



Children's Dilemma



By Dr. R. Pletsch

I have made a short list to help our grade 4 - 9 students understand a common dilemma forced upon them. These are not very difficult, but hopefully it can make students think. I am listing some true statements about five well known figures. None of them have lived during most of our lifetimes. So no one would personally know the individuals. There are plenty of historic documents that anyone can learn about these individuals.

Person A: caused death to many for their religious beliefs and later became one of the most read authors of all time.

Person B: under his leadership much harm

was done to groups of people but in later years helped the same group of people with the help of his boss.

Person C: this leader was punished for slapping a subordinate in the hospital. Later he helped liberate an unknown number of people.

Person D: as a young man he owned numerous slaves. As an adult he led many people to freedom.

Person E: he caused some people to die, but this person supplied many jobs to immigrants.

Different groups of people have recently been questioning the status of some well-known people. Would you permit some, none or all of the above to be publicly honored?

These individuals are: A, St. Paul; B, Christopher Columbus; C, Gen. George Patton; D, Moses; and E, Al Capone. Parents will have an opinion more based on their names. You have seen these people portrayed in movies and stories that many of our children have not been exposed to. Life experience helps us make up our minds and helps form our opinions. This is a great lesson for our students because these are typical responses by opposing sides. We hope students will learn that no one can have their life worth completely understood in only one or two sentences.

Authors Romantic Suspense Novel



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The story concerns Kiera, a memory surgeon. With her gift of removing and holding other's traumatic memories, she's helped dozens of women but hasn't helped herself. Now Dean, a Chicago homicide detective, is asking her to look into the memories of a coma victim to help him catch a serial killer.

Clues and romance unfurl, but as Dean and Kiera get closer to each other, the killer gets closer to Kiera.

Copies are available at Amazon-ebook, Kobo-ebook and Barnes & Noble print and ebook.

Open Nature Play Day

The Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, 87th & Western will conduct Open Nature Play Day on Wednesday, Oct. 27th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will enjoy stories, art and exploration.

For more information, contact (708) 305-2168.

Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade

The 44th Annual Toys for Tots Chicagoland Motorcycle Parade will be staged on Western ave. on Sunday, Dec. 5th. Kickoff will begin at 9:30 a.m. from Dan Ryan Woods, 83rd and Western.

For more information, visit www.ChicagolandTFT.org. Non-riders may donate toys by calling (708) 598-4909.

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Scout Troop 1441 In Houby Day Parade



Members of Boy Scout Troop 1441 sponsored by St. Mary Star of the Sea Holy Name Society participated in the Houby (Czech word for mushroom) Parade on Oct 10th. The annual four day festival and parade were held in Cicero, along Cermak rd. Scouts enjoyed food vendors, live music, games and a carnival. Any boys ages 11 to 17 from any school interested in joining Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for more information. Pictured in front row are Adan Moreno, Damian Moreno and Alexia. Back row: Pedro Moreno (Committee Member), Eloy Corral. Jr, Mr. Ayala (Committee Member) and Ed Melkonian (Asst. Scout Master).

Halloween Fun At Brookfield Zoo



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Guests of all ages can dress up in their favorite costumes and head to Brookfield Zoo for its annual Boo! at the Zoo celebration. The Halloween-themed event, which takes place on Saturdays and Sundays, October 16th-17th, and 23rd-24th, features memorable photo opportunities, sweet treats, and the spectacular colors of autumn.

At the new Howl-O-Scenes, located just northwest of Roosevelt Fountain, zoogoers can gather in front of the large inflatable spider on a web for a family snapshot. Or, take selfies amongst an array of cut-out characters, including a ghost, dragon, dinosaur, witch, vampire, and alien creatures. There are also rows of hay bales and pumpkins to pose next to. Throughout the park there are Halloween-themed photo frames, cut outs, and peek boards featuring the likes of a black cat, snake, stacked pumpkins, scarecrow, monster, and more. The photos can be shared on social media with the hashtag #BrookfieldZoo.

Guests can also take a spin on the Creepy Carousel (additional fee applies) or find their way

through the Corn Maze. Zoogoers will encounter giant inflatables, including Frankenstein, a pumpkin wizard, scarecrow, giant pumpkin, witch and Tombstone Grave Yard.

Animal care staff will be giving pumpkins to several animals to play with, eat, and smash. They include: Black rhinos on Oct. 16th at 10:30 a.m. Kangaroos on Oct. 17th at 11 a.m. Big cats and sloth bears on Oct. 23rd at 10:30 a.m. and Polar and brown bears at Great Bear Wilderness on Oct. 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Youngsters will receive goodies courtesy of Ferrara as they exit the park.

Admission is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children 3-11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15. Full-body costumes that cover faces are not permitted for guests over the age of 13. For more information, visit CZS.org/Events.

Family Fishing At Northerly Island

Learn how to fish Chicago's Lake Front Harbor at Northerly Island Park, 1521 S. Linn White dr. during Family Fishing on Saturday, Oct. 16th from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 20th from 4 to 6 p.m.

Perfect for families with children ages 8 years old and up, this 2 hour class includes instruction, on-the-water fishing, equipment and bait. The fee is \$5. Fishing license is required for ages 16 and older. Call Program Manager Carl Vizzone at (312) 859-2395 with questions.

Pinochle Club Needs Players

Taylor-Lauridsen Park, 704 W. 42nd st., needs players for its Pinochle Club which meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. There is no fee to join, participants must wear masks. For more information, call (312) 747-6729.

Library Schedules Family Events

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled Online events via Zoom.

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.

Write About It! Writing Club for teens and adults will feature writing and poetry on Tuesdays, through Nov. 30th and Dec. 7th & 14th from 4 to 5 p.m. This event takes place on Zoom. Register by 10 a.m. the day before the event.

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6348 S. Archer will conduct Stories and Songs for ages 0-5 on Wednesdays, Oct. 20th to Nov. 17th at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate the art of reading this summer by creating and sharing your own reading material! Whether you're interested in poetry or prose, join writer Donna Pecore and the Budlong Woods Branch on Zoom for the Creative Writing Workshop on Fridays through Nov. 19th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. To register for this workshop, or for further information about the work of this writing group, or inquire about the latest publication, *Love, Death, and Everything in Between*, contact Tom Stark at (312) 742-9590 or tsark@chipublib.org.

The Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 S. Archer will conduct in person Drawing Prompt Wednesdays through Oct. 27th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for ages 3 & up. Each week, a different drawing prompt will be completed in the library or to take home.

Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 S. Archer will conduct an in-person Halloween Stories and Craft session for ages 2 to 6 on Saturday, Oct. 30th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children may attend in costume. Register by 11 a.m. on Oct. 30th.

The Thomas Hughes Children's Library staff will conduct a program featuring books, finger plays, movement activities, rhymes and music on Thursdays, Oct. 21st and 28th and Fridays through Oct. 22nd from 10 to 10:30 a.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register by 9 a.m. the day before.

South Chicago's Mr. Chris will perform an English and Spanish story time for kids 3 to 7 on Saturdays, Oct. 23rd, Nov. 6th and 20th from 11 to 11:30 a.m. This event, takes place on Zoom, register at least 24

hours in advance.

The staff of the Thomas Hughes Children's library will present music and movement for children 0 to 7 on Monday, Oct. 25th from 10 to 11 a.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register by the day before.

Join Ms. Katie from the McKinley Park Branch to read books, sing songs and enjoy rhymes geared towards children 0 to 5 on Mondays, through Dec. 20th from 6 to 6:30 p.m. This event takes place on Zoom, register by 12 p.m. the day of the event.

The Polish Genealogical Society of America will conduct a program on researching family history on Tuesday, Oct. 26th from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Robert Pine, Society President will provide an introduction to sleuthing out your family background starting here in the U.S. then research Polish records from home. This event takes place on Zoom, register online 24 hours in advance.

The Thomas Hughes Children's Library will conduct a fun baby story time emphasizing adult-child interaction on Tuesdays, Oct. 19th and 26th from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Songs, rhymes and books will help build baby's early literacy skills. This event takes place on Zoom, register by 9 a.m. the day before.

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6348 S. Archer will conduct a Drop-In Craft Program for ages 3-6 on Saturday, Oct. 16th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Space limitations may apply.

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6348 S. Archer will conduct PJ Story Time for ages 3 & up on Tuesday, Oct. 26th from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Wear your favorite PJs, grab your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy a spooky story time and craft to go. This event takes place in person, register by 12 noon on Oct. 26th.

The Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. will offer Self-Guided Tours on Saturday, Oct. 16th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opened in 1991, it houses over 1.2 million holdings, an award-winning Maker Lab, renovated Thomas Hughes Children's Library. Teen YouMedia space, works of art by notable artists, rotating exhibits, music practice rooms, and a Winter Garden.

The Clearing Branch Library will conduct a program on Zoom titled, "Medicare 101" on Saturdays, Oct. 16th and 30th from 10 to 11 a.m. Topics include What does part A, B, C & D mean? When should I enroll?; If I am working, do I need to enroll in Part B? and Are all supplemental plans the same?.

Register for events at chipublib.org.

Pumpkin Lights Fest At Navy Pier

A new series of free Halloween pop-up events offer tricks and treats every Saturday in October at Navy Pier. Each *Slightly Spooky* Saturday features a different theme. Guests are invited to come in costume to enjoy a screening of *Rogue One*, *A Star Wars Story*. "Superheroes and Cosplay" set the moon for Oct. 23rd, which features a screening of the Dark Knights and a set from DJ Mohammed in conjunction with After School Matters. Halloween Eve, Oct. 30th, offers truck-or-treating, a mad-scientist educational presentation, and a screening of *Hocus Pocus*. Harry Caray's Tavern features Halloween dinners, professional cosplayers contest (with a \$500 prize), dog-friendly costume contest, and trivia nights. Check out the lineup at navypier.org.

The annual Haunted Maze returns for another season. Seadog Haunted Tours will run all throughout October. This 75-minute Chicago River cruise will explore spooky past while winding through some of the city's most gorgeous architecture.

Family-friendly events are scheduled throughout the month, including the daily "spooky elf scavenger hunt" and various pet-themed costume contests.

The rooftop is set for the biggest Halloween party. Guests are invited to bring their "best buds and bops" in costume. The party includes four-hour

premium bar, decadent "bites," giveaways, costume contests, music, dancing and more.

Show your best-captured moments at Navy Pier. Each week, a "photo of the week" will be featured in the weekly e-newsletter. Winners will receive a special prize. For consideration, submit your photo and a brief description, including your name and hometown, to photocontest@navypier.org.

Skyline Sessions concerts returns to the Wave Wall Platform from 4 to 8 p.m. on Fridays and 2 to 7:30 p.m. on Sundays through October.

Sequence Chicago will celebrate the city's vibrant arts and cultural scene from 3 to 6 p.m. every Saturday through Nov. 27th in the Fifth Third Bank Family Pavilion food corridor.

The Navy Pier Associates Board will sponsor the first Frank 'N' Steins 5k run on Sunday, Oct. 24th. The event ends with a celebration in the Beer Garden, where Tangled Roots serves 'farm-to-foam' brews and NFL games are broadcast live. The \$40 reservation fee includes branded race t-shirt, beer (or non-alcoholic beverages) and a frankfurter. Prizes will be awarded. Kids' Dash, recommended for ages 2-12, costs \$15, includes a medal for all participants, complimentary hot dog, and soft drink. Donations are accepted, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Register at navypier.org.

Fall Fest At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark st. will conduct Fall Fest on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 31st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1 ticket required person.

Guests can enjoy an Instagram photo contest, pumpkin walk, pumpkin carvers, pumpkin path, patches' Pumpkin Bar & Grill, musical entertainment, animal viewing, learning chats and Lionel Train Adventure rides.

The AT&T Endangered Species Carousel will feature 48 artisan-crafted wooded animals and two chariots. 1 ticket required person.

The trackless 28-passenger Lionel Train Adventure crosses over a quaint country bridge, and winds its way past forest and canyon scenery. 1 ticket required person.

A Pumpkin Walk features a decorated path around the beautiful gardens inside Pritzker

Family Children's Zoo. Professional carvers will be on site each Saturday & Sunday through Oct. 31st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1 ticket required person.

Haunted History Tours will be available on Tuesdays, Oct. 19th to 26th and Wednesdays, Oct. 20th to 27th at 7 and 9 p.m. Adam Selzer, author, podcaster, and host of Mysterious Chicago Tours will lead spine-tingling walkabouts into the zoo's cemetery roots and haunted history.

Too old for trick or treating? head to Adults Night Out: The Great Pumpkin Glow on Oct. 28th to celebrate the spooky season. Tickets are available for \$15+.

Events like Fall Fest enable Lincoln Park Zoo to remain free and open to all. To learn more, visit lpzoo.org.

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