Federal Judge dismisses some charges against MCC

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Two allegations of federal civil rights violations against the Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Morton Grove have been dismissed by a federal judge in Chicago, but several more charges claiming violations under the State Constitution remain intact. The charges stem from a lawsuit filed against the MCC and the Village of Morton Grove by a group of neighborhood residents who feel their constitutional rights have been violated by activities at the MCC.

In his ruling, Federal Judge Paul Plunkett said it is the village’s failure to enforce village zoning and permit laws around the Muslim Education Center, 8601 Menard that may have violated the neighborhood’s civil rights and not the MCC’s action themselves. The ruling also states that the suit does not prove that the MCC was working as a government agency or in conjunction with a government agency, in an effort to violate those rights.

In throwing out the two federal counts against the MCC, however, the judge let stand allegations of civil rights violations under the State Constitution.

Although the federal charges against the MCC have been removed, the federal charges against the Village of Morton Grove still stand. Village Attorneys were to argue their case for dismissal of the suit in court this week. If the judge should choose to dismiss the federal charges against the Village, then the state charges against both the village and the MCC would also be dismissed.

Pat Kansoer, spokesman for the neighborhood organization, feels that is unlikely. "This was the toughest hurdle," said Kansoer. "If the MCC was not removed from the suit, the village does not have a good defense."

MCC Attorney John Mauck says his clients will wait to see what ruling the judge makes regarding the federal charges against the Village before taking any further action.

Free Tickets still available for ‘A Christmas Story’

Tickets for The Bugle’s free movie, "A Christmas Story," are available at Minelli Brothers, 7780 Milwaukee, Niles, and The Bugle office, 7400 N. Waukegan, Niles. The show will be held at the historic Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect in Park Ridge on Monday, Dec. 15.

"This show is our gift to the community," said Rich Masterson, publisher. "Our way of saying, happy holidays." A Christmas Story is set in the 1940s. The only thing little Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) wants for Christmas is a Daisy Brand Red Ryder BB rifle. Unfortunately, his mother (Melinda Dillon) says only, "You’ll shoot your eye out!"

For more information, contact Andrew Schneider at (847) 588-1900 ext. 128.

Irene Bauer looks over her wreath at the Morton Grove Senior Center wreath making class, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4. Volunteers met to learn wreath making from Dina Anastos. For more photos, see page 5B of our Senior Living pull-out section.

Wolves slam-dunk Vikings

Niles West guard Jackey Hunt #24 drives the baseline against Niles North’s Kirill Shlepakou #24 in the first half. The Wolves dominated the game. See story, page 18.

Quite a catch

A football autographed by Hall of Fame lineman Dan Hampton are lined up on a counter at the Niles Fitness Center, Saturday night, Dec. 6. An open house was held for the holidays. For the story, see page 3.

Wrapped In History

Constantine Dislos, left, and Eric Rodriguez were among a dozen in attendance during the "hands on" part of a program on Potawatamie Indians put on by the Morton Grove Historical Museum. For the story, turn to page 25.
St. John Brebeuf students have GREAT graduation

Students at St. John Brebeuf marked the culmination of a ten-week gang and drug awareness program last week with a graduation ceremony. Wednesday, Dec. 1, was the last day of Gang Resistant Education And Training (GREAT) for the seventh-graders at the Niles school. The program was given by Cook County Sheriff's Department.

The program was a graduation of sorts as well as recognition for the students and their families who have so successfully completed it, said Officer Alan Martinez, the representative from the Sheriff’s Department.

The GREAT program’s aim is to help children make life choices with them to adulthood, stressing high self-esteem, personal control, the dangers of drug abuse and the problems that go with it. If successful, Officer Martinez said, “It helps the children succeed in life goals.”

One of the major teaching techniques of the program is showing the students the dangers of falling into illegal and criminal acts. To that end, the children visited the Cook County Sheriff’s Boot Camp, a working program for inmates consisting of intensive military training and an eight-month supervised post-release program.

For starters, you’ll need to know what you originally paid for the stock. Then you’ll have to determine the fair market value of the stock at the date of the gift. Recipients will need this information to determine gains or losses and when they may sell the stock you’ve given them.

Giving stocks isn’t much more difficult than giving cash, but you do need to do a little number crunching.
Morton Grove residents oppose increased garbage costs

By Wendy Ellis
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The high cost of garbage pickup on a bi-weekly basis is a major concern expressed at the Morton Grove Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center. About 30 residents, many of them seniors, questioned the Morton Grove village board members and city administrators about the new garbage contract being negotiated with Groot, Inc. Until now, residents of Morton Grove have paid for garbage pickup through their village property taxes, which make up 50 percent of the village’s budget. Among the others being considered are a one percent food and beverage tax, a sewer rate of 75 cents per 1,000 gallons, and a water and sewer rate of 50 cents per 1,000 gallons. The village board was expected to approve the new taxes at its Dec. 8 board meeting, and to authorize the negotiation of a new garbage contract with Groot for the coming year.

Seventy-nine year old Pauline Weber, a 40-year resident of Morton Grove asks city officials about how she can move a 65 gallon garbage container at the Morton Grove Town Hall meeting, Wednesday night, Dec. 2.

"I don’t want that big can. I’ll be 80 years old soon and there’s no way I could lift that can." Pauline Weber, Morton Grove resident

She would never fill up the smaller of the two containers in a month’s time and didn’t feel she should have to pay the same amount as someone who puts out more cans of garbage each week. "I don’t think that fair," said Weber. "I’m on a fixed income, most people I think that should be taken into consideration."

Evelyn Schurfenberg said the village was not putting out the smaller of the two garbage containers, which makes their village property taxes deductible. For garbage pickup through the Morton Grove village senior citizens, questioned residents, many of them Civic Center.

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The larger of the two is 750 gallons, the other 32 gallons. The village is considering a 6 percent food and beverage tax, a sewer rate of 75 cents per 1,000 gallons. The village board was expected to approve the new taxes at its Dec. 8 board meeting, and to authorize the negotiation of a new garbage contract with Groot for the coming year.

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COMMUNITY

PARKS

Thursday, December 11
1:30 Morton Grove Park District Administration and Finance Committee meeting

PARK RIDE

Thursday, December 11
1:30 Morton Grove Park District Board meeting (Public Hearing)

Thursday, December 14
3 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Board meeting

Meetings of governmental bodies are held at the following locations:
- Village of Morton Grove
- Morton Grove Village Hall
- Morton Grove Library
- Morton Grove Courthouse
- Morton Grove Police Department
- Morton Grove Fire Department
- Morton Grove Park District

If you would like to get more information about the meetings or to access the agenda, please visit the Village of Morton Grove website or contact the Village Hall at 708-255-2500.

Lori Knouse named new Parks Superintendent of Recreation

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new Parks Superintendent of Recreation has been named to continue the success of the Park Ridge Park District. Lori Knouse will begin her duties on January 1, 2004. She will bring a wealth of experience in the field of recreation to the Park Ridge Park District. Lori Knouse has served in various positions within the district, including as the Assistant Parks Superintendent for the past two years. She has an undergraduate degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies from Northern Illinois University and a graduate degree in Business Administration from The University of Illinois at Chicago. Lori Knouse has been with the Park District for seven years and has been involved in the development and implementation of many new programs and services. Her leadership style is characterized by a commitment to excellence and a focus on providing high-quality services to the community. Lori Knouse is a dedicated professional who is dedicated to serving the needs of the community and ensuring that all residents have access to the best recreation opportunities possible. She is excited about the opportunity to continue the tradition of excellence in recreation programming that has been established under the leadership of the previous Parks Superintendent.

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Cash Converters: Something for everyone

BY PATRICK FERELL

It's an old saxophone sitting in the closet! Want a new PlayStation? But don't want to shell out the $200? Well, make some old CDs/DVD titles in the new ones to grace your home video collection! Cash Converters may be just the answer.

"We're kind of what Pay It Again Sports does for sporting goods," Cash Converters owner Rainer Hanson said. "Edward did a video game store in video games. Computer Renaissance did it with computer goods. We do the same thing just under one roof!"

Cash Converters, 9106 Golf Rd., Niles, is one of those stores in the Chicagoland area and one of just 20 in the country. The chain originated in Australia. The Niles store has been open for about five years, with Hanson and his wife, Susan, serving as co-owners for the past four years.

"I really didn't believe the concept could work until I saw that it wasn't just a thing in the closet," Hanson said. "It actually read, 'She deserves a day at Teddies...and so does he.' Teddie's Gift Certificate is Back!"

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The Bugle runs business profiles to highlight those businesses that support the publication.

Business Calendar

Thursday December 11

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host a "Business After Hours" event from 5-7 p.m. at the Morton Grove Sports Bar & Grill, 9601 Washington Rd., Morton Grove, Club No. 8. Preregistration is encouraged. admission is $10 per person. For information on this event, contact Marie Hagman at (708) 875-8232.

Wednesday, January 7

The Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Business Networking Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1300 Lake Ave. The event will be held at the Park Ridge Country Club, 350 Rohlwing Rd. Park Ridge. For information on this event, contact Marie Hagman at (708) 875-8232.

The Bugle reserves the right to edit any submissions.

Does your business have an event coming up that you'd like to see featured on our business calendar?

E-mail your events to: bugle@newspapers.com or fax to (708) 308-8113.

Even listed in the "Business Calendar" are community programs that promote health and wellness in the Chicagoland area.

Wednesday, December 11, 2003
Restaurant Guide
Enjoy Christmas Dinner At Your Favorite Restaurant

Niles Senior News
THE NILES SENIOR CENTER WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

DECEMBER REGISTRATION
In-person registration begins 8:30 a.m., Monday, December 8th, 2003. Use the registration form in the December Program Guide or pick up forms at the Center. Cash, check or credit card accepted during in-person registration. Special accommodations needed? Call 847-642-8430 for more info including questions on ticket availability & class packages available.

ACTIVITIES
Book Discussion - Friday, January 2nd, 10:00 am

Happy Holidays
From The Bugle

Morton Grove Senior News
December 8, 2003
CHRISTMAS WREATHS
The Morton Grove Senior Center is holding a wreath sale to benefit the acquisition of a new piano fund for the Center. The sale will begin on Thursday, December 10th, 2003. Individuals who would like to find that extra gift for the holiday season may order by calling the Morton Grove Senior Center.

EXERCISES FOR THE BRAIN
Arden Courts and the Morton Grove Senior Center will be offering "Exercises for the Brain" by Finn Fankin of the Alzheimer’s Association. Call 847-626-2000 (Niles North) and 847-626-2500 (Niles West) for more information.

CROCHET WORKSHOP
Join this fun Crochet Workshop from 9:30 to 11:30, call 588-8420 to register. This is a 6-week course. (Pre-requisite to Intro to Crocheting.)

Wine Compliments
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Have you met Merlin yet?
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Niles West Hallidays
REGISTRATION
Dec. 5, to register in-person today at the Morton Grove Senior Center Reception Desk.

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WINE TASTING
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Smaller events! Call 289-7733 to register.
Morton Grove

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2004 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Morton Grove Senior Center members can begin renewing their membership fee for 2004 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon starting Monday, Dec. 22 at the Senior Center. Membership rates will not change but membership benefits will be enhanced to include a 15% discount on all trips and classes to be offered by the Senior Center and three issues of the Traveler's Times newsletter, to go along with senior rate bus rides, six issues of the Seniors in Morton Grove newsletter, Senior Center computer usage, diabetes screenings, photo id card and the annual Members-only social.

DIABETES SCREENING
Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed because they are unaware of the signs and symptoms. Some of the warning signs are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. Diabetes screening is offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Screening is free for Senior Center members and $1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

CHICAGO'S CHINATOWN
The Morton Grove Senior Center senior travelers will tour Chicago's Chinatown on Tuesday, Feb. 3. They will visit the Pui Tuck Temple, shop in Chinatown's stores, have lunch at the Mandarin, visit the beautiful Chinese Christian Union Church and visit the Golden Dragon Cookie Factory. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 8:45 a.m. and return at approximately 3:15 p.m. The cost is $52 for members and $54 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center before Jan. 30 for NI9 7-9 a.m. or call the Morton Grove Senior Center Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

The Gift: When the Cows Go Marching!
This unique show tells the story of a feud between two families and celebrates the love that will not be broken. The show dates are Thursday, March 4 and there are only 20 tickets available. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 9:45 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. The fee is $53 for members and $55 for non-members. TAX COUNSELING FOR THE ELDERLY
The Revenue Act of 1978 authorized a special program of tax counseling aimed at taxpayers age 60 years and older. This Act also authorizes the IRS to enter into cooperative agreements with private or public non-profit agencies or organizations to establish a network of trained volunteers who will provide free tax information and return preparation for an older taxpayer. The volunteers will be trained and tested by the IRS, and will receive preferential access to the free phone assistance system. In addition, volunteers in the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in training or while providing counseling and assistance.

In Morton Grove, the American Association of Retired Persons helps organize volunteers who want to assist others with their income tax preparations. Volunteers receive on-the-spot satisfactions of helping others. Volunteers qualify if they can meet and deal with a variety of people, have experience or can learn about preparing income taxes, can spend a few hours a week serving others, take pride in complete and accurate work, are willing to complete the IRS training program, and are over 60 years old. Please register in person at the Senior Center before Jan. 30 for NI9 7-9 a.m. or call the Morton Grove Senior Center Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

The show dates are Thursday, March 4 and there are only 20 tickets available. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 9:45 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. The cost is $55 for members and $57 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center before Jan. 30 for NI9 7-9 a.m. or call the Morton Grove Senior Center Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

WHEN IRISH COWS ARE SMILING
This audience participation comedy (cow) pulls at those other audience participation shows. This "Last Roundup in the Sky" sparks the audience to sing along to Irish favorites, deliver "hilarious" eulogies as if this famous Chicago cow was a good friend, and march out to "unusual" dance of When the Cows Go Marching! A true Irish wedding just in time for St. Patty's Day on Tuesday, March 16. This unique show pays homage to Chicago's own feeling... er, cow, that is... and celebrates the life that rises from the ashes at this 130-year old myth is debunked!

Register at the Senior Center before Jan. 30 for this creative production at the Milk Pail Theatre in East Dundee. Our bus will depart from the Senior Center at 9:45 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. The fee is $53 for members and $55 for non-members.

Look For Contract Bridge in Our Senior Pull-Out.
Maine Township Senior Announcements

Maine Township seniors' programs—MaineCare—offers older adults a variety of programs each month. Membership is free. To register as a member, please contact the Adult and Senior Department of Maine Township at 847-297-2518 weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. These are samples of upcoming winter programs. Registration is accepted by mail only and must be accompanied by separate checks for each program. All activities and programs are held at the Middle School's Town Hall, 1700 Red Oak Road, unless otherwise indicated.

Social Games Days

grams that include day hips, men residents 55 or older can partici-

Reminder: all Maine Township social games are free. For more information or to arrange a tour, call 847-797-2045.

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Trimming the trees at Forest Villa

(left) Marketing Associate Amy Gabier arranges bow on the Philippine tree.

(right) Angel ornament graces on the Angel tree on the first floor of Forest Villa.

(above) Chile peppers and miniature sombreros act as ornaments on the Mexican tree.

Holiday cheer begins with wreath-making

(left) Instructor Dina Anastos shows the class what the finished product should look like at a wreath making class at the Morton Grove Senior Center, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4 (Photo by Allen Kubes)

(right) Wreath making instructor Dina Anastos looks over a wreath during wreath making class at the Morton Grove Senior Center, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4.
much milder case.

In any event, health agencies warn that this year's flu is nothing to be taken lightly, especially by young people, the chronically ill and those over 65. So, if you've been bitten, if you've been bitten now, if you've been bitten before, if you've been bitten this year, if you've been bitten this year and you are young, this year's flu is not something you do or as soon as possible.

On Another Note: Pay close attention to what Congress plans to do about passing a prescription-drug law. There's at least one version currently under consideration that often seniors more "choice" in getting coverage. This sounds great. Why not have more say in the type of plan you'd like? However, if this measure passes pretty much as is now written, it could undermine some of the important provisions of Medicare. Expect heated debates on this after the holidays.

Also, the government plans to expand operations to shut down prescription-drug companies looking to mint some more than the same companies that sell their drugs to Canadians or a lower price than Americans have to pay.

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GIPPSOLLERS want to be seen in the public. This is to support passage of a prescription-drug plan. It's important that the government plans to reduce costs of prescription drugs, especially for seniors. This is a good time to consider what you like. Can I have more say in the type of plan you'd like? However, if this measure passes pretty much as is now written, it could undermine some of the important provisions of Medicare. Expect heated debates on this after the holidays.

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VETERANS POST

By Freddy Groves

California Sen. Diane Feinstein wants a wider investigation into the use of the anti-malaria drug Lariam, given to many of our troops in Iraq, and its possible mental and physical side effects.

She says, among other things, Lariam-linked complaints by military personnel who had served in Iraq and are now really felt well after taking it. She also noted reports that the drug may be connected to a number of suicides and could have a connection to the deaths of several women on a military base who were killed by their husbands, who had used it in Iraq.

The senator has written to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld describing the growing concerns about Lariam's side effects by civilians, service members and medical authorities, and urged the Pentagon to improve its current policy on Lariam use while more tests are done. She also asked that in the mean- time, the medical should immediately provide service members with information about Lariam's potential side effects.

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Niles West passes defeat to North

Niles West 59, Niles North 25
BY RYAN BISHOP

The battle for basketball superiority between rivals Niles West Wolves and Niles North Vikings turned into a one-sided affair Saturday night. The visitors on the North side were looking to hand the Wolves their first loss of the season, but were no match for the highly ranked Wolves, falling 59-25.

The Wolves started strong for the first three minutes of the game as North’s Collin Yeung drained a lay-up attempt by Jimmy Kane on the opening possession. After that, it was all Wolves all night.

West Coach Dave Genis employed a full-court pressure defense to keep the Vikings from scoring in the first quarter.

The Wolves, led by senior guard Jarry Loyd, had a commanding 16-5 lead with 2:10 seconds to go in the first quarter. Odzic was 3-5 from the line with three three-pointers.

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The Vikings' inability to score in the first quarter continued throughout the game, as the Wolves kept their lead by forcing turnovers and dominating the paint. Senior forward gave the Wolves a commanding 16-5 lead with 2:10 seconds to go in the first quarter.

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The Maine South Hawks: A Season in Retrospect

BY RYAN BISHOP

The 1995 and 2000 state champs never seen such an offensive leader Sean Price.

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Niles Fitness Center celebrates 5-year anniversary

Former Bear Dan Hampton signs footballs for attendees

BY RYAN BISHOP
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The Niles Community Fitness Center celebrated its five-year anniversary in grand fashion Saturday night. Members and non-members of Niles stepped by to check out the renovations and see the facilities for themselves.

"It's always a good idea to let the kids involved with the facility see how they've been doing," former Bear Dan Hampton said. "I'm sure they'll be more involved next year.

The Center is in the midst of a five-year membership drive.

Hall of Fame lineman Dan Hampton autographs a highlight video of the 1985 Chicago Bears season for Rich Hunt at the Niles Fitness Centers' 5th Anniversary party Saturday night Dec. 6. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

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A: Sure! I’m glad to hear that the whole family participated in choosing the new pets. During the holidays, the temptation is strong to purchase or ask for a pet that not everyone in the house is ready for.

**Guinea pigs** are social animals and can be housed in pairs (or more) as long as they are comfortable sharing their space (and a cage, if they are given one). Before the caviar come up and out of the house. (For the best fire, stack your firewood in the corner of the room, where everything is located in one easy place. However, there are

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**Now Here’s A Tip** by Jody Devos

*Every year, we host a Christmas party. To make the house more accessible, we are making guests more comfortable, we have a little room in the back to the bathroom and whichever room we are using to hold coats. I close all the other doors, then if a great time walks down the hall, they can easily figure out what door leads where. No more confused people looking for the restrooms.* — Arminia B., Lansing, Mich.

*“I have four children and six grandchildren. We have more of the family staying over at our house on Christmas. We’ve been so overcrowded. Although everyone knows where everything is located in the kitchen, it has been our usual system.*

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**DONNA DAY**

**CREATIVE FAMILY FUN**

**BY DONNA DAVISON**

**Holiday Helpers Take the Time**

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