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Nicole Dubicki, Park Ridge college student

Nicole Dubicki, a 2017 Maine South High School graduate from Park Ridge, recently took part in a college assignment aimed at helping an Indiana community find ways to live healthier.

As a sophomore at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, Dubicki and a group of students enrolled in a wellness course worked with members of the Muncie community and neighborhood associations to identify ways that will improve overall health and well-being among residents.

Q: What was the goal of this project?
A: We were trying to give the community a voice. We all have a part in maintaining healthy lives, but we wanted to enforce the fact that this comes from the people living within the community.

Q: What suggestions were given to the community to live healthier?
A: One of the elements was natural green settings and healthy food options. These included planting a garden in a few of the neighborhoods so residents could use what they produce. A food class was also created where they can learn how to make certain recipes using what they grow themselves.

This lowers costs, but they are also gaining knowledge of nutritional benefits. And there’s the social factor, as they were meeting new people.

Q: What was another suggestion?
A: A lot of the project was about meeting more people. They came up with a glow run, which incorporates an active lifestyle as well as meeting new people and creating a routine. We also made a deck of cards called Play Everywhere that had simple play suggestions like hopscotch and four square. We distributed the cards to community members in Muncie and then picked three or four activities to play. As families would come to meetings, we put our project into action.

Q: What did you find lacking in the community?
A: I think involvement. Around here, we have a lot of resources and events that are open to everyone or draw certain crowds. I think the socialization factor is harder for them. Without that, you don’t form the bonds that can lead you to healthier lifestyles and things you can incorporate into your routine.

Q: Could your project be used in Park Ridge?
A: I don’t think Park Ridge is lacking as much as Muncie because every time I come home there is something new and exciting to try. But [what can be used] is getting the message out there about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and how simple it can be if people put their minds to it.

Q: What do you want to do after college?
A: I’m majoring in health education and promotion with a minor in workplace wellness and interpersonal relations. I would like to be a wellness coordinator or health education specialist. It depends on where life takes me.

—Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press
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Study seeks to find links between autism, genetics

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

Lillian Chen-Byerley says her son, who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, is "verbal, totally capable and very bright."

But she'd still like to learn more about the link between autism and genetics. So she came with her son, Max Chen-Byerley, to a recent event in Morton Grove as part of a nationwide study called SPARK, which seeks to research the genetics involved in autism. Rush University in Chicago is serving as the local study site.

Lillian Chen-Byerley, who is a Northfield pediatric occupational therapist, wanted to see if more information could be gathered with the help of her son, who has a college degree from Southern Illinois University.

"We are doing the genetic testing in hope to see if it will help with the research," Chen-Byerley said.

The Chen-Byerleys were among about 20 people who stopped by the Morton Grove therapy center, where those diagnosed with autism provided a saliva sample. Officials with the study said one of the goals was to potentially identify specific genetic markers for autism.

It was one of many similar planned efforts over the next year in which the goal is to collect DNA samples from 50,000 people to get a deep data set for analysis of the connection between autism and genetics, organizers said.

According to the National Institute for Mental Health's website, autism spectrum disorder is a "developmental disorder that affects communication and behavior." The site says that it is referred to as a "spectrum disorder" because there is a wide variety in the type and severity of symptoms faced by those with autism.

Holly Lechniak, a research coordinator for SPARK, a study seeking more information about DNA and autism spectrum disorder, gets a saliva sample from Max Chen-Byerley as part of a nationwide study.

Holly Lechniak, a research coordinator for SPARK, said autism remains challenging for researchers.

"It is still a relatively new diagnosis and it is one that we are still learning a lot about. It is an incredibly heterogeneous disorder," she said.

But Lechniak said that current research shows that genetics are a factor with autism.

"It is not the only component, but it is a large component," she said. "Most of the time there is not a single pathway to autism. We know there is a very large genetic component often interacting with other environmental factors."

After the collection of the samples, they will be sent to a genetic lab for a sequencing analysis to identify whether there is a known genetic marker present in the participant's DNA, Lechniak said.

A large sample like the one organizers hope to achieve with SPARK will help identify genetic vulnerabilities and environmental factors.

"That is why we are thankful for families to come in and start to participate and share that information with us," she said.

Anyone interested in participating in the project can visit the SPARK website or e-mail spark@rush.edu.

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Dr. Karen Pierce, co-director of the UC San Diego Autism Center, and associate professor, Department of Neurosciences. UCSD is one of 200 institutions that participated in a nationwide study to collect DNA from people with autism. A similar study recently came to Morton Grove.
Antique club holds flea market
The Old Things Antique Club of Park Ridge will host its annual flea market on Saturday, June 1 at Hodges Park, Courtland and Vine Avenues in Park Ridge.

The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The club meets on the third Monday of each month, September through May. For more information email OldThingsAntiqueClub@gmail.com.

Classic film series wraps up season
The Park Ridge Classic Film Series, presented by Matthew C. Hoffman, will conclude its season with the showing of “American Graffiti” on Wednesday, June 5, at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave.

The film will be shown at 1 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. in the main theater.

Tickets are $8 for the 1 p.m. screening and $12 at the door or $10 in advance for the 7:30 p.m. screening.

To purchase tickets, visit www.pickwicktheatre.com.

Cruisin’ Park Ridge returns
Cruisin’ Park Ridge, hosted by the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, returns for another season on Friday, June 7 in the Central Parking Lot next to the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave.

Owners of antique or unique cars are invited to display them during the show, which will take place from 6 to 9 p.m.

Live music, food, beverages and a bounce house will be featured, according to the Chamber. Admission is free and there is no cost to exhibit a car.

Additional Cruisin’ Park Ridge nights are scheduled for July 5, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6.

For more information, contact Marko Ratic at 847-647-8717 or ratic78@yahoo.com.

Trot Against Trafficking
The annual Trot Against Trafficking 5K run/walk will be held Saturday, June 8, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Washington Elementary School, 1500 Stewart Ave.

Participants can register for a 1-mile walk or 5K. Proceeds from the event will benefit Selah Freedom, which works to raise awareness of and put a stop to human trafficking.

Prior to the 1-mile walk and 5K, a race for kids will take place at 8 a.m. Children ages 3-5 can take part in a 200-meter run, and children ages 6 to 10 can participate in a half-mile run, according to organizers.

To register for the event and for more information, visit www.trotagainsttrafficking.com.

Action Ridge to discuss gun legislation
State legislation aimed at gun violence prevention will be the topic of the next meeting of Action Ridge on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m., the group said.

Peter Contos, a representative from Speak for Safety Illinois, is expected to present information on the Firearms Restraining Order law, while Mark Jones, a policy advisor to the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and the Illinois Gun Violence Prevention Education Center, is scheduled to speak about firearm regulations and policies. The Park Ridge Police Department will also offer information on how it is implementing new state laws and policies, according to the group.

The meeting will take place in the lower level of Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave.

Oakton seeks distinguished alumni nominees
The Oakton Community College Alumni Association is seeking nominations for distinguished alumni from the past 50 years, the college announced.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards recognize former Oakton students “who have achieved success within their chosen professional field, as well as made a positive impact in their community through leadership, public service, philanthropy or volunteerism,” the college said.

Nominees must have earned an Oakton degree or certificate, or completed a minimum of 24 credit hours. Nominations must also include a current resume and examples of the nominee’s accomplishments, including news articles and photos.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, July 31. They may be submitted online at www.oakton.edu/alumni.

Awards will be presented during the Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony, which is scheduled for Nov. 14 at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

— Jennifer Johnson, Pioneer Press
Man guilty in 1992 killing of Skokie 15-year-old

Judge: Sex offender murdered boy found strangled in forest preserve

BY GENEVIEVE BOUKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Robert Serritella was found guilty May 23 of first-degree murder in the 1992 death of 15-year-old David Chereck of Skokie.

Serritella, 76, of Park Ridge, was charged in 2014 in the decades-old cold case. Chereck was found strangled with his own scarf in a Morton Grove forest preserve.

"The state proved the defendant guilty of both counts of murder," said Cook County Circuit Court Judge Laureen Edidin, following the four-day bench trial in the Skokie courthouse.

In reading her verdict, Edidin said David Chereck's "life was tragically ended by the defendant in a violent and cruel way."

The verdict drew tears from Chereck's mother, Esther Chereck, who testified during the first day of the trial.

"I'm so relieved. I'm so relieved," she whispered in the courtroom.

After the trial's conclusion, Esther Chereck hugged friends and family in the courthouse hallway.

"He got justice," she said.

Prosecutors said Serritella followed Chereck and his friends as they made their way from a bowling alley to a local park and a 7-Eleven before heading home shortly after 10 p.m. on Jan. 1, 1992.

Chereck never made it back to his house and his body was found the next day by a man walking his dog in Linne Woods Forest Preserve in Morton Grove.

While a longtime suspect, Chereck was found strangled in a forest preserve. Authorities said Serritella followed Chereck and his friends as they made their way from a bowling alley to a local park and a 7-Eleven before heading home shortly after 10 p.m. on Jan. 1, 1992.

The case will return to court June 19 at which time the defense can file post-trial motions. Any sentencing will be determined after those motions are resolved.

Early-morning resurfacing project OK'd for Lincolnwood

Officials say there will be some construction noise

BY PHIL ROCKROHR
Pioneer Press

At the request of area businesses, Lincolnwood is allowing a village contractor to resurface streets in the northeast industrial district between 5 and 7 a.m. on weekdays.

Trustees voted unanimously at a recent meeting to approve an ordinance waiving enforcement of village code to let LA Johnson Paving do resurfacing work in the early morning hours between May 22 and July 1.

The industrial districts is bounded roughly by Touhy Avenue on the north, Lincolnwood Town Center on the northeast, Pratt Avenue on the south and Hamlin Avenue on the west, according to the village’s Northeast Industrial District TIF Plan.

Trustee Ronald Cope questioned the need for the measure and expressed concerns that nearby residents will likely experience noise and disruption of their mornings during the work, but voted for the exemption nonetheless.

"I imagine it’s going to be quite a disturbance for them to have that kind of work being done at 5 in the morning," Cope said.

Officials acknowledged that there will be some disruptions as a part of the project.

"Yes, there will be construction noise in the area," Public Works Director Andrew Letson said.

"If they are going to be doing some work in the area, you have to understand they’re going to have some noise," he said.

Letson said the action was taken to avoid conflicts disrupting business activities that are ongoing.

"We have received requests from several businesses in the area to try to work around their schedules. This is what we’ve come up with with the contractor as being the most appropriate way of doing that," Letson said.

"If we’re paving, is semis will be able to use the road."

Letson said nearby residences are located just south of Pratt and just west of Hamlin Avenue. The owners of all property directly adjacent to the project will be notified of the work in advance, he said.

Paving in the area will take place only in the industrial district, Letson said.

Residences are located on Central Park Avenue, which dead-ends just north of Pratt in the industrial district, and on the west side of Hamlin, Letson said. The resurfacing project includes Morse Avenue before it crosses Hamlin on the edge of the district, he said.

Johnson Paving first identified the issue of potentially blocking deliveries during the project, according to a report presented to the Village Board at its May 21 meeting. Allowing them to pave during early-morning hours will help the company finish the project by its July 1 deadline, the report said.

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Hazardous gas released inside Niles company, small fire extinguished

By Jennifer Johnson
Pioneer Press

The release of a flammable gas inside a Niles business led to a small fire and evacuation of the company on May 23, authorities said.

Niles Fire Department District Chief Orlando Diaz said employees at Microlink Devices, 6457 W. Howard St., were cleaning a 30-gallon container of phosphorus when phosphine gas was released and ignited a fire around 12:30 p.m.

"One of the hazards is that when phosphorus is exposed to the air, it can catch fire," Diaz said. "And it did."

Diaz said the fire in the container was extinguished with "very little damage," but emergency crews were concerned about the potential hazard of the toxic phosphine gas released into the air.

"The main hazard is an inhalation hazard," Diaz said. "If it got in your lungs, it could cause a severe burn, depending on the concentration."

The gas was contained to one room and firefighters submerged the container of phosphorus in water in order to eliminate the potential hazard, the district chief said.

No one working in the building was injured, he said. Two employees were evaluated by paramedics but declined to be taken to the hospital, Diaz added.

The 40 employees working inside the company Thursday were all able to evacuate safely, and the building was deemed safe to re-enter around 3 p.m., Diaz said. Because they were exposed to a hazardous gas that can remain on clothing, firefighters were required to undergo a decontamination process after they exited the building, he said.

According to its website, Microlink designs and manufactures a type of material used in cellular phones and other wireless devices, as well as solar cells and sheets that are used on spacecraft.

Crews from Morton Grove, Park Ridge and Skokie assisted Niles firefighters at the scene.

Police say car left in gear pins elderly woman in Niles parking lot

By Jennifer Johnson
Pioneer Press

A woman became pinned between two parked cars after police say she left her car in reverse in a Niles parking lot on May 22.

Niles Police Cmdr. Robert Tornabene said the 78-year-old woman was backing her car out of a parking space in the Four Flags shopping center in the 8200 block of Golf Road when she struck another vehicle parked behind her.

Tornabene said the woman exited her vehicle after the crash, but left it in gear with the keys in the ignition, causing it to back up and pin her against another vehicle in the lot.

The woman was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge with injuries that Tornabene said were described by paramedics as "rather minor."

The incident occurred in an area of the Four Flags parking lot between Petsmart and GlenBridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
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The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports and releases. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

**THEFT**
- Adan Morales-Ortiz, 32, of the 900 block of Norman Lane, Wheeling, was charged with theft on May 21 following an investigation, police said. According to police, Morales-Ortiz was accused of stealing property that belonged to a business. Court information was not included.
- Milan Woody, 22, of the 7800 block of Kenton Avenue, Skokie, was charged with retail theft on May 22 following an investigation by detectives, police said. Court information was not included.

**DRUGS**
- Demarko T. Hill, 23, of the 6300 block of South Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of fraudulent identification on May 22 following an investigation by detectives, police said. Court information was not included.

**VOID CARD VIOLATION**
- Enkido Dashto, 34, of the 7900 block of West Park Avenue, Niles, and Mark Piechuta, 56, of the 6700 block of North Dakin, Chicago, were each charged with possession of a revoked firearm owner's identification card on May 20, police said. According to police, both men had failed to surrender their revoked FOID cards after being ordered to do so by Illinois State Police. Court information was not included.

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**
- A 44-year-old Niles man was ticketed for disorderly conduct on May 18 for allegedly touching himself inappropriately outside Hobby Lobby, 7229 W. Dempster St., police said.
- A 19-year-old Niles man was ticketed for disorderly conduct on May 20 after he was accused of taking flowers from Jewel-Osco, 8730 W. Dempster St., and then returning to the store to demand a larger bouquet while yelling at employees, police said.

**PUBLIC INTOXICATION**
- A 54-year-old Chicago man was ticketed for public intoxication on May 19 after he was accused of screaming at customers at Portillo's, 8832 W. Dempster St., police said. According to police, the man admitted he had been drinking alcohol for the last several days and "just wanted to get a hot dog" before he checked into a hospital. He was taken across the street to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge for treatment, police said.
- Two men reportedly began punching each other while waiting in line for a go-kart ride at Play and Spin amusement center, 7631 N. Caldwell Ave., on May 18, police said. A security guard told police he did not see which man started the fight, but separated the two. No arrests were made.

**BURGLARY**
- Jewelry valued at approximately $20,000 and about $3,400 in cash were reported stolen May 21 in a ruse burglary that occurred on the 8300 block of West Touhy Avenue, police said. A woman told police that a man came to the home and led her grandparents outside to talk about trees that needed to be removed and it is believed the theft occurred during this time.
- More than $2,000 in cash was reported stolen from a home on the 8300 block of North Odell Avenue in an apparent ruse burglary that occurred on May 19, police said. A resident of the home told police she was in a bedroom when a man walked in and told her to open the window because he was there to do work. When the woman told the man the window did not open, he left the house, police said.
- A burglary was reported on the morning of May 22 at Ash Vape Smoke and Tobacco Shop, 8710 W. Golf Road, police said. The front glass door was smashed and "numerous items" were believed to have been stolen, according to police.

**THEFT**
- A 2018 Ford Flex was reported stolen May 16 from Avis Car Rental, 8526 W. Golf Road, after the person who rented the car failed to return it on April 11, police said.
- An air mattress, four pillows, a blanket and a bathroom rug were reported stolen May 22 from Target, 6150 W. Touhy Ave., police said.
- A coat and wallet were reported stolen May 22 from a locker at XSport, 9210 N. Milwaukee Ave., police said.
- A hat and pair of socks were reported stolen May 22 from Game Stop, 9639 N. Milwaukee Ave., according to police.

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District 64 board endorses plan to level auditorium

BY HEATHER CHERONE
Pioneer Press

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 board endorsed a plan last week to level the floor of the auditorium at Washington Elementary School to allow it to be used for music, art and flexible learning space in an effort to help alleviate overcrowding.

The board voted 5-1 May 20 to direct the district's staff to solicit bids for the work, which could be completed before school starts again in August. Vice President Tom Sotos cast the lone dissenting vote, as board member Denise Pearl was absent.

The renovation of the auditorium was recommended by a committee of eight parents and teachers asked by the board last month to craft a solution to overcrowding at Washington Elementary School.

"That gives us a little bit of breathing room," said board President Rick Biagi, who warned his fellow board members to prepare to meet several times over the district's summer break to craft a long-term solution to overcrowding at Washington.

"We have limited options for next year." Once the floor of the auditorium is leveled to the height of the stage, officials could decide to use it for classroom space or for other needs in future years, according to a report prepared for the board.

The committee rejected a proposal to install modular buildings to add classroom space at Washington. Biagi said.

Sotos said he felt like he was being "strong armed into a big decision."

"We need to figure out a long-term solution before a short-term plan," Sotos said.

In April, the board dropped a proposal to transform the auditorium at Washington Elementary School into three classrooms to cope with overcrowding after parents objected.

Based on enrollment projections, Washington Elementary in Park Ridge could grow by two-and-a-half classrooms for the 2019-20 academic year, which the school does not have enough space to accommodate, officials said.

Kindergarten, first grade and fourth grade may need to add classrooms, according to a report prepared for the board.

The committee rejected the recommendation to move a fourth-grade section into the classroom now used by the special education students if first grade students did not go into the additional classroom.

Fourth grade will exceed the class size guidelines if two new students enroll, according to a report prepared by the board.

The committee of parents and teachers had recommended that the class of special education students move to a room within the school's Learning Resource Center, which contains its library.

Board member Rebecca Little called the space that the committee had recommended for the special education students "cramped, depressing and bleak."

"I am a neurotypical adult and 1 kind of wanted to get out of there as soon as possible," Little said.

Several parents of special education students also objected to their children being moved.

Instead, both first and fourth grade would get an additional full-time teaching assistant if one section exceeds the class size guidelines of 24 students in first grade and 26 students in fourth grade, according to the board's decision.

The Washington overcrowding committee will continue to meet to consider solutions, including the construction of an annex, which district officials told the board must be approved by July in order to open in time for the start of school in August 2020.

"We don't have the luxury of time," Biagi said.

Because the debate over how to address the overcrowding at Washington lasted several hours, the board put off a discussion about the future of the board's special education committee. The committee was formed in September to ensure changes were made to the district's services for disabled students after pressure from parents.

In May, an audit by an outside consultant found that services offered to District 64 students enrolled in special education classes declined during the past two years.

The board could discuss the future of the committee at a special meeting set for 7 p.m. June 10 at Jefferson School, 8200 W. Greendale Ave, Niles.

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Police: Woman stole gold chains off necks

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Reports of a woman stealing or trying to steal gold chains off the necks of unsuspecting men and women have been made to police in Niles at least four times this month, authorities said.

Three of the incidents took place within hours of each other on the afternoon of May 22, police said.

In the first incident, a woman reported that she was in the parking lot of Jerry's Fruit and Garden, 7901 N. Milwaukee Ave., around 2 p.m. when she was approached by a woman in her 40s and a teenage boy who offered to give her jewelry that they said had belonged to a relative.

According to police, the pair placed two gold-colored necklaces, a bracelet and a ring on the woman before leaving in a dark-colored vehicle. Shortly after, the woman realized the gold chain with a cross that she had been wearing was missing from her neck, police said.

That same afternoon, a resident of the 7700 block of North Nordica Avenue told police she was in her front yard when a black SUV pulled up and the female driver signaled her to approach the vehicle.

The resident walked over to the woman, who reportedly asked her where a mosque was located. The driver then told the resident, "My mother just died and wanted to give you this," while handing her a "gold-like" necklace and ring police said.

When the woman tried to remove the resident's own necklace, she pulled back and walked away from the vehicle, which drove off down the street, police said.

The resident told police she saw two men inside the SUV and possibly a third person as well.

Around 4 p.m. that day, police were called to a home on the 9000 block of Clifton Avenue where a man reported that he was approached by a woman holding gold-colored necklaces who asked if he would be interested in buying one.

The man reportedly asked his wife to come outside and when she did, she was taken to a gray van that was stopped in the street outside the residence.

The man told police the woman pulled off the gold necklace he was wearing and ran back to the SUV, which left the parking lot and drove off in the direction of Ballard Board.

Police: Woman stole gold chains off necks

New Illinois Lottery ticket supports police memorials, funds

CHICAGO (AP) — The Illinois Lottery has launched an instant ticket intended to support police memorials and families of officers who were injured or died in the line of duty.

Lottery and law enforcement officials, as well as other city and state leaders, held a ceremonial unveiling Monday at the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park in Chicago.

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When Nazi quotes, racist symbols make their way into high school yearbooks

Randy Blaser

Good editors are worth their weight in gold.
That's a major lesson to learn in the internet age when anyone, anywhere, can publish anything in an instant with the press of a button.
Unfortunately, it is a lesson learned too late by the yearbook editors at both Oak Park-River Forest and Highland Park high schools.
A good editor knows what to put in a publication. A great editor also knows what to keep out.
And keeping stuff out is often far more important than deciding what to put in.
I learned that lesson as a freshman in high school when the annual yearbook came out.
Tucked away among the many pages celebrating the athletic teams at my high school was a picture of four guys kneeling before a cup with something in their hand pressed against the floor. It was a picture of the school's "champion Tiddlywinks team." Ha-ha.
Another year, the madcap students managed to sneak such juvenile celebrity names as Alfred E. Neuman into the yearbook index.
In my senior year, one of the boys managed to get two pictures of himself in the yearbook by simply parting his hair to the side for one picture and down the middle in the other. He switched around his first and middle name to complete the ruse.
Such were the tame Highland Park High School hijinks of us crazy Baby Boomers.
But today, the supposedly funny inside jokes kids come up with have far greater ramifications than they may realize at the time. Just ask Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam how funny it was to wear blackface or dress like a Klansman for the yearbook in the mid-1980s.
Anyway, the timeless prank has had some serious ramifications over at OPRF and Highland Park high schools.
For the "Tabula," OPRF's annual yearbook, a wide disparity of students that cut across gender, racial and ethnic lines appeared in photos making the hand gesture that used to mean A-OK or represent a zero to old fogies like me. I have come to understand that in the 1990s that gesture morphed into some kind of game where the goal is to be able to say, "made you look."
Today, the gesture has been appropriated by the minuscule number of miscreants, sociopaths and other losers who claim to be white supremacists in this country.
Because they didn't have a great editor at OPRF who could spot this stuff and keep it out, they are spending some $53,000 to have the yearbooks reprinted.
The issue over at Highland Park High School involves a senior quote. Why in the world schools allow seniors to have a quote published below their picture is beyond me. But nonetheless they do. And despite the fact it takes a couple minutes on Google to verify any quote in the universe, this one slipped through: "If you tell a big enough lie, and you tell it often enough, it will be believed."
The quote was attributed to anonymous in the yearbook, but it is often associated with Adolf Hitler or his propaganda henchman Joseph Goebbels. But when I searched for it, I found in about two minutes that there is doubt whether either Nazi actually said it. Although they probably believed it, it seems doubtful either would cop to it.
Yet, officials in Highland Park have stopped distribution of the yearbook because of it.
I am willing to give these students the benefit of the doubt as to their intentions. Passing off inside jokes in the yearbook is a long tradition among high school seniors just trying to be funny. It might be dumb, but not meant to signal a secret hatred or racist attacks.
If kids at OPRF and Highland Park are secret racists, then there truly is no hope for America.
After all, if one picks up a 1917 copy of OPRF's "Tabula," they will find a photo of senior Ernest Hemingway and five of his chums holding shotguns in front of the school as members of the OPRF "Shotgun Club."
There was no "Shotgun Club" of course. It was just a 17-year-old future literary great pranking the high school yearbook.
Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist.
Look before you leap into a second marriage

If you got divorced, would you ever marry again?
Most every married person to whom I've asked this question has emphatically said no, for one of two reasons: Either they are truly in love with their spouse and couldn't imagine feeling that way again, or they are unhappy in their marriage and the thought of being unattached is too appealing to consider getting back into the saddle.

In either case, it seems no one who is married imagines getting remarried.

But the responses of divorced men and women to whom I've asked the same question include, "Hell, yes," "Not in a million years," "It depends," "I have no idea," and "Hell, no."

Getting remarried can be scary and unappealing to many divorced people — understandably so, since their married lives were probably no piece of cake in the first place.

There are some who enjoyed being married but felt they'd chosen the wrong person. Every situation is unique, but for most, remarriage isn't an easy decision.

This comment/question was posed on a Facebook group for divorced women:
"A girl at work just got engaged, and I can't help but wonder if I'll ever want to get remarried. Despite being in a wonderful relationship for the last two years, I don't know if I could do it all over again. How do you take the leap again?"

One thing I find noteworthy is that she writes she isn't sure she could "do it all over again." My gut reaction is to tell her that she wouldn't be doing it all over again, but rather, hopefully, doing it all differently.

The best thing about a second marriage is that if you enjoyed your first marriage, this is your chance for a do-over.

It's an opportunity to get it right this time, to have fun living life with someone and to experience a partnership that includes respect, friendship, appreciation and feeling adored and deeply loved. In other words, your second marriage could end up being to the love of your life.

The best advice I can offer about whether or not to take the leap into remarriage is to offer a list of some things to think about:

• The reason. Most married people who ask me if I'll ever get married again often follow up with, "Why do you need to get married? You already have your kids." While there's some truth to that, there are other reasons to get married. Maybe a couple is traditional or religious and wants to be married if they're living together.

• The person. Two things will tell you whether or not you should be getting married again: your heart and your gut. If you have any doubt at all, and despite people saying "You're just nervous because it's your second marriage," call it off. Do not rush into second marriages to try to heal their wounds from the demise of their first marriage only to end up divorced again a couple years later. Wait until you feel like the time is right — when you're happy with yourself how the kids are doing, with your job and with your acceptance of the past. And, don't let anyone pressure you into getting married. If someone won't wait, that person isn't right for you.

• Timing. I have seen many, many people rush into second marriages to try to heal their wounds from the demise of their first marriage only to end up divorced again. While there's some truth to that, there are other reasons to get married. Maybe a couple is traditional or religious and wants to be married if they're living together.

Getting remarried can end up being another mistake or it can end up being the best decision you ever made. Before you take the leap, take lots of baby steps and ask yourself if you truly trust that you and your partner will land in a happy, healthy place.

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107 “No more for me, thanks”
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121 Author Dinesen
122 Ever so slightly
123 Take potshots (at)
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6 Creole seafood
7 Written promise to pay
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14 Gucci of fashion
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24 Value of any Scrabble vowel
25 It means “somewhat”
27 On the up and up
28 Some
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30 “Am not!” reply
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1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker’s name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues    Words
A. Hall-fellow   161 145 64 93 18 1
B. Unpleasantly disposed: hyph   9 56 43 106 23 133 88 77 113 149
C. Become discouraged: 2 wds.   24 135 159 85 95 73 54 8 6
D. Clash: 2 wds.   20 117 154 164 48 76 5 148 66
E. Tasseled shoes   144 131 49 115 21 96 71
F. Snobbish   4 129 40 11 60 104 92 27 160
G. Well-mannered   10 34 134 89 75 90
H. Live and not butchered: 3 wds.   119 136 94 51 153 80 41 65 124
I. Critics of books, film, etc.   29 103 17 81 57 47 158 35 127
J. Articulate   110 143 39 59 101 32 120 125
K. Obsequious followers   46 111 16 37 67 28 74
L. Hello, western style   109 132 33 22 126
M. Spellbinder: (var. sp.)   52 157 108 72 89 147 42
N. Top ruler   26 112 44 84 19 100 138 58
O. One’s own preferences   79 15 152 83 31 142 63 102
P. Backed away: 2 wds.   107 114 70 146 2 130 122
Q. Scolded: 2 wds.   13 98 151 36 78 140 86 68
R. Darling one   82 118 97 139 14 156 62
S. Old time film   87 123 25 61 163 50
T. Inept persons: sl.   12 128 137 155 38
U. High-end boating group: 2 wds.   141 121 45 99 30 53 7 162 150

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BY CHARLES PRESTON

Across
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4. Orate
9. Pedestal
13. Before pod or foil
14. Earth: L
15. Donald’s former art
16. Richard Condon novel, with The
19. Cold winds of the Great Plains
20. Those opposed
21. Flower of the valley?
22. Caesar’s 1502
24. Santa Fe or Oregon
27. Activist
28. Drama degree
31. The top
32. Told
33. Vetch
34. Classic myth subject
38. Kennedy or Danson
39. The Pinball Wizard
40. Wind instrument
41. Honor: comb. form
42. Tolls
43. Oblique

45. Fashion name
46. French phone greeting
47. Car type
50. Kind of enzyme
54. 1962 Polish film
57. Thin air
58. For ocean or eyes
59. Finished
60. Ed.’s requirement
61. Tilts
62. Choose

Down
1. Narcissus’ other admirer
2. Recipe instruction
3. More expensive
4. Strengthens
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Hire ed? Adjunct faculty hurting

BY JOHN WARNER
Chicago Tribune

For 17 years I taught college off of the tenure track, the vast majority of them as a full-time instructor. During this time, my salary maxed out at $35,000 per year. For the six years I worked at Clemson University, which I left in 2011, I was paid $25,000 per year to teach four sections of coursework with student loads between 100 and 160 students per semester.

In my final semester of teaching, at College of Charleston, where I was instructor for only one course, I was paid $2,650 for the entire semester. That worked out to about $9 an hour.

Teaching is the most fulfilling work I have ever done, and I miss it terribly now that I do not do it anymore. But when people ask why — why did I allow myself to be exploited? Why didn’t I just walk away and use my skills to earn something closer to what I was worth? — I did not have a good answer. Until now.

The answer comes in the form of a new book, “The Adjunct Underclass: How America’s College Betrayed Their Faculty, Their Students, and Their Mission” by Herb Childress.

“Adjunct” is a broad term for all faculty who are neither tenured nor tenure track, some of whom may work full time for single institutions, while others cobble together a full-time equivalent job teaching a handful of sections at several institutions. The per-course pay for part-time adjunct faculty can be as low as $1,500 per semester, which means one would have to teach 20 courses per year to earn a gross salary of $30,000.

A majority of all college faculty work off the tenure track.

Childress was one of them, which gives him unique insight into the conditions that have created the problem of “adjunctification”; the actions that perpetuate and exacerbate the problems; and the harms to faculty, students, and learning due to the failures to address the problem.

People ask me how it can be that tuition has risen at rates well beyond inflation, yet more than half of faculty members are low-paid temps. I would argue that while many are underpaid, state governments have failed to fund higher education as the public good it must be. This resulted in a top-heavy corporatized universities that need all those administrators to chase after tuition money and external funding. (See “The Great Mistake: How We Wrecked Public Universities and How We Can Fix Them” by Christopher Newfield for more on this.)

Those who are harmed by this include both faculty and students, but in my experience, very few people understand how these things intersect.

Childress’ discussion of the forces that have left so much destruction in college education is a thorough, well-documented and devastating indictment of those who presided over this mess, most of whom turned a blind eye as long as their own privileges were maintained. But it is the human stories that I would point to if people want to understand the structure of people like me. Childress peppers each section with testimony of other adjuncts, while also revealing the full story of his own path, pursuing a dream at age 44 by taking a post-doctorate position at Duke.

“Just walk away,” people told me, just as they told Childress, but this is part of the problem. I saw dozens of dedicated, excellent college instructors walk away from teaching. Walking away may solve the immediate economic difficulties of those who find other employment, but it does nothing to address the underlying structural faults in higher education.

One way to move forward? Read this book — and then encourage everyone you know to read it too.

John Warner is the author of “Why They Can’t Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities.”

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read based on the last five books you’ve read.

1. “That Good Night: Life and Medicine in the Eleventh Hour” by Sunita Puri
2. “A Light of Her Own” by Carrie Callaghan
4. “The Shell Collector” by Anthony Doerr
5. “The Friend” by Sigrid Nunez

— Kathy M., Buffalo Grove

I feel as though “Zone One” by Colson Whitehead will have the right mix of action and psychologically penetrating insights into human behavior that Darren seems drawn to.

1. “Washington Black” by Esi Edugyan
2. “The Essae Serpent” by Sarah Perry
3. “Abbadon’s Gate” by James SA Corey
5. “Naamah” by Sarah Blake

— Darren N., Philadelphia

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Tackling fear of missing out

Social media can often provide fuel for fire

BY DANIELLE BRAFF
Chicago Tribune

My fourth-grader came home from school crying recently, after discovering that she hadn't been invited to a birthday party. I wanted her to join in her pity party.

I too, had just seen pictures of a gathering on social media. I was asleep by 9 that night, unaware of all the fun things that were happening.

I always assumed that FOMO (the fear of missing out) was a feeling reserved for kids and teens: for the birthday party invite you didn't receive; for the spring break trip you weren't allowed on; for the big night out with friends that didn't involve you.

But FOMO affects every age group. In fact, there's a scientific explanation for FOMO: our survival as a species is based on being included in group activities. To survive, we must share resources and work as a team (obviously not limited to a party setting, but the idea is similar).

"Once upon a time, we lived in tribes, and we needed our tribe to protect and take care of us and hunt food for us while we tended to the fire," says therapist and life coach Tess Brigham. "If our tribe didn't accept us or if we didn't do something that got us kicked out of the group, it meant death."

In a 2018 study published in Motivation and Emotion, researchers found that FOMO is felt by everyone, regardless of their personality. And while FOMO was originally based on survival, today it is associated with sleep problems, fatigue and stress.

For Elizabeth Grooms, a 45-year-old massage therapist and wellness coach in Oak Park, Ill., it was also associated with debt.

She felt FOMO with regard to work. "I had to have all the programs, I had to learn everything." Grooms said of her life when it was spiraling out of control five years ago. While that might sound like a great way to get ahead in business, it wasn't healthy, and it ended up being very costly.

Grooms joined every online social media group that advertised to her genre, and she fell into an unhealthy cycle where she felt like she was taking course after course to up her game — but it never felt like she was good enough.

"There was a lot that I got caught in; it was a catalyst of the 'Pay to play' aspect," she said. "You might miss out on these opportunities if you don't play."

Like Grooms, many people feel that they're never doing enough in their work or personal lives.

When scrolling through social media, we see the best versions of people's lives, and we think we should be doing something to feel more fulfilled and satisfied, instead of focusing on activities that actually give us joy, said Meha Agrawal, founder and CEO of Silk & Sonder, a self-care and mental wellness subscription experience for women.

"Whether it's new experiences we see while scrolling through our feeds, or overhearing a friend's epic trip to an unknown city, we feel that we're not living life fully enough," Agrawal said.

And since humans have an innate drive to connect — our brains are wired by connections and relationships and the emotional result — it's easy to feel reactive when we see that a bulk of our perceived connections are having relationships without us, said Doreen Dodgen-Magee, a therapist specializing in the effects of technology on our life, and author of "Device!: Balancing Life and Technology in the Digital Era (Rowman & Littlefield, 2018)."

"You can curtail your FOMO feelings, however. Cutting back on your social media time would help. But you can also decide to change your thinking. "You always get to choose your thoughts," said Vikki Louise, an anxiety coach. "The concept of missing out is subjective: You always decide if you are missing out."

For example, if someone tells Louise they are going to a sports bar to watch football, she wouldn't have FOMO because she doesn't believe she would have fun doing that activity. Additionally, connecting with the reasons you chose not to participate (money, commitment to work or disliking the people there) and owning your choice can go a long way, said Adi Jaffe, mental health expert and lecturer at UCLA. Even if you didn't actually make the choice to be excluded.

"Remember that everything seems better when you're not actually taking part in it," and watch a Fyre documentary to make yourself remember where FOMO can lead people," she said. Just like the Fyre 2017 festival, attended by those who had desired the expensive, Instagram-worthy experience that was advertised yet not delivered — Grooms described her FOMO experience as her "really expensive lesson."

She was only able to remove herself from that fear of missing out after she identified her unhealthy pattern and thought to herself, "Do I really need it? What's going to happen if I do or don't do it?" Grooms said.

For others, she suggested being thoughtful about the choices you make.

"What's getting triggered? Is it that you're not good enough unless you have the Louis Vuitton bag too?" Grooms asked. "That sense of belonging and the lack of worthiness — it's usually not a quick fix."

Elizabeth Grooms, a massage therapist and wellness coach, says she felt FOMO with regard to work.

Danielle Braff is a freelance writer.
Sondheim's 'Follies' lights up stage

Devonshire Playhouse production looks at how people change as they get older

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

There they encounter ghosts of their past in James Goldman's (book) and Stephen Sondheim's (lyrics and music) celebrated musical, May 31-June 9, at Devonshire Playhouse in Skokie.

Performances are 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays.

"I love the show," said director Eileen Hand of Evanston, who performed in a production of the musical in the early '80s, playing the younger version of one of the showgirls.

"Back then, I was sort of living young Phyllis' life, being a young actress, having fun, going out with friends," Hand said. "I remember not really understanding the older group. There's no way as a young person you can understand the complexities that people come to as they get older."

Hand wanted to revisit the show now that she appreciates "how life gets so complicated when you get older. You look at those roads you didn't take."

Jenny Rudnick of Vernon Hills plays former showgirl Sally. "At the beginning of the show, she appears quite cheerful and excited to be at this reunion," Rudnick said. "But there's a lot of underlying things going on in her head having to do with unresolved issues from her past and situations she obsessed about for the years she's been away from the Follies."

One of Sally's motivations for coming to the reunion is to see her former love Ben, played by Brian Herrle of Glenview. "She feels that she's lost him and should have been with him all along," Rudnick said. "In her fantasy mind, it's all going to work out perfectly."

"Ben is a successful lawyer, diplomat, businessman who suffers from imposter syndrome," Herrle said. "He is stuck in a lifeless, loveless marriage and he doesn't understand how he got to this place. He is searching to find the answer. He is emotionally numb, very conflicted. This plays out throughout the course of the nostalgic evening that these characters are invited back to engage in."

Ben is primarily at the event because his wife Phyllis (Anita Silvert) was in the Follies. "She's the one saying, 'I came here looking for something,' but he's the one who ends up doing the soul-searching," the actor said.

Rudnick's character has some great songs, including "Losing My Mind," but her favorite is "In Buddy's Eyes."

Herrle particularly enjoys singing the group number, "Waiting for the Girls Upstairs." "It's happy in that nostalgic sense," he explained. "It's the one truly upbeat, emotionally happy song that Ben sings." Herrle also enjoys the Ben and Sally duet "Too Many Mornings." "I've always wanted to do one of these romantic, close-to-each-other, passionate love songs," he said. "It's a very challenging and rewarding song to sing."

"We have got some extraordinarily talented people," director Hand said. "It's going to be a great show."

"The music is wonderful," Rudnick said. "And I personally enjoy any show where everyone is not 20 years old!"

Myrna Petlicki is a freelancer.
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**Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.**

**Thursday, May 30**

**The Radical Past in Contemporary Documentary:** Whether incorporating family photos, home movies or decades-old documents of protest, the films in this series explore turbulent histories through a distinctly personal lens. "The Image You Missed" (2018) May 30, 7 p.m. Thursday, Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

**James Giles at Skyline Piano Artist Series:** Bienen School of Music Director of Music Performance Graduate Studies and Piano Program Coordinator James Giles regularly performs in important musical centers throughout America, Europe and Asia. 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Mary Galvin Recital Hall, Northwestern University, 7 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $10-$30, 847-491-5441.

**The Modern Sounds of Swing:** Brian Patti Orchestra performs a weekly show with tributes to Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, and other greats, like Frank Sinatra. Includes ballroom dancing. 7 p.m. Thursday, The Veterans Club located in the White Eagle, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., #100, Niles, free, 630-832-9222.

**Neiman Marcus Fashion Show:** Join Blazin Babes during the fourth annual Neiman Marcus Fashion Show, "The Power of the Purse," featuring models who walk the runway and showcase major designers and trends for spring and summer. Cocktails, appetizers and networking are hosted in The Zodiac Room from 5-5:30 p.m., a guest speaker on women and financial empowerment takes place from 6-6:30 p.m., a fashion presentation and model showcase is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and more. 5 p.m. Thursday, The Zodiac at Neiman Marcus Northbrook, 5000 Northbrook Court, Northbrook, $55-$75, 847-509-6750.

**Facebook 101:** Learn how to use one of the most popular social networking sites to stay in touch with family, friends, causes, businesses, or simply share your own interests with the world. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 member, $25 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**Rockin' In the Park - 2019 Free Summer Concert Series:** Rosemont's Parkway Bank Park entertainment district hosts free concerts on Thursday evenings through Aug. 29, featuring music by classic cover bands, food and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and a musical fireworks display after every show. Outside food and coolers are prohibited. Parking is available at the Parkway Bank Park parking garage and is free with validation from any of the park's venues. 7 p.m. Thursday, Parkway Bank Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008.

**The Music of Modern Jewish Women Composers:** Temple Beth Israel presents "The Music of Modern Jewish Women Composers," featuring Koleynu in Concert: The Temple Beth Israel Adult Choir with Mariia Aviva Bentley, director of music, and Jennifer McCabe, piano accompanist. This concert features the works of Debbie Friedman, Peri Smilansky, Julie Silver, Lisa Levine, Elana Arian, Sharon Bernstein, Beth Styles, Colleen Dieker, Rachelle Nelson and more. 7 p.m. Thursday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-0951.

**Art In Alternative Spaces: All the World's a Stage II:** Artists examine the evolution of Chicago-area theaters from past to present (including vaudeville stages, silent pictures, live performance venues and motion pictures) to sometimes extinction. Featured theaters include the Auditorium, Aragon, Biograph, Calo, Chicago, Davis, Geneve, Goodman, Granada, Lake, Logan, Lyric Opera/Civic Opera House, Merle Re skin Theatre, Music Box, Nortown, Patio, Pickwick, Portage, Paramount, Rialto, Riveria and Uptown. Featuring photography, paintings and mixed media artwork by John Baker, Zinnia Biletska, Don Elmi, David Floodstrand, Ted Gordon, Howard Heath, Sandra Holubow, Robert Kameczura, Debra Nichols, Herb Nolan, Lisa Zane and Jill Zylke. 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, free, 847-674-1500.

**Open House: Retiring D39 Superintendent Dr. Ray Lechner:** Join to honor retiring D39 Superintendent Dr. Ray Lechner. The open house takes place from 4-6 p.m. He retires at the end of the school year, after 20 years in District 39, Wilmette Public Schools. 4 p.m. Thursday, Mikhailian Education Center, 635 Locust Road, Wilmette, free, 847-512-6030.

**David Maraniss - A Good American Family:** Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Maraniss discusses and signs copies of his new book, "A Good American Family: The Red Scare and My Father." Jon Grand joins Mr. Maraniss for this discussion. You are asked to purchase your copies of "A Good American Family" from The Book Stall if you intend on entering the book-signing queue. Call and they are happy to arrange to get an autographed copy for you if unable to attend. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 811 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-8880.

**Friday, May 31**

**Block Cinema Selections for Spring 2019:** "Branco Sai, Preto Fica (White Out, Black In)" (2014) May 31 at 7 p.m.; and "NU DOCS" June 12 to 14 at 7 p.m. Friday, Northwestern University, Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

**Inner Circle: Break Through the Terror Barrier:** The speaker is Jennifer Asidao-Querubin, who is a life strategist. She takes participants on a journey of getting to know the authentic self's desires, discovering what that new model looks like in life and identifying those key actions that bring each participant to that new level of thinking and doing. 10:30 a.m. Friday, Industrious Evanston, 907 Davis St., #500, Evanston, $10, 847-212-1064.

**Friday Night Meltdowns:** A DJ plays today's hits and disco lighting shines on the ice throughout the night. Bring your own skates or rent a pair for the evening. 8:15 p.m. Friday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, $8 admit; $4 rental skates, 847-724-2800.

**Teen Advisory Board Meeting: A Volunteer Opportunity:** This is for grades 9-12, who can earn service hours and views the works of Debbie Friedman, director of music, and Jennifer McCabe, adult choir with Marla Aviva Bentley, director of music, and Jennifer McCabe, piano accompanist. This concert features the works of Debbie Friedman, Peri Smilansky, Julie Silver, Lisa Levine, Elana Arian, Sharon Bernstein, Beth Styles, Colleen Dieker, Rachelle Nelson and more. 7 p.m. Thursday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-0951.

**Tea Advisory Board Meeting: A Volunteer Opportunity:** This is for grades 9-12, who can earn service hours and identify their own interests with the world. 1 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $19 member, $25 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**American Cancer Society NCCC Relay For Life:** The American Cancer Society North Central Cook County Relay For Life is a unique, six-hour, family-oriented community fundraising event. To register or for information, call 616-551-4038, or email Alexandra Klomparens at Alexandra.Klomparens@cancer.org. Friday-Saturday, Maine West High School, 1755 E. S. Wolf Road, Des Plains, free, 847-827-6176.

**Downtown Evanston Farmers Market:** Sixty vendors sell fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, eggs and bakery items. 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oak Avenue and University Place, 1090 University Place, Evanston, free.

**Best Pet Trick Video Contest:** Finalists perform their tricks in-store on June 1 for store gift cards. 1 p.m. Saturday, Pet Supplies Plus, 1916 Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-868-8331.

**Caravans of Gold:** The first major exhibition to highlight West Africa's global reach in the medieval period of the 8th to 16th centuries. This exhibit runs through July 21. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northwestern University, Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

**Game On! Board Gaming for Adults:** Whether you're a veteran or new to the hobby, we have a game for you. Play one of ours or bring your own to teach. Visit glenviewwp.org/gameview to view our game collection. Just drop in. 1 p.m. Saturday, Hackney's on Lake, 1514 E. Lake Ave., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Summer Reading Kick-Off Festival:** Register for the program and help the library kick off the summer reading season. If you can't make the Kick-Off Festival, stop by Reader or Youth Services or register online at glenview.pl.beanstack.org. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**K.I.S.S. Kids Identification and Safety Seats:** Illinois State Police District 15 host this event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids' ID cards are processed and safety seat inspections take place. Get free identification cards for children ages 3 and older, child safety seat inspections and Turt to Calendar, Page 15
Sign up, Read, and Win Prizes at the Northbrook Library: This year, our summer reading theme is “It’s Showtime at Your Library.” This kick-off celebration is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, and includes music, fun and games, including a bounce house and an “instrument petting zoo for kids,” plus extra chances to win prizes when you sign up for Summer Reading during your visit. Expect a food truck on hand with pizza and beverages for purchase. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224.

Cub Scout Packs 50 and 450 Potluck Picnic: Families interested in joining a Cub Scout Pack, or who are just curious as to what it means to be a Cub Scout, are strongly encouraged to join in. The event starts promptly at 4:30 p.m. Activities planned: K9 demonstration with the Bannockburn Police Department; the Cub Scouts from Packs 50 and 450 “cross over” to their next ranks; a potluck dinner prepared by your local ISA Troops and members from Troops 50, 52 and 150 teach outdoor skills. Park along Portwine Road, bring your own camp chair or picnic blanket, and bug repellent. Contact Pack 50 at cubscoutpack50deerfield@gmail.com or Pack 450 at https://deerfieldpack450.org/contact-us or beascoutscouting.org for more information. 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Camp Dan Beard, 200 Portwine Road, Northbrook, free, 224-300-0388.

Twenty-first Star Chapter, DAR Genealogy Workshop: Attendees may work on one of the members of their lineage research team and receive assistance with application papers. This workshop is only for women who are interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution, and any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal decent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. Please bring along all your records and information. Contact Dorothy Wilson for further details. 9 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-328-6946.

Golda’s Balcony: Broadway’s longest running one-woman show is the story of Golda Meir. She moved from impoverished Russian school girl to Prime Minister of Israel. Internationally acclaimed actress Francine Berk plays Golda Meir in this tour de force performance. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $42 general admit; $36 seniors and students, 847-677-7761.

Winnetka Farmers’ Market: Shop for fruits and vegetables, plants and cut flowers, a variety of cheeses and baked goods as well as specialty items. Every Saturday, rain or shine. Music and fun activities vary from week to week. (There will be no market on June 22 due to the Winnetka Music Festival.) 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Winnetka Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-4451.

Sunday, June 2

The Migrant Surge: What’s Behind It: This talk is given by Oscar Chacon, executive director of Alianza Americas, a renowned speaker on immigration issues in Central America. He addresses questions following his talk. 5 p.m. Sunday, Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston, free, 773-956-8500.

A Soldier’s Tale, A Fiddler’s Tale: Inspired by Stravinsky’s L’Histoire, A Fiddler’s Tale is a jazz suite that narrates the cautionary tale of a young female violinist who is lured into performing more commercialized music by the devil. Stravinsky’s L’Histoire is soldout (The Soldier’s Tale); Marsalis: A Fiddler’s Tale, features John Macfarlane, violin and narration; guest narrator: Aaron Freeman. 3 p.m. Sunday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1400 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $10-$38, 872-395-1754.

The Wife (100mins/R/2018): After nearly 40 years of marriage, a wife questions her life choices as she travels to Stockholm with her husband, where he is slated to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. Just drop in. Nominee: Best Actress. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

StoryWalk: Off We Go by Will Hillenbrand: Look out! It is a bumpy ride without training wheels, but with encouragement from his dear friend Bear, Moe keeps going until he reaches his destination. Presented in conjunction with Bike Glenview. Just drop in. 9 a.m. Sunday, Little Bear Garden at Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

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installations (one free admission pass to the Kohl Children’s Museum for families receiving safety seat inspections); and enjoy Touch-a-Truck display featuring hands-on exploration of a Tollway H.E.L.P. truck, snowplow; free art creation activities. 10 a.m. Saturday, Kohl Children’s Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 630-241-6800.

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Concludes: The Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Niles Metropolitan Chorus, and the De Paul Community Chorus will present Ode to Joy, featuring more than 300 musicians. 3 p.m. Sunday, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, advance sales $12 adults, $10 students; tickets at door $20 adults, $15 students, 847-966-8145.

DNA: Tests, Tools and Tales: "DNA: Tests, Tools and Tales" is the theme of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois’ one-day conference. Genetic genealogy experts Lara Diamond and Gil Bardige speak for a two-track schedule—one for beginners and one for more experienced users of genealogical genetic testing. To register, visit the website. The fees are $55 for JGSI members, $60 for nonmembers and $35 for students. Members of any IAJGS-affiliated society may attend the conference at the JGSI member rate. 8 a.m. Sunday, Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, 312-666-0100.

Chicago Dogs vs. Sioux City Explorers: During this “Family Sunday” home game, fans can enjoy $3 bottomless popcorn and $3 bottomless fountain drinks. Pre-game autographs are available with the Chicago Dogs players and coaching staff. 1 p.m. Sunday, Impact Field, 9850 Balmoral Ave., Rosemont, $9-$100; packages and discounted tickets for groups available, 847-636-5450.

Brunch and Bette Midler at Skokie Synagogue: Great food and a Powerhouse speaker about the dazzling Bette Midler will be hosted by the Men’s Club of Ezra-Habonim. The PowerPoint is narrated by Hy Speck, a well-known Chicago-area lecturer who specializes in programs about theater and movie personalities. For reservations, contact the synagogue office. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, $15 for members, $18 for guests, 847-675-4141.

Monday, June 3

Become the Speaker and Leader You Were Meant to Be: Des Plaines Toastmasters 1645 meets monthly from 7-8:45 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at Des Plaines Public Library. New members who want to develop public speaking and leadership skills are encouraged to visit as often as they want and the club’s bi-monthly meetings will build upon the previous class, and in the final class, all the elements come together as you create your own work of art. All supplies are provided in class. Bring an apron or smock to cover your clothes. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

Playing with Paint: A Learn to Paint Workshop: Instructor Adrienne Aar-son takes you from the beginning as you explore light and dark, black and white, and color painting. Each class meeting builds upon the previous class, and in the final class, all the elements come together as you create your own work of art. All supplies are provided in class. Bring an apron or smock to cover your clothes. 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $119 member; $139 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

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**Tuesday, June 4**

**Career Counseling Appointments:** Four 30-minute appointments available with a career expert for resume help, LinkedIn profile review, and job search strategies for any stage of your career. No online registration required. Call 847-729-7500, ext. 7700, or visit Reference Services. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**If Statues Could Talk, What Stories Would They Tell?** Join Beth Sair on a one-of-a-kind virtual tour of "The Talking Statues of Chicago." Hear some of the city's finest statues and sculptures tell their own stories. Find out which statues speak as the unofficial mascots of Chicago and which figure claims to have discovered America 500 years before Columbus. Registration required. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

**Village Treasure House - Customer Appreciation Days:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, and Saturday, June 8. Refreshments and a raffle are offered. This upscale and vintage furniture and home decor warehouse donates 100% of profits to local agencies serving women and families in crisis. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Village Treasure House, 1460 Paddock Drive, Northbrook, free, 847-852-1030.

**The Lies That Blind: Identity, Culture, and Politics:** Kwame Anthony Appiah, professor, philosopher and ethicist describes his latest book, "The Lies That Bind." He focuses on five categories of identity: creed, country, color, class and culture. How we view identity now is still influenced by outdated and often debunked ideas of the Victorian era. He believes those ideas can and must be reformed. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $49 member; $65 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**The Breakfast Club:** Rise and shine and start your day off right with networking and breakfast. This is hosted by Park Ridge Chamber Ambassador Dave Donovan. Register at the event website or by contacting the Park Ridge Chamber office by calling 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Lola's Diner, 920 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, $11 members; $15 prospective members, 847-825-3121.

**Wednesday, June 5**

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**The Holocaust in Film: 1945:** Combine the feel of a western and the tension of Hitchcock, and follow two Jewish survivors of the Holocaust as they arrive in a Hungarian village in August 1945. 1 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**Pandemics:** Everyone recognizes that the Black Plague was a terrible tragedy. But not everyone knows that it killed one-third of the population of Europe. Most people recognize that the "Spanish Flu" was deadly. But not everyone knows it killed more Americans than WWI and WWII combined. Gary Midkiff reviews past pandemics and how well the world is, or is not, prepared for the next one. 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $24 member; $34 nonmember, 847-784-6030.

**Park Ridge Fly Tying Club Meetings:** An experienced demonstrator does demonstrations of fly tying, with members tying the same pattern using tools and materials provided by the club. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164.

 Watching graduation ceremonies from a skybox is not elitist. It’s brilliant.

PAT LENHOFF

Lately, newspapers feature graduation photos, which appear all similar except for the different colors on caps and gowns — about the only distinguishing feature for each high school.

The broad smiles, queues of marching students and adult mentors standing at the lectern are pretty much the standard for commencement ceremonies. And each photo always elicits a smile for me as I reminisce back on those oh-so-special graduation days.

One thing different about commencement coverage this year has been the recent Chicago Tribune report detailing a new twist in the graduation hoopla — the skybox. For a fee of $425, families can use a luxury box for graduations at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates.

Before going further, let me confess right now that I am skybox-spoiled. Many years ago, a business associate/friend of the Boss offered us tickets to a Bulls game in their corporate skybox at the United Center. We got seats a few rows off the floor, what was my response? Nahhh, but thanks anyway.

It sounds snobby, sure. But for me, I like the flexibility that a box offers. No climbing over a row of disgruntled fans who don’t like their view impeded, out disturbing everyone else around is a positive benefit.

Contrary to what one school representative said, in explaining their decision to decline offering the option based upon rejection of the perception of elitism, I think this option could be expanded and used by schools as a merit-based reward for goals achieved by students.

And I think those goals could be broader-based than simply GPA, perhaps something more intangible like leadership against bullying, community service work projects or academic accomplishments of a nontraditional nature. Just a thought.

And I also think Sears Centre should give back to each school half of the fees received, as a show of support for local education. It would be a comfortable place to watch a special moment and a benefit to schools on top. I think it’s a win-win.

Pat Lenhoff is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press. viewfromvh@yahoo.com

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District 64 board taps four new principals

Franklin, Washington, Emerson, Lincoln schools get new leaders

BY HEATHER CHERONE
Pioneer Press

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education hired four new principals earlier this month, giving the district a full slate of administrators to start the new school year.

The departing elementary school principals — Washington School Principal Stephanie Daly and Franklin School Principal Claire Kowalczyk — will follow departing District 64 Superintendent Laurie Heinz to Palatine-based Community Consolidated School District 15 after the final day of school.

The board hired Marybeth Whitney-DeLaMar as the new principal of Franklin Elementary School and Angela Brito as principal of Washington Elementary School. Both will start July 1, officials said.

In addition, the board hired Emerson Middle School Associate Principal Samantha Alaimo to serve as the school's principal, while David Szwed was named Lincoln Middle School's new principal. They will also start July 1.

All of the votes were unanimous. Board member Denise Pearl was absent.

Heinz will be replaced by Eric Olson, who made the picks.

DeLaMar comes to District 64 from Wayne Elementary in Elgin's School District U-46 and has also worked in Millburn District 24 in Wadsworth.

Olson said DeLaMar's "rich history of elementary principal experience and special education, along with her kind demeanor and focus on collaboration made her an ideal candidate for Franklin."

DeLaMar received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from DePaul University, and her doctorate from National-Louis University. DeLaMar is an adjunct professor at Concordia University in its principal preparation program, District 64 officials said.

DeLaMar will be paid $118,000 annually, officials said.

Brito comes to District 64 from Chicago Public Schools, where she served as the principal of Blaine Elementary School near Wrigley Field.

Olson praised Brito's "focus on relationships, easy-going and comforting nature, and her passion for instructional leadership."

Brito received her master's degree from Concordia University and earned National Board Certification as a middle childhood generalist, district officials said.

Brito will be paid $134,000 annually, officials said.

An initial pool of 57 applicants for the Franklin and Washington positions was narrowed down to 10 semi-finalists, who were interviewed twice by an administrative committee of central office and building administrators.

Five finalists met with a joint committee of Franklin and Washington staff members, parents from both schools, an elementary building principal and central office administrators before Olson selected DeLaMar and Brito, officials said.

Alaimo will take the top job at Emerson after serving as its associate principal since the 2018-2019 school year, when officials added a third administrator to the middle school, the district's largest campus. She is the school's third principal in its history.

Alaimo is "a dynamic, reflective leader, who cares deeply for the students, staff, and families of the Emerson community, and she stood out as an outstanding candidate during the interview process," Olson said.

Alaimo taught advanced sixth grade language arts and mathematics for two years at Emerson before becoming an administrator.

Alaimo came to District 64 from Chicago Public Schools, officials said.

Alaimo earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a master's degree from Concordia University, where she is pursuing a doctorate, officials said.

A search to replace Alaimo as Emerson's associate principal will begin in the coming weeks, officials said.

Alaimo will be paid $109,000 annually, officials said.

A Park Ridge native, Szwed will take the top job at Lincoln Middle School after serving for three years as principal of Margaret Mead Junior High in Schaumburg District 54. Before that, Szwed was the assistant principal at Jane Addams Junior High for five years.

Olson praised Szwed's "extensive middle school experience, his knowledge of curriculum and best practice, and his focus on relationships."

A graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, Szwed earned a master's degree from the University of New Mexico.

Szwed will be paid $113,000 annually, officials said.

Six semi-finalists for the top jobs at Emerson and Lincoln were selected from 54 applicants and interviewed twice by an administrative committee of both central office and building administrators.

Two finalists for the position at Emerson met with a committee of Emerson staff members, parents, administrators, and a Board of Education member before Olson selected Alaimo.

Two finalists for the position at Lincoln met with a committee of Lincoln staff members, parents, two Board of Education members and administrators before Olson selected Szwed.

Heather Cherone is a freelance reporter for the Pioneer Press.
District 64 seeks city approval for multipurpose room

**BY JENNIFER JOHNSON**  
Pioneer Press

Plans to build an addition onto Field School are scheduled to go before the Park Ridge City Council for consideration next week.

The city's planning and zoning commission on May 14 recommended council approval of a special use permit that will allow Field School, 707 Wisner St., to add a 3,800 square-foot “multipurpose room” on the northeast side of the building. Aldermen will take up the recommendation on June 3, said City Planner Jon Branham.

According to Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 officials, the multipurpose room will replace the school's auditorium, which will be renovated and turned into office space with a secured vestibule at the main entrance on Wisner. The district has slowly been adding new, secured entrances attached to a main office at each elementary and middle school.

The Field School project, which was approved by the District 64 School Board on April 9, is estimated to cost $2.96 million and also includes the creation of two classroom spaces inside the existing main office space, district officials said.

“We're adding the multipurpose room because they are losing their auditorium,” District 64 Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad told the planning and zoning commission. “As you know, to many people in Park Ridge, having an auditorium in the schools for plays and activities, both during the day and in the evenings, is very important to them."

The multipurpose room will serve as auditorium space and include a stage, and the number of seats will be the same as the capacity of the current auditorium, the board was told last year.

On May 14, planning and zoning commission member Jim Angelini questioned if the project will accommodate additional expansion of Field School in the event of growing enrollment, which is being experienced within the school district as a whole.

Rick Petricek, an architect with Studio GC, which is designing the Field School project, told the commission that if the student population grows, it is possible that additional classrooms would be explored for the southeast corner of the school.

“We're not sure how the school itself is going to be impacted by population at this point,” he said. “We don't see that there is an immediate need because when we do this project, we are gaining a full-size classroom and we are also gaining a smaller classroom that can be used for 20 students or less, depending on the type of curriculum they move into that space.”

Petricek said his firm had looked at whether the two-story school could expand upward, but an analysis found that “major renovation” and structural work on the first level would be required to do so.

The new multi-purpose room addition will be built near the existing gym, Kolstad told the commission. The school's reading garden will be moved, she added.

If the City Council approves the special-use permit, work on the project is expected to take place through the fall, Kolstad said.

“Construction will continue when school begins,” she said. “It was always the plan that the multi-purpose room would not be done until mid-October by the earliest.”

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BOYS TRACK NOTES

Aidan Dunaway helps Northridge Prep make history

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Northridge Prep senior Aidan Dunaway had a memorable reaction after completing his final race on Saturday.

He smiled — a lot.

Dunaway ran the anchor leg of the Knights’ 3,200-meter relay in the Class 1A boys track state finals. The team of Andrew Brockmeier, Dan Kane, Aidan Martin and Dunaway posted a time of 8 minutes, 2.03 seconds to finish in second place.

Despite falling short of beating Morrison to earn the program’s first state championship, Dunaway immediately flashed an ear-to-ear smile when he crossed the finish line.

“I saw the time and couldn’t stop smiling,” Dunaway said. “As soon as I crossed the line, I had to see the time. I’m really happy.”

Dunaway said the team’s excitement stemmed from achieving its goal of topping last season’s state finish. Last season, Kane and Dunaway were part of the Knights’ 3,200 relay that missed the cut for the finals. Two years ago, Dunaway ran a leg in the Knights’ ninth-place 3,200 relay.

The second-place finish also made program history. The Knights had never even had a top-six finish at the boys track state meet until Saturday.

Brockmeier, a sophomore, said he was motivated to run a solid opening leg for his teammates.

“This is our last race, so I’m doing this for all my seniors,” he said. “I just went out and tried to run as hard as I could and get the best time that I could.”

“The first lap was really fast. The second lap was tough. I had to just keep pushing through to the finish.”

Kane, a junior, indicated the Knights were primed for a memorable showing after winning their preliminary heat in a time of 8:09.63 on Friday, which was 19 seconds better than their sectional time.

“In prelims, we got first, so that got us pretty hyped,” Kane said. “We knew we had to step it up. The second lap was the key for all of us.”

Clary’s comeback:
Beacon Academy junior Charlie Clary had a unique mindset for Saturday’s Class 1A 800-meter finals.

After breaking his pelvis in last season’s state prelims, Clary expressed excitement over simply competing on the blue track twice in the same weekend.

But Clary did more than compete. He collected a sixth-place medal in a time of 1:58.77. Clary said his injury forced him not to train for six months.

“This is my third year at state, and that was my best time,” Clary said. “I went home after the prelims last year.”

“It was special to hear all the people cheering after what happened last year. Next year, I’m going to try and get a state (title).”

State meet notes:
Glenbrook South senior Michael Zimmerman enjoyed his state experience even though he did not qualify for the finals.

Zimmerman cleared 6 feet, 2 inches in the Class 3A high jump preliminaries on Friday and missed his personal best by an inch.

“This was an awesome experience,” Zimmerman said of the atmosphere at O’Brien Field. “I have never competed in a 10,000-seat stadium. The track is beautiful, and the high jump is immaculate.”

Loyola earned two team points when senior Jack Loveland finished eighth in the 400 (50.26).

Rambler freshman Spencer Werner placed 16th in the 1,600 (9:32.22).

Glenbrook North senior Dimitri Manesiotis placed 11th in the shot put (55.57).

Glenbrook North senior Brandon Ng reached the pole vault finals and tied for 11th (14-04).

Because only the top nine finishers in each event earn points at the state meet, the Titans and Spartans were among a number of North Shore schools that did not score any team points.

New Trier senior Ford Baker was the only Trianian to compete on Saturday. He placed 16th in the 3,200 (9:32.32).

A number of talented Evanston athletes also wrapped up their season on Friday in the 3A state preliminaries.

BOYS TENNIS NOTES

New Trier weathers ups and downs to take 2nd at 2A state meet

BY JON J. KERR
Pioneer Press

The three-day boys tennis state meet is always a grind, and that was especially true for New Trier this season.

The Trevians had a share of the early lead, then held on to finish in second place in Class 2A for the third year in a row.

“It’s always surprising, and we were thrown our share of surprises again,” Trevians coach Ted Eckert said.

Hinsdale Central (45 points) swept the singles, doubles and team titles in Arlington Heights to finish ahead of New Trier (34).

Tournament officials accelerated the schedule due to the threat of poor weather later in the weekend in Chicago’s northwest suburbs. When that weather arrived on Friday, New Trier’s run through the championship bracket was put on hold.

Sophomore singles player Max Bengtsson and both Trevians doubles teams eventually lost in the quarterfinals when play resumed.

“We all lost momentum, and it led to the worst hour of New Trier tennis,” said Bengtsson, a Glencoe resident.

“All the matches were next to each other,” Eckert added. “The momentum was going south, and the other players saw that. Poor play can be contagious.”

New Trier knew it would need to top Hinsdale Central in the team standings, but the Trevians still assembled a solid final day at the state meet. The Trevians faced their teammates in the singles and doubles fifth-place matches. Bengtsson took fifth, while senior teammates Jake Zipoli finished sixth.

In doubles, junior Dylan Drier and sophomore Jay Wagh prevailed against fellow Trevians Colin Fox and Brent Saltzman.

Zipoli earned a singles state medal after winning two in doubles. Saltzman made the most of his lone trip to state.

“I couldn’t make the sophomore team (as a freshman in 2016) and worked my way up to varsity,” said Saltzman, a Wilmette resident. “To make the state tournament is a very satisfying way to end my career.”

New Trier will have a thin senior class in 2020, but Bengtsson, Fox and Wagh will be back after a strong season as sophomores.

“Our class is strong with tons of great guys,” Bengtsson said. “The state tournament is not going to get any easier.”

Titans finish in top 10:
Glenbrook South sent two singles players and a doubles team to the Class 2A state tournament.

Senior Michael Bukhalo got as far as the quarter-

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New Trier’s Dylan Drier returns a shot during a doubles match at the Class 2A boys tennis state meet on Friday.
Ex-Cub Zambrano hoping for another shot with Dogs

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

Former Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano returned to the Chicago area this month as a relief pitcher with the Chicago Dogs, an independent-league team in Rosemont.

Zambrano, 37, pitched in Mexico last summer and last played in the majors in 2012 with the Marlins after spending the first 11 seasons of his career with the Cubs. The Dogs opened their season May 17.

"Big Z" spoke with the Tribune about his comeback attempt:

Q: Why the Dogs?
A: I was looking for a team to play with and didn't want to go to Mexico again. A team in the league (Milwaukee) was interested in me, and I said 'Yeah, why not? Because it's close to Chicago. Then my friend (Benjamin Pogofsky) is good friends with people with the Chicago Dogs, so I asked if they would be interested. They said "Yeah, of course."

Q: You're hoping to play in the majors again?
A: That's my goal. As a matter of fact I'm going to relieve, setup or do whatever they need. No more (being a) starter for me. One inning or two innings. It's better for me. One manager from the big leagues told me they have a lack of relievers. That was before I'd decided. I said, "Wow, that's good advice," I did it in Venezuela (and was) pretty good in winter ball when they put me in the bullpen.

Q: You look much more svelte than you were when you played here. So you're serious about this?
A: Yeah, I lost 35 pounds from last year to now. I'm not "skinny" skinny, but I feel I can field my position and do what I have to do.

Q: How hard are you throwing these days?
A: When I was in Venezuela (this winter) I was throwing from 89 to 91 (mph) and up to 93, 94.

Q: Do you look at this as a real chance?
A: This is a chance God has provided to me, and I have to take advantage. To be honest I'm doing this out of obedience (to God). After baseball (ended) I didn't want to come back, but this is God saying to me: "Play baseball again." I don't know if God will put me in the big leagues as a coach or a player, but I want to come back to the big leagues.

Q: You won 125 games for the Cubs, but do you think people just remember you for all the crazy stuff that happened when you played here?
A: I don't want people to remember me for what I did bad. I want people to remember the good things I did, like when I won. Why remember things that are in the past? We all make mistakes. We're all human, and I know I made mistakes. But I don't want to be remembered as a hot head. I want to be remembered as a guy who wants to win and help his team.

Q: If you succeed with the Dogs, are you hoping the Cubs call?
A: I'd want to (play there). I'd love to, but I don't know. This is a business, and if they weren't interested in signing me, there are 29 other teams.

Q: Do you still have your house in Chicago?
A: No, I'll have to get something in Rosemont or Oak Park. Do you have a room for me? It has to be two rooms, because my (four) kids will be here too.

Sure. I'll just move into a hotel.

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Q: Do you think people will forgive you for the bad stuff?
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Q: Do you want to end your career with the Cubs?
A: Yes, that's my goal. As a matter of fact I'm going to relieve, setup or do whatever they need. No more (being a) starter for me. One inning or two innings. It's better for me.

Q: What do you like on your hot dog?
A: Onions, corn, those little french fries, ketchup, mustard and cheese.

Q: Do you expect a lot of Cubs fans will come out to see you pitch?
A: Hopefully they can come and watch the team, not me, and enjoy the Dogs.

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Lake Forest’s Lunn helps Grinnell tennis earn national ranking

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Jack Lunn wanted to be part of a memorable college tennis team.

The Grinnell College junior accomplished his wish this season.

Lunn, a Lake Forest graduate, helped the Pioneers earn a national ranking for the first time this spring. Grinnell jumped into the Division III national rankings in late March and went on to complete one of the best seasons in program history.

“The biggest highlight of this year was when we became nationally ranked for the first time in program history,” Lunn said. “This team has had a ton of past success, so being a part of the first Grinnell team to accomplish this was incredibly special. The outpouring of support we got from tennis alumni and the community in general was amazing to see.”

Lunn compiled a 22-3 record in singles, including a 19-2 mark in dual play. The Pioneers wrapped up the season with a 26-5 record, which was the fourth-most wins in program history. They lost 5-0 to Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) in the second round of Division III National Tournament on May 11.

Lunn said this season “was among the most enjoyable as an athlete” for him. Lunn also won six of his seven doubles matches with four different partners.

“I think my success this season is really a testament to the depth and ‘next man up’ mentality that this team has,” he said. “Everyone on our team pushes each other to be their best on a daily basis, and that’s been a huge part of both my success and the team’s.

“I think another huge part in my personal success this season has been my ability to play mentally tough and outlast my opponents on the court. I have a style of play that’s based on wearing down my opponents and getting as many balls back as possible, and I think combining this with improved focus and confidence has really been a difference-maker for me.”

Lunn said he cherished his time at Lake Forest, especially his senior season. He’s aiming to be more of a leader next season for the Pioneers.

“We want to continue this upward momentum we’ve had in the regional and national rankings,” he said. “I think we are on the doorstep of making a push toward the top of the regional rankings as a program, and I’m excited to come back as a senior and be a part of it.”

Hinsdale Central graduate Nick Alex, a junior, finished with a 4-1 record in singles and a 5-1 mark in doubles.

Tischler wraps up with Ramblers: Darien resident Will Tischler earned numerous honors during his senior season on the Loyola men’s volleyball team. The Downers Grove South graduate established a number of milestones, including a Second-Team All-Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association selection.

The 6-foot-7 Tischler set single-season highs in kills (320), kills per set (3.14), service aces (23), digs (168) and blocks (43).

Tischler played a key part in Loyola’s upset victory against No. 5 Pepperdine on Jan. 18 by recording a career-high 20 kills in the five-set win.

Before attending Loyola, he helped lead the Mustangs to a state title in 2013. His younger brother, Jack Tischler, is a senior outside hitter for the Mustangs — the last of three Tischler brothers to play volleyball for Downers Grove South.

Loyola freshman Joe D’Atomo, a New Trier graduate, was also a member of the men’s volleyball team this season.

The Ramblers ended their season on April 20 with a 21-8 record.

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Fenwick grad comes home to face Cougars in D-III super regional

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The Concordia University Chicago baseball team ran into a familiar opponent over the weekend at the NCAA Division III Super Regional in River Forest.

Webster (Mo.) has been a staple on the Cougars’ schedule in recent years. With a trip to the Division III College World Series on the line, the series carried extra significance — especially for the two coaches.

Webster coach Bill Kurich attended Fenwick and was an assistant coach at Concordia from 2000-02. Before the Gorloks (35-11 as of Friday) played in the Midwest Super Regional, Kurich said the series carried special meaning to him because it was so close to home.

“I played for Dave Hogan at Fenwick,” he said of the legendary Friars coach. “Fenwick High School is a very special place. That place made me who I am today. I loved playing for Dave Hogan. He was the first coach to make me start thinking about becoming a coach for a living. He challenged us every day and taught us how to play the game the right way.

Concordia coach Matt Stawski and Kurich are close friends. Stawski played three seasons at St. Joseph College (Ind.) while Kurich was an assistant coach there. After graduating in 2006, Stawski was an assistant coach at Webster under Kurich for three seasons.

“We’ve known each other for 15 years,” Stawski said. “His daughter was the flower girl at my wedding. We’re really close, and it’s kind of neat that a lot of branches of our tree connect.

Concordia baseball coach Mike Stawski (center) and Webster coach Bill Kurich (not pictured) have a long history together in the sport.

Senior center fielder Connor Brandon, a Joliet Catholic graduate, is one of the main factors in Concordia’s historic season. Through 50 games, Brandon was batting .374 with 12 home runs, 15 doubles, four triples, 45 runs scored and 64 RBIs.

Brandon praised the previous two classes for helping forge the foundation for Concordia’s current success.

“My four years have been tremendous,” he said. “I couldn’t imagine going to another school. We have the best people and coaches. It’s truly tremendous what this program is like and culture that’s been built.

“My freshman and sophomore year, I sat back and learned from older guys and what leads to success. When it’s your turn, you are ready for it and assume that leadership role with confidence.”

The series between Concordia and Webster was incomplete at press time.

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