



## Things Repeat



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I have spent less time talking with students lately, but I have talked with people about their home schooling for our young scholars. One of the parents suggested I give them some ideas about their high school kids and how to keep them involved. So, for them, I would like to pose a question. Who am I writing about?

Here are some facts. A. Few of the better-known politicians expected him to become president. B. His political party did not control the House of Representatives. C. He was impeached during his third year as president. D. The House brought impeachment articles by a partisan vote. E. He was charged with bypassing Congress to

fire a government official. F. Many in the country argued: What are high crimes and misdemeanors? G. The president did not testify but continued to talk about the charges. H. The Senate did not convict him, and therefore, he was exonerated.

By now, some readers are thinking of President Trump. While these facts are similar in both cases, it is not him. This President was not convicted by only one vote. There were 35 votes in the Senate to convict him and 19 voted to acquit. But as you probably know, it takes 2/3 majority in the Senate for impeachment. The last point was we just commemorated this vote that originally took place May 16, 1868.

This president was Democrat Andrew Johnson of Tennessee. He had taken office when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

Reconstruction was the main issue. Most of the South still had no Senators representing them. Seven non-Democrats had to cross and vote for the acquittal. You know that took courage.

Similarities like this help our young ones realize that little is really new. We should learn from the past. The internet is a great way to keep their brains active, so these kids don't have to be reconstructed when we finally reopen schools.

## Redevelopment Project For Ramova Theater



Bridgeport's long-vacant Ramova Theater will be rehabilitated as part of a \$22.9 million entertainment and dining complex through a financial plan approved by City Council.

Closed to the public since 1985, the 90-year-old, City-owned structure will be restored by Our Revival Chicago LLC as the centerpiece of a three-building-theater, restaurant, and brewpub complex on the 3500 block of Halsted street, hosting concerts and other live events for up to 1,600 patrons.

City assistance for the project will include a \$6.64 million Tax Increment Financing loan that will be provided at project completion. The developer will repay \$100,000 in interest over the first three years with the principal and remaining interest to be forgiven at the conclusion of the 10-year-term, provided all annual compliance requirements are met. The City-owned theater building and adjacent lot, valued at \$765,000, will also be provided for \$1 to support the project.

Built in 1928, the single-screen theater building was designed by architect Mayer O. Nathan in the Spanish Revival style with atmospheric details that resembled a courtyard under the stars. In 1940, it hosted the Chicago premier of Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator." The final move screening took place in 1985, "Police Academy 2: Their First

Assignment."

The City took ownership of the vacant property in 2001, with long-term goals to support its redevelopment.

The project will also include a new 5,000-square-foot brewery and 4,000-square-foot restaurant in adjacent buildings. The project will create 80 permanent and approximately 110 temporary construction jobs.

### Luikey Honored For Leadership

Marissa Luikey, a student at Carthage College of Kenosha Wisconsin, has been inducted into the National Society of Leadership & Success. Members attended Orientation, Leadership Training Day, three Speaker Broadcasts, and three Success Networking Team meetings.

Students are selected by their college for membership based on academic standing or leadership potential.

Candidacy is a nationally recognized achievement of honorable distinction.

Membership provides access to benefits including scholarships and awards, exclusive on-campus events, employer recruitment through an online bank, and discounts on computers, textbooks, grad school prep course and insurance.

## Bielski Attains Eagle Scout Rank



Eagle Scout Matthew Bielski, a member of St. Symphorosa Scout Troop 1439 is congratulated by his parents Randy Etapa & Brooke Bielski - Etapa and his little sister Amanda.



Matthew Bielski of St. Symphorosa Scout Troop 1439 was recognized by the Boy Scout Council as the first to complete the Eagle Board of Review virtually.

On May 13th, the Iroquois Trails District of the Pathway to Adventure Council B.S.A., families and friends gathered for a motorcade in Matt's honor. All vehicles were

decorated red, white and blue the colors of the Eagle Scout badge and the American flag, and were led by two Chicago Fire trucks and a police car with lights flashing and horns sounding past his home.

Any boys ages 6 to 17 who are interested in Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for further information.

## State Launches "Get Hired" Website

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

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

Residents and employers may access [www.illinois.gov/gethired](http://www.illinois.gov/gethired).

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

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

Get Hired currently features nearly 60,000 available job opportunities in a variety of industries.

Job seekers are encouraged to visit Get Hired often for updates on available opportuni-

ties. Residents can access the Coursera platform on Illinois WorkNet beginning June 1st.

### CBA Offers Legal Service

As consumer and employment complaints relating to the Coronavirus are surging, the Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone. The lawyer referral fee will be waived in the wake of the public health pandemic.

The Lawyer Referral Service has been in operation for nearly 80 years and offers services including consumer protection, personal injury, domestic relations, estate planning, real estate, and employment law.

The Federal Trade Commission is reporting that public inquiries related to the coronavirus have increased significantly in recent weeks, including complaints related to travel refunds, online shopping, mobile texting scams and government and business imposter scams.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, June 13th, the public can call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues.

## Park District Readies Summer Day Camps

In accordance with Governor Pritzker's modified Stay at Home order, all Chicago Park District playgrounds and fieldhouses will remain closed through May 31st. All previously scheduled park programs and events have been cancelled.

Chicago's lakefront including adjacent trails and parks are closed through May 31st. The 606, Chicago Park District golf courses, driving ranges and harbors will also remain closed under the modified order.

The Chicago Park District has installed barricades and fencing in some areas to remind residents of the restrictions.

Chicago parks remain open to provide brief respite during the Stay at Home order. Large gatherings and close contact activities are prohibited and social distancing must be observed.

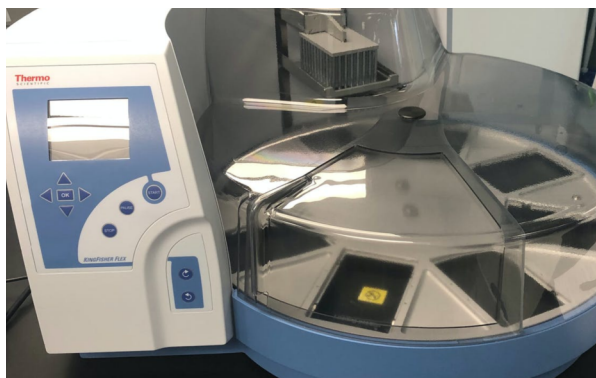
Acceptable activities include walking, running and hiking in outdoor spaces alone or with

members of the same household.

The Chicago Park District has adjusted its Summer registration and program dates in response to the modified Stay at Home order. Summer will be available to view online June 1st. Online registration for Summer programs will begin Thursday, June 11th and Friday, June 12th. In-person registration will be held Saturday, June 13th unless deemed unsafe by the Governor and Center for Disease Control.

The District will offer a revised version of its traditional Summer day camp beginning Monday, July 6th through Friday, July 31st. All other summer programs are slated to start July 6th. Registration and program dates are subject to change. The Chicago Park District will contact registered participants and provide updated information on the website should any changes in the summer registration or program dates occur.

## Shedd Lab Instrument Detects Coronavirus



The KingFisher Flex is a robotic device that extracts and purifies DNA and RNA from biological samples.

Throughout the year, Shedd scientists analyze genetic material to identify the microbes that, along with the animals, call the aquarium home. They rely on a piece of high tech equipment which is now on loan to the Illinois Department of Public Health, streamlining the test for the novel coronavirus.

Frank Oliaro manages the on-site molecular and microbial ecology laboratory. To analyze water samples, skin swabs, filtered air samples and blowhole exhalations from the whales and dolphins to genetically identify the populations of bacteria, viruses and other microscopic denizens. Most of them beneficial and even essential to maintaining the good health of the animals. The lab, which is part of the A. Watson Armour III Center for Aquatic Animal Health and Welfare, is the only such research facility among U.S. aquariums.

One of the most powerful tools in the lab is the KingFisher Flex, a robotic device that extracts and purifies DNA and RNA from biological samples. "Manually, I could probably do 20 genetic samples in about four hours," Frank said, "but with the KingFisher, I can process 96 samples in the same time."

The instrument, one of only a handful in Illinois, gets heavy use for weeks at a time. "Recently we did a bunch of samples to study the influence of probiotics on the belugas and water samples in the Abbott Oceanarium during a water change," Frank said. "We finished extracting all those—1,000 samples over a month or so—just before the aquarium closed to help stop the spread of the coronavirus."

At the end of March, Frank got a call from a sales representative at Thermo Fisher, the manufacturer of the KingFisher. "We have a few instruments from the company, and good relationships with the reps," Frank said.

Dr. Bill Van Bonn, vice president for animal health and welfare,

added. "The KingFisher is FDA-approved protocol for screening for the coronavirus. The Illinois Department of Public Health approached Thermo Fisher to find out where these instruments were in the state. Thermo Fisher said there weren't very many, but there's one at Shedd Aquarium."

"The state then asked if we'd let them borrow it. The unanimous answer from Shedd Aquarium was, 'Of course.'"

A loan agreement was drafted, and technicians picked up the instrument, along with testing supplies, and delivered it to a local Department of Public Health facility. "As far as I know," Frank said, "it's been running ever since."

The machine is being used to extract RNA from nasal swab samples. "You can take that pure extract and, with other instruments, run a specific test to screen for the coronavirus," Frank said. "The KingFisher does the first step of the protocol. The advantage is it allows you to process the samples much faster than by doing it all by hand."

### Street Sweeping Program Resumes

The Streets and Sanitation Department had resumed street sweeping operations. Orange signs will be posted in advance to request residents to cooperate and move their cars.

Tickets will not be issued during the Governor's stay at home order.

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To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information. Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to [brightonparklife@aol.com](mailto:brightonparklife@aol.com).

## Excellence In Teaching Award Recipient



P. SALCEDO

Golden Apple, the leading Illinois nonprofit committed to preparing, honoring and supporting exemplary educators who advance educational opportunities for students, surprised Paloma Salcedo, a fourth-grade transitional bilingual teacher at Brighton Park Elementary School with the prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

For the first time, the awardees are being notified virtually than in the full-school environment.

Following a highly competitive process, the award recipients were selected from more than 730 nominations of 4th-8th grade teachers. The demand for recognition throughout the state was profound, with nominations for outstanding teachers and leaders received from 64 Illinois counties.

Award recipients are selected by master educators who recognize instructional best practices and utilize professional standards to evaluate exemplary teachers and school leaders.

Members of the selection committee viewed video evidence of instruction and observed recipients' teaching in-person in their classrooms during a comprehensive day

which also included interviews with recipients' colleagues, school leaders, students, parents and community members.

Ms. Salcedo uses culturally responsive texts to help students build their identity as a member of their school, neighborhood and community. Her passion and commitment to teaching is evident through her meticulous and organized approach to helping students succeed academically and socially. Both peers and parents comment on her superior classroom management skills, which empower students to manage themselves and learn independently. Her students achieved 90th percentile growth on NWEA reading and math MAP assessments, an impressive feat given the unique makeup of her students (third and fourth-grade split level, with most students speaking their heritage language).

Northwestern University, Golden Apple's partner for more than 30 years, generously provides a Spring Sabbatical to award recipients at no cost.

Each Golden Apple Award recipient receives a \$5,000 cash award and becomes a Fellow of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators. Fellows play an important role in preparing the next generation of teachers by providing instruction and mentorship to future teachers in the Golden Apple Scholars and Accelerators programs, each of which is dedicated to addressing the teacher shortage.

The nomination period for the 2021 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching & Leadership is open. All are invited to nominate exceptional Pre-K-third grade Illinois teachers and Pre-K-12th grade school leaders at [www.goldenapple.org/awards](http://www.goldenapple.org/awards).

## Online Resources At Adler Planetarium

Even though the Adler Planetarium has closed its doors for now, you can stay connected by visiting [adlerplanetarium.org/learn/resources/online-resources](http://adlerplanetarium.org/learn/resources/online-resources). Use @adlerplanet on Twitter and Instagram and like Adler Planetarium page on Facebook.

Space from Home weekly email series will land in your inbox every Wednesday at 12 p.m. CST. Go to [adlerplanetarium.org](http://adlerplanetarium.org) and scroll down to subscribe.

The Adler 'Scope Blog will provide an insider look at behind-the-scenes of the museum.

Stories from the YOUiverse Podcast features local people who have made the Adler so special over the last 90 years. To find out, subscribe wherever you get your podcasts. Leave a voicemail at (312) 935-1990 with your name, contact information, and

Adler memory for a chance to appear in a future episode.

Planetarium's partnership with Google Arts and Culture provide an online exhibition space.

Zooniverse volunteers contribute to scientific research and have discovered new planets, helped route supplies to hurricane victims, and more.

Use materials around your house to try a variety of experiments, encourage exploration with the Adler's Let's Do Science video series designed for families and educators.

If you have a space or astronomy-related question, send a Tweet using the #AskAdler hashtag, email [askadler@adlerplanetarium.org](mailto:askadler@adlerplanetarium.org) or call (312) 322-0323. Your question may get answered in a future video!

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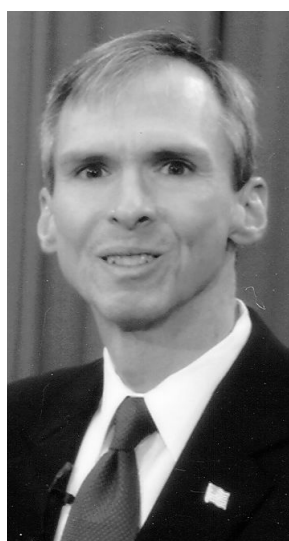
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## Lipinski Praises Passage of HEROS Act



REP. D. LIPINSKI

Congressman Lipinski praised the passage of the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act and House approval of temporary remote voting and virtual committee proceedings.

"I support the HEROES Act which was passed today because I understand that it is a first step in the process of negotiating the next COVID-19 response and relief package with the Senate and Administration.

Congress must do more to help state and local governments meet current needs as tax revenues are falling far short of regular collections. We also need to provide additional support to the more than 36 million unemployed Americans and continue to ramp up our testing efforts and improve our healthcare systems to combat the virus. The HEROES Act does this and includes funding for roads and public transportation systems. We must not lose sight of the fact that the money

being spent is borrowed and the debt will have to be paid. Therefore, while I believe there is a need for further spending to address this health and economic crisis to alleviate suffering, we must make sure that we do it smartly and as efficiently as we can.

"I am also pleased the House has finally opened up the legislative process to remote participation by members during the crisis, to allow all members to have their voices heard in the legislative process. For the first time in history, the House will permit committees to conduct hearings and consider legislation with Represent-atives participating remotely instead of being in the committee room.

In addition, proxy voting will be permitted on the House floor and a system will be designed to eventually implement remote voting. While this is not ideal and remote voting on the House floor should have already been implemented, these are good steps forward in empowering members rather than continuing to allow a few leaders to write multi-trillion dollar bills. I joined others in pushing House leaders to change their position on remote participation by lawmakers and I am glad that they have heeded the call."

### Virtual Class For Citizenship

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council is offering free citizenship classes via WhatsApp. To register, call Adrianna Morales at (773) 540-4033.

## Park District Online Activities

The Chicago Park District is offering a series of online activities and programs typically offered at park locations to stay active at home.

Work-out, Clean and Stay Active with the Wellness Team at Union Park (1:13 minutes). The Wellness Team brings tips to keep your home squeaky clean and burn off calories while you're stuck at home.

Take Virtual Ballet Conditioning Class (20 minutes). Join Phil Martini, Indian Boundary Park Supervisor, for an abridged version of his class.

Learn Your Next Dance Moves Work Out (3:40 minutes). Get your heart pumping and learn choreography with help from Elaine McLaurin, Dance Instructor at Douglas Park.

Start Your Day with a One-Minute Yoga Session (55 seconds). Mellow and stretch-out with a one-minute yoga session led by Andrea from the Park District's Wellness Team.

Father and Son #PushUpChallenge (1:11 minutes). See if you could beat the Wellness Team's Brandon Lyles and his son in this challenge.

Storytime at Berger Park with Eileen (3:36 minutes). Eileen Tull, drama instructor at Berger Park, is channeling her acting skills to read an animated version of "The Monster at the End of this Book."

Make a Baby Yoda with Us (2:24 minutes). Calling all "Star Wars" fans. Learn how to make your own baby Yoda with Eileen Tull, drama instructor at Berger Park.

Stay at Home Bingo. Keep Active, stay healthy and learn something new in this fun twist on Bingo. Click on image on web-

site to print it at home.

Coloring Sheets. Luna, the Night Out in the Parks mascot, has some fun ideas for ways to keep active at home. Have a dance party, read a book, play a musical instrument, or watch a move. Color the sheet then do the fun activities. Click on image on website to print it at home.

Practice Meditating with Sounds from Palmisano Park (45 seconds). Reduce stress and bring serenity to your life by practicing mindfulness meditation.

Garfield Park Conservatory Digital Tours. The conservatories are closed, but you can still enjoy the sights of the Garfield Park Conservatory digitally.

Palmisano Park (Stearns Quarry) audio tour. Transformed from an old stone quarry in the Bridgeport neighborhood, the park has a sustainable design with wetland terraces, native plants, and a fishing pond.

Humboldt Park Audio Tour - look at its lovely features- and learn about the architects, artists, and landscape designed who created it - most notably Jens Jensen.

Visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/staying-active](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/staying-active).

### Resource Help For Depression

If you or someone you love is struggling with depression or thinking about suicide, get help at 1-800-273-TALK, a free resource that is available 24 hours a day. The Crisis Text Line is free 24/7 where counselors support individuals in crisis. Text "Jason" to 741741.

The Jason Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of youth suicide through educational programs. Many times, a young person will exhibit clear warning signs prior to an attempt. By knowing the warnings signs, and knowing how to help, you could save a life. Visit [www.jasonfoundation.com](http://www.jasonfoundation.com).

### Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-a-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls at (312) 554-2001 from the public and offer legal advice on Saturday, June 13th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Citizens may explain their situation to an attorney who will then suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. 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. For more information, visit [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org).

### National Museum Of Mexican Art

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 852 W. 19th st., is closed during the pandemic. The staff has created activities for children and adults to enjoy at home.

These include lesson plans from its permanent collection, coloring sheets for all ages, counting worksheets for pre-K and K, I Spy Game for pre-K and K, word search for 1st and 2nd grade, and craft activities for ages 8 and up.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (312) 738-1503 or visit [nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](http://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org).

### Support For Mental Health

The Illinois Department of Human Services is offering emotional support to those struggling with stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Text TALK to 552020 for English. This service is free and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People seeking assistance will remain anonymous and provide only their first name and zip code.

## Obituaries

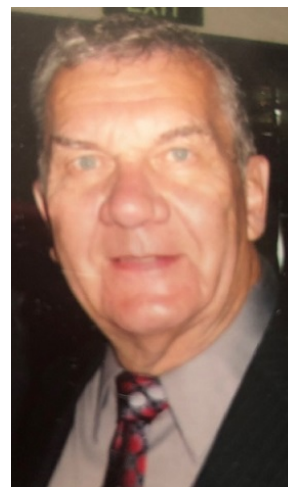


**EDUARDO MON-TOYA**, passed away on May 10th at the age of 67. He was the husband of late Gerarda (nee Leonidez); father of Antelmo (Marina), Maria Antonia (Oscar), Tomas, and Maria (Marco Antonio); grandfather of 13. Visitation was held May 18th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was at St. Casimir Cemetery.



**JAVIER RAUL VAL-LADARES**, age 69; husband of late Dora (nee Li); father of Javier (Araceli) Valladares, Elizabeth (Juan Ramon) Anaya and Jessica (Andres) Martinez; grandfather of Eddie, Johnathan, Cindy, Javier A. Iran, Adrian, Leslie, Xavier, Anahi, Dora, Cain and Christian; brother of Pedro (Rosario) Soriano, Rosa Amelia (Saul), Fernando, Jose Luis (Maria C.), Aurora, Amalia E. Valladares and late Rosa (Manuel) Taico, late David and late Alfredo Valladares. Arrangements were entrusted to Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer.

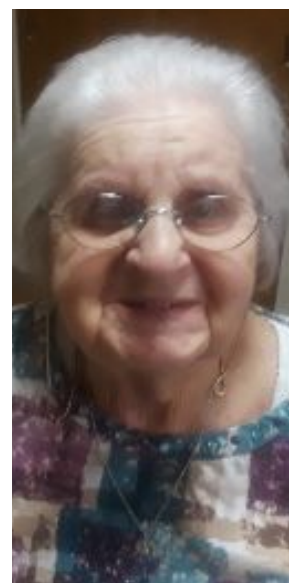
Niedospial. Visitation was held at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart on May 15th. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



**EDWIN J. WOJCIECHOWSKI** of Wil-lowbrook, formerly of Brighton Park, passed away on May 12th at the age of 85. He was the husband to Jean (Krzystofiak); father to Susan (John) Alexander and (late) David Wenckunas; grandfather to Nicole (Daniel) Herbin, Kristy Alexander, Eric Alexander, Bryan and Kevin Wenckunas; great-grandfather to Madeline and Jacob; brother to Eugene (Barbara) Wojciechowski, late Leonard (Jackie) Wojciechowski, Lorraine Wojciechowski and Joann (George) Gorecki; uncle to Marc, Jennifer, (late) Danny, Michael, Brian, Debbie, Lisa, Frank, Cathy, Lenny, Timmy, Kelly and Debbie. Arrangements were entrusted to Adolf Funeral Home.



**OSCAR FUENTES OCHOA**, passed away on May 12th at the age of 44. He was the husband of Maribel (nee Soreque); father of Oscar, Jr., Alexa and Daniel Fuentes; son of Gloria (nee Ochoa) and late Jose Fuentes; brother of Natalia, Jose Antonio Fuentes, Freddy and Allan Lopez; son-in-law of Abel Sorque and Juana Bautista; brother-in-law of Gaudalupe (Juan Garcia), Emmanuel (Natividad) Ramirez, Lucia (Fernando Piña), Juan (Liz Gomez), Tomas (Jazmin Diaz), Maricruz (Jovani), Nancy (Raul) and Jose Armando Soreque. A Memorial Mass will be held later. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Zarzycki Manor Chapels.



**JEAN WITOWSKI** (nee Genevieve Niemiec), passed away on May 6th at the age of 93. She was the wife of late Walter; mother of Kenneth (Jeanine), Patricia (Thomas) Cegielski, Eugene, Cynthia and Carol Zilinskas; grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 1; daughter of late Joseph & Zofia Niemiec; sister of late Rose (John) Wisniewski, late John (Mary) Niemiec, late Mary Niemiec, late Stanley (Helen) Niemiec, late Helen (Thaddeus) God-fryt, and late Bernice (Henry) Grutza; sister-in-law of Marie (late Henry)

**RODOLFO OJEDA**, passed away on May 11th. Visitation was held May 18th at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Interment was at St. Mary Cemetery.

### Esperanza Offers Virus Testing

Esperanza Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center that operates four clinics across the Southwest Side and offers testing to anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Positive test results have increased to over 55% in the past two weeks. Esperanza also sits on Mayor Lightfoot's Racial Equity Rapid Response Team that was recently formed.

Testing is offered locally at 47th & California, (773) 584-6200.

## IDNR To Reopen Select Sites

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reopened select state parks, recreation areas, fish and wildlife areas and trails. Visitors will be required to comply with social distancing guidelines and other COVID-19 best practices.

Visitors should bring alcohol-based hand sanitizer and face coverings. These include Region 1 (Northwest Illinois): Argyle Lake State Park, Jubilee College State Park, Lowden State Park, Morrison-Rockwood State Park, Rock Island Trail, and Shabbona Lake State Recreation. Region 2 (Northeastern Illinois): Chain O'Lakes State Park, Illinois and Michigan Canal State, Kankakee River State Park, Moraine Hills State Park, and North Point Marina.

Visitors will be allowed to engage in activities such as wildlife observation, hiking, biking, equestrian use, fishing (both from the bank and boats) and mushroom collecting. Visitor centers, campgrounds, playgrounds, beaches and concessions will remain closed. There will be no shelter reservations, interpretive educational programs, or special events until further notice.

To ensure the safety of all visitors, hunting remains suspended. IDNR sites are monitored by staff and Conservation Police. For assistance or to report violations, call the Office of Law Enforcement at (217) 785-0075.

### Income Tax Filing Help

The federal income tax filing deadline has been extended to July 15th, 2020. GetYourRefund.org is a non-profit service built by Code for America in partnership with IRS-

certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites to provide free filing assistance to families earning less than \$66,000 a year.

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St. Rocco, Epidemics Protector, Pray for Us!  
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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), signed into law on March 27, 2020, contains several provisions that are relevant to charitable giving.

Individuals who do not itemize their deductions on their federal tax returns can claim a deduction for up to \$300 (\$600 for a household filing jointly) in charitable giving. This new deduction (on top of the standard deduction) reduces a donor's adjusted gross income, resulting in a reduction of taxable income and tax savings.

Individuals who itemize may deduct cash gifts up to 100% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) compared to the typical 60% allowance.

Before acting on any of the provisions, please consider discussing them with your professional advisors to determine their applicability to your individual tax situation.

**IF YOU MUST LEAVE HOME, WEAR A MASK!**

All Illinoisans should wear a mask or face covering when they must leave their home or report to work for essential operations:

- Shopping at a grocery store or pharmacy
- Picking up food from the drive thru or curbside pickup
- While visiting your health care provider
- Traveling on public transportation,
- Interacting with customers or coworkers at essential businesses

[coronavirus.illinois.gov](http://coronavirus.illinois.gov) IDPH

**IDPH HAS LAUNCHED COVID-19 TEXT MESSAGING.**

YOU CAN OPT-IN TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SO THAT YOU HAVE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS AND HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF.

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## Free Counseling For Homeowners

The Illinois Housing Development Authority Board of Directors awarded \$3.89 million to 33 housing counseling agencies and community based organizations to assist current and prospective homeowners.

Awarded via a competitive application process under the state's Foreclosure Prevention Program and Foreclosure Prevention Program Graduated Fund Program, the funding will allow grantees to provide free pre- and post-purchase counseling, fi-

ancial coaching, foreclosure counseling, counselor training and capacity building and will pay for operational expenses incurred serving clients.

Both FPP and FPPG are funded via a foreclosure filing fee paid by plaintiffs to the respective County Clerk. IHDA provides grants to community based organizations and housing counseling agencies approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for foreclosure prevention and homeown-

ership education activities.

This assistance connects current and prospective homeowners with trained professionals who can advise on preventing foreclosure, protecting your credit, buying a home and other issues to help you make educated choices based on your individual goals and circumstances.

Counselors can also communicate with a homeowner's lender or servicer on their behalf and help find legal repre-

sentation if necessary. All foreclosure prevention counseling and financial education services are free of charge through IHDA's housing counseling programs.

Homeowners and renters who are having difficulty making their monthly payments should contact a housing counselor by visiting [www.IHDA.org](http://www.IHDA.org). Agencies remain open and are currently serving clients remotely via phone and video conferencing.

### Food Available During Pandemic

Food banks through Chicago will be distributing food to those impacted by COVID-19. Use [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org) interactive map to find the nearest pantry.

Local participating pantries are Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2745 W. 44th st., (773) 523-1402, Friday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and mobile pantry every 4th Thursday of the month 4 to 6 p.m.

New Life Community Church - Midway, 5101 S. Keeler ave. Saturday 2 to 4 p.m.

New Life Centers of Chicagoland - Brighton Park, 4155 S. Rockwell st., weekly Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### Echevarria Earns Leadership Award

Tanya Echevarria was among 99 University of Wisconsin-Madison students honored by the Leadership Certificate program for developing their leadership capacity and excelling inside and outside the classroom.

The School of Pharmacy doctoral students earned a Path of Distinction in Leadership.

## Virtual Events At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, home to nearly 200 species has scheduled virtual experience on Zoom (live video platform).

On Saturday, May 30th from 10 to 10:45 p.m., join Mike Murray, curator of mammals, to learn more about a special animal group - from their habits and diets to their individualized care and general personality traits. The cost is \$15 for all ages. 100% of revenue received from tickets purchased support for animal initiatives, worldwide conservation efforts, and local educato programs.

On Thursdays, May 21st and 28th from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ross, Ph.D., director of the Lester E. Fisher Center for the Study and Conservation of Apes, invites those of all age to grab a specialty beverage and learn about primate research and conservation work. The cost is \$15 (adults only).

On Saturday, May 23rd from 10 to 10:30 a.m., join author and historian Adam Selzter of Mysterious Chicago Tours for a virtual tour exploring the history and architecture of the area surrounding Lincoln

Park Zoo. The cost is \$15 for all ages.

On Sunday, May 24th from 10 to 10:30 a.m., join Curator of Primates Jill Moyle to learn about the order Primates, which is the third most diverse order of mammals after rodents and bats. The cost is \$15 for ages 12 and older.

Through Sunday, June 7th, Run for the Zoo will transform into an exciting virtual experience. Get out and enjoy nature, run, or walk in your neighborhood, take photos, log your time and miles, and share your experience with the zoo. The cost of the 5K virtual run is \$19.99; 10K virtual run is \$39.99; and safari stampede virtual race \$25.99.

On Sunday, June 28th from 9:30 to 11 a.m., experience Salsa, Merengue, Mambo and Hip-Hop in one 90-minute class led by licensed Zumba instructors Zac & Tyler Crain-Davis to provide an upbeat dance and aerobic workout. No experience or dance training is necessary. The cost is \$15 for ages 16 and older. For more information, visit [lpzoo.org/events](http://lpzoo.org/events).

## Driver Services Extends Deadline

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that his office filed emergency rules extending expiration dates for driver's licenses, identification cards, vehicle registrations and other transactions and document filings for at least 90 days after Driver Services facilities reopen.

White is encouraging residents to to to [www.cyberdriverillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriverillinois.com) to take advantage of many online services which include: renewing a vehicle registration; applying for a vehicle title and registration; obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card; obtaining a driving record abstract and renewing a standard driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

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Many of your local restaurants have remained open for delivery and pick-up

Consider ordering out to help support these businesses in your community during this time.

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### LaCoco's Pizza & Sports Club

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10 a.m. to 4 a.m.

### Palermo's On 63rd Street

3751 W. 63rd St. (773) 585-5002

### Tierra Calienta Restaurant

4070 S. Archer (773) 847-9755  
Mon - Fri. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sat. - Sun. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

### The Hut

3601 S. California Avenue (773) 847-0240

### Dino's Carry-Outs

4135 S. Archer Ave. (773) 376-4693  
Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Frank's Chicago Shrimp House

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To be added to this list call (773) 523-3663 or email [brightonparklife@aol.com](mailto:brightonparklife@aol.com)



## "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 currently serving.



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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!

**Edward M. Burke**  
14th Ward Alderman  
14th Ward Democratic Org.



## Virtual Field Trips To Cultural Sites

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and Citadel announced the launch of *Stay Home. Hit Play.*, a weekly video series that will bring engaging, educational programming from museums and cultural institutions on Wednesdays at [www.HitPlayChicago.org](http://www.HitPlayChicago.org).

Museum curators and staff will lead virtual tours of their most popular exhibits and even share hidden treasures not usually seen by the public. Viewers will take virtual field trips to the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, DuSable Museum of African American History, Museum of Science and Industry, Na-

tional Museum of Mexican Art, Art Institute of Chicago and Lincoln Park Zoo. Along with each episode, students will find corresponding worksheet activities to further engage with each museum experience.

Subsequent episodes will air each Wednesday online and Fridays on WTTW (11.1) and Mondays on WTTW Prime (11.2) TV. All segments and related student worksheets will be available on the website.

### Library Offers Daily Story Time

The Chicago Public Library has launched "Live from the Library: A daily Story Time for Kids of Chicago" weekdays at 10 a.m. CST on Facebook live. This program will feature librarians and Chicago notables reading their favorite children's books.

### Relief Options For Domestic Violence

People fleeing from domestic violence can get free hotel rooms during the pandemic. Those who need a room can call or text the Illinois Violence Hotline anytime at (877) 863-6338. The hotline will place a hotel reservation to protect the caller's privacy.

Residents seeking transportation and other services to flee a violent situation which includes domestic violence and human trafficking can also contact the hotline. Operators will deploy a driver from either Lyft or Uber to pick up the rider and transport them to a new location of their choosing. The requester's privacy will be protected.

### Health Clinics Now Available

The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights has published an interactive map of health clinics at [www.icirr.org](http://www.icirr.org). The service is available for anyone regardless of immigration status.

Clinics include: Kedzie Family Health Center: Access, 3229 W. 47th pl., (773) 254-6044; Archer Heights, 5122 S. Archer, (773) 843-3000; Friend Family Health Center - 47th Street, 2436 W. 47th st., (773) 376-9400 and Jose Clemente Orozco Academy, 1940 W. 18th st., (773) 254-1400.

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