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Planetarium commemorates 50 years since Apollo 13 with new virtual exhibition

Fifty years ago today, the harrowing Apollo 13 mission gripped the imagination of people all around the world when Captain James A. Lovell Jr. uttered the words "Houston, we've had a problem."

Captain Lovell was among a three-person crew on the mission planned to be the third flight to send humans to the surface of the Moon. Three days into the mission, at approximately 10:06 pm EST on April 13, a crisis broke out when a major explosion on the spacecraft during the outward journey prevented it from reaching its destination. How this challenge was met has made Apollo 13 one of the most well-known and compelling stories in the history of space exploration.

In the Adler Planetarium's new virtual Google Arts & Culture exhibition, 13 Stories with Captain James Lovell, Captain Lovell himself shares his memories and stories from Apollo and earlier Gemini missions. The audience can hear these stories against the backdrop of related Collection objects that are on display in the Adler's Mission Moon exhibition.

On this 50th anniversary of the Apollo 13 accident, the world is facing a very different kind of crisis with the spread of the novel COVID-19 virus. In a recently uncovered



MWRD Board meeting via audio conference

Due to the Governor's Stay at Home Order, the MWRD held its Board of Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting by audio conference.

The MWRD Board

Room and building will be closed to protect the health and safety of the public and staff, except for essential personnel.

The public is encouraged to participate by visiting

mwrd.org where they can view the proceedings via live stream and may register to submit comments in real time or by calling (312) 751-3299, Bridge ID: 4162020#.

video from an interview with us in 2016, Captain Lovell shares some words of wisdom with us on how to make it through a crisis. We take a look back at these inspiring words and their relevance to today in our latest The Adler 'Scope blog piece When A Crisis Hits, Remember What Captain Lovell Said.

Village of Worth vehicle stickers

Vehicle stickers are valid from July 1st through June 30th. Vehicle stickers are to be displayed on vehicles.

Vehicle stickers may be purchased:

At the Worth Village Hall, Cash, Check, or Credit Card
By mail (check only)

to 7112 W 111th Street, Worth, IL 60482

Vehicle stickers for the new year are on sale during May and June of each year.

Vehicle stickers purchased at full price before June 1st are eligible for a \$2 discount.

Vehicle stickers purchased after June 30th will incur late charges from \$35.

Vehicle stickers purchased after February 1st will incur late charges from \$50.

Failure to display a valid vehicle sticker by June 30th will result in a violation starting at \$50.

Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles must be kept within completely enclosed buildings.

Requirements for obtaining Illinois State License plates depend on which state the vehicle is currently regis-

Moraine Valley awards Student Employee of the Year

For his genuine attention toward and care for everyone who enters the Moraine Valley Community College Veterans Resource Center, second-year student Denzel Pennix, of Chicago, has received the 2020 Student Employee of the Year Award.

The college's Job Resource Center (JRC) honors a student every year for his or her efforts, standout work and influential contributions while working in a department on campus. Pennix was nominated by his supervisor, Ryan Kelly, Moraine Valley Veterans coordinator, and chosen from among eight other contenders.

"Denzel is a remarkable young man. He really does care about people he works with. In general, when you sit down with him, you're going to get someone who will listen and pay attention. He's always the first one to volunteer and has that heart. We're really proud of him," Kelly said.

A member of the Illinois National Guard, Pennix has worked in the Veterans Resource Center for three semesters. He helps students fill out and process their necessary veteran paperwork to attend school and is especially helpful for those in the National Guard. Pennix is a tutor, covering all subjects from science and math to English, and he writes for the college paper, The Glacier. He also is a member of the Phi Theta



Moraine Valley Community College student Denzel Pennix

Kappa honors society and is vice president of the Boots to College student organization.

"I get to help people and relax and be comfortable in my own space. It's the best of both worlds," Pennix said. "I really appreciate this recognition. I'll continue to do my best to be someone who deserves this award."

With the college temporarily closed, the JRC was unable to hold its annual recognition event and instead held a surprise online chat to congratulate Pennix. Members of the JRC and other employees, some with balloons visible on screen or virtual celebratory backgrounds, shared the exciting news and congratulated him.

Pennix is in his last semester at Moraine Valley but is planning to transfer to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study biology. He aspires to earn master's and PhD degrees, and work in a lab someday.