

Reading Aloud



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Many parents and educators have long known that reading aloud to young children helps build their vocabularies and other early literacy skills. An exciting new study published in "The Journal of Pediatrics" by Dr. Alan Mendelsohn of the Department of Pediatrics at the New York University School of Medicine shows a positive connection with reading aloud to children from birth to 3 and better behavior and less hyperactivity when they enter Kindergarten. This thorough study showed the relationship between the children and their apparent desire to hear more and that while there was no study showing the reading from ages 3 - 5, they did follow the children during this time-frame. Those children had a much lower rate of the behavioral problems that often prevent reading skills from developing.

There are now several groups looking at oral reading for children 3 - 5. Some are trying to find if these same benefits can be attained if they did not have the oral reading

from 0 - 3. They realize that the parental reading aloud can help many of the social interactions at home and hopefully followed at school. It is especially worthy of proving the parents' respect for reading and books.

I'd like to suggest that reading to the children in today's busy schedule might be hard to be consistent, but it is worth it. The study showed as little as 10 minutes of reading per day helped these children. Here are some suggestions: 1. Pick books that are not way over or below the child's ability. 2. Use books with chapters like a Child's Bible Stories. These usually help hold the interest. 3. Don't use child's "favorites" every day. Reading the same book does not help vocabulary. 4. Do not make this reading time part of the "bedtime ritual", which is done to help put kids to sleep. 5. Don't use electronic devices, use books. Electronic devices are constantly changing, books don't.

There is no way to tell if reading to a preborn baby helps. I remember having pregnant ladies tell me they listened to whales singing to help their babies relax. I don't know if it works, but if it relaxes the mother, mission accomplished. Besides if they were really worried, it is better to take the effort to avoid putting toxins (alcohol, marijuana, drugs) in the body that nourishes the baby. This does not always mean the mother should read, but in the sad world we live in I see fewer and fewer two parent families. But dads that are truly part of the life of these young ones can give a lasting support to their families by being one of the readers.

Senior Center Offers Classes

The Garfield Ridge Satellite Center, 5674 S. Archer, is offering beneficial classes for senior citizens.

Frances Strain provides Tai Chi classes on Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants will achieve a state of physical and mental relaxation.

Joan M. Gatz will conduct a Brain Aerobics class on Wednesdays, through June 27th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. These newly updated exercises will help keep condition intact.

Chef Gloria D. Hafer will conduct Cooking Classes on Wednesdays, June 6th to 27th at 12:45 p.m. Entrees, desserts, and appetizers will be featured.

For more information, call (312) 745-4255.

FHM Pro-Life Group Honors Contest Winners



Students from Pope John Paul II Catholic School were honored for their participation in the Pro-Life Essay and Drawing Contest at Five Holy Martyrs Parish on April 26th. A first and second place winner was selected from the 7th & 8th grade for their submission of why it is important to promote pro-life. First and second place winners and honorable mentions were also awarded for drawing submissions. For more information about registration, contact Lucky Camargo, Development Director, at (773) 523-6161, ext. 158. Pictured in front row are Casey Niedos, Giovanni Calvillo, Valeria Luna, Daniela Aguilar, Leslie Sosa, Danny Cortez and Christina Olazaba. Second row: Mrs. Lachowicz, Luis Munoz, Emanuel Lopez, Ismael Flores, Luis Gonzalez, Gabriella Morales, Jocelyn Gonzalez and Ms. Marlin Carroll.

Family Programs At Library Center

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled family programs at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. during May.

Continuing Education classes will feature Learning Circle: Social Entrepreneurship 101 on Wednesdays, through June 13th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Learning Circle: Java Programming Basics on Tuesdays, May 29th to July 3rd from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Exhibit highlights will feature Kizuna 7: Past the Devastation and Toward the Future through May 26th on the 3rd floor. Kizuna is the Japanese word for "bonds" or "connections" between people. 27 panels of photographs and text resulted from Alan

Lab's interviews with individuals affected by events in Japan's Tohoku region: an earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster.

Pintando: Colors of Education will be open through July 31st on the 9th floor. These 40+ paintings by Mexican artists were commissioned by La Comision Nacional de Libros de Texto Gratuitos to adorn the covers of school books for two generations, 1960-1970 and 1957-1992.

Space, Ocean, Body: The Poetic Comics of Marnie Galloway is open in the 8th Floor Exhibit Cases through June 10th. An artist talk will be held May 26th at 1 p.m. in the Chicago Authors Room.

Congressional Art Competition Winner



Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) has named Nazareth Academy Freshman Gianna Imbarrato as the Third District's winner of this year's Congressional Art Competition. She used chalk to draw a monarch, the state butterfly, resting on a pink Zinnia. Her drawing will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for the next year alongside the winning pieces from congressional districts from across the country, and will receive two round-trip tickets for the exhibition opening this summer in Washington, D.C. "I don't think I've ever seen chalk used so effectively," said Lipinski. "Using shadows and a blended background to show depth, it took Gianna four months to create this beautiful image."

In National French Contest



Pictured seated are: De La Salle French instructor Kenya Madison-Gabler, Ashley Naveja (East Side), Judith Hernandez (Chicago Lawn) and Enrique Herrera (Archer Heights). Standing: Jalen Welch (Chatham), Kayla Sanchez (Archer Heights) and Michael Gallagher (Near West Side).

Six De La Salle students have been honored for their success in the annual National French Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Enrique Herrera '21, Ashley Naveja '21, Kayla Sanchez '20 and Jalen Welch '21 received the Mention d'honneur award (Honorable Mention) and Michael

Gallagher '20 received a Bronze medal/National Laureate award. Judith Hernandez '21 also was

VFW Offers Buddy Poppies

Volunteers and members of Rhine Post VFW #2729 and Auxiliary will be on the street and at businesses in the Garfield Ridge area offering Buddy Poppies to the public on Thursday and Friday, May 24th and 25th. The poppies are assembled by veterans in VA Hospitals and nursing homes as a rehabilitation program for which they are compensated. Proceeds will benefit veterans and their families and the Veterans National Home for Children in Lansing, Michigan.

recognized. Students of French in grades 1-12, in all 50 states and abroad, take a written test and compete against students with similar educational backgrounds for prizes.

Recipients of the Bronze medal placed in the 75th-80th percentile while students receiving the Honorable Mention award placed in between the 50th and 75th percentile.

Happy Hour At New Archview

Dennis Xenos of New Archview Restaurant, 35th & Archer announces the return of Happy Hour on weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. Numerous specials will be available. For more information, call (773) 254-4862.

Logging Joins BWU Ceremony

Deanna Loggins of 60609 was nominated by faculty and staff to take part in Baldwin Wallace University's 124th Annual White Rose Ceremony. She is a graduate of Chicago High School for the Arts majoring in political science.

The ceremony is held each May on commencement day in memory of Philura Gould Baldwin, granddaughter of BW founder John Baldwin. An oration is given and select female graduates carry white roses that serve as a memorial to Philura. Each woman must have distinguished herself by making a difference in the BW community.

Memorial Events For Rhine VFW

Rhine Post VFW #2829 and the Auxiliary will join other military groups at the Veterans Memorial in Resurrection Cemetery on Monday, May 28th at 8:30 a.m.

Services to honor all fallen veterans will follow at the Rhine Memorial, 5858 S. Archer at 11 a.m. All are invited, refreshments will be served. Parking available at the west end of lot across from the Post.

New Water Main For 47th Street

The Department of Water Management will be installing approximately 5,632 feet of new 8-inch water mains on 47th street from Pulaski to Kostner ave. beginning Thursday, May 24th.

Pulaski road at 49th will be narrowed down to one lane in anticipation of new sewer project that will begin in June where the Department of Water Management will also be installing a new water main.

Volunteer of Year At Brookfield Zoo



S. PADILLA

Stephanie Padilla of Brighton Park was honored during Brookfield Zoo's annual volunteer appreciation dinner on April 29th with the "Twiga" award which is given each year to the outstanding volunteer of the year.

A 2007 graduate of

Kelly High School, and a 2010 graduate of the Harold Washington College Occupational and Vocational Training and Development program, she has been a volunteer at the zoo for over 10 years, works part-time at the West Wrigley Animal Hospital and is active in the Special Recreation program at McGuane Park.

CWV Post 500 Schedules Events

Catholic War Veterans Post 500 members will conduct the annual Poppy Day fundraiser at Five Holy Martyrs, Immaculate Conception, St. Pancratius and Our Lady of Fatima Churches on the weekend of May 26th - 27th.

The annual corporate communion Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Five Holy Martyrs Church on Monday, May 28th at 9 a.m.

A procession to the war memorial at 4325 S. Richmond will follow for a prayer service to 64 fallen comrades.

Guest speaker will be Coast Guard Lieutenant Kate Woods.

All are invited to attend.

Dean's List At Bradley Univ.

Bradley University of Peoria, Illinois announces that Samantha Bondi, Nicole Frontczak, Africa Hill, Aileen Ruelas and Jilian Szymkiewicz have received recognition on the Dean's List for the spring semester. Honorees must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

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!

Green Leaf Band At McKinley Park



GREEN LEAF BAND

The McKinley Park Advisory Council will sponsor the Farmers Market Summer Concert Series at the President Monument, Archer & Western blvd. on Sundays from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. Attendees should bring a chair or

blanket. Featured performers are The Greenleaf Band (folk, pop, bluegrass, country) on June 3rd; A Flor de Piel (Mexican Folkloric) on June 10th and Vivian Garcia (blues, folk, jazz) on June 17th.

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The Center continues to grow as more students register and participate in supplemental learning. Volunteer tutors are needed to instruct limited English proficient adult learners for 90 minutes per week. All instruction is one-on-one and training is provided. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, the training workshop for the 2018-19 academic

year will be held in Early September

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

Film Club At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will share movie recommendations and conduct discussions on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Tentative dates are June 6th, Aug. 1st, Sept. 5th, Oct. 3rd, Nov. 7th and Dec. 5th.

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

St. George Scout Award Recipients



On April 22nd, recipients of the St. George Award attended a Benefit at the Mayor's Mansion to support the Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Chicagoland area. The award is presented to scout leaders who are religious emblems counselors or facilitators for Catholic faith based programs that allows Cub Scout and Boy Scout age boys to earn religious medals. This year's 2018 recipients are: Ernesto Aguilar, Ms. Beverly Great, Sister Paulanne Held, Linda Mendoza, William Meyers and Alexander Quesada. The event also served as an annual benefit to raise funds to send two Boy Scouts to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico to participate in the week long St. George trek. The Catholic Committee on Scouting also made a donation to each Scout for travel expenses. Dinner was followed by a silent auction and fellowship. Award recipients in front row: Rev. Gerry Scanlan, Tom & Tony Bezouska and Deborah Sitz. Middle row: Tom Kasnicka, James Potempa, Michael Duffee, Paul Szymczak, Peter Murphy, James Magee and Ed Melkonian. Back row: Tom Nelson, Mary Lou Norwell, Michelle Brown and Linda Mendoza. All who support the Catholic Committee on Scouting may contact Deb Sitz at (708) 363-6547 or at debsitz@aol.com for updates.

Maker Lab Offers Classes

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

On Friday, May 25th at 2 p.m., the Maker Lab will celebrate the inventions of sound pioneer Amar Bose during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month. Learn the basics of 3D modeling and printing. Save your file and 3D print your speaker amplifier.

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

For more information visit chipublib.org/makerlab.

Outdoor Concert At Bethany Baptist



Rio Grande Bible Ministries will present a free outdoor concert featuring Los Ecos at Bethany Baptist Church, 3532 S. Hoyne on Wednesday, June 6th at 7 p.m.

Seating will be available or patrons may bring chairs or blankets. Refreshments will be served. For more information on available parking, visit www.bethanychicago.org.

Registration For Summer Parks

Chicago Park District announced that in-person registration for its summer park programming and camps is now open at all locations.

The new camp theme Unified: We Choose to Include will enhance the summer day camp experience by engaging campers in inclusive activities and education programs as well as weekly physical fitness routines.

Day camp will provide participants with the opportunity to participate in team building and cooperative games, visual arts and writing activities, outdoor and environmental education, performing arts, imaginative play, active games and fitness activities.

Standard day camps for ages 6 to 12 years old, run six weeks from June 25th to Aug. 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Play Camp offers options for children ages 3 to 5 years old, and Teen Camp for participant's ages 13 to 15 years old.

For more information, contact your local park,

visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call (312) 742-PLAY.

CCOL Promotes Summer Programs

The Chicago City of Learning, whose online platform currently hosts more than 100,000 youth's digital portfolios, is helping youth and families "Get Set For Summer" by encouraging them to participate in summer programs based on their interests and passions, rather than just practicalities like location and cost. Through partnerships with over 100 community-based organizations and collaboration with the city's parks and libraries, CCOL can help youth and families discover new options that align with their passions and that are close and free or low-cost.

Youth and families are encouraged to visit ChicagoCityofLearning.com to explore hundreds of summer programs. For more information, visit www.ChicagoCityofLearning.org or call (312) 822-0505.

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STEM Camp At Olivet Nazarene

Olivet Nazarene University of Bourbonais, Illinois is accepting applications for 2018 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Camp June 24th to 30th. This week-long college experience is especially for high school students considering an engineering degree and college students transferring to Olivet's accredited engineering program.

They will also experience a full week of college life and meet students and faculty who share their passions. Olivet engineering students will be serving as teaching research assistants.

Participants who successfully complete the camp and the online assignments that precede and follow can earn three hours of credit toward an engineering degree.

Participants will work with professors from the Walker School of Engineering to receive training in CAD software and benefit from extensive time in state-of-the-art engineering labs. They will complete multiple projects, including a 3D printing/structure design and an interactive light

show. They will also experience a full week of college life and meet students and faculty who share their passions. Olivet engineering students will be serving as teaching research assistants.

STEM Camp includes on-campus housing, three meals per day, full access to campus facilities, and several social and recreational events.

The University will award camp scholarships to all applicants, reducing the camp fee to \$800 person. Without a scholarship, camp fee would be more than \$2,100. Application requires a \$200 deposit, which is applied to the total camp fee. Registrations received after June 1st will incur an additional \$100 fee.

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A package of new reforms will reduce costs for businesses, simplify the licensing process, increase transparency, support start-up and innovative businesses, and reduce the burden of inspections.

The expo series provides free, expert advice to entrepreneurs on topics such as licensing, financing, sales and business planning. Business owners and entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to consult, network and gather information from more than 40 government and non-profit agencies including the Chicago Department of Labor. Business consultants will help attendees apply for, or renew, a business license, the Center for Economic

Progress will provide a free tax clinic and The Law Project will provide a free legal clinic with 20-minute consultations.

Participants can visit with vendors, get expert advice, and receive a mini-makeover and free headshots from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Workshops from 12 to 1 p.m. will feature Roadmap to Business Financing and How to Start A Business.

Attendees can participate in a networking session from 1 to 2 p.m. on building and growing a business, hosted by City Treasurer Kurt Summers.

To register for an expo or for more information, visit www.chismallbiz-expo.com or call (312) 744-2086.

CAPS Beat 922 Plans Meeting

9th District Beat 922 will meet at Shields Middle School, 2611 W. 48th st. on Tuesday, June 26th 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.

Obituaries



BERNARD W. JARECKI, life-long resident of McKinley Park, passed away on May 16th at the age of 75. He was the son of late Walter & late Florence (Stol); brother of Virginia (Edward) Bojan; uncle of Jennifer (Charles) Briguglio and Christopher (Margaret) Bojan; great uncle of Tea, Lucy, Cameron and Sawyer. Retired from National Can Co. after 30 years of service. Funeral services were held May 22nd from Wollschlager Funeral Home, 3604 S. Hoyle to Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Maurice Location).



KAZIMIERZ WÓJCIK, 65, of Alsip, formerly of Archer Heights, passed away on May 14th at the age of 65. He was the hus-

band of Renata (nee Kura); father of Wojciech Wojcik; son of late Maria (nee Piecuch) & late Wladyslaw Wojcik; stepfather of Marcin (Angelika Bochenek), Mateusz (Sylwia) and Anna Kronka; grandfather of Emilia, Eliza and Izabela; brother of Zofia (late Kazimierz) Szkutak; uncle of Grzegorz, Agnieszka and Joanna. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Richard Church on May 18th. Interment was at Zyrakow, Poland.



ANIELA ZMUDA (nee Czyszczen) of Clearing, passed away on May 18th at the age of 85. She was the wife of late Kazimierz; mother of Bernadette (Gregory) Carriglio and Christopher Zmuda; grandmother of Dominic, Angelianna, Krystyna and Natalie Carriglio; sister-in-law of Jozef (Janina) Zmuda. Funeral services were held May 22nd from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs, to Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

RADOSLAW K. ZAWADZKI, of Elmhurst, passed away suddenly on May 17th at the age of 26. He was the son of Waldemar Zawadzki & Lucy Bensfield (Janusz Ksiązek); grandson of Zofia & Zbigniew Zawadzki, Anna & late Stanislaw Stoklosa; nephew of Agnes (Paul) Faryjewicz, Mirosław (Beata) Stoklosa and Ewa Zawadzki (Kazimierz Banas). Visitation was held May 22nd at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment at Skrzyszów Poland.

Tishka Honored

Michael Tishka has been named to the 2018 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College of DePere, Wisconsin. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

Safety Tip For Mylar Balloons

As graduation season nears, don't let a Mylar metallic balloon lead to power outages when they come into contact with outdoor power lines. From 2013 to 2017, more than 312,000 customer power outages occurred because of foil balloon contact. These balloons also can float for days and end up having a negative impact on the environment.

Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon or toy that is entangled in an overhead power line. For assistance, call ComEd at 1-800-334-7661.

Infant At Work Pilot Program

The Illinois Department of Public Health is launching an Infant at Work pilot program that will allow eligible mothers, fathers, and legal guardians to bring their infants to work in the early months of parenthood.

The program was developed with input from the Office of Women's Health and Family Services as well as parents with infants, is designed to lower daycare costs, increase family supports, provide more breastfeeding opportunities for

mothers, and give fathers the ability to be more involved with their babies.

Parents with infants between four weeks and six months of age are eligible to participate, depending on their job duties and location. Employees will be required to work with their supervisor on scheduling, work plans, and space accommodations. Participating staff will have regular evaluations with their supervisors to assess their satisfaction with the program.



"The Last Full Measure of Devotion"

Perhaps Abraham Lincoln said it best: "These honored dead gave the last full measure of devotion."

On this Memorial Day, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who have given their lives in the wars our nation has fought to defend ourselves and others from oppression.

As we pause to remember on this special day, we pray that God's comforting hand will touch those who have died for our country. And we say a special prayer for the families whose loved ones are serving in the war on terrorism.



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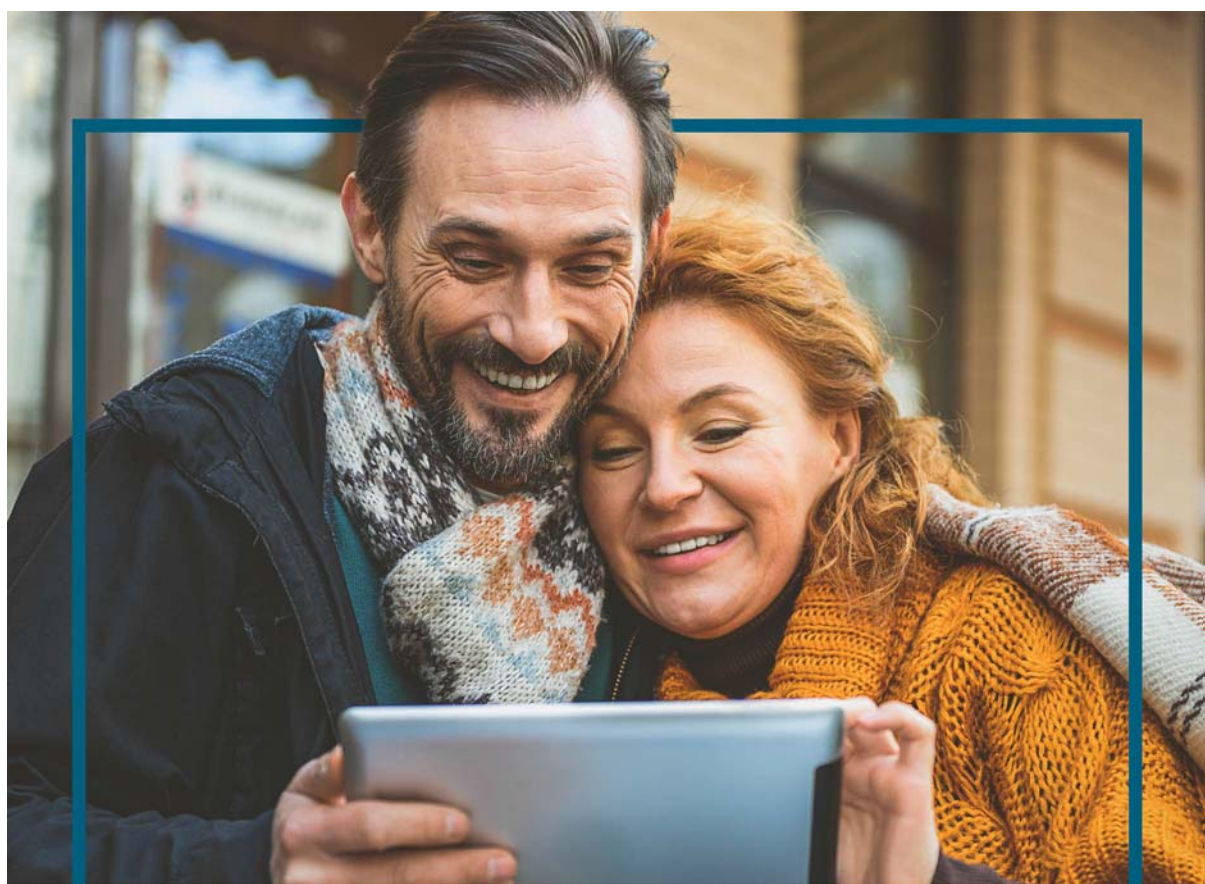
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On Memorial Day, we pause to honor the memories of so many brave soldiers who lost their lives defending our nation's freedoms. On Memorial Day, we thank our brave veterans for their service to our country. On Memorial Day, let's also remember to show our support for our courageous troops who continue to uphold the values and protections of our great nation today. Thank you to our men and women in uniform.

God Bless America!

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