



Supreme Court Rules On Colorado



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The legal issues concerning some of the states vs. President Trump has become a very interesting situation. Some of the legal groups like Judicial Watch and Thomas More Society were happy to announce that the recent Supreme Court ruling will prevent certain groups from filing that President Trump cannot be a candidate due to the insurrection charges. The US Supreme Court ruled that Colorado had no legal right to use insurrection as a charge to prevent an election or to challenge its results. While some elected officials have been on different sides of the issue, the court ruled that it could not use the issue because it could be used in so many ways. The latest issue of Verdict, several issues were shown to be able to also charge insurrection. A few of them are: Vice President Kamala Harris

promoted a bail fund during the George Floyd protest and those protests caused at least 25 deaths, they burned a federal court house, laid siege to the White House and attacked many who were charged with trying to restore peace. The Senate Majority leader, Chuck Schumer, called for harm to be done vs new Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh and shortly after this, they arrested a man for threatening him. Also, Bernie Sanders used volatile language to excite the crowd and four days later one of his supporters opened fire on the Republican Congressional baseball practice, wounding four including Representative Scalise. These are all issues that can be used if the insurrection charges could be utilized. You can look these things up as I did and there are many other situations that have led us to some of these unsettling times. We also have a problem as we listen to the student protesters on campuses. If you read some of the political statements the protesters have put on the web, no matter which way you side you can see a big concern in that some of the arguments seem to be calling for intolerance. This is one of the issues we have always held in high esteem. We always think we are correct but we also want to hear the reasoning for other people's thoughts.

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



Provided by Bridgeport Art Center

The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct free 3rd Fridays Open Studio on May 17th from 7 to 10 p.m. Experience the vibrant art scene of the city in person and get inspired by the creativity. Explore various art studios, interact with local artists and witness their works in progress. The 12th Annual Juried Art Competition will be held in the 4th floor galleries from 7 to 10 p.m. Winners are selected by a panel of noted artists assembled by the resident curator. A People's Choice Award was added so visitors to

the exhibit can participate in the selection process. Anatomy of A Wave: Fire + Water is a solo exhibition by Emily Pruyin in the 3rd floor galleries. This show explores wave anatomy through photographic bursts of 8 waves on Lake Michigan, with special focus on the relationship between the water and the sun. A solo exhibition by Brian Holliday will open in the 3rd floor galleries. His meticulous attention to detail shines through in his oils and acrylics. The Chicago Maritime Museum announces the grand opening of two new permanent exhibitions in the sculpture garden from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition focus on the Lady Elgin, the deadliest disaster on the open waters of the Great Lakes, and on Captain Bill Pinkney, the first black sailor to globecircumnavigate the globe around the five Great Capes. The event is free but there is a suggested \$20 donation to help support the programming. Register at bridgeportart.com

U of Cumberlands Names Graduates

The University of the Cumberlands of Williamsburg, KY has named Jovani Flores (60632), Monica Del Carmen Nieves Lubo (60608) and Saiyyamee Narendra Surana (60608) to the class of 2024.

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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. Opinions expressed by guest editorials may not represent the viewpoints held by the publisher of the Brighton Park - McKinley Park Life Newspaper.

2024 Commencement At St. Norbert

St. Norbert College of DePere, Wisconsin conducted commencement exercises on Sunday, May 12th. Chicago graduates are: Genevieve Fialkowski, Bachelor of Science; Gabriela Gonzalez, Bachelor of Arts; Lucia Sanchez, Bachelor of Arts; Cum Laude and Marc Thomas, Bachelor of Arts.

Boy Scouts Visit Camp Kishwaukee



Members of Boy Scout Troop 1441 sponsored by St. Mary Star of the Sea Holy Name Society, held a Camping trip the weekend of May 3rd at Camp Kishwaukee, Plano, IL. Scouts worked on requirements for Rank advancement such as Cooking, Hiking, Camping and Orienteering. The Troop also went fishing, held nightly campfires while enjoying marshmallows and smores. Any boys ages 7 to 17 from any school who are interested in Scouting, can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for further information. Pictured while working on their requirements for the Orienteering Merit Badge are (back row) Luis Burgos, Alexi Ayala (Senior Patrol Leader), Adan Moreno and Andres Burgos. In front row are Gabriel Hernandez, Lucas Kozel, Demian Jimenez and John Massura (Scout Master).

Park District Plans Summer Events

The Chicago Park District has released the calendar of events for the 12th year of Night Out in the Parks series. All events are available to view at www.nightoutintheparks.com. Over 600 cultural events will reach each of the city's 77 community areas of 101 Chicago-based artists will be involved as part of the family-friendly park event series happening in 235 parks. All events are offered with free admission.

New this year, a 'Text to Subscribe' feature for patrons to get details about Night Out in the Parks events sent directly to their phones. Sign-up for the new service by texting the words 'Night Out' to (833) 270-0707. Park audiences are encouraged to use the hashtag #NightOutInThe Parks to share photos of their experiences for a chance to see them posted on the Park District's social media channels. *Movies in the Parks*, returns to parks across

the city Tuesdays to Saturdays, June 11th to Sept. 7th with *The Great Gatsby* (1974) at Belmont Harbor. For more information and a schedule, visit www.chicago parkdistrict.com/movies. Movement Revolution Dance Crew will perform "The Adventures of...A Cosplay Hip Hop Experience at Hoyle Park, 3417 S. Hamilton on Thursday, June 20th from 5-7 p.m. The Chicago Creative Reuse, Exchange Imagination Station Gage Park, 2411 W. 55th st. on Thursday, June 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Wentworth Park, 5625 S. Mobile on Tuesday, July 9th from 4 to 6 p.m. The nonprofit organization to redistribute donations of clean, safe + working materials, supplies + equipment to teachers, nonprofits, arts + community groups. The Imagination Station, provides a pop-up creative reuse making project for children, youth, adults and families.

Training Program For Police Recruits



Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart has relaunched Seniors Training Academy Recruits to Succeed, a unique program where older adult volunteers help train police recruit to better serve the community. Sheriff Dart founded the STARS program in 2017 to hone recruits' communication skills and prepare them to navigate real-life scenarios effectively as police officers. In this training, each recruit receives a radio call for service, stating that a senior has been a victim of a crime. The recruit responds and engages with the senior portraying the victim. Following the exercise, recruits receive feedback on their interactions. This unique approach provides invaluable scenario-based training that enhances a recruit's communication skills, teaching them how to better connect with a large segment of the community who are often victims of crime.

"The innovative program, which is a joint venture with Triton College's Retired Senior Volunteer Program, offers a unique way to prepare our recruits for serving and protecting our community," Sheriff Dart said. "We now can better equip our recruits to communicate effectively and enhance public safety. We are grateful for the support we have received and look forward to continuing this training for years to come." The program was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and relaunched May 2024. This training helps recruits take the important lessons learned in the Training Academy and apply them when interviewing role-playing seniors who have been trained to portray victims of senior-specific crimes. Older adults interested in volunteering for this program may contact the Sheriff's Office Senior Services Department at (708) 865-7341.

Dixon Honored

Columbia College announced its dean's list for the Spring 2024 Semester (January-April 2024). Honorees must have completed 12 credit hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale. Among the scholars is Jhavian Dixon who attended Online.

Shedd Aquarium Schedules Events



Within the urban landscape of Chicago, Shedd Aquarium serves as a portal to the aquatic world. Guests can view unique animals like a sea otter, see penguins waddle, discover the bumpy texture of a sturgeon and more. Stingray Touch is a hands-on summer experience along with refreshed signage in English and Spanish. Clownnose rays are social creatures that school together to protect themselves from predators such as sharks. The species is known for marathon mass migrations in schools of as many as 10,000. When waters cool in autumn, the rays will migrate from as far north as New England to the southern Caribbean, including

Venezuela and Brazil. Kayak for Conservation tours takes participants down the Chicago River led by a nature expert. Discover how human behavior affects river ecology, learn about projects to improve the health of the river, and how participants can be advocates for this natural resource. There's also the possibility of encountering soft-shell turtles, snapping turtles, blue herons, hawks, monarch butterflies and more. Kayak for Conservation tours are offered for beginners to advanced. Registration is pay-what-you-can between \$20-\$100 per participant on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Available tour dates are posted on sheddaquarium.org.

Social Security Reveals Popular Baby Names

Olivia and Liam are once again America's most popular baby names, with 2023 being the fifth consecutive year that parents have chosen them. For the fifth consecutive year, Noah took the second slot for boys, and Emma for girls. Only one new name appeared in the Top 10 lists this year, with Mateo joining the boys for the first time. Top 10 names for boys are 1. Liam, 2. Noah, 3. Oliver, 4. James, 5. Elijah, 6. Mateo, 7. Theodore, 8. Henry, 9. Lucas and 10. William. Girls are 1. Olivia, 2. Emma, 3. Charlotte, 4. Amelia, 5. Sophia, 6. Mia, 7. Isabella, 8. Ava, 9. Evelyn and 10. Luna. Every year, Social Security celebrates Mother's Day by announcing the 1,000 most popular baby names. The full list can be viewed at www.ssa.gov/babynames, to see how popular your

name was the year you were born and where it's ranked now. Parents apply for their child's Social Security card when they are born, making the agency America's top source for baby names. The agency began compiling the baby names list in 1997, with names dating back to 1880. Each year, the list reveals the effect of pop culture on naming trends.

Symphony Center Schedules Concerts

Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan ave. announces its schedule of concerts. Helmchen Plays Beethoven, May 16th to 21st; Duets: Dianne Reeves, Chucho Valdes & Joe Lovano, May 17th; Evgeny Kissin, May 19th; Mahler Resurrection, May 23rd to 25th; Montgomery & Bruckner 7, May 30th - June 1st; Shaken, Not Stirred, June 4th; Hilary Hahn & Friends, June 9th and The Elements with Joshua Bell, June 13th - 15th. For ticket information, visit cs.org or call (312) 294-3000.

SkillsUSA Honors For Kelly College Prep

Students from Kelly College Prep participated in the SkillsUSA Illinois 2024 Championships April 25th - 27th in various competitions showcasing their workforce career development. The event was sponsored by Caterpillar Inc. and the City of Peoria for a three-day celebration of commitment to career and technical education. Held in some form for 60 years, now through SkillsUSA, is made possible by industry partners trade associations and labor organizations who volunteer to judge the competitions as students race against the clock and each other to prove their expertise in manufacturing, electronics, computer-aided drafting, culinary arts, construction, hospitality, human services and more. First place winners will advance to the National SkillsUSA Championships this June in Atlanta, GA. More information is available at skillsusaillinois.org/the-championships. SkillsUSA programming is supported by a state grant under the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship program. SkillsUSA Illinois serves high school, college, and middle school students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. 1st Place Gold winners for Kelly are: Ian Fong, Action Skills; Adrian Uribe, Customer Service; David Hernandez, Ethan Li, Marley Marquez, Dulce Paredes, Armando Perez, Esmeralda Pineda and Brendan Tang, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Additional winners include: 2nd Place Silver: Tony Chen, Customer Service; Diego Calderon, Angel Flores, Erika Flores, Leonardo Marquez, Andres Mora, Nicole Seeto and Alanna Uribe, Opening and Closing Ceremonies; Briana Fabian, Josue Jimenez and Yereami Unzueta, Promotional Bulletin Board. 3rd Place Bronze: Erika Flores, Customer Service; Kevin Cisneros, Jose

Flores, Omar Murillo, Alexis Nevares, Yereami Unzueta and Brian Valadez, Opening and Closing Ceremonies; Erika Flores, Jose Flores and Andres Mora, Promotional Bulletin Board; Tony Chen, Aaron Ek, Ian Fong, Bryan Franco and Eliseo Nadales, Quiz Bowl; Rachel Tweddle, Technical Spelling - Illinois. 4th Place: Yong Cen, Ada Gee, Cynthia Guo, Josue Jimenez, Eric Lau, Ceyanne Silas and Roberto Vitela, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. 5th Place: Brian Valadez, Customer Service; Tony Chen, Aaron Ek, Ryan Kwan, Justin Li, Adrian Uribe, Richard Zheng and Donald Zhu, Diego Calderon, Alexis Nevares and Brian Valadez, Promotional Bulletin Board; Donald Zhu, Technical Spelling Illinois. 6th Place: Aaron Ek, Justin Li and Donald Zhu, Promotional Bulletin Board; Cynthia Guo, Jefferson Guo, Eric Lau, Armando Perez and Brian Valadez, Quiz Bowl. 7th Place: Brendan Tang, Job Skill Demonstration OPEN; Jefferson Guo, Technical Spelling Illinois. 8th Place: Yong Cen, Customer Service; Erika Flores, Extemporaneous Speaking; Angel Flores, Leonardo Marquez, Andres Mora, Nicole Seeto and Alanna Uribe, Quiz Bowl; Ryan Kwan, Technical Spelling Illinois. 9th Place: Jefferson Guo, Customer Service; Jefferson Guo, Extemporaneous Speaking; Yong Cen, Job Skill Demonstration OPEN; Yong Cen, Ada Gee and Eric Lau, Promotional Bulletin Board; Diego Calderon, Issac Castro, Kevin Cisneros, David Hernandez and Alexis Nevares, Quiz Bowl; Brendan Tang, Technical Spelling Illinois. 10th Place: Bryan Franco, Extemporaneous Speaking; Isaac Castro, Cynthia Guo and Alanna Uribe, Promotional Bulletin Board; Richard Zheng, Technical Spelling Illinois.

Prom Photos At H-W Library Center



Prom photo from Kelly Park, 1966 by Special Collections Chicago Park District Records.

Exhibit *Memories in Bloom Exploring Chicago's Proms* is open in the 3rd floor Gallery of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. until September. The exhibit features chosen images from CPL's Archives and Special Collections Division, community organizations and library staff members.

By exploring the history of prom, we can understand how traditions and social norms have changed. From their origins as formal debutante balls, proms are steadfastly evolving with each generation to reflect modern attitudes and cultural diversity. Visit hwlc@chicpublib.org.

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