's allotment.

Seniors will have first access to appointments before the site opens, and if appointments remain available after seniors have had their exclusive registration period, any remaining slots will be open to any Illinoisans eligible under the state's guidelines. After March 9th, registration will continue to be open for all Illinoisans eligible in the state's Phase 1B+.

Registration will begin Thursday, March 4th at 8:30 a.m. at Zocdoc.com/ vaccine or by calling (312) 746-4835. Through a city partnership with Uber 20,000 will be available.



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Applications for Admission to Namaste Charter School

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Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 9:00am Register at: https://www.airmeet.com/e/b4e44fd0-55c2-11eb-bfea-09aaa05c3416

Namaste Charter School currently serves 485 students in grades K-8 and is now accepting applications for the Fall of 2021 for students of all grade levels.

Namaste Charter School promotes curiosity and lifelong student success by implementing and sharing a holistic educational model. We combine health and wellness with academic rigor in a safe and inclusive environment.

The school's commitment to the physical, social emotional, and academic well-being of its students, along with the incredible dedication and support of its families and staff, creates a unique school culture that improves each student's individual capacity to learn and reach higher academic achievement an innovative and successful program that has been lauded in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, WGN News, DNA info, on NBC's The Today Show, CNN and many other media outlets.

As a leader in holistic education, Namaste's curriculum is designed to feed both the minds and bodies of its students through: daily rigorous instruction in balanced literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, and 60 minutes of physical education; nutritional breakfast and lunch menus; and movement opportunities during morning and afternoon recess. The school also offers a Spanish-English dual language program option, an afterschool programming option, and a school day running from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday and 8:30 am - 1:30 pm on Fridays.

Namaste Charter School is open to all Chicago residents. Applications can be found on the school's website at www.namastecharterschool.org/2021-application, or at the school's main office at 3737 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60609. All applications MUST be submitted by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 5, 2021. For more information, please call 773-715-9558 or visit www.namastecharterschool.org.

Virtual Programs At Archer Heights Library The Archer Heights 8th: *Huck* by Mark Millar

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

covery takes a closer look at STEAM topics with hands-on activities. Biweekly Sundays at 2 p.m. The Virtual Adult

Graphic Novel Books Dicussion Club will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are March

Free Program For Finances

The Chicago Department of Family and Sup-Services, partnership with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund and Heartland Alliance, announced the launch of the free Financial Navigators Program to help residents deal with the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. To sign up, residents should call 773-799-9062 or submit an online interest form at chicago.gov/FSS.

During a one-on-one session by phone, a financial navigator will identify steps to resolve financial issues. The resident will receive a document via email outlining those next steps.

and Rafael Albuquerque. The Virtual Book Dis-

cusion Club will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics are: 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, OBOČ; Nov. 24th, Girls Like Us by Cristina Alger; and Dec. 22nd, IQ by Joe Ide.

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