



## Ash Wednesday



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, which started this week. You also may have heard the terms "Fat Tuesday", "Paczi Day" and "Mardi Gras". Some of the morning news shows may have mentioned this between the snow storm and the Olympics.

These are days that have become part of our American culture and is closely tied to both our Christian and Jewish heritage. Last week I had an opportunity to talk with a class of ethnically diverse 3rd graders from a North side public school. As you might

### National Day Of Unplugging

Reboot will conduct their 9th annual National Day of Unplugging from sundown on Friday, March 9th, through sundown Saturday, March 10th. To demonstrate the positive impact a digital power-down can have.

The Chicago Launch Party will be staged at the Catalyst Ranch, 656 W. Randolph st. on Saturday, Feb. 24th at 8 p.m.

Features are food, refreshments, music, massage chair, tarot card readings, photobooth and workshops. The cost is \$10 through Feb. 23rd or \$15 at the door.

Register at Reboot ChicagoLaunch.Eventbrite.com

### Dean's List At Univ. of Alabama

The University of Alabama of Tuscaloosa has named students to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester with an academic record of 3.5 or above or President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

Local honorees are: Isabella Ramundo of 60609, President's List; Alexander Kuliak of 60638, Dean's List; and Charlotte Kuliak of 60638, President's List.

### Graduates At U-W Madison

More than 2,000 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin- Madison during the winter commencement ceremony on Dec. 16th.

Chicago graduates are Diana Barrera, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Sciences; Charles Brantley, Bachelor of Science - Kinesiology; Melissa Maldonado, Bachelor of Science - Rehabilitation Psychology; Sherry Ruan, Bachelor of Business Administration; Anna Wu, Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry and Carlos Zarate, Bachelor of Science, Communication Arts.

expect, their knowledge of these days was very limited. Some of the interesting comments were "that's when my Mom used to get ashes on her head in the Sign of the Cross" and "Grandpa doesn't eat meat that day".

It figures the answers would be sketchy because these days are linked to religion and few of our kids are versed in it. While those of us baby boomers from McKinley Park and Brighton Park, the vast majority of us attended schools that no longer exist. Those I can think of are: SS. Peter and Paul, St. Maurice, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Andrew Lutheran, St. Joseph and St. Ann, St. Agnes, St. Pancratius, Hope Lutheran, and Immaculate Conception. Our parents were statistically poorer than they are now but they paid the tuition and with it came the feeling that everyone was involved in Lent and so forth.

These kids I was with knew Ash Wednesday they could get a Cross on their heads, but no idea of the Jewish history of showing reparation for sins with ashes. A matter of fact, I know many gang members who get ashes on Wednesday just to show their head to Grandma to show they are good boys.

Paczi Day, in other ethnic days it's Fat Tuesday, was the last day you would eat sweets until Lent was over. The paczi is known in Chicago because it is Polish for jelly doughnuts. Fat Tuesday in New Orleans is the big celebration called Mardi Gras. The French Catholic population began this in 1699. It died out until 1812 when the businessmen started the parades because the taverns would be closed from Ash Wednesday to Easter. They would only be open for a short time on Sundays because that is not part of the 40 days of Lent. Carnivale in Brazil and Venice, Italy are also based on one last fling until Lent is over.

It would be good for your children if teachers and parents let them know a little about this. Some we know still give up things for Lent. These holidays were based on giving up sweets and alcohol preparing themselves for Passion Week and the happiness of Easter.

## Completes Basic



A. ZEPEDA

U.S. Air Force Airman Arturo Zepeda graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 2007 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School.

## 50th Anniversary of Mickelberry Fire



14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke joined 11th Ward Alderman Patrick Thompson and Chicago Fire Department Commissioner Jose Santiago in presiding over a memorial ceremony marking the 50th Anniversary of a series of deadly explosions that destroyed the Mickelberry Food Products Company at 49th place and Halsted in 1968.

Nine individuals, including four firefighters and the president of the company, were killed and more than seventy people were seriously injured in the tragedy.

"For the surviving family members of Captain John Fischer and firefighters Charles Bottger, Edward Leifker and Thomas Collins who paid the price of service to save their fellow human beings, rarely a day passes without some thought given to their brave deeds," Burke said.

The tragedy began when a gasoline tanker truck, on site to fill the company's gas tanks, struck a garbage container while driving through an alley, knocking the valve off the tanker's discharge pipe. Gasoline poured through an alley doorway and into the basement of the building where a boiler ignited the fire and resulted in two explosions.

As firefighters responded to the fire, a third more powerful blast erupted and threw firefighters from their ladders.

## Applications For After School Matters

After School Matters® is accepting teen applications for its Spring 2018 program session. More than 400 programs in the arts, communications and leadership, sports and STEM will be offered at nearly 150 Chicago public high schools, as well as Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community organization locations throughout the city. Programs will continue to be offered downtown at Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. Teens can search and apply for spring programs online at afterschoolmatters.org.

More than 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportunities will be available with stipends of up to \$425 (depending on the program level), and interns can earn up to \$10.50 per hour.

The programs offer teens an opportunity to develop their current skills while incorporating 21st Century skills like collaboration, problem solving, social awareness and more.

A few of the exciting programs offered include:

Kelvyn Park Bikes - Sports. Location: Kelvyn Park High School, Hermosa. This program offers teens the opportunity to explore the biking industry. Teens will develop hands-on mechanic skills, organize community events and participate in weekly field trips. Upon successful completion of the program, teens are eligible for summer employment with the Chicago Park District and West Town Bikes.

Museum 44 - STEM. Location: National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, Pullman.

Using pop culture, various media and professional mentors, teens will produce a television show in this program. Teens will learn about music production, film production, marketing, promotions and media from industry professionals while working on a film that can improve their communities.

Teatro Americano - Arts. Location: OPEN Center for the Arts, South Lawndale. In this program, teens explore different aspects of theater production and performance including acting, movement, voice, improvisation, writing, marketing, costuming, and stage management. At the conclusion of the program, teens present a full-length play in a professional theater setting.

Teen Arts Council - Arts. Location: University of Chicago Arts Incubator, Washington Park. The Teen Arts Council collaborates with the University of Chicago Arts + Public Life initiative to develop skills in arts administration, community engagement and event planning, while providing opportunities for other teens to engage with the arts. The Council members work with university staff and local partners to develop projects and public events for various audiences.

Territory - Urban Design Team - Communications & Leadership. Location: Roosevelt High School, Albany Park. In this program, teens will work in art, architecture, urban planning, entrepreneurship, community organizing and public health. Teens will have the opportunity to research, design and implement ideas to activate public spaces.

Urban Hardball and Softball - Sports. Location: Columbus Park, Austin. Teens in this program will train to become umpires and coaches by learning the rules of baseball and softball and developing their leadership and communication skills. Teens are able to practice what they learn with little league programs.

Windy City Harvest Youth Farm - STEM. Location: Neighborhood Housing Services, North Lawndale. In the Windy City Harvest Youth Farm North Lawndale program, teens learn what it takes to grow healthy food in the urban environment. Participants grow, harvest, sell and cook more than 40 varieties of fruits and vegetables and showcase their work at a community farmer's market.

Teens can search and apply for Spring 2018 programs at afterschoolmatters.org. Programs are free and open to Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age (16 years of age for internships) and are high school students. Application features include an interactive map to help teens search for programs and a full Spanish translation on a mobile-friendly platform. For questions about programs and applications, call 312-742-4182 or email applications@afterschoolmatters.org.

### Fundraiser For VFW Auxiliary

Johnson-Phelps VFW Auxiliary, 9514 S. 52nd ave., Oak Lawn, will host a Paint-n-Party fundraiser on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 with appetizers and a cash bar.

Proceeds will benefit the auxiliary's veteran and community programs. For more information and to register, visit www.paintnparty-illinois.com or call Deb at (773) 614-3557.

## Kelly Art Teacher Attends Lecture



Major General Richard Hayes (left), Adjutant General for the State of Illinois, recently gave a lecture at the Pritzker Military Library on the role he plays in state government. Also shown is Chris Costanzo, a veteran Chicago Public Schools' art teacher at Kelly High School; military veteran of both the U.S. Army and Air Force and his school's Fine Arts Liaison. Hayes autographed Mr. Costanzo's WWI Doughboy helmet which will be displayed at Kelly High in honor of the Centennial remembrance celebration of the U.S. involvement in the closing months of the first World War.

### Registration For B-K Baseball

Brighton Kelly Baseball will accept registration for the 2018 season at the Gage Park Field House, 2415 W. 55th st. on Saturdays through Feb. 24th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Kelly High School, 42nd and California. Door #5 on Saturdays, Feb. 3rd to 24th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At least one parent or legal guardian must be present with three proofs of residence and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Fees will cover 12+ games, complete uniform, trophies and more.

For more information, contact Yesenia Conde at (872) 235-3541 or Pedro Momohara at (773) 814-3191.

### Literacy Center Needs Tutors

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. needs volunteer tutors to instruct limited English proficient adults learners for 90 minutes per week at the center.

All instruction is one-on-one and training is provided. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English. The next Tutor Training Workshop is: Friday, March 9th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 10th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tutors must attend both days for certification.

For more information, contact Sabrina Poulin, Volunteer Coordinator, at (773) 927-0512 or email Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org.

## Finalist For Teaching Award



N. CORDOVA

Golden Apple has named Nancy Cordova of Calmecca Academy a finalist for the organization's prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award.

A record number of nominations for the Excellence in Teaching were submitted, totaling more than 650 Pre-K through 3rd grade teachers from the Chicagoland area. Five percent of nominees were selected as finalists, for a total of 30 educators who will be considered for the award.

The Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award honors exemplary performance and excellence in school leadership of a Pre-K through 12th grade principal or head of school. Seven school leaders were recognized as finalists.

"This year's award finalists, selected through an anonymous process, represent accomplished educators

who are embracing complex assignments to enrich and advance the lives of students," said Alicia Winckler, Golden Apple President and CEO.

The annual Celebration of Excellence in honor of the finalists will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24th at the Hilton Rosemont Chicago O'Hare. Event details and tickets are available at goldenapple.org/celebration.

## MPCA Schedules Awards Dinner

The McKinley Park Civic Association will host its 47th annual awards dinner at Polonia Banquets, 4604 S. Archer on Sunday, March 4th.

The Outstanding Educators are: Brother John Scherer of Aquinas Literacy Center, Maribel Herrero of Burroughs School, Diane Brown of De La Salle Institute, Monica Guerrero-Diaz of Evergreen Academy Middle School, Cynthia Hengst of N. Greene School, Kacey Skrbec of Horizon McKinley, Jack Mei of Kelly High School, Lilia Esposito of Montessori and Pastor Adam Gawel of St. Andrew Lutheran. Educators have been honored yearly since 1993.

Receiving the William H.G. Toms Community Service Award is State Rep. Theresa Mah. This award has been given since 1973.

Those interested in tickets can contact Sue

Pletsch, MPCA treasurer at (773) 847-0261.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, children 11 and under are \$16, children 3 and under are free, but the count is needed. After Feb. 14th the tickets will be \$28 per adult and \$17 per child with final count due Feb. 21st. Ads, including congratulations, are available.

### Free Admission To Field Museum

The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore drive, will offer free basic admission through Feb. 28th and June 20th to 22nd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is an \$80 savings for a family of four.

Visitors may upgrade to an All-Access Pass which includes access to Specimens: Unlocking the Secrets of Life, Ancient Mediterranean, Cultures in Contact, Mummies: Images of the Afterlife, Cyrus Tang Hall of China, and a 3D movie, at an additional cost. Tickets to Jurassic World: The Exhibition will also be available at an additional cost.

Illinois residents must show valid proof of residency. For more information, visit field-museum.org.

### CAPS Beat 92 Plans Meeting

9th District Beat 92 will meet at Shields Middle School, 2611 W. 48th st. on Tuesday, Feb. 27th at 6 p.m.

The area is bounded by 43rd st., 49th st., Kedzie ave. and Western ave.

Residents will meet with beat officers to discuss problems.

### Open Mic At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will conduct an Open Mic program for ages 14-18 on the 4th Friday of the month through May 25th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

All performers are welcome: poets, spoken word artists, rappers, writers, singers, dancers, actors, etc. No derogatory language is allowed.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

### Lenten Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus Daniel Dowling Council #1063 is sponsoring a Lenten Fish Fry at Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Maurice Location, Diederich Hall, 3619 S. Hoyne on Friday, Feb. 16th from 5 to 7 p.m. Adult and kids menus will be available, also carry outs. All are invited.

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## Wine & Whiskey Fest At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo will stage its first Winter Wine and Whiskey Fest in the Discovery Center on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 4 to 8 p.m. Features are more than 50 seasonal wines and whiskeys to sample, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, live music and animal ambassadors.

One of Chicago's top cover bands, Enough Said, will provide live entertainment. The menu will include Cajun meatballs, plum tomato and basil bruschetta, minia-

ture chicken kabobs, fried shrimp, Filipino lumpias (spring rolls), cheese and crackers, and more.

Two ticket options are available, both of which include free parking and admission to the zoo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$85 and include samplings from more than 50 wines and whiskeys, hors d'oeuvres, and a commemorative glass.

Designated driver tickets are \$45 and include unlimited soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres (no wine or whiskey).

Children will not be allowed to attend the event. Tickets are limited and available at CZS.org/WinterWineandWhiskey.

## Spring Camp At Brookfield Zoo

Parents looking for a fun and engaging activity for their 6 to 12 year old children are invited to register for Brookfield Zoo's Spring Zoo Camp March 26th to 30th and April 2nd to 6th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The flexible schedule allows parents to register their kids for just one day or multiple days. The cost is \$75 per day.

In addition to arts and crafts activities, and traditional camp games and songs, the sessions will feature animal adventures. Campers will have the opportunity to visit the animals habitats, including attending a Dolphins in Action, up-close experiences with animals at Hamill Family Encounters and Hamill Family Play Zoo, as well as taking a spin on The Carousel.

For more information and to register, visit VZS.org/camp.

## Dean's List At Univ. of Dayton

The University of Dayton has named Maddie Ecklund and Ashley O'Kane to the fall 2017 dean's list for achieving a minimum 3.5 GPA for the semester.

## Advisory Council At Kelly Park

The Kelly Park Advisory Council will conduct its monthly meeting at the fieldhouse, 42nd & California on Friday, Feb. 16th at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

## Easter Egg Hunt At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo will celebrate Easter Egg-Stravaganza on Saturday, March 31st from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a breakfast menu, photos with the Easter bunny, egg hunts for different age groups, free rides on the AT&T Endangered Species Carousel and Lionel Train Adventure, music and crafts.

Admission is \$25 for ages 13 and older and \$35 for children ages 1-12. Ages 12 months and under are free.

The Easter bunny will remain on zoo grounds for photos from 1-4 p.m. Photo packages will be available for purchase.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit lpzoo.org/easter.

## Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, Feb. 17th from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001. Call-A-Lawyer events are typically held on the third Saturday of each month in the morning hours.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who

will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service which has more than 200 pre-screened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law.

The CBA offers an after-hours On-Call service which provides access to attorneys 24/7 for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by calling (312) 554-2001.

## Beat Meeting For 911 & 921

9th District CAPS Beats 911 and 912 will meet at David School Annex, Pershing and Albany on Wednesday, March 7th at 7 p.m.

Beat 911 is roughly bounded by Western ave., Central Park ave., Stevenson Expressway and Pershing rd.

Beat 921 is bounded by Western ave., Kedzie ave., Pershing rd. and 43rd st.

Residents are urged to attend and express their concerns.

## B-K Baseball Needs Volunteers

Brighton Kelly Baseball needs volunteers to participate in the 2018 baseball season as managers, coaches and umpires.

For more information, contact League President Michael Rodriguez at (773) 531-4534.

## Free Access To Shedd Aquarium

Illinois residents with a valid ID will receive free access to Shedd Aquarium on June 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th; Sept. 4th - 30th; Oct. 3rd and 10th. Extended Hours (open until 9 p.m.): Aug. 7th; Sept. 6th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th, 24th and 27th; Oct. 3rd and 10th. Free Jazzin' at the Shedd Events (open until 10 p.m.) are Sept. 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

This includes general admission, the chance to experience an aquatic presentation (subject to availability), Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea (through Sept. 2018), seasonal Stingray Touch (open late May to October), daily animal chats, and more. Admission can be upgraded to include 4-D Experience for \$4.95 per guest.

This year, for the first

time, Shedd is extending the hours of certain free days in 2018, making it easier than ever for guests to access nature and family fun.

This means any residents that typically can't make it to the aquarium because of work or school responsibilities will still have expanded access hours included for those who received free admission everyday including teachers, active-duty military personnel, first responders, and eligible low-income families with an Electronic Benefit Transfer card as a Museums for All partner.

For the latest information about the aquarium hours and discounts, visit shedd-aquarium.org or call (312) 939-2438. A \$3 transaction fee applies to Free Day tickets reserved online.

## Free Basic Admission To Field Museum



For the third year in a row, The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, will be free for Illinois residents during the entire month of February from 9am to 5pm. Free Days are about an 80-dollar savings for a family of four, making them the perfect opportunity to take advantage of many adventures—from exploring the pyramids of ancient Egypt to witnessing the history of life on earth, and, plenty of dinosaurs.

Visitors can witness the action happening in Stanley Field Hall as the skeletal celebrity SUE, is moved piece by piece. Visitors can take and share their selfies by using the #SUEontheMove hashtag for a chance to be featured on the Museum's social handles. SUE will make her debut during the spring of 2019 in the Field's permanent exhibition, Evolving Planet.

Visitors that wish to upgrade to an All-Access Pass, which includes access to Ancient Mediterranean Cultures in Contact, Cyrus Tang Hall of China, Underground Adventure, and a 3D movie, can do so at an additional cost.

## Pulaski Day At Polish Museum



The Polish Museum of America will celebrate Casimir Pulaski Day in the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee ave. on Monday, March 5th at 10 a.m. The program includes the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at Stanislaw Batowski's painting of Pulaski at Savannah.

General Kazimierz (Casimir) Pulaski (b. Warsaw, Poland, March 6, 1745 - d. near Savannah, Georgia, October 9-10, 1779) is recognized as the "Father of the American Cavalry." He offered his services as an experienced military leader to the American Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.

At Brandywine, in 1777, he distinguished himself by leading a daring attack against the British, thereby saving the retreating American Army.

At the insistence of General George Washington, Pulaski, was made a Brigadier General and the first Commander of the American Cavalry. He established the Pulaski Legion, a corps of Frenchmen, German Hessians, and Poles, who were instrumental in saving the City of Charleston, South Carolina, from British occupation in 1779.

In October of 1779, at the age of 34, General Pu-

laski paid the ultimate price for freedom: he died from mortal wounds received while leading a cavalry charge in Savannah, Georgia.

The General's mortal remains were ceremoniously reinterred at the Pulaski Monument at Monterey Square in Savannah, GA in October of 2001. Posthumous honorary U.S. citizenship was granted to General Pulaski in 2009.

In 1977, Illinois made Casimir Pulaski Day an official state holiday, the only state in the union that has done so.

Admission and parking are free.

Additional information may be found on the PMA website: www.PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org.

## "Endless Summer" At Art Museum

The Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 220 E. Chicago ave., is displaying *Endless Summer* through Aug. 5th which features works of art influenced by the culture and climate of Southern California in the 1960s, from the surf industry to custom car culture.

The show offers a snapshot of Minimalist, and Light and Space works by artists such as Larry Bell, Judy Chicago, Robert Irwin, John McCracken, and Ed Ruscha.

## Children's Program At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, will observe African American History Month with the program "Walk Together Children" on Monday, Feb. 26th at 6 p.m. Storyteller Oba King will present songs, music, African drums and fun. Registration is not required.

## Game Days At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., has scheduled a Game Day on Saturdays, Feb. 24th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for all ages. Children under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

## CAPS Beat 912 Plans Meeting

9th District CAPS Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Church Hall, 3625 S. Hoyne on Wednesday, March 14th at 7 p.m.

The area is roughly bounded by 31st st., Pershing road, Western ave. and the south branch of the Chicago River (Bubbly Creek).

Problem and crime conditions will be discussed.

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## City Council Honors O'Halleran



14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke (right) presented Michael D. O'Halleran with a City Council resolution honoring his retirement as the Executive Chairman of Aon Benfield, the largest reinsurance brokerage and capital advisory firm in the world with operations in more than 50 countries and more than 4,000 employees. The resolution declared that February 8, 2018 shall be officially recognized as Michael D. O'Halleran Day throughout the City of Chicago. A widely admired Irish-American civic and business leader, Mr. O'Halleran is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Ellis Island Award, the American Ireland Person of the Year Award and American Ireland Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award. He has served on the boards of Dublin City University and the American Ireland Funds.

## Funding For Education Degree

Illinois minority college students who are pursuing a degree in teaching and who are eligible for the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program can get funding for the 2018-19 school year if they get their applications in to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission by March 1st.

The MTI Scholarship Program encourages academically talented minority students to pursue careers as teachers at nonprofit Illinois preschool, elementary and secondary schools. Qualified students

may receive up to \$5,000 per academic year for a maximum of 8 semesters or 12 quarters of assistance.

Recipients must agree to teach in Illinois. If this teaching commitment is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a loan that must be repaid in full, plus interest.

Applications received after this date will be considered only if funding remains after all timely complete applicants have been awarded.

For more information, call (800) 899-4722, or via e-mail at [isac.student-services@illinois.gov](mailto:isac.student-services@illinois.gov).

## Legislation To Combat Auto Theft

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson called for a change in state law that will embolden enforcement against car thieves. The proposed law would update current language in the Illinois' possession of a stolen motor vehicle statute to empower victims who had their cars taken unlawfully.

Police vehicles are currently being equipped with license plate reader technology to quickly identify and locate stolen vehicles. The new technology will be linked to the OEM dispatch system, and access to the information will be available in CPD's new strategic nerve centers to ensure rapid response and apprehension.

The proposed legislation shifts the focus to the victim of theft and creates an opportunity to pursue Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle charges when an offender is caught driving a stolen vehicle without the owner's consent.

Since January 2017, of motor vehicle theft charges, 74% were charged as misdemeanor criminal trespass to vehicle and just 21% were charged as PSMV. Of those arrested, 37% had a prior arrest for some type of motor vehicle theft, 18% had two or more motor vehicle theft arrests and 32% had a prior arrest for a violent crime.

Under current state law, in order to pursue a PSMV offense, law enforcement must establish that an individual driving a reported stolen vehicle has knowledge that the vehicle was stolen. This is often difficult to prove when, for example, a vehicle was taken through a traumatic experience such as a carjacking, or when the individual has the keys to the vehicle. As a result, car thieves are routinely charged with a

lesser, misdemeanor offense and avoid accountability in court, often leaving no restitution for victims.

## African-American History Contest

As part of the African American History Month, Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, is hosting a contest for youth 18 years old and younger.

Ten photos of famous black Chicagoans are posted in the lobby along with clues to their identity.

Entry forms and a submission box are available at the circulation desk. On March 1st, three winners will be chosen, and each will receive a free book.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

## Story Time For Toddlers

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer is conducting Toddler Story Time on Thursdays from 11 to 11:30 a.m. through March 1st.

Each program features early literacy tips as well as books, fingerplay rhymes, flannel board stories, and songs to share.

Registration is not required. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

## Auto Show At McCormick Place

The 2018 Chicago Auto Show will be staged at McCormick Place, through Feb. 19th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission is \$13 for adults, \$7 for ages 7-12 and seniors 62 and older. Children under age 6 are free.

## Obituaries



**MARTA BEDNARZ**, (nee Mietus), of Justice and formerly of Garfield Ridge passed away at the age of 87. She was the wife of late Wladyslaw Bednarz; mother of Zofia Bednarz, Jan Bednarz, Stanislaw (Boguslaw) Bednarz, Czeslawa (Boguslaw) Obrochta and late Wladyslaw (Jan) Szczech; grandmother of Krzysztof (Helena) Iylka, Jaroslaw Szczech, Pawel Bednarz, Agnieszka (Marcin) Kowalczyk and Joanna Bednarz; great grandmother of Alex and Benjamin Szczech, Sebastian and Sabina Kowalczyk and Nicholas Iylka; sister of Aniela (Wladyslaw) Kaczmarczyk. Funeral services were held Feb. 10th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs to St. Camillus Church. Interment was at Mietustwo, Poland.



**EDWARD BOGUS**, father of Sharon (Joseph) Candella, Shirley (Frank) Michalek, and Edward G. Bogus; grandfather of Sara (Daniel) Ritz, Amanda (Christopher) Medlyn, Timothy Wierdak, Frank Michalak, Jr., and Mark Wierdak; great-grandfather of William J. Medlyn. Preceded in death by his wife, the late Mary Bogus, and his daughter the late Sheila (Robert) Wierdak. Funeral services were held Feb. 10th from Ridge Holy Home to Five Holy Martyrs Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

Mr. Bogus was a longtime employee of Standard Federal Savings & Loan, past president of Archer Road Kiwanis and Brighton Park Chamber of Commerce; founder of the Archer-Brighton Community Conservation Council and chairman of the Kelly High Local School Council.

**ZBIGNIEW WROBEL** husband of Josephine (nee Sowa); father of Andrew (Joanna), Art (Sandi), Margie (John) Bucznyn; grandfather to Claudia, Samuel, Maks, Lucy, Diane and Andrew. Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 15th, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Szykowny Funeral Home 4901 S. Archer (1 Block east of Pulaski at Szykowny Blvd), Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at St. Bruno Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

## Church Services

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Anointing/Healing Mass, Saturday, March 17th at 11 am.

Parish Reconciliation Service, Monday, March 26th, 7 to 8 p.m. Confessions in English, Polish, Spanish.

Stations of the Cross, Every Friday During Lent, 5 p.m. Polish, 6:30 p.m. - English (led by School Children accompanied with music)

Lenten Dinners every Friday during Lent in the Church Hall, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Chapel located off Kostner ave. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 p.m.

## Recruitment For Police Department

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Department Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced that 83 officers have been deployed to their district assignments, as part of the plan to grow the Department by 970 police officers. New officers will be deployed to districts each month into 2019.

After successfully completing their training at the Academy, they have now completed their initial field training and are being sent to their first district detail. The new officers will benefit from the new in-service training requirement, which begins with 16-hours of mandatory training and will necessitate that all members take 40 hours of continuing education annually by 2021. These officers also benefited from a new cultural awareness course taught at the DuSable Museum of African American History, and new desecration, crisis intervention and procedural justice modules.

The City is now accepting applications for the next Police Entry Exam. The ongoing "Be the Change" recruitment campaign which reflects the belief that this new generation of police officers will lay the groundwork for more diverse department and be future leaders who define how police support, protect and work together with communities.

Candidates can register online to take the Police Entry Exam on May 5th at McCormick Place. Registration is open through Feb. 28th.

To learn more and apply, visit [www.chicagopolice.org/bethechange](http://www.chicagopolice.org/bethechange).

## Free Training For Trades

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

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

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

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

## Books and Crafts For Ages 6-10

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will conduct a program of books and crafts for ages 6-10 on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. through March 1st.

Participants will read with a tutor to improve reading skills and make a fun craft to take home.

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## Birds of Paradise At Nature Museum

National Geographic's *Birds of Paradise* exhibition is open at Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon, through June 17th.

Featuring the extravagant plumage, courtship dances and bizarre behaviors of the birds, the exhibition features the research of National Geographic photographer Tim Laman and Cornell Lab of Ornithology scientist Edwin Scholes.

Everyday 11:30 to 12 p.m. Live Bird Showcase: Meet one of our feathery guests in *The Bird House* and speak with biologists about the adaptations of birds all over the world, including local species you can see right here in Chicago. Cost is free with admission.

The Nature Museum will also be showcasing Serama Chickens and Bobwhite Quails - through March 19th and Blue-headed Macaw and Ivory-billed Aracari - March 21st to June 18th. For more information, visit [naturemuseum.org](http://naturemuseum.org) or call (773) 755-5100.

## Dean's List At DePauw Univ.

More than 766 students were named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Greencastle, Indiana who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale including Peter Gorman and Ryan Kupiec both of 60638.

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