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South Elgin investigates threatening words at high school

By: Steve Zalusky

South Elgin High School was evacuated for approximately an hour Friday evening as police conducted a sweep of the building after threatening words were seen on a whiteboard in a classroom.

South Elgin police said they were notified by the administrative staff at the school, 760 E. Main St., about 6:30 p.m.

Several events taking place at the school were interrupted while a Kane County sheriff's dog hunted for anything suspicious. Nothing was found.

According to a news release, South Elgin police and Elgin Area School District U-46 believe the writing on the white board was not a credible threat, but "as a precaution took every step to ensure all personnel were safe inside the building."

Anyone with further questions should call South Elgin High School at (847) 289-3760 or the South Elgin Police Department at (847) 741-2151.



SCIENCE “NERDS” EARN STATE IKE AWARD

Illinois ► When you do great conservation work in the community, the term “nerd” is a badge of honor. So is the award the Izaak Walton League’s **Illinois Division** gave the Ellis Middle School Science Club (aka the NERDS).

Members of the Elgin Chapter nominated the NERDS for the state award in recognition of the many ways this volunteer student group has helped the chapter and the Elgin community.

The NERDS club was created by seventh-grade students at Ellis Middle School and is guided by science teacher Holly Yee. The acronym stands for “Nature Environmental Recycling Defenders Squad.” And like the name, this group of students does it all.

The students supplied the manpower for the Elgin Chapter’s first biannual cleanup along a section of the Fox River, and later did the same for Willow Creek, which meanders through the east side of Elgin, says chapter officer Roger Dieringer. “These students hauled trash from the creek beds,

getting dirty and not complaining. The club also helps our chapter wet and wrap tree roots of white pine and oaks every year (150 of each tree this year) for our annual Arbor Day tree donation. This job is very messy, and the students have always done an outstanding job.”

The NERDS played a major role in establishing Trillium Park, located just a short distance from Ellis Middle School, says Dieringer. “In 2012, the students went to the Elgin City Council with an idea of making this unused city area into a park. They presented a plan for laying out the park with native plantings and a hiking trail.” Members of the Elgin Chapter coordinated a cleanup effort to prepare the area for the new park. The city of Elgin named the revitalized area Trillium Park — the name suggested by the middle schoolers. The Elgin Chapter added the park to its semi-annual cleanup calendar to keep the park a healthy community resource, and the NERDS have continued to work to maintain and improve the park.

Congratulations to these dedicated middle-school “nerds” for a job well done!

Highlights of Reflecting Excellence Awards 2019



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City of Aurora
Aurora Police Department
Sherman Advocate
Coalition for a Healthy & Safe Elgin
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Oakton Community College
Joliet Junior College
McHenry County College
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Waubensee Community College
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2019 FUTURE LATINO leaders and scholarships winners with keynote Nate Santana



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Aurora y socorristas fueron honrados en los premios Reflecting Excellence de Reflejos

First responders, Aurora honored at Reflecting Excellence Awards

POR BARBARA VITELLO

Para Reflejos

Aurora fue reconocida por su compromiso con la comunidad y sus socorristas fueron honrados por su diligencia y coraje el miércoles pasado durante la octava ceremonia anual de Reflejando la Excelencia de Reflejos en el Stonegate Conference and Banquet Center en Hoffman Estates.

Los premios honraron los esfuerzos de los ganadores por promover la diversidad.

Los policías y bomberos de Aurora fueron reconocidos por su respuesta al tiroteo del 15 de febrero en la compañía Henry Pratt que cobró la vida de cinco empleados e hirió a seis oficiales. El atacante también fue asesinado.

Flanqueado por policías y bomberos, el portavoz de Aurora, Clayton Muhammad, aceptó el premio al recordar ese trágico día hace nueve meses que ninguna comunidad quiere experimentar, pero que demasiados han soportado.

La fuerza que Aurora aprovechó ese día continúa para mantener a la comunidad, dijo Muhammad, quien elogió a los primeros en responder de la ciudad como los mejores del país, y agregó que están entre los factores que llevaron a Aurora a ser nombrada la "ciudad número uno en Estados Unidos para vivir el sueño americano."

Otros galardonados incluyeron al fallecido Ron Raglin, superintendente asistente de programas de apoyo educativo y alineación del Distrito Escolar 46 del Área Elgin, que defendió la equidad en la educación y justicia social. Raglin murió de un ataque al corazón en agosto de 2019.

El amigo y colega Tony Sanders, CEO de U-46, describió a Raglin como "una fuerza impulsora de la equidad en nuestra región" que sirvió fielmente al distrito durante siete años.

Entre sus logros se encontraba un programa diseñado para ayudar a los estudiantes que tenían B y C a mejorar lo suficiente como para inscribirse en clases de colocación avanzada o AP, dijo Sanders, y agregó que bajo la guía de Raglin, el programa se expandió de 900 estudiantes a más de 2,000 estudiantes.

El sueño de Raglin era "que cada estudiante sepa que nos preocupamos por ellos a través de nuestras acciones", dijo. Nadie debería "salir de este mundo sin saber cuánto los amamos", dijo Sanders. "Ese fue el regalo de Ron para nosotros".

En su discurso de apertura, el actor/director Nate Santana, de "Chicago Med" de NBC y miembro del grupo de los teatros Teatro Vista y Shattered Globe, compartió lecciones de vida de su entrenamiento de actuación. Instó a los asistentes, que incluyeron a ocho becarios suburbanos, a reconocer el valor del trabajo duro, resistir los intentos de encasillamiento y aceptar quién es "y negarse a disculparse por ello", dijo.

"No hay nada fuera de ti que pueda crear tu propia felicidad. Viene de dentro de ti mismo", dijo.



FOTOS: JOHN STARKS

LOS MIEMBROS del Departamento de Policía y Bomberos de Aurora fueron honrados el miércoles en la octava edición anual de los Premios Reflejando la Excelencia, otorgados por Reflejos en el Stonegate Conference and Banquet Center en Hoffman Estates.

AURORA POLICE and Fire Department members were honored Wednesday at the 8th Annual Reflejos Reflecting Excellence Awards at the Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates.



EL ORADOR principal del evento Nate Santana, de "Chicago Med" de NBC, se dirige a la audiencia en la 8a. entrega Anual de Reflejando la Excelencia, otorgados por Reflejos.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Nate Santana, from NBC's "Chicago Med," speaks at the 8th Annual Reflejos Reflecting Excellence Awards.

BY BARBARA VITELLO

For Reflejos

Aurora was recognized for its commitment to community and its first responders were honored for their diligence and courage last Wednesday during Reflejos' 8th annual Reflecting Excellence ceremony at Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates.

The awards reflect efforts by the winners to promote diversity.

Aurora police officers and firefighters were recognized for their response to the Feb. 15 shooting at the Henry Pratt Company that claimed the lives of five employees and injured six officers. The shooter was also killed.

Flanked by police officers and firefighters, Aurora spokesman Clayton Muhammad accepted the award recalling that tragic day nine months ago that no community wants to experience but that far too many have endured.

The strength Aurora drew upon that day continues to sustain the community, said Muhammad, who praised the city's first responders as the finest in the country, adding they are among the factors that resulted in Aurora being named the "number one city in America to live the American dream."

Other honorees included the late Ron Raglin, Elgin Area School District U-46 assistant superintendent of educational support programs and alignment, who championed equity in education and social justice. Raglin died of a heart attack in August 2019.

Friend and colleague Tony Sanders, U-46



EL DIRECTOR ejecutivo del Distrito Escolar U-46 de Elgin, Tony Sanders, rinde homenaje a su difunto amigo y colega, Ron Raglin, a quien se le otorgó póstumamente el Premio Retribuyendo por Medio del Ejemplo en la 8va. Entrega Anual de los premios Reflejando la Excelencia otorgados por Reflejos.

ELGIN AREA School District U-46 chief executive officer Tony Sanders pays tribute to his late friend and colleague, Ron Raglin, who was posthumously awarded the Giving Back by Example Award at the 8th Annual Reflejos Reflecting Excellence Awards.

CEO, described Raglin as "a driving force of equity in our region" who served the district faithfully for seven years.

Among his accomplishments was a program designed to help B and C students improve enough to enroll in advanced placement classes, Sanders said, adding under Raglin's guidance, the program expanded from 900 students to more than 2,000 students.

Raglin's dream was "for every student to know we care about them through our actions," he said.

No one should "depart this world without knowing how much we love them," Sanders said. "That was Ron's gift to us."

In his keynote speech, actor/director Nate Santana, of NBC's "Chicago Med" and an ensemble member of Teatro Vista and Shattered Globe theaters, shared life lessons from his acting training. He urged attendees, which included eight suburban scholarship recipients, to recognize the value of hard work, resist attempts at typecasting and accept who you are "and refuse to apologize for it," he said.

"There is nothing outside of you that is going to create your own happiness. It comes from within yourself," he said.

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SARA CARLOCK of Bartlett keeps a hand on her son Colin, 6, during a sensory-friendly concert to raise awareness about autism Thursday at Elgin High School. He's holding a toy to help him stay calm.

Elgin High's first sensory-friendly concert aims to raise autism awareness

BY MADHU KRISHNAMURTHY
For Reflejos

Getting young children to sit still or be quiet during an orchestral performance can be challenging enough. But for parents of children with special needs, an outing of that nature is virtually impossible.

That's why Elgin High School's first sensory-friendly concert Thursday was a welcome treat for Bartlett mom Sara Carlock and her 6-year-old autistic son Colin.

Colin is a home schooler within Elgin Area School District U-46 receiving independent applied behavior analysis therapy. He loves music and has accompanied his parents to performances at community festivals. But going to movies, restaurants or concerts usually isn't an option, Carlock said.

"You get stares from people that don't understand autism," Carlock said. "I get anxiety just thinking about it. I'm more nervous that someone is going to be mean to him and I have to react."

What set Elgin High's concert apart was children being allowed to scream, get out of their seats, walk up and down the aisles and dance to the rhythm of the musical scores. Fidget objects and headphones for individuals

with auditory processing issues were provided for those who needed them.

The hourlong concert was designed to raise awareness for autism spectrum disorders. Attendees included a mix of families with and without special needs children from throughout U-46 communities.

"It is extremely important to us to create an inviting and safe environment for those who fall on the spectrum," said Robert Sanchez, Elgin High School's band director. "We want everyone to feel included."

Elgin High's concert and varsity bands and Ellis Middle School's band performed short sets of soft music, less than three minutes in length, under dim lights in the high school's auditorium.

A screen on one corner of the stage showed video clips accompanying the musical themes, including "A Night on Bald Mountain," "March Britannia," "On a Childhood Hymn," "The Polar Express" and "Pure Imagination" from "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," providing the added visual stimulation some autistic children need.

Images from the children's classic "Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown also played overhead during the performance.

Colin excitedly rubbed his hands together and bobbed up and down in place to the beat of the drums -- a nervous reaction but a sign of his enjoyment, Carlock said.

"We don't get a lot of opportunities like this," Carlock said. "(EHS) really made it clear that we were welcome. I thought (Colin) did pretty well. He's into country music and Pearl Jam. He's a (sensory) seeker. There are kids with autism who are the opposite. If there's more events like this, it really helps. The pressure is taken off."

If overwhelmed, children could retreat into "quiet rooms" set up with lower lighting and puzzles to engage them.

"It all depends on the student. Some like the Zen-like music but others like loud music, drums and the vibration," said Caiti Druger, EHS assistant principal of student services and special education administrator. "This is for them to be who they are. They don't have to be quiet here."

Having a sensory-friendly musical experience for students with autism and cognitive and intellectual disabilities might be a first step toward creating an inclusive music program for all students at Elgin High, Druger said.

She added, another such concert will be planned in the spring.

‘Radically inclusive’ equity goals

U-46 plan aims to close achievement gaps, diversify workforce, promote cultural awareness

BY MADHU KRISHNAMURTHY
For Reflejos

Closing achievement gaps.
Diversifying teaching and administrative staff.

Promoting cultural awareness.
These are among the goals of Elgin Area School District U-46's new five-year Equity Plan—envisioned by former U-46 administrator Ron Raglin, who died in August.

Raglin championed social equity policies helping U-46 establish its mission of including and valuing all students, especially those who historically had been marginalized.

“Ron welcomed participation from everyone in his equity work. He liked to use the phrase ‘radically inclusive’ to describe his approach to recruiting team members across the district,” said Brian Lindholm, U-46 coordinator of strategic initiatives. “The best way to honor him is to continue the important work that he started.”

The district established an equity committee in September 2018 to research and craft a plan. Among its pillars and goals are:

- Student achievement: Close opportunity gaps for all student subgroups to ensure equitable access to academic systems and programs.

- Effective and engaged staff: Value, develop, recruit and retain a forward-thinking, highly qualified and diverse workforce.

- Community engagement: Ensure welcoming, safe, inclusive and equitable school environments.

- Excellence, efficiency, accountability: Communicate how funds are allocated to



PHOTO: BRIAN HILL

SEVENTH GRADE gifted class teacher Amy Kelly works with her students at Kimball Middle School in Elgin. Elgin Area School District U-46's new equity plan aims to close achievement gaps, including remedying underrepresentation of students from diverse backgrounds in programs, such as gifted, honors, academies and Advanced Placement courses.

ensure equitable access for all students.

“We believe one of the ways that we close the opportunity gap is to ensure that all curriculum and instruction materials reflect the unique cultural and linguistic diversity of our student population,” Lindholm said.

Officials said culturally proficient teach-

ers, administrators and support staff are needed to meet the needs of all students and their families.

Of U-46's 38,395 students, nearly 55% are Hispanic, 26% white, 8% Asian, and 6% African American. A majority of its schools serve significant Spanish-speak-

ing student populations, while groups of students who speak Gujarati, Lao, Polish and Urdu are served at Liberty Elementary School in Bartlett.

Nearly 61% of U-46 students come from low-income families, 34% are English language learners, and 15% are on individualized education programs.

Providing equitable funding based on students' needs eliminates barriers to success in academics, athletics and extracurricular programs, Lindholm said.

In addition to providing students access to high quality and culturally relevant instructional curriculum and educational resources, officials said they seek to remedy any practices that lead to overrepresentation of students from diverse backgrounds in special education and student discipline, and underrepresentation in programs, such as gifted, honors, academies and Advanced Placement courses.

Establishing a culturally proficient workforce includes providing training to strengthen employees' knowledge and skills in eliminating disparities in achievement based on race and ethnicity, said Suzanne Johnson, U-46 deputy superintendent of instruction.

U-46 will maintain an equity task force to help meet these goals, develop action plans of accountability and measurable outcomes, and conduct a yearly equity audit of the district, its schools and programs to ensure progress is being made.

Audit findings will be published in an annual equity report card, officials said.

Fox Deportes celebra los 100 años de la NFL y su transmisión exclusiva del Super Bowl en vivo desde Miami

Todos los fanáticos del Super Bowl podrán ver su transmisión exclusiva en español por FOX Deportes en febrero 2020.

LOS ÁNGELES - Comienza la cuenta regresiva de los 100 días que faltan para el Super Bowl y esta temporada se une al equipo de FOX Deportes NFL el veterano narrador Adrián García Márquez, uno de los narradores más exitosos en la televisión deportiva en español. Durante su ilustre carrera, García Márquez ha narrado casi todos los eventos deportivos mas importantes, incluyendo los Juegos Olímpicos, la Serie Mundial, la final de la NBA y mucho más.

García-Márquez se une al analista Rolando Cantú, quien se ganó su lugar en los libros de récords de la NFL en 2005 cuando se convirtió en el primer “non-kicker” del

sistema colegiado mexicano en jugar en la NFL cuando apareció para los Arizona Cardinals. Cantú se unió a los Cardinals después de protagonizar el Berlin Thunder en la NFL de Europa después de una exitosa carrera universitaria en México.

También estará haciendo parte del equipo el cinco veces ganador del Premio Emmy el presentador Jessi Losada, el también presentador Rodolfo Landeros, el reportero Jaime Motta y los reporteros Giselle Zarur, Alejandra Delgadillo, Ivanna Rojas y Jeanny Lizarazo.

Algunos partidos muy destacados de THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL inclu-

yen:

- Los Angeles Rams en Seattle Seahawks (Semana 5)
- Gigantes de Nueva York en New England Patriots (Semana 6)
- Kansas City Chiefs en Denver Broncos (Semana 7)
- Pittsburgh Steelers en Cleveland Browns (Semana 11)
- Dallas Cowboys en Chicago Bears (Semana 14)

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