

Columbus Day



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Columbus Day is next Monday. As a student, teacher, parent and principal the only thing it meant to me was the fact that it was the first school holiday and this was made even nicer when it was moved to Mondays. This is how many people, even today, look at this holiday.

The first recorded celebration of Columbus Day was in 1866. It was pushed by the large immigrant population of Italian Catholics. Later FDR proclaimed it a federal holiday in 1934. Since that day many have considered it a celebration of the bravery needed by these explorers. You can find some people, of course, that consider that is far from completely accurate. Some celebrate Leif Erickson, but he did not tell anyone outside his village that he had found this land. That is where Columbus got his fame. He came back and told everyone he could. Many nations around the world celebrate this day including Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Columbia, Costa Rica, Italy, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the Virgin Islands. Over time many states, cities and groups began looking disparagingly on such a celebration because this is the event that began to put indige-

nous peoples on a "slippery slope" for some of their demise as peoples.

Columbus is noted for imprisoning many Indians, made them work in mines, and took many back to Europe to sell as slaves. In his defense, he lived by the rule of the flag he sailed for -- Spain. Queen Isabella enforced a Papal Agreement that did not let Christians become slaves. This, of course, only helped a few. This does not change the fact that the Taino people of Hispaniola disappeared in less than 50 years mainly by pandemics. The recent belief of scientists is that most died from dysentery, overwork, and small pox. These same scientists believe the culture clash went both ways as neither of the peoples had the prepared immune system to live in the other's country. According to Wikipedia, the men from Columbus' first voyage brought syphilis with them to Europe and it triggered a pandemic of 5 million deaths. This does not even consider the problem of tobacco that Native Americans gave to the Europeans. There was probably not a single person reading this article that does not know someone who has died from lung cancer.

Wikipedia, which is the modern equivalent of the Encyclopedia Britannica, is a great place to study the issues. They are well documented with primary sources and a distinguished bibliography. So if you celebrate on October 9th, whether you celebrate Columbus Day, Day of the Race, Day of the Americas, or Indigenous People Day, do it for a good reason recognizing courage, or remembering the various peoples that no longer exist. Do it by building up your opinion, not tearing down someone else. Its 525 years since the interaction began.

Fall Fest At Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo is embracing autumn with the third-annual Fall Fest. This fun, free admission, family-friendly celebration lets guests experience harvest in the heart of the city, from picking the perfect pumpkin to clambering up a hay mountain.

In addition to the free offerings at Fall Fest including singalong sessions with Mr. Singer on the Main Stage and autumn-themed animal enrichment daily.

Ticketed experiences include a corn maze to explore and thrilling rides to conquer, like a towering burlap sack slide on the zoo's Main Mall and a tractor-themed carousel at Farm-in-the-Zoo. The festival will also include a 65-foot ferris wheel, two corn pools, multiple bounce houses, professional pumpkin carvers and educational activities.

Pumpkins will be available for purchase throughout the entire month of October at the pumpkin patch located next to Landmark Café. Pumpkins vary in price depending on size.

Fall Fest is a free event open to the public Oct. 6th - 9th (Columbus Day), 13th - 15th, 20th - 22nd and 27th - 29th from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets are required for

attractions and are available for \$3 each or in bulk packages of 10 for \$27, or 20 for \$51. All zoo buildings will remain open with regular hours during this time.

Lincoln Park Zoo's Auxiliary Board will host the 31st Annual Spooky Zoo Spectacular on Oct. 28th. This free event allows children to celebrate Halloween in a family-friendly environment. It will include family entertainment, trick-or-treating, a haunted house and arts and crafts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets for Fall Fest rides will remain available for purchase during Spooky Zoo Spectacular as well.

Adults Night Out: The Great Pumpkin Glow on Oct. 12th from 6:30 to 10 p.m. is the perfect 18-and-older event for the kid at heart. Enjoy zoo grounds covered in pumpkins, educational entertainment, a barn dance party and Fall Fest offerings afterwards, wine or beer in hand (for those ages 21+). Tickets are available for \$15 at lpzoo.org or \$20 at the door, if tickets remain. Costumes are optional.

For more information on upcoming events, visit lpzoo.org/events.

Computer Workshop For Seniors

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer an introduction to computers workshop on Friday, Oct. 6th at 2:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to start a computer and operate the mouse and keyboard. This workshop is mainly for seniors but everyone is welcome. Call (312) 747-6082 to register.

Grand Opening for Mansueto High



14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke and Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined Morning Star Founder Joseph Mansueto and his wife, Rika, in cutting the ribbon celebrating the opening of the new Mansueto High School. The \$27 million Noble Charter Network high school was made possible by a gift of \$17.7 million from the philanthropist couple. The 68,000 square-foot facility includes 42 classrooms, space for 1,100 students and a soccer field. Burke said Noble's decision to build the school in the Brighton Park community has spurred more than \$80 million in development in the area, including a \$25 million health care clinic and a dialysis center which are coming to 47th and California. "The new Mansueto High School is an important economic stimulus, a neighborhood anchor and building block, pointing us toward a bright and sustainable future for everyone in the 14th Ward," Burke said. Noble Charter School Network Chairman Allan Muchin (far left), Principal Darko Simunovic (second from left) and parent Vicky Enciso (to the right of Alderman Burke) also took part in the ceremony.

Mentoring Program Seeks Volunteers

Catholic Charities Youth Mentorship Program is recruiting mentors to work with teen boys in 8th through 10th grades in the Back of the Yards and New City communities.

Mentors are encouraged to seek out low-cost activities such as, playing basketball, working on school projects, exploring a new ethnic restaurant in the area, grabbing a cup of hot chocolate, or taking advantage of free activities in the community. A Catholic Charities Mentor coordinator offers guidance and training, suggest age appropriate activities, and help mentors develop a strong relationship with their mentee.

Mentors must: be at least 21 years old; commit to a minimum of a one year relationship, meeting five hours per month; have reliable transportation and submit to a criminal background check.

Contact Viridiana Godinez at (630) 229-5335 or vgodinez@catholiccharities.net.

Oktoberfest At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo will stage an Oktoberfest celebration on Friday, Oct. 20th. The bountiful feast of German cuisine will feature a grilling station with a variety of German sausages; a carving station with sauerbraten and schinken; a saute station with schnitzel, spatzle, traditional accompaniments; and German desserts, including Bavarian chocolate cake and warm apple strudel with ice cream.

German beers and wines will be sold separately. The dinner, which begins at 6 p.m. in the Swan Pavilion, costs \$90 person. Seating is limited. For additional information and to make the required reservations, go to CZS.org.Events or call (708) 688-8355.

Games Party At Rhine Post VFW

The Auxiliary to Rhine Post VFW #2729 will host their annual Card and Bunco Party at the post home, 5858 S. Archer on Sunday, Oct. 8th. Doors open at noon. Special raffles include a TV and a homemaker's booth with a variety of handmade items. All proceeds are designated for hospitalized veterans and other veterans projects.

Donation is \$5. Refreshments will be served.

Parking available at the west end of shopping center across the street.

For information or donations, call (773) 284-9025.

Officer Friendly At PJPII School



Preschool students at Pope John Paul II School, 4325 S. Richmond enjoyed a visit from Chicago Police Officer Yanez. The students heard the "Officer Friendly" presentation, which discusses street safety, talking to strangers, how to use 911 and child protective behaviors, recognizing police officers and how they work to keep children safe. Yanez will be back during Red Ribbon Week to talk to Kindergarten-8th grade students about saying no to drugs. Pictured with the speaker are preschool students Angel'lee Galarza, Gianfranco Casteneda, Emanuel Rodriguez and Edward Mlakar.

Architecture Fest Plans Open House

Chicago Architecture Foundation announced the neighborhoods and sites for this year's Open House Chicago on Oct. 14th and 15th. For the first time Logan Square/Avondale is among the 20 neighborhoods and 2 suburbs hosting more than 250 sites, many rarely open to the public. This free public event offers access to repurposed mansions, skyscrapers, theaters, private clubs, industrial facilities, private offices and sacred spaces.

Logan Square/Avondale has a rich history of welcoming new Chicagoans from Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Mexico and Puerto Rico to its stately greystones and bungalows. The warehouse and manufacturing districts are being repurposed by a new generation of entrepreneurs.

Exploration sites include Congress Theater and Logan Square auditorium; Stan Manson and Aloft Circus Arts; Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church and Armitage Baptist Church; Revolution Production Brewery, Chicago Distilling Company and Metropolis Coffee Company; L-Logan Square, Pumping Station; One, and North-eastern Illinois University's El Centro. Access to OHC sites is

free and does not require a reservation, but participants are encouraged to sign up to receive event newsletter and announcements. Sites will accept visitors on a first-come, first served basis. In addition to free access, OHC offers activities in various sites all weekend long, including cultural performances, lectures and more.

Become a CAF member at architecture.org to receive a "Priority Access Pass" which grants you preferred access to OHC sites and Members-Only Sites.

Craft Fair At Phelps VFW Post

Johnson-Phelps VFW Auxiliary, 9514 S. 52nd ave., Oak Lawn will be hosting their annual Fall Craft & Vendor Fair on Sunday, Oct. 22nd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors will include Fabulously Sweet Creations, Scentsy, The Sheet Lady, Pink Zebra, Avon and Covered in Chocolate.

There will be a 'Fun Raffle' food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is free and children are welcome.

Proceeds will benefit Veterans and Community projects. For more information, call (708) 423-5220.

AHCA Sponsors Halloween Party

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct its annual Halloween Party for community children 12 & under on Tuesday, Oct. 31st in the Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S. Kilbourn. Entry will begin at 6:30 p.m. and costume judging will start at 7 p.m. Judging of costumes is separated by boys and girls, with the following age groups; 3 & under, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-11-12.

Cash Raffle At PJPII School

Pope John Paul II School, 4325 S. Richmond will conduct a Monster Cash Raffle during a Halloween Party on Oct. 27th.

Prizes are \$5,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000. Tickets at \$50 are available at the school office.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

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 and a calendar of free local events. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!

Gertrude C. Siedlecki

1924-2017

Gertrude C. Siedlecki (nee Szykowny) passed away on Sept. 28th at the age of 93.

She was born in the Spring of 1924 to a young Funeral Director Frank Szykowny and his wife Helen who had just built Szykowny Funeral Home at 4901 S. Archer. Gertrude attended St. Bruno Elementary School, Lourdes High School, and Worsham College of Mortuary Science. Her father Frank died at an early age leaving his daughter and wife to operate the funeral home.

Soon after World War II ended, Gertrude met and married a young Decorated Marine John J. Siedlecki. The couple lived above the funeral home with John working at Crane Company during the day to help with finances. As the business grew, he quit Crane Company and together with Gertrude and Helen ran the funeral home. Gertrude & John had two sons, Jonathan and Michael who lived above the funeral home for many years until they retired in the early eighties.

Her son Jonathan and his wife Nancy continued the family ownership and still operate the funeral home today. John J. died in 1984 and Helen Szykowny died in 1994.

Gertrude will be remembered for her five plus decades of service to grieving families in their hours of need; countless hours spent on commit-



tees and community service; devotion to her church; participation in the church choir and many memorable musical liturgies. Her concern and love of family was evident, especially her grandchildren and most recent great-grandchild Charlotte Ruby Quinn. She was strong willed, independent and caring.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Oct. 5th at 9:30 a.m. from Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director to St. Bruno Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Civic Meeting In Archer Heights

The Archer Heights Civic Association will conduct a general membership meeting at UNO Veterans Memorial School, 47th & Kildare on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Elizabeth Ptasik, manager of the Archer Heights Branch Library. Winners of the 2017 Junior Citizen Awards from five grammar schools will be present. Detailed reports on the Cicero Avenue redevelopment project will be given.

Cake and coffee will follow.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

The Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st., needs tutors to help adult immigrants learn English 90 minutes per week.

Teachers do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English. Opportunities are available Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tutor training workshops are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13th (6 to 9 p.m.) and Saturday, Oct. 14th (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Register in advance and come both days. For more information or to register, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512.

Teen Program On Engineering

Teens ages 14 to 18 may learn what it takes to enter the world of engineering from mechanical to electrical and biomedical to chemical during 1st Saturdays: Careers in Focus at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Saturday, Oct. 7th from noon to 4 p.m.

Teens will network with industry professionals to find out how they developed their careers and honed their skills to be at the top of their industries. Teens can talk to local organizations to find programs in these industries and explore a range of professional opportunities.

Shredding Day At Highlander Hall

14th Ward Alderman Edward Burke will sponsor community shredding day at the Polish Highlanders, 4808 S. Archer on Wednesday, Oct. 18th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also to be collected for recycling are any electrical devices such as computers, telephones, fans, microwaves, hair dryers, radios, carpet sweepers and holiday lights. But no televisions.

Free flu shots will be available for adults and children. Persons who are Medicare eligible should bring their card.

Advisory Council At Kelly Park

The Kelly Park Advisory Council will meet at the fieldhouse, 41st and California on Friday, Oct. 20th at 6 p.m.

Plans for renovation of the park and future events to engage the community will be discussed.

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ComEd debuted Solar Powered Fashion designed by Latino Students with the help of fashion designer Ronald Rodriguez at Latino Fashion week's runway. The ComEd Solar Spotlight program connected engineers and students in a two-day immersion through hands-on solar demonstrations. The fashion will be on display at the Mexican Museum of National Art and the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture.

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Letters Contest About Literature

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is urging students in grades 4 through 12 to enter the 2018 "Letters About Literature" contest - a national reading and writing competition.

Students are invited to read a book, poem or play of their choice and write a letter to the author about how the work changed their life or view of the world.

There are three levels of participation: Level I for grades 4-6, Level II for grades 7-8 and Level III grades 9-12. One Illinois winner will be selected for each level and receive a \$200 cash award. Teachers of the winning students will receive a \$100 cash award to purchase materials for their school library. Winners and teachers will be invited to an awards ceremony in Springfield.

App Challenge For Students

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) is inviting students to participate in the 2017 Congressional App Challenge, a competition designed to encourage involvement in computer science and coding. This nationwide effort allows students to compete against their peers by creating an application - or "app" - for mobile, tablet, or computer devices.

The challenge is open to students of all skill levels who live in or go to school in the Third District, but each student may only compete in one district. The challenge is intended for high school students, but there is no minimum age required for participation.

The winner from the Third Congressional District, chosen by a panel of expert judges, will be featured on CongressionalAppChallenge.us. The winning app will also be on display in the U.S. Capitol, along with other winners from across the country.

For more information or to register, contact one of the Congressman's offices or visit lipinski.house.gov.

The state winners letters will be forwards for national judging.

The deadline to enter is Saturday, Dec. 9th. State winners will be announced in April 2018. This is funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Library of Congress Fund, Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and Illinois Center for the Book. For more information, contact Bonnie Matheis at (217) 558-2065 or bmatheis@ilsos.net.

Children's Library Schedules Events

The Thomas Hughes Children's Library at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., will present the Day of Play on Saturday, Oct. 7th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities will include the Global Cardboard Challenge, puppet making, music and more.

A Harry Potter Halloween Party on Monday, Oct. 30th at 4 p.m. will feature scavenger hunts, crafts and games for ages 6 to 13. Costumes are encouraged.

Haunted Lecture At Lincoln Zoo

Chicago ghost lore expert and paranormal investigator Ursula Bielski will explain the ghostly history of Lincoln Park Zoo at Café Brauer on Thursday, Oct. 19th from 7 to 9 p.m.

The cost for ages 16 and older is \$29. For more information, visit lpzoo.org/haunted-history.

Beat Meeting For 911 & 921

9th District CAPS Beats 911 and 921 will meet at Davis School Annex, Pershing and Albany on Wednesday, Nov. 1st at 7 p.m.

Residents are urged to attend and express their concerns.

Family Foundation Benefits De La Salle



De La Salle Institute recently received a grant of \$210,000 from the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation to provide scholarship awards for the 2017-18 academic year. Since 2007, the Foundation has provided financial assistance to families with multiple children attending De La Salle. This year, 60 students were awarded scholarships of \$3,500 each.

Tree Decorating At Brookfield Zoo



Brookfield Zoo will offer its Community and Corporate Tree Trim on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18th and 19th. Community groups and corporations can sponsor a tree and decorate it with ornaments they create in preparation for Holiday Magic. The cost includes 20 admission and 5 parking tickets for communities and 30 admission and 10 parking tickets for companies to the zoo on Tree Trim days. Additional passes may be purchased at a discounted rate. Online registration is now open and trees are available on a first-come first-served basis. For further information, including pricing, and to register, visit CZS.org/TreeTrim.

Assistance With College Applications

Governor Rauner has proclaimed October College Changes Everything Month when the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and partners will be assisting students with college applications and funding.

Because there is more demand than funding for grants like MAP, students will want to complete the 2018-19 FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1st.

Many CCE Month workshops are supported by the ISACorps, a group of recent college graduates working statewide who are trained in assisting students with planning, applying, and paying for college. To find your local ISACorps member, visit studentportal/isac.org/isacorps. To search by zip code for a free public event near you, visit studentportal/isac.org/events. Students and parents should also check with their high schools for events within their own school.

ISAC will also be providing answers to financial aid questions during Facebook Live (@ILStudentAssistance) events from 7-7:30 pm CST on Oct. 11th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, and assistance is also available through ISAC College Q&A (isac.org/qa) a text messaging service where students can get answers to their college and financial aid questions sent to their phones. The ISAC Student Portal (isac.org/studentportal) offers free online tools and resources for students. ISAC also offers assistance through the agency's call center, 1-800-899-4722.

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

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

Homework Help At Brighton Library

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Author Talks in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State St. Cartoon artist Roz Chast will discuss *Going Into Town: A Love Letter to New York* on Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 6 p.m. Mike Wallace will discuss *Greater Gotham: A History of New York City from 1898 to 1919* on Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 6 p.m.

Author Talks At Library Center

McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th St., will conduct chess games for ages 14 and up on Thursday, Oct. 5th at 3 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 13th at 2 p.m. All levels are welcome. For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

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R-C Cola 3 for \$3 2 Ltr.	Gelatina Gary 89 ^c 6 Oz.	Arroz Riceland 3 ⁴⁹ 5 lbs.	Cloralex 2 ²⁹ Gallon
La Lechera 1 ⁸⁹ 14 Oz.	Galletas Gamesa Populares 2 ⁶⁹ 31 Oz.	Jabon Roma 3 ⁴⁹ 70 Oz.	Frijoles Pintos LaPreferida 2 ¹⁹ 50 Oz.
Manteca Armour 5 ⁴⁹ 4 lbs.	Tostadas Charras 1 ⁸⁹ 12 Oz.	Chile Jalapeno San Marcos 99 ^c 26 Oz.	Jugo Sunny D 2 for \$5 Gallon
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Kelly Wins Homecoming Game



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Prepaid Tuition For College

The College Illinois! 529 Prepaid Tuition Program is reminding parents and grandparents about the importance of planning today for the future costs of college, providing strategies to help them limit or even eliminate future student debt.

Graduates of Illinois colleges and universities in 2015 who borrowed to finance their education had an average student loan debt of about \$29,000.

College Illinois! is a tax-advantaged solution that allows parents and grandparents to lock in the cost of college at today's plan rates. That means that no matter how high tuition rates climb by the time their child or grandchild is ready to attend college, tuition and mandatory fees will already be covered for the schools in their plan.

For more information, visit www.collegeillinois.org.



ELIA CORDOVA (nee Leon) of Chicago Lawn passed away on Sept. 25th at the age of 57. She was the wife of Luis G. Cordova Sr.; mother of Luis G. (Marisol) Cordova and Jorge Cordova; grandmother of Luis G. Cordova III and Nia Naima Cordova; daughter of late Basilio Leon Sanchez and late Silyvina Alvarez de Leon; sister of Dora (Fausto) Garcia, Yolanda Leon, Olga (Roberto) Ramos, Irma Leon, Aurora (Juan) Carrillo and Jesus (Rocio) Leon. Funeral services were held Sept. 30th from Wolniak Funeral Home to First Apostolic Church of Palos Hills. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.



JUANA SOTO (nee Cortes) of Chicago Lawn passed away on Sept. 26th at the age of 76. She was the wife of Luis Soto; mother of Angel (Mary) Soto, William (Maria) Soto, Mary Lou (Bruce Drawert) Soto, Jose Soto, Michael (Michelle) Soto and late Janet Soto; grandmother and great grandmother of many. Funeral services were held Oct. 3rd from Wolniak Funeral Home to First Apostolic Church of Palos Hills. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.



ANGEL VALLE of Archer Heights passed away on Sept. 28th at the age of 49. He was the son of Leonardo Valle & Barbarita Valle (nee Teutla); brother of Socorro (Gabino Cigarroa) Valle, Maria (Hugo) Vargas, Maribel (Miguel Guzman) Valle and Jorge Valle; uncle of Gabino Jr., Leonardo, Leopoldo, Rosendo IV, Hugo III, Miguel Jr., Mark and Melanie. Funeral services were held Oct. 2nd from Wolniak Funeral Home to St. Gall Church. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.

Earthquake Drill Set For Oct. 19th

On Oct. 19th at 10:19 a.m., millions of people in the U.S. and around the globe will practice three simple actions that could save their lives during a major earthquake. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and municipal and county emergency management agencies are encouraging residents to drop, cover and hold on during The Great ShakeOut earthquake drill.

Some of the most powerful earthquakes to occur in the U.S. happened in the winter of 1811-12 in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which reaches into southwestern Illinois. That series of earthquakes lasted for several months and shaking was felt as far away as the East Coast. A similar earthquake today could cause catastrophic damage in a region that is more developed and populated.

Schools, businesses, government agencies, families and others can register to participate at www.shakeout.org/centralus.

Maker Lab Offers Classes

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

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

On Saturdays, Oct. 14th & 28th at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 31st at 1:30 & 6 p.m., attendees will design a Halloween-themed ring using free design software to learn the basics of 3D remodeling and printing. Save your file and 3D print your ring. For more information, visit chipublib.org/makerlab.

Annual Gala For After School Matters

Nearly 1,000 civic, corporate and community leaders attended the After School Matters Annual Gala on Sept. 18th at the Wintrust Arena to celebrate a banner year of providing after-school and summer programs for teenagers. More than 17,000 teenagers participated in the organization's programs, which encourage youth to explore and develop their talents while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond.

Performances featured a theme of peace, including a choir singing "Heal The World" and an orchestral rendition of "Make Them Hear You," highlighting an alumni soloist. A gallery showcased the work of teens that participated this summer through exhibits and displays in music, drawing, painting, glass-works, photography, multimedia digital arts, printmaking and jewelry-making, as well as interactive displays showcasing skills in sustainable energy technology, urban agriculture and sports instruction. All visual art pieces displayed

at the event were available for purchase; unsold pieces and additional teen artwork is available for purchase at the After School Matters Gift Shop, 66 E. Randolph.

Individuals, corporations and foundations interested in learning more about After School Matters and opportunities for support or volunteering can visit afterschoolmatters.org. Applications for the fall program session are now open.

Trout Season Opens Oct. 21st

The 2017 Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season will open on Saturday, Oct. 21st at 54 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

Two weeks prior to the opener, the Fall Catch-and-Release Fly Fishing Season will open at nine sites on Saturday, Oct. 7th.

All anglers – including those using fly fishing gear who intend to release fish caught before Oct. 21 – must have a valid fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

Fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased with a credit card through DNR Direct online via www.dnr.illinois.gov, or by calling 1-888-673-7648.

Beatification Mass At SSC Chapel

A Mass praying for the beatification of Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, will be held in the chapel, 2601 W. Marquette road on Saturday, Oct. 7th at 9:30 a.m.

The celebrant will be the Rev. Michael Ford, OP, Director of the National Shrine of St. Jude. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. All are invited. For more information, call (773) 776-1324.

CAPS Beat 821 Plans Meetings

8th District CAPS Beat 21 will meet at St. Bruno Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesdays, Nov. 1st and Dec. 6th at 7 p.m.

Residents are urged to meet with beat officers and express their concerns.

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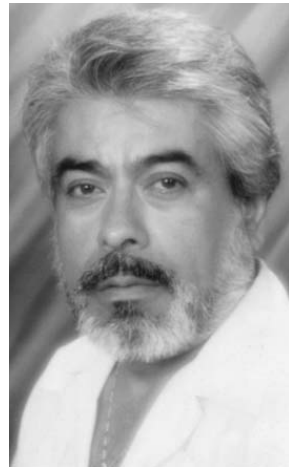
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Obituaries



JOSE GUADALUPE TORRES of Clearing passed away on Sept. 28th at the age of 71. He was the husband of Diane; father of Guadalupe A. (Marilyn), Christina M., Juan J. (Ana) and Jesse (Lydia); grandfather of Amanda, Jovan, Isabel, Jesse Jr., and Ariana; son of late Anastacio Torres & late Tomasa Torres-Puente; brother of Jose de la Luz (Maria de Jesus) Torres, Juan (Maria Dolores) Torres, Francisco J. (Francisca) Torres and Maria (Jose de Jesus) Torres-Aranda. Funeral services were held Oct. 3rd from Wolniak Funeral Home to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

DENNIS D. KENDZORA, son of late Leonard (late Helen) Kendzora, brother of Noreen (Ken) Tomczyk, uncle of Pamela (Sattar) Hadi, Paula (Dan) Grannes, Tricia and Michele; great uncle of six. Retired Navistar Employee and Chicago Public Schools Teacher. Chapel services were held Sept. 29th at Szykowny Funeral Home, Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

GERTRUDE C. SIEDLECKI, wife of late John J. USMC Purple Heart Veteran; mother of Jonathan F. (Nancy T.), Michael Jo (Kathleen) and late baby Mary; grandmother of Samantha Siedlecki, Abigail (Barry) Quinn, Alexandra (Corey) Hardie and John Walter Siedlecki; great grandmother of Charlotte Ruby Quinn; daughter of late Helen (late Frank) Szykowny; sister of late Mildred (late Leonard) Kowalski. 50 year licensed Illinois Funeral Director for Szykowny Funeral Home, which she owned and operated for 60 years with her husband, John, and mother, Helen Szykowny. Member and past officer of St Bruno Rosary Sodality, Senior Club, Resurrection Choir, Mothers Club and Festival Committee, Daughters of Isabella Circle 804, Ted Stempin VFW Post Ladies Auxiliary, Archer Highland and American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary, Archer Heights Civic Association, Illinois Funeral Directors Association along with numerous fraternal and community organizations. Funeral services will be held Thursday Oct. 5th, 9:30 a.m. from Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer Ave., Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director, to St. Bruno Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Big Band Concert At Library Ctr.

The Barristers Big Band will celebrate The Magic of the Modern Big Band in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State st. on Friday, Oct. 13th at 6 p.m. This concert will cover everything from Dean Martin's Sway in the 1970s, jazz greats from 1900s such as Critic's Choice and Groove Merchant, to disco hits like Never Can Say Goodbye, to recent hits by Adele and Michael Buble.

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