



**Issues on Abortion**



By Dr. R. Pletsch

There is once again time to let our young ones understand the terms used in the abortion controversy. This is especially true since the new group that took over the Congress is bringing up issues that seem to have died out. Now maybe not all middle school students are capable of understanding this, but they will hear it so often that they might believe it is what all agree upon. This has spread to the Illinois legislature.

I met with a group of students who went to colleges in Kansas. The students were from around the country including Illinois. These ladies were education majors. They were very astute and worried about recent calls for full term abortion, partial birth abortions and post birth abortions. These are the terms that we hear about and are called "women's rights". But these young ladies, who consider themselves feminists, believe it goes passed rights and into

something dark. These issues call for allowing the mother to abort as she is giving birth, and some, even after birth (as in Virginia). This calls for babies being born and doing okay to be kept comfortable and then consulting with the mother and if she does not want the baby, they can abort.

This is presently coming for vote in Illinois as HB2495 allows non-doctors to perform abortions and does not allow medical personnel to refuse to participate in an abortion and creates the right to abort even though a healthy baby is coming out of the womb. HB2467 repeals the Illinois parental notification law in which underage girls had their families informed before an abortion. This is strange because as a school official I spent many hours in hospitals waiting for parents to approve medical provisions for students which were brought from the school in ambulances, some had sore sides, broken bones, headaches and almost anything else non-life threatening you can think of. But neither I nor the medical staff could do many things until the parent came-but that's politics.

Regardless of your opinions, the children deserve to know what is occurring. There are many educational materials, several of which are scientific and well-balanced, and would help you and your students understand this issue. Most of them are in a straight forward manner, that avoid terms like right and wrong. With the millions of dollars being spent on both sides of the aisle maybe your child would be helped by these instead of listening to some TV personalities.

**Finalists For National Medal**

Brookfield Zoo and Peggy Notebaert Museum are among the 30 finalists for the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Services. The National Medal, which is awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services is the United States' highest honor for museum and libraries that have demonstrated innovative approaches to public service.

The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum is being recognized as a major provider of innovative, inquiry-based, science programs which engage more than 1,500 local teachers and more than 50,000 students in more than 78,000 contact hours each year. The Nature

Museum's hands-on education programs are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards and feature unique resources, from live animals to the collection of the Chicago Academy of Sciences.

Brookfield Zoo, which is managed by the Chicago Zoological Society, is being recognized for its Conservation Leadership Academy, a progressive series of community-based science and nature programs for under-resourced children, youth, and families. The program is conducted in partnership with public libraries and non-profit community organizations. The four current Academy programs include *Nature Play Zoo Adventure Passport*, *Zoo Adventure Passport*, *Zoo Explorers Club*, and *King Conservation Science Scholars*.

Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their contributions at the National Medal Ceremony on June 12th in Washington, D.C.

**Literacy Center Seeks Tutors**

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st., needs volunteers to tutor for 90 minutes per week. You do not have to speak another language, all tutoring is in English. Opportunities are available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The next tutor training workshops will be held on Friday, March 22nd from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 23rd from 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](mailto:sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org) or (773) 927-0512.

**Legal Assistance For Older Adults**

The Chicago Department of Family & Support Services offers through CARPLS legal aid hotline.

Legal issues include: housing, family law, consumer debt, probate and estates, immigrant, civil rights, public benefits, and taxes. Attorneys provide brief legal services, which include legal analysis of the client's situation, legal advice and strategy, legal counseling on the best course of action, review of court documents or other legal documents, and in appropriate situations, drafting of legal pleadings and letters.

CARPLS attorneys do not provide direct representation in court. To make a referral for services, call (312) 744-4016 or email [Aging@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Aging@cityofchicago.org).

**Lipinski Names 2019 "All American Boy and Girl" Winners**



Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) held his annual "All-American Boy and Girl Program" awards ceremony for 7th and 8th grade students at Moraine Valley Community College on March 4th. The top 100 finalists underwent formal interviews with a panel of judges, who then selected first, second, and third place winners in each category. Criteria includes academic achievement, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

The top students in each grade are: Seventh Grade Girls: Tegan Taff - St. Cajetan (1st Place); Emily Amann - St. Dennis (2nd Place) and Alessandra Sarno - St. Alphonsus / St. Patrick (3rd Place). Seventh Grade Boys: Sean Dusak - St. Joseph of Lockport (1st Place); John Paul Ramirez - Everest Academy (2nd Place) and Seamus Hanley - St. Catherine (3rd Place). Eighth Grade Girls: Taylor Curran - St. Catherine (1st Place); Demetra Katerina Feradouros - Koreas Elementary School (2nd Place) and Ciara Hosty - St. Gerald (3rd Place). Eighth Grade Boys: Connor Zech - St. John of the Cross (1st Place); Max Kulaga - St. Cyril and Methodius School (2nd Place) and John Vranas - Koreas Elementary and Allan Potter - Mt. Greenwood Elementary (3rd Place - tie). Each finalist was awarded a certificate for their hard work and superior essay. The 13 winners were given a plaque and a gift card. Guest speakers included State Rep. Kelly Burke and Summit Mayor Sergio Rodriguez.

**License Plate Readers Deployed**

Chicago Police Department Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced that the City is halfway finished with the plan to install 200 new License Plate Reader patrol vehicles. Since January 2019, 100 new patrol vehicles equipped with LPR technology have been deployed to combat carjacking and car thefts.

Automated LPR technology allows CPD to match license plate against the list of stolen vehicles sent daily by the OEMC. If a reader detects a license plate from a vehicle reported as stolen, officers are notified and can then conduct a stop to investigate further. Alerts are also analyzed in CPD's advanced Strategic Decision Support Centers, which are high-tech nerve centers within police districts.

The first 100 LPR vehicles were deployed across 22 districts throughout January and February. An additional 50 LPR vehicles will be deployed each month until April as part of the ongoing citywide rollout that will ensure every police district has at least six LPR-equipped vehicles in their fleet.

The expansion of this technology will bring CPD's fleet of LPR equipped vehicles to a total of 244 in addition to the 126 LPR pole mounted units and mobile booter vehicles that are utilized by partner city agencies including the Office of Emergency Management and the Department of Finance. The DOF booters canvas the streets six days a week providing over 3,000 license plate reads per boot vehicle, per day.

**Fitness Week at Chicago Parks**

The Chicago Park District invites residents to work out for free from March 18th - 24th, at any of the Chicago Park District's citywide fitness centers or pools during lap swim. Registration is required.

Fitness centers equipment includes computerized treadmills, cross trainers, upright and recumbent bicycles, free Weights and benches, cable cross-overs, multi-station weight machines and core-focused weight equipment.

Lap swim is also available at many citywide pools. Hours and times vary by park monthly lap swim memberships range from \$25 - \$40 for up to three-months.

Memberships are available to fitness centers. Patrons must set up an account prior to registering for a monthly, three-month or annual membership.

For more information,

**Art Competition For Congress**

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) is accepting submissions from high school students in the Third District for the 2019 Congressional Art Competition.

The winning entry will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year, and the winner will receive two round-trip tickets to travel to Washington, D.C., in June for the exhibition opening. Runners-up will have their artwork displayed in his offices for one year.

Entries must be received at one of the district offices including 6245 S. Archer, by Friday, April 12th. For more information, call (773) 948-6223 or online at [lipinski.house.gov](mailto:lipinski.house.gov)

visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or call (312) 742-PLAY.

**Beat Meeting For 911 & 921**

9th District CAPS Beats 911 and 912 will meet at David School Annex, Pershing and Albany on Wednesday, April 3rd 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 avenue, Pershing road and 43rd st.

Residents are urged to attend and express their concerns.

**Crossing Guard Of Year Award**

In recognition of the significance of crossing guards in pedestrian safety, the Mayor's Office, together with the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Chicago Department of Transportation, the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Archdiocese launched the second year of the "Stay Alert, Don't Get Hurt" public awareness campaign aimed at keeping students and crossing guards safe under the City's Vision Zero Plan.

As part of the campaign, the City is asking schools and residents to nominate their choice for the Crossing Guard of the Year Award at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2BNLSM7](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2BNLSM7) by March 31st.

In 2018, Mayor Emanuel proclaimed Feb. 14th to March 14th annual Crossing Guard Appreciation Month in Chicago, highlighting the important role they play.

**MPCA Presents Service Awards**



McKinley Park Civic Association held its 48th annual community celebration honoring educators and a community service award winner on March 3rd at Polonia Banquets. Pictured (seated): Agnes Bednarkiewicz, MPCA president; Josefina Garcia, Religious Ed at Blessed Sacrament Parish; Nadine Filas, Kelly High School and Nicholas Colletti, De La Salle Institute. Standing: Chris Bania, MPCA Secretary; Sue Pletsch, MPCA Vice-President/Treasurer; Jose Negrete, William H. G. Toms Community Service Award winner; Elizabeth Loerop, Evergreen Academy Middle School; Shelley Lugo-Cordova, N. Greene School and Dr. Roy Pletsch, MPCA Education officer. Not pictured is Betty Gorman, Namaste Charter School.

**Dean's List At Lewis University**

Lewis University of Romeoville has named more than 1,500 students to the Dean's List for the 2018 fall semester.

Honorees must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

Local scholars and their major are: Paola G.

**City Schedules Clean Up Day**

Chicago's citywide Clean & Green Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th.

Residents, school groups and community organizations will team up to beautify areas in their neighborhood. Brooms, rakes, shovels and bags needed for clean-up projects will be provided.

Deadline for registration is Monday, April 22nd. For more information, or to register, call 311 or visit [www.chicago.gov/dss](http://www.chicago.gov/dss).

**Rules of Road Review Class**

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, will host a Rules of the Road Review Class on Tuesday, March 19th at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles, it is designed to give drivers (especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities) the knowledge to renew or obtain a driver's license. Registration is required at (312) 747-0666 or visit the branch.

**CSO Schedules Free Concerts**

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association has scheduled six free concerts for March through May. Tickets are required and available at (312) 294-3000 or (800) 223-7114, online at [cso.org](http://cso.org) or in person at the box office, 220 S. Michigan ave.

The Wabash Avenue Music Collective will perform an All-Access Chamber Concert at the South Shore Cultural Center on Tuesday, March 19th at 7 p.m.

The CSO Chamber Players will perform at Symphony Center, 220 S.

Michigan ave. on Wednesday, April 10th at 7 p.m.

Musicians from the Civic Orchestra will perform in Buntrock Hall, 220 S. Michigan ave. on Thursday, April 18th at 7 p.m.

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago will perform at Symphony Center on Tuesday, April 30th at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 12th at 8 p.m.

**Torres Honored**

Alexis Torres, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2020, has earned a fall 2018 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence.

A John F. Kennedy High School graduate, her current major is Women's Studies.

Honorees must earn a term grade point average of 3.3 or higher while completing at least three courses.

**Elstner Honored**

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh announced that Kristina Elstner qualified for the Honor Roll in fall 2018.

Honorees must take at least 12 credits and earn a grade-point average of at least 3.3 (out of a possible 4.0)

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BrightonParkLIFE.com  
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**Baseball Camp At Kelly High**

Brighton Kelly Baseball is conducting a free training & conditioning camp every Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in

the 2nd floor gym of Kelly High School, 4136 S California. Early registration for the 2019 season will be accepted.

**Photo Exhibit At Nature Museum**

The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon drive is conducting a new exhibit through June 2nd which features renowned nature photographer Thomas D. Mangelsen. *A Life in the Wild* showcases 40 award-winning wildlife and landscape images widely considered to be some of the finest examples of nature photography ever captured including "Catch of the Day."

Admission is \$9 for adult, \$7 for students and seniors, \$6 for children age 3-12. Thursdays are free for Illinois residents as part of Suggested Donation Thursdays.

Hours are Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, (773) 755-5100 or visit naturemuseum.org.

**Obituaries**



**HALINA BIELANSKA**, of Orland Park, passed away on March 9th at the age of 39. She was the daughter of Maria (nee Zajac) and Stanislaw Bielanski; sister of Krystyna (Kazimierz) Hornik, Bozena (George) Kuzur, Danuta (Krzysztof) Komorowski; Maria (Marcin) Rafalko, and Anna (Christopher) Briden; aunt of Marcin, Ewelina, Claudia, Emily, Adam, Michal, Giuliana and Gino; niece of Maria (Stanislaw) Borzecki. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 14th from 3-9 p.m. at Zaryzcki Manor Chapels, 8999 S. Archer Avenue, Willow Springs. Funeral services will be held Friday at 8:45 a.m. to SS. Cyril and Methodius Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.



**RICHARD C. MARTELLO**, of Lemont, passed away on March 4th at the age of 85. He was the husband of Maria (nee Draiczuk); father of Richard J. and Joseph S. (Lora) Martello; grandfather of Alyssa Gianna; son of the late Frances (nee Gatto) & late Joseph Martello; brother of Norman (Carol) Martello and Johanna (late Joseph Ugo and late Bernard Conlon) Ugo-Conlon; son-in-law of Stella (late Stefan) Baranowski; brother-in-law of Irene (Wayne) Loster and Susan Petrone. Funeral services were held March 8th from Zaryzcki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs to SS. Cyril and Methodius Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**Women's Jazz Jam Session**

The Jazz Institute of Chicago's Women's Jazz Leadership Initiative will present an open jam session at William Harris Lee & Co, 410 S. Michigan ave. on April 12th from 6 to 8 p.m.

All genders, ages, and skill levels are welcome to attend and participate. House band members include: Hana Fujisaki (piano), Jonathan Wenzel (drums), Katie Ernst (bass) and Dee Alexander (voice).

For more information on programs, visit jazzinchicago.org.

**Art Program About Cancer**

Twist Out Cancer, an international non-profit chairable organization that provides psychosocial support to individuals touched by cancer through creative arts programming, is accepting applications for Inspirations (anyone touched by cancer) and artists to take part in its seventh annual Brushes with Cancer program.

The six month program matches those touched by cancer with artists to create a unique piece of artwork that reflects on their experience. The program culminates with a celebratory event and fundraiser in which

the artwork is revealed for the first time.

Applications for artists and anyone touched by cancer to have a unique art piece made in their honor are available at <https://www.brusheswithcancerchicago.com/>

**B-K Baseball Seeks Coaches**

Brighton Kelly Little League and Softball League has issued a call for volunteers and coaches for the 2019 season.

For more information, call (312) 465-3805.

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**Rep. Mah Plans Health Fair**

State Representative Theresa Mah will sponsor her 3rd annual Health Fair at Leonard M. Louie Fieldhouse, 1700 S. Wentworth on Saturday, March 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free services include: BMI, glucose, cholesterol, vision and dental screenings; manicures and haircuts.

For more information, call (872) 281-5775 or email RepTheresaMah@gmail.com.

**Scholarship Fund For Latino Caucus**

The Chicago City Council Latino Caucus Foundation announced the opening of its scholarship program for the 2019-20 academic year. 26 scholarships of \$5,000 will be awarded.

\$230,000 in scholarships were awarded to 45 students since 2016.

Students can apply online at [www.cclatinocaucus.org/clef-scholarship](http://www.cclatinocaucus.org/clef-scholarship) through April 5th at 11:59 p.m.

**CAPS 815 & 821 Plans Meeting**

8th District CAPS Beats 815 and 821 will meet at St. Bruno Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7 p.m.

815 is bounded by I-55, Pulaski, Cicero and 55th st. 821 is bounded by I-55, Pershing rd., Kedzie, 51st st. and Pulaski.

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



**RACHEL SPANO**, passed away on Feb. 14th at the age of 34. A former McKinley Park area resident, she was the mother of Gabriella Mensinga and Erick Chavez; daughter of Carol (Patrick) Morrissey & late Kirk Spano; sister of Jennifer Rehka and Dominic (Gina) Spano. A Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, March 16th, from 2 to 6 pm at Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyne.

**Dental Hygiene Patients Needed**

Malcolm X College Dental Hygiene students are preparing to take the clinical board exam to obtain a license to practice.

In preparation for this exam, free oral screenings are offered at the campus clinic, 1900 W. Jackson blvd.

Individuals who meet the board examination patient criteria and can be present for the exam on April 9th will receive a free dental cleaning.

Ask for a board screening appointment at (312) 850-7060.

**Youth Clubs At Bethany Baptist**

Bethany Baptist Church, 3532 S. Hoyne, conducts Awana Clubs for ages 3 to 11 and Youth Group for 6th to 12th grade on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. through May 1st.

For more information, call (773) 523-7911 or (630) 984-0282 Spanish.

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**Run-Off Election • Tuesday, April 2nd**

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