



State Legislators Turn Aggressive



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Sarah Schwartz, a reporter for Education Week, recently wrote an article on efforts in eight states to combat what some consider a fight to end racist and sexist concepts being found on the curriculum of school children. While the last election saw one party take over all three parts of the government, the election was extremely close and no one should be surprised that some of the states are trying to reverse some of the decisions made in Washington without Congressional approval. The eight states are: Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

These states are using their legislatures to combat what they consider extremist. You can argue left or right, but many people agree and without giving any other information, most people left and right would agree with what these states want. Some in the movement have stated that

some in the movement have either been misunderstood or corrupted. Some scholars believe these matters can be agreed upon left, right and center. The new legislation calls for: 1. teachers not to teach that one race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex. 2. the US or specific states are fundamentally racist or sexist 3. that people are not automatically consciously or unconsciously responsible for past or continuing problems 4. individuals should not be held responsible for past problems caused by members of their same race or sex and 5. that no one should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish or any other form of psychological distress because of their race or sex.

You may feel quite strongly about these or maybe you don't care, but those of you who automatically are for or against these bills without reading them, then you are part of the problem. Some of these people want to argue and not listen. Because "we know how it is" are concepts to deal with. We cannot deal with it in this short article. But your attitude can make a difference. In our community most of us are here for a relatively short time. I had family that fought and died for the North in the Civil War, but it was not me that was the brave one, so should I take credit for it? Of course not, nor should I blame the neighbors who had people in the past who owned slaves or fought for the South. On a simpler term, we are each responsible for our own actions. Hopefully we will all live with dignity.

Cherry Blossoms In Jackson Park



The Chicago Park District announces that more than 160 cherry blossom trees, located along the Columbia Basin in Jackson Park, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave., east side of Cornell Ave., just south of Museum of Science and Industry are blooming.

Cherry trees are very sensitive to temperatures and the exact bloom time and duration are difficult to predict, which is what makes this experience even more special. This year's warm weather and steady rain have made this a first-rate show.

The peak bloom period lasts for about 6 to 10 days, and typically happens in late April to early May. This year, the buds started to open in early April and are now in full bloom.

In the Japanese tradition, 'hanami' is the word used to describe the celebration of the start of spring, which aligns with the blooming of the cherry blossom trees. 'Sakura' is the Japanese term used to identify the flower of a cherry tree.

Visitors will enjoy four varieties of cherry blossoms that include Yoshino (pink), Gooseberry, Snow Goose, Snow Fountains (white) and Accolade (pink).

The first batch of trees were planted in 2013 to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the World's Columbian

Exposition and another 50 trees were added in the three years to follow by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago in honor of their 50th Anniversary and the relationship between Chicago and Japan.

The public is encouraged to follow updates, tag us and share images of their visit using the #CHICCherryBlossoms. For more information about the cherry blossoms and the Jackson Park Japanese Garden, visit <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/cherry-blossoms>.

Day Of Service For April 24th

The Department of Streets and Sanitation invites Chicagoans to a citywide annual Clean and Green Day of Service to clean and beautify neighborhoods on Saturday, April 24th.

Residents and local organizations help revitalize areas in their community by collecting litter, removing weeds and clearing vacant lots.

The City will provide brooms, rakes, shovels and bags.

Volunteers must identify a worksite, then call their local aldermanic office or 3-1-1 to register.

Recycling Event At Brookfield Zoo



Photo credit Chicago Zoological Society

Brookfield Zoo is hosting a recycling event for its Earth Day: A Party for the Planet celebration on Saturday, April 24th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the zoo's main north parking lot.

Representatives from the zoo and its partner organizations—eWorks, USAgain, and Open Books—will be on hand to collect a variety of unwanted items, including:

Electronics—computers, cable, adapters, cell phones, tablets, cable boxes, video game consoles, microwaves, small metal appliances, printers, VCRs, DVD players, radios and flat screen monitors.

Textiles—blouses, socks, coats, shirts, dresses, children's clothing, paired shoes, ties, gloves,

backpacks, belts, plush animals, comforters and curtains.

Books—fiction, nonfiction, craft books, cookbooks, children's books, and LPs, CDs, and DVDs in good playable condition.

For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, visit CZS.org/PartyPlanet.

Those planning to drop off items, should enter the parking lot from 31st Street, just west of the main north entrance on Golfview. Reservations are not required to participate in the recycling event. Those who also plan to visit the zoo to see their favorite animals, need to secure advance admission and parking tickets at CZS.org/OnlineTicketing.

Chicago Student Invention Convention

Ingenuity is on virtual display Saturday, May 1st as over 200 K to 8th grade students from throughout metro Chi-ago learn if they are among 50 advancing to Invention Convention U.S. Nationals during the Chicago Student Invention Convention's 9th annual Awards Ceremony.

Over 2,000 area students representing 45 schools, libraries, and youth centers participated with invention education curriculum. The inventors used creative problem-solving, design thinking, and engineering skills they learned to create an original solution to solve a problem they care about.

This year's Awards Ceremony will be held virtually and includes a range of free events that are open to the public. The Saturday schedule is as follows:

10 to 10:30 a.m.: Opening Ceremony; 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Judging Circles for Student Inventions, during which K-8th grade student inventors share their pitches and judges provide feedback and guidance. Virtual Networking Lounge and Expo Booths are also open.

12:15 - 1:15 PM: What's Next for Invention Education? A Panel of Educator Perspectives presented in partnership with InventEd. Panelists will share student engagement experiences, best practices for the invention pathway, and explore where invention education goes next.

1:15 - 1:30 PM: Closing Remarks and Raffie

To register for the free event, go to <https://hopin.com/events/2021-chicago-student-invention-convention>.

Conservatory Offers Virtual Yoga Class



Garfield Park Conservatory will conduct a Virtual Yoga on Saturdays through June 26th (no class May 29th) from 9 to 10 a.m. Beginners to advanced yogis are welcome to join. Pre-registration is required at garfieldconservatory.org. Auto-generated closed captioning is available. This class is free but donations are welcome to help offset programming costs. Learn more about Amber and their work at www.themessyoga.com/meet-the-messy-team.

Shred-A-Thon In 15th Ward

Shred-A-Thons will be conducted at the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, 4703 S. Honore on May 4th from 12 to 2 p.m.; Gage Park Fieldhouse, 2411 W. 55th st. on June 15th from 10

a.m. 12 p.m. and Five Holy Marys Parking Lot, 4327 S. Richmond on Aug. 10th from 12 to 2 p.m.

Call (773) 823-1539 to arrange for special accommodations.

ISAC Names 2021-22 Illinois State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announces the 2021-22 Illinois State Scholars which are selected annually based on their ACT or SAT exams and sixth semester class rank and are recognized for their exceptional academic achievement.

State Scholars are usually announced in early December, however the postponement or cancellation of spring 2020 college entrance exams due to the COVID-19 pandemic delayed this year's announcements.

While the recognition is a non-monetary award, recipients receive a congratulatory letter from ISAC, a Certificate of Achievement and statewide media recognition. An official Illinois State Scholar badge can be downloaded by honorees to display on their online profiles and social media platforms, and

share with high school counselors, colleges, employers, family members and others.

DeLaSalle Institute East: Samantha Brost and Margaret Swanborn.

Thomas Kelly High School: Sarah Chan, Jiasheng Chen, Lisa Gao, Shiming Huang, Yingqi Jiange, Randy Lin, Angel Lopez, Yukang Qiu, Wenlong Situ, Amy Zhang and Susan Zhao.

Horizon Science Academy - McKinley Park: Vagif Kazimli.

Curie Metropolitan High School: Alexis Aranda, Joanna Avalos, Andrea Banuelos, Ivan Campos, Salvador Galvez, Jr., Rafael Garcia, Victor Gurrillo, Jocelyn Herrera, Ricardo Herrera, Siyan Li, Denise Lopez, Eric Lopez, Lesly Martinez, Thomas Ruan, Stephanie Saenz, Jazmin Serrano, Wulong Situ and Cindy Ye.

Free Admission Days At Field Museum



The Field Museum is offering free admission days for Illinois residents on April 22nd, 26th and 29th plus May 3rd, 6th, 10th and 13th. Use these days to check out special ticketed exhibitions or a 3D movie with a discounted Discovery or All-Access Pass.

Tickets for Free Days are only available to Illinois residents online and cannot be reserved in advance. Ask a guest relations staff member when you arrive at the

museum and be ready to show your proof of residency. Basic admission on Free days includes all general admission exhibitions, such as *Evolving Planet*, *The Ancient Americas*, and *Inside Ancient Egypt*.

As part of the Museums for All initiative, discounted admission is offered to all families who qualify for state food assistance. Show an EBT (link) or WIC card to receive \$3 person admission for up to six people.

The discounted all-access pass includes all general admission exhibitions, all ticketed exhibitions, and one 3D movie are \$16 and children (ages 3-11) are \$14. Discounted discovery includes admission to all general admission exhibitions and one ticketed exhibition or 3D movie. Adults are \$10 and children ages 3-11 are \$8.

Health Resources For Students

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Chicago Public Schools' Office of Student Health and Wellness, and HealthChoice Illinois announced a new joint initiative to raise awareness of the free public health resources that exist for CPS students and families that are enrolled in the Medicaid program.

The 'Every Superhero Needs a Sidekick' campaign, named after CPS parents, will raise awareness about the full spectrum of healthcare and social services available to the more than 240,000 CPS students and families enrolled in Medicaid, and those who are eligible but not yet enrolled.

Illinois Medicaid managed care organizations played an integral role in the development of this initiative and will be working with CPS to connect eligible families to services which include COVID-19 testing, health risk screenings, vaccinations, wellness check doctor visits, prescriptions, therapy, transportation to and from a doctor and more.

For more information, visit www.cps.edu/cfbu. Residents who would like to explore their Medicaid eligibility and apply for available programs are encouraged to visit <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/>.

PJPII 2nd Graders Publish Dino Book



Mrs. Thompson and her 2nd grade classroom at Pope John Paul II Catholic School hosted a live reading of their published book, "How Dinosaurs Became Extinct, The Real Way Dinosaurs Became Extinct" on March 25th for their parents, students and staff.

"I couldn't be more proud of my 2nd-grade authors. We started working on this in October. The story, is about our prediction on how dinosaurs became extinct from getting stuck on gum for all eternity to eating lava thinking it was ketchup. We wanted to create a book that can make people laugh and where all ages can enjoy it. When we did our live session, it looked like these kids have done live readings before, they were such professionals," says Mrs. Thompson.

Phil Cahill, principal, added "I was so very excited and proud to see our talented 2nd graders perform the reading of their book containing their in depth look into the topic. Their insight, creativeness and humor, are a great read. I look forward to following their writing careers into the future."

Virtual Programs At Archer Heights Library

The Archer Heights Branch, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled virtual programs for children and adults.

The Virtual Adult Graphic Novel book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The selections are: *March* by John Lewis on May 10th and *Deadly Class* by Rick Remender and Wes Craig on June 14th.

Reading Buddies who need practice with reading skills meet on April 22nd and 29th plus May 6th, 13th and 15th.

Beginners - Beginning to Read On Your Own will meet on Thursdays from 4 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. These books have: sight words, white space, phrases that repeat, simple sentences, and pictures to support understanding.

Some examples are: *Fox the Tiger* by Corey R. Tabor, *What This Story Needs is A Pig in a Wig* by Emma J. Virgan, and *Go, Otto, Go!* By David Milgrim.

Independent - Reading On Your Own will meet on Thursdays 4:30 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 to 11 a.m. These books have chapters, less pictures, rich vocabulary, detailed phrases and sentences, and more complex plots and themes.

Some examples are *Barkus* by Patricia MacLachlan, *Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel, and *Meet Yasmin* by Saadia Farugi.

Painting Mars -- with special guest Michelle Nichols from the Alder Planetarium will be featured on Wednesday, May 19th from 6 to 7 p.m. She will discuss the surface of Mars to think about color, texture, and what scientists hope to

find on our neighboring planet. Using images captured by the rover Perseverance, program hosts will use watercolors and invite patrons to paint along to create some other - worldly landscape painting.

A DIY watercolor recipe will be provided, but participants are encouraged to use whatever materials or methods they choose. This event was created for adult patrons, but all are welcome.

Patrons show sign up at www.chipublib.org to receive a link to the Zoom program a day before the event.

Enrollment For ACA Marketplace

Illinoisans are signing up for ACA Health Insurance Marketplace plans at nearly twice the rate of this time last year, according to federal CMS numbers. Unlike other SEPs, consumers are not required to provide proof of a qualifying life event, such as getting married, having a baby, or losing job-based coverage to enroll.

Since the federal marketplace opened, from February 15th - March 31st, 2021, the number of new plan selections in Illinois is 14,496 compared to 7,757 during the same period in 2020 and 7,459 in 2019.

Get Covered Illinois, a division of the Illinois Department of Insurance, is the official health marketplace affordable health insurance.

For more information on the 2021 Special Enrollment Period through Aug. 15th, visit www.getcoveredillinois.gov.

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Library Schedules Online Zoom Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

A knit and crochet circle meets on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays of each month from 6 to 7:45 p.m. All skill levels are welcome, all you need is needles and yarn. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event.

Live one-on-one homework help is also available online everyday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Brainfuse. Students in early elementary through advanced college prep can get help with: specific homework questions, improving study skills, writing papers, ACT and SAT test prep and learning English as a second language. Use Brainfuse on any connected device or at home with your library card.

Songs and poems written during the writing circle will have the opportunity to be showcased in a virtual openmic. Register by noon on the day before at chipublib.org.

The Chicago Public Library will conduct online Creative Write About It! Writing Club via Zoom on Tuesday, April 27th from 4 to 5 p.m.

STEM Around the House will be available on Tuesdays, April 27th and May 25th at 5 p.m. Participants will solve problems, meet design challenges and have some STEM-y fun with things you have around the house. Best for kids ages 5 to 12, but younger children are welcome to participate with an adult. Register at least 24 hours before the event.

Homework Help: Virtual Teacher in the Library for kindergarten through 12th grade will be available Monday, May 17th from 3 to 5 p.m. Register at least one hour in advance.

Little Learners Story Time for kids, pre-schoolers and toddlers will be held on Wednesdays through April 28th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Ms. Casey from the West Loop Branch will read books and provide fun with fingerplays, songs, rhymes and movement.

Mock Interviews and Resume Help for adults and teens will be offered on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through April 29th. Email Jose at jgallegos@chipublib.org with the job you're applying for. A Zoom meeting will help with resumes and mock interviews.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Chil-

dren's Library will conduct a 30-minute story time for preschoolers on Friday, April 23rd from 10 to 10:30 a.m. This event takes place on Zoom. Registration by 9 a.m. the day before the event.

STEAM Team will present Story Time on Monday, April 26th from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Each week read books, sing songs, and participate in hands-on STEAM activities using common household items. This program is geared for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Write About It! Writing Club for teens and adults will feature writing and poetry on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. through June 15th. This event takes place on Zoom. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event.

How to Zoom: Intro to Online Meetings for adults will be offered on Wednesday, May 17th from 4 to 5 p.m. You can use zoom on a smartphone, a tablet, a laptop, or a desktop computer (if your device has a camera, speakers, and a microphone). This class will cover the basics of how to connect as a participant, as well as how to set up a meeting as a host, cover options for how you appear, sounds, and are able to share your screen.

Friday Citywide Story Time: Stories and Songs on Guitar for ages 0-5 and their caregivers will be offered on Fridays through May 28th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. The zoom presentation features songs, rhymes and stories. Register 24 hours in advance.

Join Ms. Corina from the Back of the Yards Branch for a fun and active Zoom program that will combine books, movement, games and mindfulness activities. Ages 1-8 and their caregivers will stretch, dance and jump on Friday, April 23rd from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Register by 11 a.m. the day before.

Join South Shore Branch's story time for the whole family to read books, sing songs and enjoy rhymes for kids 0 to 7 and their caregivers. Saturdays through May 29th from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Kids 6 and up are invited to join the McKinley Park Library Maker Club on Saturday, April 24th from 12 to 3 p.m. Stop by and pick up your set of mystery materials. Create something new each week or gradually add to your creation with the new materials to make one masterpiece. Bring in your creations or email pictures to display at the library. The theme is

structures. Contact Ms. Kate at (312) 747-3380.

Librarians from the Northtown Branch will read books, sing songs and enjoy rhymes geared for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers on Mondays through June 14th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Register by 11 a.m. the day before.

The librarians at Legler Regional Library will conduct interactive activities and crafts for ages 5 to 12 on Tuesdays through May 25th from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Register by 2 p.m., the day of the event.

Legler YOUmedia recording studio will provide Intro to Audio Production for ages 13-8 on Thursdays through April 29th from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn sound, audio production and recording techniques using analog and digital audio technology. Register 24 hours in advance.

The Back of the Yards Library will conduct a Poetry Slam on Tuesday, April 27th from 5 to 6 p.m. Celebrate National Poetry Month by sharing your original work during the Zoom event. Register by 4 p.m. the day before.

Harold Washington Library will offer an Introduction to Permaculture on Thursday, April 22nd from 2 to 3 p.m. The organic method of growing

vegetables, herbs and flowers works with nature to develop a healthy balance while maximizing space and encouraging wildlife. Register at least 24 hours before.

Let's Get Zen: The Practice of Compassion will be conducted on Saturday, April 24th from 1 to 2 p.m. Albert Gonzalez, a teacher at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago will demonstrate the practice of compassion through Zen techniques. No special equipment or previous experience with any style of meditation is required, but loose clothing is recommended. All ages are welcome.

MARVEL-ous Monday will examine Loki and The Falcon and the Winter Soldier on April 26th from 4 to 5 p.m. Register 24 hours in advance.

Mellow Mondays: Self-Care Strategy for Teens is scheduled for April 26th and May 24th from 3 to 4 p.m. Join a discussion for ways to perform meditation, relaxation and self-care.

Register for events at chipublib.org.

Obituaries

YOLANDA BARRIOS passed away on April 12th at the age of 55. She was the wife of Joel Andrade; mother of Linda, Joel, Izamar, Guadalupe, Yoly, and Jorge; sister of Patricia, Jaime and Jorge; grandmother of 2. Visitation was held April 20th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 21st at Holy Cross Church. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



EDWARD D. NORTON, SR., passed away on April 10th at the age of 51. Survivors are his son Edward D. Norton Jr.; daughters Abigail & Jazayn Norton; mother Juanita Norton; siblings William, Selena, Marcus and Vincent. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer ave.



MARIA TRINIDAD TOLEDO, passed away on April 13th at the age of 87. She was the wife of late Austreberto Toledo; mother of Hector (Felipa), Ramon (Rosalba), Lourdes (Pablo), Martin (Norma), Maria Luz (Ramon), Jose (Hermelinda), Maria Guadalupe, Manuel (Guadalupe), Gabriel (Martha) and Obed (Grisel); sister of Carmen; grandmother of 32 and great-grandmother of 18. Visitation was held April 23rd at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 24th at Saint Pancratius Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

NOEL A. CASTILLO, SR. passed away April 14th at the age of 62. Visitation was held at: Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer.



Blueprint For Fair Housing

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced the release of the "Blueprint for Fair Housing," a plan to address the City's housing segregation, disparities in access to opportunity, and history of inequitable investment.

The assessment outlines eight goals and complementary strategies that will focus on Chicago's most residentially segregated communities and provide direction on how the City will work to address those forces that drive and exacerbate racial divides. This includes wealth and public health factors that influence a community's access to opportunity, employment, education, transportation, and other essential services.

In Chicago, 74% of the city's 1.8 million people of color live in economically disconnected areas, mainly on the South and West sides where rates of unemployment and poverty far exceed those on the North side.

The Blueprint for Fair Housing is available now and open for public comment through May 28th, and available by visiting www.chicago.gov/fair-housing.

Vaccination Totals For Area Residents

The Chicago Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of COVID-19 cumulative vaccinations for April 19th.

City vaccine series completed - cumulative - 683,490 doses, 25.4% of population; 1st dose - cumulative 1,089,773 doses, 40.5% of population.

60632: 1st dose cumulative 35,158 total, 39.1% population. Complete vaccine series 23,146 total, 25.8% population.

60638: 1st dose cumulative 21,034 total, 35.9% population. Complete vaccine series 13,454 total, 22.9% population.

60608: 1st dose cumulative 39,663 total, 49.5% population. Complete vaccine series 25,728 total, 32.1% population.

60609: 1st dose cumulative 21,257 total, 34.9% population. Complete vaccine series 14,028 total, 23% population.

Resource: Chicago.gov/covidvax

ALBERTO FLORES, passed on April 14th at the age of 34. He was the son of Cecilio & Beatriz Flores; brother of Salud (Delia) Paramo, Pablo (Erika) Flores and Juliana (Luis) Gaytan; uncle of Alex, Debbie, Cecilio, Mariah, Ayannah, Pablo Jr, Ricardo, Alberto, and Luis Jr; great uncle of Adriel, Mia, Milani and Fabian Jr. Visitation was held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer. Interment was at St Benedict Cemetery.

VICTOR MANUEL LOPEZ GONZALEZ, passed away on April 3rd at the age of 62. He was the husband of Maria Martinez and father of 2 sons. Arrangements were entrusted to Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart.

MERCEDES LUCIANO, age 75, wife of the late Francisco Luciano; mother of Luz (Gus Calderon) and Belinda (Javier Rodriguez); grandmother of 5 and great grandmother of 4. Visitation was held April 18th at Ocwieja-Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

Hall of Fame For Senior Citizens

The Illinois Department on Aging is accepting nominations for the 2021 Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame Awards. These awards recognize adults, 65 years of age and older, and highlight the meaningful contributions they have made. Award nominations are being accepted for the following categories: Community Service, Education, Labor Force and Performance / Graphic Arts.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, June 1st. Eligibility is based on the nominee's past and present accomplishments. The candidate must be a current Illinois resident, or a former resident for most of their life. Posthumous nominees will also be considered. Nomination forms can be filled out online, calling the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or emailing aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov. For more information, visit www.illinois.gov/aging.

CZS Schedules Virtual Fundraiser

The Chicago Zoological Society is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Whirl, its largest fundraiser. The event, co-hosted by the Society's Board of Trustees and Women's Board, will be held virtually on Saturday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the official kickoff, participants can tune in at 6 p.m. for a special VIP experience featuring animals that have been featured in the "Bringing the Zoo to You" chats. Images will be displayed acknowledging Virtu-Whirl sponsors and highlighting previous attendees and sampling of invitation designs from the past 40 years.

The evening's Virtu-Whirl will feature programming highlighting the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Chicago Zoological Society, that manages Brookfield Zoo.

Attendees will be able to bid on silent auction items featuring jewelry courtesy of A. Marek Fine Jewelry; a Kate Spade loden green exotic tote; sports memorabilia, including a signed football by Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr; an elephant brooch; an array of gift basket packages and animal-themed opportunities from Brookfield Zoo such as VIP tours and naming one of the animals.

Bidding for silent auction items begins April 26th at 5 p.m. with closing

at 9 p.m. On May 1st, a live auction for several select items will be hosted during Virtu-Whirl at 7 p.m.

Registration is required to participate in the silent auction as well as to attend virtually on the evening of May 1st at Whirl2021.givesmart.com. Those unable to attend, can still donate at CZS.org/Donate.

N4EJ Schedules Virtual Earth Day

Neighbors for Environmental Justice will conduct a Virtual Earth Day community conversation about environmental justice on Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8422222222>. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8422222222>. E P B F - 9 H 4 E 8 b 2WYlKaUF

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For drive-ups, enter through California - 38th pl. and food will be placed in your trunk.

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"Just one inch of water in a mid-sized home can cause up to \$25,000 in damages," said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "Flood insurance is one of the most important ways for people to financially protect their homes and belongings, allowing them to recover more quickly. But it also is important to act quickly - flooding insurance policies typically take up to 30 days to go into full effect."
Flood Insurance Rate Maps can help you determine whether your property is located in a high-risk or a moderate-to-low-risk area.
These maps can be found online at <http://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>. Additional questions can be directed to a FEMA mapping specialist toll free at 1-877-336-2627. To find out if your community is enrolled in NFIP, visit <https://www.fema.gov/cis/IL.html>. For additional information about flood insurance, visit https://www.insureonline.org/insureu_special_flood.htm

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Application For Summer Jobs

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services announced the launch of the 2021 One Summer Chicago application. OSC 2021 will run from July 5th to August 13th and will include remote and socially-distanced, in-person job and life-skills training for youth ages 14 to 24. The application deadline is Friday, June 11th at OneSummerChicago.org. Over 21,000 slots are available.

Young people will be compensated for participating in career exploration opportunities in fields such as coding and tech, healthcare, media and more. Returning this year under the OSC portfolio include the Chicago Youth Service Corps, Everyone Can Code, Photography for All programs and more.

The Citi Foundation is continuing its support for its eighth year in a row, with funding that has totaled over \$7 million. The Summer Jobs Connect program, spearheaded by the Citi Foundation and the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, supports young adults seeking

summer employment and provides appropriate banking products, services and education. Citi Foundation is also the largest private funder of the Summer Youth Employment Program, a city-wide program designed to employ out of school youth.

More information on OSC is available at OneSummerChicago.org.

COVID-19 Testing At Midway Airport

The City of Chicago will conduct COVID-19 testing at Midway Airport, Parking Lot B, 5738 W. 55th St., on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Register in advance at ChicagoCovidTesting.com or (312) 746-4835. On-site registration is allowed, however due to the increase of numbers, they cannot guarantee that walk-ins will be seen the same day.

Do not eat or drink anytime 20 minutes before the test.

Mauldin Art At Pritzker Museum



The Pritzker Military Museum & Library, 104 S. Michigan Ave. announces its newest exhibit, "Drawn to Combat: Bill Mauldin & the Art of War," which will celebrate the artistic career of cartoonist Bill Mauldin beginning May 14th. A two-time Pulitzer Prize winning artist, his cartoons embodied the spirit of the infantryman during World War II before turning his critical pen to those in the political sphere. It will feature 125 original Mauldin drawings, another 35 re-produced images, and more than 20 original artifacts.

For nearly fifty years, from World War II to the end of the Cold War, Mauldin used his artistry and wit to provide commentary on the world as he saw it. As a soldier and nationally syndicated political cartoonist, he used his voice and platform to critique the policies and actions of the nation's

leaders, both military and civilian.

Through his characters Willie and Joe, he was able to capture the cultural nuances of life in the Army, providing comedic relief or trepidation while presenting the grim reality of the war to the home front. On his return stateside, he found success as a political cartoonist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and then at the Chicago Sun-Times. His famous cartoon reacting to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, showed his continued ability to tap into the cultural zeitgeist of the time.

Visiting hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$10. Seniors, students and teachers with valid IDs: \$8. Admission is free for children under 12 and Active Military.

For more information, visit www.WhoIsBillMauldin.com.

Brookfield Zoo's Calendar of Events

Virtual Spring 5k Run/Walk now through May 30th, 2021. You choose the time and place—take a hike in a forest preserve, jog along a waterfront trail, or stroll through a neighborhood. Or, run the full 5k to compare your time with other runners. The cost is \$30 person. Each participant receives a beanie, virtual medal, and completion certificate. Race materials will be mailed. To register and for additional information, visit CZS.org/SpringRun2021.

Earth Day: A Party for the Planet, Saturday, April 24th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This special day, the zoo will be hosting a recycling event, presented by the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., representatives from the zoo and its partner organizations will be stationed in the main north parking lot collecting a variety of unwanted items, including electronics, textiles, and used books. For a list of acceptable and unacceptable items, visit CZS.org/PartyPlanet. Enter the parking lot off of 31st.

Virtual Lecture—Zoo Nutrition: The Art and Science of It! Tuesday, April 27th, 7 p.m. Join Jennifer Watts, Ph.D., director of nutrition for the Chicago Zoological Society, for an enlightening discussion on diet development for exotic animals. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Virtu-Whirl, Saturday, May 1st, 7 p.m. The Chicago Zoological Society's 40th annual Whirl is once again going virtual. You can attend from the comfort of your own home while still helping support the Society's animal care and welfare initiatives as well as conservation and education programs. Participants will be able to bid on auction items and contribute with a monetary donation as in a paddle raise. For further information, visit CZS.org/VirtuWhirl or call (708) 688-8670. Those unable to attend, can still donate at CZS.org/Donate.

Virtual Lecture—The Role of Veterinary Technicians in Animal Health and Conservation, Wednesday, May 12th, 7 p.m. Kate Sladek, one of the Chicago Zoological Society's veterinary technicians, will share a behind-the-scenes look into the Animal Hospital's operations technicians also provide support for anesthesia, diagnostic imaging, dentistry, laboratory analyses, and many other functions, including conservation projects and research. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Virtual Lecture—The Conservation of the Guam Kingfisher: Past, Present, and Future, Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m. Tim Snyder, curator of birds for the Chicago Zoological Society, will share the history and conservation efforts for the Guam kingfisher. He will discuss how the species was close to extinction with the introduction of the invasive brown tree snake to the island. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Virtual Paint Night, Saturday, June 5th, 3 to 5 p.m. Partnered with Pinots Palette's Naperville studio, this class will be a live virtual event. The cost of \$35 plus

shipping, includes canvas, paint, and brushes. To register and for additional information, visit CZS.org/Events.

Virtual Lecture—Mr. Gadget: An Overview of Brookfield Zoo's Environmental Quality Program, Tuesday, June 8th, 7 p.m. Learn about Brookfield Zoo's comprehensive environmental monitoring program from "The Gadget Guy", John Kanzia, environmental quality manager for the Chicago Zoological Society. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.

Dinos Everywhere! Now through September 6th. Located throughout the 216-acre park, zoogooers will be able to see their favorite dinosaurs, including the Argentinosaurus that measures 110 feet in length and stands three-stories tall on the West Mall. Guests can download the map at CZS.org/ZooMap to see where all the animatronic dinos are located. Dino Don, Inc. and The Wildlife Conservation Society. Dinos Everywhere! is free with zoo admission.

Guest capacity is limited and advance admission and parking tickets are required. Reservation times are available in 20-minute increments. Tickets must be reserved at CZS.org/OnlineTicketing. Guests are encouraged to visit CZS.org/KnowBeforeYouGo to review the safety protocols as well to get updates on what animal habitats and other amenities are open.

Admission is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for senior 65 and over. Parking is \$15. Brookfield Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Beginning May 29th, summer hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

2,587 New Cases Of COVID-19

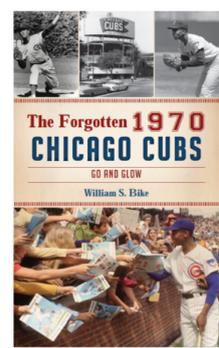
The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 2,587 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) including 9 additional deaths.

Cook County fatalities included 1 female 40s, 1 male 50s, 1 male 60s and 1 male 80s.

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 1,306,787 cases, including 21,694 deaths, in 102 counties. Laboratories have reported 62,406 specimens for a total of 21,839,226. 2,288 individuals were reported to be in the hospital with 522 in the ICU and 223 on ventilators.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from April 13th-19th, 2021 is 3.8%.

New Book On '70 Chicago Cubs



William S. Bike has authored his latest book, *The Forgotten 1970 Chicago Cubs: Go and Glow*, which will be available from The History Press on May 17th.

"In 1970, the Cubs added interesting characters like Joe Pepitone and Milt Pappas to the legendary nucleus of Billy Williams, Ron Santo, and Ernie Banks," Bike said. "The team came closer to finishing first than in any year between 1945 and 1984—ending the season only five games out in one of baseball's hottest three-team pennant races ever."

The book features Ernie Banks's 500th home run, the addition of "the basket" to the outfield walls, good trades and bad trades, how manager Leo Durocher's radio show caused clubhouse chaos, death threats against third baseman Ron Santo, outfielders Billy Williams's and Jim Hickman's best season, the pitching rotation, and statistical and computer analyses of how the Cubs would have performed in the Western Division.

Bike also wrote the *Streets of the Near West Side, Winning Political Campaigns, and Celebrating a Proud Past*, and edited the *Essays on Earl*

Renfroe: A Man of Firsts. The associate editor of the newspaper *Gazette Chicago*, he works as a freelance writer and formerly directed communications for Loyola University Chicago, the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, and University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry. More than 50 awards in journalism, publications, media relations, and alumni relations, including three Peter Lisagor Awards have been received.

Hurricane Harbor To Open May 29th

Hurricane Harbor Chicago water park in Gurnee will open on May 29th as a separate attraction from the adjacent Six Flags Great Escape amusement park which will reopen in April 24th.

The water park will have its own entrance so ticket holders can visit without entering Six Flags, Six Flags season pass holders receive free admission to the water park. For more information, visit sixflags.com/hurricaneharborchicago.

NAEYC accredited Kiddy Kare Preschool celebrated Week of the Young Child, a fun-filled week celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.



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Virtual Run for Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo's 43rd annual Run for the Zoo will be staged virtually from June 5th - 13th.

Registration is open for the virtual 5K run/walk, 10K run, and children's race, Safari Stampede. All proceeds help keep Lincoln Park Zoo free admission.

Participants who donate or raise a minimum of \$25 will earn a commemorative supporter medal. Race options vary in price, starting at \$24.99 for the virtual 5K/10K supporter package, \$39.99 for the virtual 5K/10K premium care package, and \$24.99 for the virtual Safari Stampede (recommended for age 10 and under). Unique swag and special zoo experiences vary by chosen package. Membership options are available at lpzoo.org/membership. For more information, visit lpzoo.org.

Vaccination For 60632 and 60638

Persons who live in the 60632 and 60638 zip codes can get vaccinated at the Apostolic Faith Church.

Visit event.juware.com/IL-IDPH/hb5C/ to sign up or call (312) 746-4835.

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Contact Gabriela Jirasek about this event at WeWill@cityofchicago.org.

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Informational webinar on Wednesday, April 7 at 1 p.m.

Learn more and register at chicago.gov/sbif

Photography Tips For Earth's Moon

Adler Planetarium astronomy educators will provide tips on observing the earth's moon and getting better images with a smartphone. Participants will learn the difference between Supermoons, Micromoons and regular Full Moons, as well as look at telescopic images of our nearest neighbor in space.

For more information, visit adlerplanetarium.org/event/sky-observers-hangout/.

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