

Increased Anxiety



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Come back with me to a few things that occurred in many of our lives. Playing baseball without nine on a side and uniforms, we chose sides, made up rules like pitcher's hand is out, or official pitcher or right field is out, and if the ball tore, we always had electrical tape in one of our houses. What was going on -- we were learning to solve, what was for us, real life problems by playing free from parents, teachers and others that would impose their ideas. Jean Twenge, of San Diego State University, and Dr. Peter Gray from Psychology Today consider these type of activities as being exactly the type of activity that young people do not experience today and would be great for them to have in their lives.

Using very reliable scales these psychologists show that levels of anxiety and depression have increased steadily over the past 50 years and are even higher than during the Depression or World War II. These studies indicate that the rise in anxiety and depression correlate with people's feeling of lack of control over their own lives. They can develop the idea they can't do anything about something terrible that might happen.

Think about what we are all subjected to daily. We have candidates who are saying all are entitled to college and it should be free. No reason to study or save money, it's up to the government to make new laws. There is no personal responsibility and nothing the individual can do about it. No need to work at improving your job skills, it

won't help, only the government can get you a raise. So anything you consider unfair, only the government, which you have no control over can do it. This has been conveyed to me by several high school and college students over the past couple months.

Remember when you made plans to improve your life. You studied, avoided drugs, saved your money and avoided the kids that did graffiti and got high. Now many feel why bother, my personal efforts will have nothing to do with my quality of life in the future.

Something even worse for our younger ones is TV -- beside the morality, it is the unknown from the world of what we like to call the good old days, the evening news was from 10:00 to 10:15 every night. Now it's on 24 hours a day on several channels. It shows disasters from around the world. No wonder our kids are not upbeat. Hurricanes, terrorist attacks, car accidents, wars, and beheadings are on every day showing that no one expects these to occur, but people are constantly hurt, physically and psychologically and they can do nothing about it. I even watched a commercial Sunday selling emergency disaster food. It has a 25-year shelf life, because you can never be prepared for all the possible disasters.

I don't mean to depress people any further than we are, but these psychologists feel that our being over-protective of our children and not allowing freedom to play and explore on their own is one of the reasons for the high rate of depression and anxiety. In free play time a child feels bullied or harassed, you could avoid it or go away. In the organized situations, including school, this is impossible. Parents, teachers and other adults in charge of kids these renowned psychologists believe that our kids need some unstructured time to work out problems on their own so that once again kids can make up their own rules like the yellow Chevy is out of bounds and the red Ford is a touchdown. For a further look at these long articles, they are easy to find on the internet.

Summit To Honor Harold Washington



HAROLD WASHINGTON

In celebration of the late Mayor Harold Washington's birthday, Mayor Emanuel and the Chicago Public Library announced a free, day-long summit exploring his life and legacy on Monday, May 9th at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

Three sessions will highlight the ways in which Washington's legacy continues to enrich the city.

The morning panel

discussion from 10:15 a.m. to 12 noon will be moderated by journalist Art Norman to explore Washington's life, advocacy and work up to the time of his election as Mayor.

Panelists include David Orr, Jacky Grinshaw, Eddie Read and Adam Green.

The afternoon panel from 2 to 3:30 p.m. will be moderated by journalist Robin Robinson to discuss the approach in which he influenced the direction of the city and its citizens. Panelists include Laura Washington, Rebecca Sive, Christopher Reed and Helen Shiller.

During the keynote address from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Dr. Melissa Harris - Perry will discuss how mayor's contributions continue to impact Chicago.

Registration is requested. For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

Civic Meeting In Archer Heights

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

Rafael Coreas, newly appointed 14th Ward Sanitation Superintendent and David Espinoza of the Ward Service Office will serve as guest speakers. Cake and coffee will be served.

National Honor Society Inductees At De La Salle Institute



De La Salle Institute has inducted 25 students into the Brother J. Richard Rush, FSC, Chapter of the National Honor Society. Pictured in front row are: Arianna Canales, Nataly Montiel, Reanna Nyden, Brittany Miller, Milani Jones and Cameron White. Second row: Rodrigo Magana, Kyrie Agee, Raphael Cruz, Joshua Cobos, Uriel Cortez and Sydney Roberson. Third row: Destini Valle, Kamau Lucas, Jarod Rhymes, Maurice Cowan and Sam Gurgone. Fourth row: Alexander Omelanczuk, Daniel Herrera, Michael Hassan, Brycen Pitre, Adrian Nuno and Dakota Biliskov. Not pictured are Joseph Arredia and Adam Maruszczak.

New Book Club At B-P Library

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer will conduct its first meeting of a graphic novel and manga book club on Thursday, May 19th at 5 p.m. The group will be discussing "Saga" by award winning author Brian K. Vaughn, known for "Y: The Last Man" and the popular TV series "Lost". The Saga Series is a sci-fi fantasy mesh of "Star Wars", "Romeo and Juliet" and "Game of Thrones".

Another topic for discussion will be the manga "Attack on Titan", where in a post apocalyptic world, humanity has been forced to live in walled cities for protection from colossal man-eating humanoids called titans. Copies for both titles are available at the branch. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Registration For Summer Jobs

15th Ward Alderman Raymond Lopez will sponsor registration events for the City of Chicago's "One Summer Chicago" summer youth jobs program for ages 14 to 24.

Local business owners are urged to consider employing area youths who are registered with the program.

Scheduled sign-up events and locations include: May 5th and May 12th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 2736 W 47th st.; May 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 1650 W 63rd st.; May 7th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 2111 W 47th st. and May 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at 1745 W 63rd st.

For more information, call (773) 306-0837.

Beginners Guide To Investing

The Brighton Park Library, 4314 S. Archer present A Beginner's Guide to Investing on Thursday, May 12th at 6 p.m.

Participants will understand how to build the foundation for personal wealth and security, whether they have the short-term goal of purchasing a home, or the long-term goal of retiring comfortably.

Author Rappaport At Library Center

English writer and historian Helen Rappaport will discuss the 1918 murder of the Romanov sisters and their lives at Alexander Palace during a program at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Pro-Life Essay & Poster Contest Winners at PJPPII



The Five Holy Martrys Pro-Life Group announced winners of their annual essay and poster contest during an all-school Mass on April 28th. Pictured in 1st row are Gloria Urbina, Isabella Casas, Abigail Adan, Lucia Martinez, Mayra Godinez, Christina Olazaba and Sara Jarosik. 2nd row: Raul Martinez, Angel Lopez, Christopher Urbanski, Marcel Torres, Roy Olazaba, Casey Nidos and Lucy Sanchez. Third row: Fr. Tomasz Sielicki, 6th Grade teacher John Nickas, and Casey Nidos.

Centennial Celebration For Our Lady of Fatima



Rev. Nestor Saenz, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church, 38th place and California announces the beginning of the Centenary Celebration of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th, 1917 and re-opening after months of restoration.

The devotion begins on Friday, May 13th with recitation of the Rosary in the school gym at 6:30 p.m. A procession to the church will follow for a bilingual Mass at 7 p.m. The program will conclude with a candlelight procession around the neighborhood.

For more information, call the parish office at (773) 927-2421.



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Library Talk To Unify Community

The Chicago Community Trust will sponsor a program titled "On The Table" at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Tuesday, May 10th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. followed by another meeting at the Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer from 3 to 5 p.m.

Individuals from diverse perspectives and backgrounds are invited to share their ideas to create a more unified community.

Reservations are required at the McKinley Branch at (312) 747-6082 or at archerheights@chipublib.org.

St. Mary's Univ. Honors O'Leary

Saint Mary's University of Winona, Minnesota recognized outstanding students, faculty and staff during the Student Life Awards Ceremony on April 15th.

Katie O'Leary, daughter of Michael & Penny O'Leary received the Winona Community Service Award.

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

Circuit Court Schedules Tour

The Annual Puerto Rican Heritage Day Courthouse Tour of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington st., will take place on Thursday, June 2nd at 10 a.m.

Highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a judge and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives.

Tour participants will receive a copy of the court's guide which offers information about how the Circuit Court is structured, explains the basics of trial proceedings and includes a directory of court and county service.

Reservations are recommended with Milissa Pacelli at (312) 603-1927 by Thursday, May 26th. The tour is aimed at per-

sons age ten and older, with a maximum of 35 persons to a group.

Midway Choir Offers Concert

The Midway Community Choir will present its annual Spring Concert, Magical Musical on Merrimac, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 5550 S. Merrimac on Sunday, May 15th at 3 p.m.

Admission is free. Donations may be to support the work of PADS an ecumenical and community service for homeless neighbors in Southwest Chicago. A buffet of snacks and refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Joanne McGriff at (773) 585-1094.

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Programs At Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, Cannon drive and Fullerton parkway, has scheduled family programs through Spring. An Animal Enrichment Workshop is scheduled for Saturday or Sunday, May 7th or 8th (Cinco de Mayo themed) from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Adults and kids of all ages can make edible piñatas and other creative enrichment items for the animals. The cost is \$5 person or \$18 for family of 4 to 6. For more information, visit www.lpzoo.org/events/calendar.

City Promotes Home Ownership

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced the Home Buyer Assistance Program will help make homeownership possible for families and individuals by providing support for down payment and closing costs. Qualified buyers may receive a grant for up to 5 percent of the loan amount based on income. Depending on whether they select an FHA-insured loan or a loan insured by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, home buyers can have annual in-

comes of up to 160 percent of the area median income - approximately \$121,000. The typical home in Chicago is sold for \$250,000, meaning a family could receive a grant of more than \$12,000 to help cover down payment and closing costs.

The program is open to families or individuals who are buying a home; and first-time buyers must complete a home-buyer education course. The program can be used for the purchase of single-family homes, town homes, condominiums and owner-occupied properties containing up to four units. It may also be used to refinance an existing mortgage.

The city will provide an initial \$1 million to launch program, which will become self-sustaining over time. The program will be administered by the Chicago Infrastructure Trust, which will work in conjunction with authorized lending institutions responsible for accepting and processing applications.

The city will work with aldermen and not-for-profit partners to conduct workshops to provide interested residents with information about the program.

For more information visit www.thecha.org/cto.

Iroquois Trails First Aid Meet



Boy Scout Troops from the Iroquois Trails District of the Pathway to Adventure Council gathered to compete in their annual First Aid Meet on April 2nd. Patrols of four to five scouts were given first aid and emergency scenarios for which procedures and applications had to be used to help injured victims to select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place patrol and all scouts earned an event patch. Any boys ages 7 to 17 interested in scouting, can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825. Pictured are 1st place: patrol #1 Francisco Sosa from St. Gall troop 671; 2nd place: patrol #1 Benicio Flores from St. Symphorosa troop 1439 and 3rd place: patrol #2 Angel Arellano also from Troop 1439.

Rhine Post VFW To Install Officers

Rhine Post VFW #2729 and Auxiliary will install the incoming officers for 2016-17 at the post home, 5858 S. Archer on Saturday, May 14th from noon to 3 p.m. Introduction and awards to Buddy Poppy Princess Leah Delajewski and Prince Joseph Obergon will follow.

Post officers are Commander, Charles Johnson; Sr. Vice Commander, Robert Kozak; Jr. Vice Commander, Joseph Wienczek; Quartermaster, Anthony Vinci; Adjutant/Chaplain, Michael Pronobis; Judge Advocate, Michael Hughes; Surgeon, Michael Cozzi; Trustees, Edward Sarnnecki, Irvin Bryce and Eugene Cook; Service Officer, Eugene Cook and President of Board, Anthony Maruszak.

Auxiliary Officers are President, Diane Pencak; Sr. Vice President, Jan Swinarski; Jr. Vice President, Rhena Knourek; Treasurer, Nancy Rufa; Secretary, Patricia Lubek; Chaplain, Sharon Lynch;

Conductress, Dolores Czerniak; Guard, Diana Cook; Patriotic Instruction, Janet Mally and Trustees, Rhena Kneurek, Sue Staneart and Dolores Czerniak.

Honorably discharged qualifying veterans are invited to bring their DD214 discharge papers and join The Veterans of Foreign Wars. At last year's National Convention it was voted to accept qualifying male family members into the Auxiliary.

Refreshments will be served. Parking is available on the west end of the lot across Archer Ave. For more information, call (773) 284-9025.

BPNC Sponsors Comedy Cantina

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council will sponsor its 4th Annual Comedy Show at the IUOE 399 Hall at Cermak rd. and Canal st. on Friday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.

A DJ and dancing will follow until midnight. Proceeds will benefit after-school, youth and parent mentor programs.

Tickets at \$25 are available online at Comedy Cantina Tickets or from Sara Reschly at the BPNC Office, 4477 S. Archer.

Annual Runs At Lincoln Park Zoo

The 38th annual United Run at Lincoln Park Zoo will feature a 10K run, 5K run/walk and a Safari Stampede mini obstacle course for ages 8 and under on Sunday, June 5th at 7:45 a.m.

Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Prices per race range from \$15 to \$59. For more information, visit lpzoo.org/events.

Lake FX Summit At Cultural Ctr.

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events will sponsor the 2nd annual Lake FX Summit + Expo at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington st., May 13th - 15th.

The Midwest's largest free convening of artists and entrepreneurs will feature conversation, panels and workshops. For more information, call lakefxchicago.org.

Panel Discussion For Teenagers

Local artists Justin Castenada, Wesley Sun and Elgin Smith will conduct a panel discussion for ages 13-18 about a career in the comics/graphic novel field.

The presentation is scheduled for Monday, May 9th, 4 p.m. at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

Advisory Council At Kelly Park

The Kelly Park Advisory Council will meet at the fieldhouse, 41st and California on Friday, May 13th at 6 p.m.

Prepaid Tuition Plan For College Illinois

Students are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine their eligibility for federal, state and institutional aid for college. The College Illinois! 529 Prepaid Tuition Plan, can help students graduate from college with little or no loan debt.

The plan offers a way to prepay the cost of college tuition for a child or grandchild, so their college education is covered at a school within their plan no matter how much financial aid is available and how high tuition increases by the time they are ready to attend.

Currently, about 70% of students in bachelor degree programs in Illinois graduate with student loan debt.

Flexible programs cover tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois community colleges, Illinois four-year public universities, and at the University of Illinois Urbana Cham-

paign. The value of plan benefits can also be used at most private institutions in Illinois and at most out of state schools.

More information on plan options and benefits, as well as a complete description of terms and conditions associated with the purchase of a plan, is available at www.collegeillinois.org.

Special Rec Camp At Davis Square

Davis Square Park, 4430 S. Marshfield, will operate a 6 week summer camp for children ages 8 to 15 disabilities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$120 but with a free or reduced lunch letter from a CPS school, attendees will receive 1/2 off. A weekly field trip, lunch, and a park district t-shirt are included.

For more information, contact CC Moy at (312) 747-6107.

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Japan Program At McKinley Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will host a special program celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month called Window Into Japan on Monday, May 9th at 3 p.m.

Children ages 5 and up can learn about Japanese culture, language, school life, and the art of storytelling and origami from the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago.

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Spring of Life Invites Mothers

Spring of Life & Manantial de Vida, 4300 S. California invite all mothers to attend a day of edification and pampering. "Come thank God for life, for our children, for our families. Hear the Word shared with a special message for you. Pray for one another. Receive prayer."

8:30 a.m. Worship service and prayer will be followed by 12 p.m. Brunch and Pampering stations from 12:30 to 1 p.m. with hair styling, eyebrow threading, nail painting and massage.

Russian Pianist Performs Chopin

The Chicago Public Library offers a variety of music and dance performance events, plus art exhibitions, supported with artists' discussions in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State st. during the spring season.

On Friday, May 6th at 12:15 p.m., Russian-born pianist Dr. Yulia Lipmanovich will perform an all-Chopin program. For more information, visit chipublic.org or call (312) 747-4050.

Free Program On Organic Gardening

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will host Organic Gardening 101 on Saturday, May 14th at 1 p.m. Stephanie Dunn, of Chicago Native Farm, will show how to start a big kitchen garden in a small space. For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

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Play Zoo Marks 15th Anniversary

Brookfield Zoo Hamill Family Play Zoo, an innovative interactive exhibit that has helped redefine how early childhood play can give children the tools they need to build a strong connection with animals and nature celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2016.

To celebrate the anniversary, on the 15th of every month in 2016 Play Zoo is hosting activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests have opportunities to meet zoo professionals, participate in scavenger hunts, learn about the animals during Zoo Chats, get creative with art activities, play a part in animal training or husbandry

sessions, and join in fun-filled parades.

Informal chats with staff will expose children to various aspects of zoo life, including veterinarians, animals care specialists, carpenters, zoo writers, volunteers, and more. Families can come back monthly to learn something new.

To mark the official birthday on June 15th, a larger celebration will feature live music and entertainment, craft activities, multiple experts who will teach kids about their jobs, a plush animal clinic that youngsters can bring their plush pals to for some tender loving care and more. For updates on

each month's schedule of activities, visit www.czs.org/UpcomingEvents.

Open since June 2001, Play Zoo has encouraged millions of children and their families to take an active role in learning by touching animals, planting and tending a garden, examining animal X-rays, releasing ladybugs in the summertime, pretending to be a zoo director or animal keepers, engaging in mud finger painting, painting their faces, and building habitats as they imagine what it is like to be an animal.

Zoo admission is \$17.85 for adults and \$12.50 for children ages 3 to 11 and seniors.

Chicago City of Learning Event



Photo Credit: Mark Blanchard

15th Ward Alderman Raymond Lopez, Patricia Harris of Best Buy Geek Squad Academy, and Dr. J'Tia Hart of the U.S. Dept. of Energy, with Dr. Nichole Pinkard and Dr. Sheena Erete of Digital Youth Network, which runs Chicago City of Learning.

Nearly 1,200 youth and family members from 71 zip codes registered for a free opportunity held at Jones College Prep to sample summer programs offered by 30 Chicago City of Learning partner organizations. As youth completed hands-on activities, they earned digital badges reflective of their interest and participation, which unlocked chances to win prizes.

The multi-part event was dubbed #UpwithChi Spring it Out by the CCCOL Youth Council, who also curated the Teen Lounge, where 13-19 year olds tried their hands at fashion and jewelry design, app-building, soldering and more. For the writers and musicians, a lively Open Mic was hosted by Marwin "Stark" Williams of HUEY Gang.

In the Maker Party filled with drop-in activities, youth 4-12 created a butterfly garden with the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, made toys and beds for dogs and cats living at The Anti-Cruelty Society, programmed video games and robots with Center for College Access and Success at NEIU, built balloon-powered cars with Scientists for Tomorrow, used poetry and visual arts to create multimedia with Border-bend Arts Collec-tive, and

much more.

During an hour-long workshop hosted by Best Buy's Geek Squad Agents, students explored the hidden code behind live websites. In another workshop, girls created light-up greeting cards with Digital Youth Divas, a program created by Digital Youth Network that links STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) to interests like fashion, art and dance.

Dr. J'Tia Hart, a nuclear engineer and former Survivor contestant, traveled from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counter-intelligence, to share her pathway from student to a career in nonproliferation, preventing the spread of weapons.

Representatives of NASA Glenn Research Center, who helped youth create and test descent-copters and will return next month to train informal educators in their Let It Glide challenge in time for summer. Among other professionals on hand to interact with students were computer scientists and programmers from Argonne National Laboratory.

Young Chicagoans and the adults who care for them can explore and sign up for online and on-site programs offered by more than 120 CCOL partner organizations citywide at www.ChicagoCityofLearning.org, where youth can also create their Chicago City of Learning

accounts, which provide them with a digital portfolio - evidence of all they have participated in.

Kite Festival At Lincoln Park

The 18th Annual Chicago Kids and Kites Festival returns to Cricket Hill in Lincoln Park (Montrose and Wilson) on Saturday, May 7th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The City of Chicago will provide kite kits for children to build, decorate and fly, while supplies last. Other activities include face painting, balloon artists and crafts. The Big Kite Candy Drop will feature a piñata-like kite filled with candies that drop from the sky, taking place during the afternoon, weather permitting. Kite Harbor will be onsite for kite buyers, and professional kite flyers will demonstrate their skills with oversized and uniquely-shaped kites.

Scavenger Hunt At Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st., will conduct an adult scavenger hunt on Friday, May 6th from 6 to 10 p.m.

Teams will solve clues to find fun challenges located around the zoo. The top three teams and those with the best costumes will win prizes. This wild adventure ends with a free beer and post-event celebration.

The cost is \$25 person, age 21 and older. For more information, visit lpzoo.org/events.

VisionWalk At Busse Woods

The 11th annual Chicagoland VisionWalk will be held on Sunday, June 12 at Busse Woods Ned Brown Meadow Grove 28 in Elk Grove Village to benefit the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

here will be a variety of activities for the kids and complete the day with a walk around Busse Woods. Registration begins at 9 a.m. For more information, call (847) 680-0100 or visit mdivincenzo@fightblindness.org.

Park District Opens Summer Registration

The Chicago Park District announced online registration is open for its summer programs, and day camps.

Standard day camps run six weeks, from July 5th - August 12th, typically from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Many parks offer early morning and late-day sessions as well. Fees vary depending on location, offerings and hours. No child will be turned away for inability to pay.

Patrons of all ages can choose from a wide array of programs, including favorites like Learn to Swim, fitness center memberships, indoor basketball, gymnastics and more. Regular summer programs run the week of June 20th through the week of August 22nd.

To save time on online registration day, patrons are encouraged to browse through the list of pro-

grams and create wish lists in advance at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Financial assistance and family discounts are available. Applicants that do not qualify for financial assistance may inquire about the payment plan option at their local park.

In accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture federal regulations, the Chicago Park District will participate in the Summer Food Service Program in conjunction with summer day camp. Lunches and/or snacks will be provided for enrolled children at most camps.

For more information, contact your local park or call 312-742-PLAY.

Author Neimanas At Lith Museum

Author Leva Neimanas will read and sign her book, "Half a Slice of Bread" at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski on Saturday, May 14th at 2 p.m.

This is the true story of a Lithuanian family caught in the political and military events of World War II - era Europe from 1941 to 1950.

Admission is \$5.

Chess Games At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will host chess games on the second Wednesday of every month from 3 to 6 p.m. for ages 14 and up. Participants bring their own chess set or use one provided by the library.

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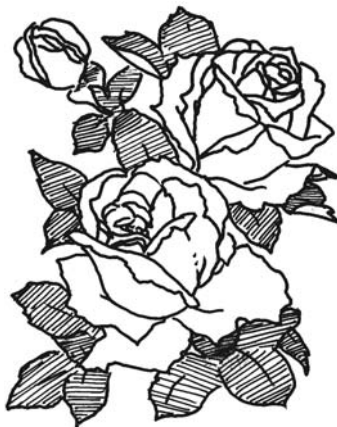
On this beautiful day of family love and affection, daughters and sons honor their mothers, parents remember their own mothers, grandparents dream of a mother's touch when they were children so many years ago.

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Summer Jobs For Chicago Youth

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that his One Summer Chicago program will expand to provide 25,000 job and internship opportunities this summer for youths ages 14 to 24 from neighborhoods across the city. This year, an additional 1,000 One Summer Chicago PLUS opportunities will be added to expand access to programs that will enable youth to develop valuable work skills as they remain engaged during out of school time.

Opportunities are available in many industry areas, such as urban agriculture, bike repair, outdoor forestry projects, as well as office and clerical work. The online application for minimum of six-week summer employment is available now at www.onesummerchicago.org through May 15th.

The City will expand opportunities under the One Summer PLUS Program, building on last year's investment to double these opportunities for at-risk youth. Mayor Emanuel created this special program in 2012 to keep youth who are at a higher risk for violence involvement safe and engaged with a 25-hour per week summer job, a mentor, civic leadership training and social skill building.

Beatification Mass At SSC Chapel

The next monthly Mass for the beatification of Venerable Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, will be held on Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 a.m. in the St. Casimir Center Chapel, 2601 W. Marquette rd., The celebrant will be Rev. Michail Ford, OP, Director of the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All are invited. For more information, call (773) 776-1324.

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