Muslim Community Center condemns threatening letter

WENDY ELLIS

The Muslim community in Morton Grove is condemning a recent threatening letter sent anonymously to the office of Mayor Dan Scallon. It is the second such letter sent to the mayor’s office in recent months.

The first arrived in April, the second just last week. The second letter contains specific threats against 4 village officials and one village resident. Since threatening public officials is a class 4 felony, Police Chief George Incledon said the letters were sent to the FBI. The FBI says only that they are aware of the letters and they are being reviewed for whatever actions are deemed necessary.

The Village Police Department is also investigating the origin of the letters.

"We are not sure who may be behind it, but we’re taking it seriously," said Chief Incledon.

"We have no way of knowing if this is something from someone in the Muslim community or not," Incledon said the second letter is different from the first, and they are looking for a connection between the two.

The letters apparently stem from a dispute over parking problems in the neighborhood of the Muslim Education Center, 8601 Menard, during Friday afternoon prayer services. In recent years attendance at the school’s prayer services has increased substantially, and those attending are forced to park on the school’s green space and on neighboring streets. The Morton Grove Association, LLC, is a group of nearby homeowners who filed suit in federal court two weeks ago accusing village officials of failing to enforce the parking codes in the area, allowing overcrowded and unsafe conditions to continue. The suit also mentions the MEC and the Muslim Community Center, its parent organization, saying they hold prayer services without proper permits.

"Violence is not promoted. We do not promote violence." said Nadir Quadri. The Village Board of Trustees say the Mosque building plans are too big for the acreage at the site, which also includes a village owned right of way the village does not want to vacate.

Pat Kansoer, who is mentioned in the second letter, and who acts as spokesman for the neighborhood group, and the group’s attorney Douglas Cannon, held a news conference outside the Morton Elementary School Thursday afternoon, calling on the Muslim Community to denounce the threat of violence contained in the letter.

"It encourages ill will among people of goodwill," said Cannon. "We’re not intimidated, not the least bit threatened, but we are concerned. This does nothing but inflame."

MCC President Mohammed Kaiseruddin spoke with Kansoer by phone over the weekend and assured him the Muslim Community is sickened by the threat of violence. "We share in his anxiety and we are praying for his safety," said Kaiseruddin.

School Principal Habeel Quadri said he was shocked to see the news conference across the street just as the children were leaving school. "I don’t know what they’re trying to do," saidQuadri. "We teach our children the neighbors are good. Our kids are good. It’s just the Morton Grove Organization that’s confusing." Quadri said using threats against the neighbors is not something that’s ever been discussed.

"I doubt that it was somebody from our congregation. We are trying to get a mosque built. That would hurt our progress," Quadri said the school itself has had vandalism. Concrete was thrown through the windows, and 2 weeks ago two crucifixes were found stuck in the ground on school property. Quadri said they informed the police of the incident only after deciding that the wooden crosses were not just toy swords made for play.

"We are not intimidated," Quadri said. "We share in the peace that we go to the mosque to get." Quadri said the neighbors are good. Our kids are good. Our children the neighbors are good. Our kids are good. It’s just the Morton Grove Organization that’s confusing.

The defendants in the federal lawsuit filed by the Morton Grove Association were officially served with copies of the suit just last Friday. All parties now have 20 days to file a response to the suit. MCC attorney John Mauck said he and his clients do not believe they should even be a part of the lawsuit.

"We’re not sure whether this case even belongs in Federal Court," said Mauck. "Certainly as regards the MCC."
Winners of Italian American Society scholarships take separate paths

Allegra Kaleta

The two winners of Northwest Italian American Society scholarships came from different backgrounds but both are headed for success.

Nore Dana High School’s Joseph Michael Pauly of Skokie said the path sport and academics combined with community service has been a rewarding one.

At Maine East High and Niles West, he has been a Starting defensive end and all conference defensive player.

Lengthy recoveries, 13 pass break-ups, 3 fumbles recovered, and has been featured in Varsity Speed Magazine for his 4.01. He has participated in independent music projects.

Priolo took his show on the road participating at Magic Kingdom and narrating Maine Events at Disney World in Orlando. He also has performed at Temple University, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Illinois State University.

He is also winner of the Lewis Armstrong Jazz award for 2002 for top percussion performance.

Pauly passed away on his 18th birthday, 2003.

Benny Priolo, left, and Joseph Michael Pauly congratulated each other after being awarded 500 scholarships from the Northwest Italian American Society in Niles on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

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John Minelli promotes fund-raiser

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Despite the battle of science at Mount St. Joseph's Academy, John Minelli still finds time to support worthy causes. The one closest to his heart is the Mount St. Joseph Association, a residential home for developmentally disabled adults in Lake Zurich, which he's been involved with for years.

The home for developmentally disabled adults is holding its annual Astoria Lemon Benefit Auction on Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Alle Vila Banquet Hall, 430 N. Addison, in Addison, Ill. This year the organization hopes to raise $40,000 to help buy the home's air conditioning and a ventilation system for the home's activity center.

Tickets to the Luncheon will also be sold at the auction. Admission for the building has been removed, which was necessary before the demolition could begin.

The Mount St. Joseph Association is raising money to replace the roof of the building. The roof was made for a building that was designed for an annual Astoria Lemon Benefit Auction.

Niles Park District narrows finalists for Moscow Nights site

TRACY YOSHIDA

Demolition of the Moscow Nights property on Mount Avenue in Niles indicates that the multi-purpose renovation was expected to begin sometime in the fall. Asbestos in the building has been removed, which was necessary before the demolition could begin.

The Niles Park District Board recently received eight architecturally based proposals and has narrowed the eight original proposals down to four finalists. The finalists are Green Associates, Inc. of Des Plaines, Jones Roofing & Building Inc. of Niles, and Williams Architects of Carol Stream.

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In May the Niles Park District Board decided to proceed with making improvements to the facility. The park district site plans to repair tennis courts at the Greater Heights and Oak Park. The work is expected to begin in the fall and is expected to be completed in the spring.

With summer gone, municipalities prepare for fall leaves

RYAN BISHOP

The warm temperatures of the summer hours have now passed by. With the leaves changing color and falling, this means it will soon be time to grab those rakes and fill those leaf bags, or for others who choose to rake them along side the curb. Morton Grove will begin its bulk leaf pickup program in the middle of October and run through the first week of December. The last date for leaf pickup will be December 3.

Morton Grove Village Superintendent of Streets Clyde Nickerson asks that the leaves not be raked out on the street the day before leaf pickup. He also asks that leaves not be raked out on the street. The leaves can be raked out on the same day.

For residents in the village of Morton Grove leaf pickup will begin Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. Residents on the north side of Morton Grove will have pickup every other Monday beginning in the first Monday of each month. Pickup will continue throughout the week ending Nov. 15. According to Public Works Service Department Director Nickerson, residents living on the west side of Milwaukee Ave. can expect pickup in the last Monday of the week. The leaf program will run from Oct. 13-Nov. 19. The same times apply for the west side.

Nickerson asks that the leaves be raked out over the curb and no bags will be taken.
**POLICE BLOTTER**

**MORTON GROVE**

- **D**o - Purse stolen while pumping gas
- **M**orton Grove police could not find Landini of 621 N. Lincoln Ave. in him, police said.
- **W**itness against Landini: Gas station convenience leads in battery arrest (6300 Dempster)
- **R** REPerty stolen (9000 Waukegan)
- **V**isit also said police also issued an arrest warrant for the same social security number as the alleged thief also faxed a copy of his license with the same social security number.

**NILES**

- **T**ealth (7306 Melvina)
- **A** demonstration hip implant saw been approved by the village board of trustees. The man was arrested for 41-year-old man who was arrested for the 6300 block of Dempster.
- **R**evenue, a woman claims the man rushed her with an open hand.

**Ralph Czerwinski named new village administrator**

WENDY ELLIS

- **R**alph Czerwinski can now drop the Prov. Tim from his title as Morton Grove Village Administrator. The Village Board of Trustees offered the job permanently to Czerwinski. The Board held its regular meeting on Sept. 22, and he accepted. Czerwinski has been acting village administrator since June. Following the departure of former administrator Larry Rettig, the acceptance of the full administrator's position means Czerwinski will go up as the post of Village Fire Chief, which he had held for the past 1.5 years. The Board appointed Thomas Fish a 19-year veteran of the fire department to the post of acting Fire Chief until the permanent chief is named. Fish is one of the department's captains. Czerwinski will do double time for the time being.

- The new administrator sets up a diverse effect in the department. A new fuel price is on the bills, and he is trained on the new firehouse. The new position will be prompted to transpose, and once he is trained on the house, the new division chief will be named to replace whoever moves up the job of Chief. That should happen sometime in December or January, according to police. The new chief will be responsible for the training at the station.

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Board approves .25 percent tax increase

WENDY ELLIS

- A .25 percent increase in the property tax rate has been approved by the village board of trustees. The village tax rate for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, which begins July 1, will be 5.85 percent. A .25 percent increase is expected to bring an additional $450,000 into city coffers. The increase also means that a verbal exchange did occur. According to police, the dispute that a personal chief is named. First is one of the department's captains. Czerwinski will do double time for the time being.

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Bugle publisher joins Lions

Richard Masterson, the Bugle's publisher was recently inducted into the Niles Lions Club. Pictured above, the Lions Club Board at the induction ceremony. From left, Angelo "Ginger" Troiani, Dennis Burns, David Hoppe, Norbert Johnson, and Walter Holden. Pictured below from left is Angelo Troiani, Richard Masterson, and Norbert Johnson.
Robin Elliott presents Pashmee for the Spotlight today, Thursday, September 23, at 2:00 p.m. This is an invitation for this illustrated talk about designing gowns for numerous winners of the Miss America Pageant, including Miss America 1999. The program includes aqum ministers and history of the profession. It will be in the Social Room, and refreshments will be served.

Morton Grove's next Town Hall Meeting, Oct. 1
WENDY ELLIS

The village of Morton Grove has scheduled its next Town Hall meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Village Hall, 2930 Dempster Street, Morton Grove. The meeting is open to the public and will provide an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts and concerns on various issues facing the community.

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Niles West Tennis maintains strong record

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Niles West faces Maine East, from pg. 15

At right, Niles West's No. 35 Walter Mendenhall takes off for a first down in the first half against Maine East, Friday night, Sept. 19, at Niles West. Above, Maine East's No. 21 Ray Reyes looks for running room against No. 61 of Niles West in the second quarter.

Park Ridge
couple jailed after clumsy bribe attempt

A Park Ridge couple who tried to circumvent zoning laws in order to turn their Park Ridge home into an apartment building were arrested Tuesday, September 17, for offering a Park Ridge zoning official a $100,000 bribe.

Prosecutors said the couple originally gave the bribe on an answering machine Monday at the zoning office and that later that day they came into the office in person.

Zoning officer Tom Hall called police and later agreed to wear a wire when he met with the couple.

The couple offered $5,000 to start the process and another $15,000 later.

After money exchanged hands police made the arrest.

Dawn Wilson, 32, and Wayne Wilson, 36, of the 500 block of N. Northwest Hwy. were released on bond and face up to 7 years in prison if convicted.

Maine South Celebrates Homecoming

Maine South cheerleaders ride in the 2003 homecoming parade, Saturday morning, Sept. 20.
Two escape serious injury at Touhy and River

Below, the driver of a car that rolled over after being involved in an accident at the intersection of Touhy and Des Plaines River Road Friday night, Sept. 12 is comforted by a family member. The driver and a passenger are confronted by police. Injured persons were treated at the scene.
MIKE SANDORO

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from the Bugle

The first board of directors of the Morton Grove Woman's Club was led by Mrs. James Ophthal (standing L to R) as president. Other board members included (L to R) Mrs. Charles Fox, Mrs. John Benan, Mrs. Roland Digig, Mrs. Anthony Vagand, Mrs. Robert Thompson. Standing (L to R) are Mrs. John Shea, Mrs. Harry Grinto, Mrs. Robert Porter, Mrs. Anthony Edelstein, Mrs. Marjorie McCue, Mrs. Philip Unger, Mrs. Julie Fuhr, and Mrs. Arthur Loutzetti.

The Bugle

Thursday, September 25, 2003

WENDY ELLEN

The next time you walk past the artwork outside the Morton Grove Center in Morton Grove take a moment to step inside the exhibits of four athletic figures that stand inside the front entrance. This sculpture is tangible evidence of the many good deeds done by the Morton Grove Woman's Club over the past 50 years.

"I don't think there's anything in Morton Grove that people are saying, that we haven't touched," said past president Margaret McCue and current publicity chairman. As volunteer organizations struggle to stay alive all across the country, Morton Grove Woman's Club appre- ciate the friends and support of their members as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

The Morton Grove Woman's Club was formed in 1953 and accepted into the GFWC Illis of Women's Clubs 11 days later. There was no shortage of members. "Women stayed here in Morton Grove and knew to raise their families and help their communities," said Lyman. "And they also wanted to get together." When Lyman first joined everyone was "hot and white gloves," said Lyman, who remembers sitting on a bench with a friend when her children were very small.

"But brother's planner that got the thing started," said Lyman. "And they could come from Morton Grove all the boys would come diving, because they knew what was in those houses," said Lyman.

Club records now show that the group sent over 20,000 lbs of goodies to Vietnam during a five year period.

When the Woman's Club raises money, it gives everything away. Last year the club raised $9,000 and gave it away in gifts to brain research, a women's shelter, sick children's families. Veteran's Affairs, Illinois A.B.T.B and two or three dozen other worthy causes.

The Morton Grove Woman's Club has enjoyed bowling nights, literature nights, and many other off- shoot projects. But it has always given rise to long lasting friendships.

"There is a sense of camaraderie for all the things we've done," said Lyman. "And sometimes you would send a box down to Vietnam and come diving, because they knew what was in those houses," said Lyman.

A Gay Nineties Revivial was the theme for the 1954 Club memories and artifacts on display at its next few months. At last Monday night's village board meeting, Mayor Thompson awarded the club a certificate and declared October 7, 2003 as "Morton Grove Woman's Club Day." That's the day the city will throw its gala anniversary party and annual philanthro- py banquet at Morton's Banquet Hall in Des Plaines. That's the day Morton Grove Woman's Club begins its next 50 years.

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The Staff is Wishing Everyone A Happy New Year

HAPPY NEW YEAR! from the Bugle

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The Club has given rise to long lasting friendships. "There is a sense of camaraderie for all the things we've done," said Lyman. "And sometimes you would send a box down to Vietnam and come diving, because they knew what was in those houses," said Lyman.

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Morton Grove Woman's Club

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2003 as "Morton Grove Woman's Club Day." That's the day the city will throw its gala anniversary party and annual philanthro- py banquet at Morton's Banquet Hall in Des Plaines. That's the day Morton Grove Woman's Club begins its next 50 years.
Petruchio, who is man enough to "mon..."

...are women and the Hell’s Angels out..."

...perfect, from the hats and suits of...

...evoke “La Dolce Vita.” The sets of sce...

...paparazzi surround the characters, ...

...of the early 1960s. Visually, ...

...The Taming of the Shrew" is outdated,

...in Padua to life. Speaking of...

...log, costumes, supporting players,

...try to answer all reader ques-

...is an actor past his...

...is in a movie. That’s not to say Lost...

...keeps asking Murray to drink...

...with "more intensity." She never lets the obvious hap-

...director Sofia Coppola is shaping...

...the finest Blue...