



News Without The Comments



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I heard a poll on the radio that stated 86% of those polled believed the press is biased and not trustworthy. However, about 50% of those polled believed the station that they listen to is okay. I talked with a few students, some of which plan to vote for the first time in November. They seem to be both left and right and somewhat confused. They admitted that they seldom talk politics with their friends, but when they do, they seem to be shocked at what their friends believe that they themselves have never heard.

They have watched reporters in front of burning buildings calling it "a mostly peaceful protest". They say they saw one channel talk about cops being shot and people shouting at the hospital "let them die". But they didn't see that on other channels. They talked

about some of the biggest networks being sued for defamation by a former Harvard law professor. The kid from Kentucky has won a lot of money in courts because these channels lied about him and what happened in Washington, DC.

I asked them if they knew about the case in which they showed a US Senator talking about the need to wait before nominating a new Justice since Ginsburg died, until after the election. But only one channel that I saw actually played that Senator talking and when he talked, it was an entirely different statement. He gave a completely different idea stating because the President and the Senate were of different parties in 2016 they should wait because the nomination process would never conclude. Now with the Senate and the President being the same party there would be no reason to keep the position vacant.

They mentioned a few other things and I suggested that they should watch the new cable news program, NewsNation on WGN America. It is the only news program I have found that gives only the news and both sides of the news without comments, letting you make up your own decision. This is solid advice for all not satisfied with their channel. I know the news is in primetime, but most people reading this can DVR it anyway. It runs from 7:00 PM to 8:00, 8:00 to 9:00, and 9:00 to 10:00, each is a new show. Hope this can help you understand what is going on.

Open Enrollment For Gads Hill



Gad's Hill Center is accepting enrollment for its Early Childhood Education Program which features bilingual teachers, math and literacy curriculum and family support service.

The Brighton Park location accepts children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Chicago Lawn and North Lawndale facilities accept 2 to 5 year olds. Extended hours are available for working families. All resources are free. For more information, call (773) 521-1196, ext. 119.

Charkowski Honored



Pfc. H.P. Charkowski

Henry P. Charkowski, formerly of McKinley Park and Woodruff,

Wisconsin was honored during a stone placement ceremony at The Highground Veterans Memorial Park near Neillville, Wisconsin on Sept. 19th.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII from June, 1943 to October, 1945 as a PFC in the 90th Quartermaster Car Company of the XIXth Corps. Awards included the EAME Campaign Medal with 5 bronze stars: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes.

The 160-acre premier veteran's memorial park includes tributes to veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf.

Stone Placement Ceremonies are scheduled each month April through October. <https://www.the-highground.us>.

Science Museum Offers Free Entry



Photo By Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, 5700 S. Lake Shore drive offers free Museum Entry to Illinois Residents on select weekdays: Sept. 24th and 30th. Patrons can reserve a time and receive their free tickets directly to their email for contactless admission. Thursday hours are 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Upon arrival, guests can pick up a free stylus to engage with more than a dozen exhibits, including: **Science Storms:** Witness a 40-foot indoor tornado and a 20-foot Tesla Coil as it shoots off 1.5 million volts of lightning right above your head.

U-505 Submarine: Discover the epic story of the capture of the U-505, a World War II submarine alongside the sub itself. On your way to the exhibit, visit U-505 Submarine: 75 Stories to see photographs and artifacts that detail the early history of the sub and lives of German and American sailors.

Giant Dome Theater: Enjoy the Museum's recently renovated and capacity-controlled five-story wraparound domed theater to watch films about heroic dogs, an all-white Spirit Bear and the world's most remote caves.

1,531 New Cases Of COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 1,531 new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including 30 additional confirmed deaths.

Cook County reported 1 female 30s, 2 males 60s, 2 females 80s and 1 male 80s deaths.

IDPH is reporting a total of 277,266 cases, including 8,486 deaths, in 102 counties. The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases as a percent of total test from Sept. 15th to 21st is 3.5%.

Laboratories have reported 41,829 specimens for a total of 5,185,216. 1,455 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital. Of those, 367 patients were in the ICU and 153 patients were on ventilators.

Family Fun At Brookfield Zoo



The Chicago Zoological Society and Brookfield Zoo are offering fall-tastic fun during Fall at the Zoo, Sept. 25th to Nov. 1st.

The exhibit of more than 40 animatronic dinosaurs is open through Nov. 1st. Visitors will get to experience the largest Argentinosaurus — estimated to measure more than 100 feet in length and weigh up to 110 tons, free with admission.

Zoo-goers can toss on their lederhosen and enjoy live Polka music at the Beer Garden from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the East Mall to celebrate Oktoberfest on Sept. 26th and 27th. Available for purchase will be Leinenkugel's Oktoberfest beer and seasonal menu. Spot the mobile Oktoberfest pedicab and if you're over 21, you may just get your hands on some complimentary goodies courtesy of Leinenkugel's.

Fall-inspired food and drink will be available including: a self-guided beer tasting, pretzels with beer cheese, bratwurst and sausages, hot chocolate and spiced wine, cinnamon sugar pretzels, grilled corn and chili.

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A-H Library Marks 20th Anniversary

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will celebrate its 20th anniversary during a Zoom session on Wednesday, Sept. 30th from 6 to 7 p.m. The Archer Heights Civic Association will provide highlights.

30 patrons are invited to share their experience with the facility. Register on chipublib.org by Sept. 29th.

Library swag will be available during September while supplies last. Business hours are Monday and Wednesday from 12 to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

arboretum, the zoo's expansive walking trails offer visitors picturesque, tree-lined walks, and the historic Roosevelt Fountain is surrounded by an array of bright yellows, reds and oranges of changing leaves during autumn. Visitors can download resources to help them identify trees and guide their walk through the grounds.

Kids are encouraged to attend in costume and participate in an array of selfie contests by taking pictures in several giant photo frames throughout the park. The zoo will be giving away fun prizes to guests who snap a photo at one of its selfie stations and share it on social media with the hashtag #BrookfieldZoo. For more details, czs.org/fallatbrookfieldzoo.

Advance tickets are required, at [CZS.org/PlanYourVisit](https://czs.org/PlanYourVisit).

CPS Schedules Testing Dates

Last school year, current Chicago Public School 12th-grade students were unable to take the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall due to the work stoppage and the SAT in the spring due to COVID-19. As a result, these students do not have a college-reportable SAT score, have yet to meet the state testing requirement for graduation, and were unable to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. To support these students, the Illinois State Board of Education is funding optional SAT administrations with essay on Oct. 14th and Oct. 27th.

Eligible grade 12 students may participate in one of the dates this fall or the regularly scheduled SAT day on April 13th, 2021. Current test dates for 11th-grade students to take the PSAT/NMSQT test are Oct. 14th, Oct. 29th and Jan. 26th.

Visit cps.edu/reopening2020 for the latest updates and additional resources.

ZooLights Returns To Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo's 26th annual ZooLights Presented by ComEd and Invesco QQQ returns this November.

Guests can partake in several special activities at home and at the zoo: Free Members-Only Nights (Nov. 20 and Dec. 1), Virtual ZooLights Challenge (beginning Nov. 27), Adults Night Out: Holiday! (Dec. 10), and Chris White Trio Tribute to "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (Dec. 13). A full schedule of holiday happenings is available at lpzoo.org/events.

Festive activities include socially-distant visits with Santa, a holiday pop-up bar, an Enchanted Forest, Light Maze Presented by Invesco QQQ, sweet treats of all kinds, and more.

Tickets for ZooLights are \$5 person (all ages, including infants, require a ticket) and will be available to the public beginning at 10 a.m. on Oct. 1st via EventBrite.

Members have access to a pre-sale from September 24th -30th. There are free member-only nights on Nov. 20th and Dec. 1st. Join at lpzoo.org/membership to enjoy these perks as well as members-only reservation times at the zoo daily.

ZooLights runs from 4 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 21st-23rd, 25th, 27th-30th, Dec. 2nd, 4th-8th, 11th-16th, 18th-20th, 22nd-23rd, 26th-28th, 30th-31st, and Jan. 1st-3rd.

ZooLights presented by ComEd and Invesco QQQ will be free on Nov. 21st, and Dec. 9th, 17th, 21st and 29th. Reservations are required via EventBrite.

Light Maze Presented

by Invesco QQQ takes guests on an enlightening journey, one ticket (\$3) required per guest.

Pritzker Family Children's Zoo transforms into an Enchanted Forest with music, smoke machines, twinkle lights, and mirrors. One ticket (\$3) required per guest.

Snowy's Spirits & S'mores a holiday-themed pop up bar will feature festive cocktails, hot drinks and sweet treats. One ticket (\$3) required per guest for entry.

Guests who visit any of the above experiences during ZooLights will receive special 3D Holospex® Glasses to enhance their viewing.

Adults Night Out: Holiday! on Dec. 10th gives guests ages 18 years and older exclusive entry from 6:30 to 10 p.m. for evening hours. Tickets start at \$15 Food and drink are available for purchase.

The Chris White Trio Tribute to "A Charlie Brown Christmas" will return on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$15 for virtual admission.

New this year, ZooLights Virtual Challenge challenges families to choose from four virtual distances: Ultra Marathon (52.4 miles), Marathon (26.2 miles), Half Marathon (13.1 miles), or Kids' distance (2.62 miles) from Nov. 27th-Jan. 3rd. Participation swag varies by registration package.

BrewLights Presented by Louis Glunz Beer Inc. will return virtually on Dec. 31st. Check out lpzoo.org/events for details.

Library of Congress National Book Festival

The 2020 Library of Congress National Book Festival will celebrate its 20th birthday with an interactive, online celebration featuring more than 120 authors, poets and illustrators, Sept. 25th to 27th via loc.gov/bookfest. The festivities will culminate with a PBS television special Celebrating American Ingenuity, hosted by Hoda Kotb on Sunday, Sept. 27th at 7 p.m.

A robust lineup of live and recorded programming will feature all-star authors for schools and young audiences at home on Friday, Sept. 25. Video interviews with authors of books for children and young adults, as well as two 1-hour video specials,

Colgate University Names Graduates

Members of the Class of 2020 were honored during a virtual ceremony on May 17th at Colgate University's 199th Commencement. Local graduates are: Jessica Lathan, a graduate of Whitney M. Young Magnet School (60608) and Alexis Torres, a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, (60638).

CPL Announces Featured Book

The Chicago Public Library has selected "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid for the One Book, One Chicago series. A keynote program with the author is scheduled for Dec. 3rd at 7 p.m. via the library YouTube channel.

Numerous programs are planned through December including Path to Citizenship workshops and virtual walking tours of various neighborhoods. For more information, visit onebookonechicago.org.

will be available for on-demand viewing starting at 10 a.m. on the festival website and on the Library's YouTube channel at youtube.com/user/LibraryOfCongress.

Roadmap to Reading, will offer a list of "Great Reads from Great Places" — 53 books that reflect the literary heritage of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Encourage your friends and family to "meet" you at the festival. Share your own posts about the event and favorite presenting authors using the hashtag #NatBookFest. A fun Facebook frame for your profile picture will let friends know you'll be there. (While logged into Facebook, select your profile picture > select Add Frame > search for National Book Festival Badge 2020 > select then save).

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USHLI Scholarship Now Available

The United States Hispanic Leadership Institute is offering the Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship for young hispanic leaders.

Recipients will receive a non-renewable academic scholarships (\$1,000 for a 4-year institution or \$500 for a 2-year institution) for undergraduate students.

Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as full-time undergraduate students and demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support. At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply.

For more information, visit USHLI.org.

Application For Business Grant

The Department of Planning and Development has opened grant applications for the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund which are due Friday, Nov. 6th.

Entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their business on the South, West, and Southwest side can find more information to prepare their application on the program's website at www.neighborhoodopportunityfund.com/ apply.

For more information, visit Nof@cityofchicago.org.

Board Meeting

The Academy for Global Citizenship is rescheduling their October board meeting to a remote meeting on Sept. 24th from 7 to 9 p.m. Participation details can be obtained by contacting the main office at (773) 582-1100.

Library Schedules Virtual Programs

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled interesting and informative programs for the whole family which can be enjoyed virtually.

A Creative Writing Club will function via Zoom on Tuesdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. through Dec. 22nd. Register by 10 a.m. the day before. Chicago Public Library cannot collect personal information online from kids 0 to 13. A parent or guardian's email address must be used to register.

Mock Job Interviews and Resume Help will be available via Zoom on Mondays through Oct. 26th from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Contact Jose at the West Lawn Branch via email at jjallegos@chipublib.org with the job you are applying to.

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