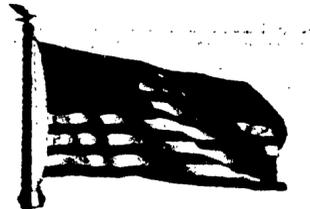


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Maine South's Colin O'Malley drives past a New Trier defender in the second half of South's defeat Friday, Jan. 21, pg. 11.

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## BankOne to take over property tax payments

Property owners in Cook County will only be able to pay their property taxes at BankOne instead of LaSalle bank. Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas announced the move this month as a cost-saving measure for taxpayers.

The contract with LaSalle ended on Jan. 15 and the new BankOne contract began the next day. Tax bills can no longer be paid at LaSalle. Pappas said that the conversion was a result of re-bidding of the collection contract, which BankOne secured by offering to perform the service for the County at a lower cost, saving the taxpayers an additional \$900,000 over LaSalle.

The switch to BankOne will provide more than 250 locations across Chicagoland, nearly twice as many as before. The change takes effect with the First Installment tax bills that will be mailed at the end of January and due Mar. 1. The option of paying at BankOne will be free and available to owners of all 1.7 million parcels of taxable real estate in Cook County.

"Our massive outreach to make this a smooth transition for property owners will

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Photo by Andrew Schneider/Bugle

### Accident Closes Dempster

Dempster was closed Monday for several hours after a Lexus drove into two power transmission poles, splintering one and snapping another. The road was closed from Lehigh to Waukegan in Morton Grove. For the story, turn to page 7.

## Attempt by Morton Grove Police to search residence turns fatal

### Two suspects in Morton Grove home invasion die, one officer wounded

One Morton Grove Police officer was wounded and two men were dead after an attempt was made by the police to search a Chicago residence Friday. Police sought two men in connection with a home

invasion that occurred in Morton Grove last Thursday.

During the home invasion, the victim, a Morton Grove resident, was pistol whipped and injured. On Friday, Morton Grove Police went to exercise a search warrant

at 2907 W. Summerdale, Chicago in cooperation with Chicago Police and the Cook County States Attorney's Office.

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Photo by Allen Kaleta/Bugle

### Through A Wintry Mix

Employee Juan Acero has his work cut out for him as he pushes 10 shopping carts through the snow covered parking lot of the Dominick's store Higgins and Cumberland Friday night Jan. 21, 2005.

NEWS

Maine Township Administrator Passes

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Maine Township Administrator Margie Bialczak passed away Sunday from an apparent heart attack. Township officials and workers were saddened by the loss of one of the township's important individuals.



Margie Bialczak to becoming Administrator in May, 2001, she was Chief Deputy Clerk

and worked with Clerk Gary K. Warner. She joined Warner's staff in 1993. "Margie was a kind-hearted, hard working person who will greatly be missed by those she worked with and those who knew her," said Warner.

Park Ridge Police warn of Lottery scam

The Park Ridge Police Department would like to warn the community about a lottery scam which a senior citizen fell victim to last August. The senior received a letter in the mail indicating she had won \$7.5 million in an international lottery.

the Sydney, Australia Sweepstakes. The victim called the listed telephone number and was told to deposit the check into her bank account. The victim was then told to withdraw the same amount of money the next day and send it, via money-gram, to an address in Costa Rica.

Second 'Night of Roses' in the works

The Niles Chamber of Commerce has begun preparations for the second annual Niles Night of Roses community recognition dinner. This event gives organizations, schools, churches and businesses a chance to honor those individuals who go above and beyond to make our community a great place to live and work.

ready and willing to lend a hand, they make things happen and motivate others to get involved. "It may be a teacher whose love for education goes far beyond their daily planner or a coach who inspires teamwork and leadership not only on the field but in life as well.

local businesses whose dedication to their job exceeds their job description and their heart goes into their work. The Chamber is currently accepting nominations for thirteen awards that will be presented at the Niles Night of Roses on April 9, 2005.

Coach of the Year Award, Fire Fighter "Hot Spot" Award, Ken Scheel Chamber Member of the Year Award, Living Legend "Lifetime Hero" Award, Niles Citizen of the Year Award, Niles Good Neighbor Award, Overcoming Adversity Award, Police Officer "Special Agent" Award, Teacher of the Year Award, Unsung Worker "Not Enough Hours in the Day"

Award, and Youth of the Year Award. In last week's edition of the Bugle, nomination forms could be found as an insert. Additional forms are available at the Chamber office at 8060 Oakton Street inside the NorthSide Community Bank and at the Bugle office 7400 North Waukegan Road.

Attempt by Krier to put OTB question on ballot fails

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

An attempt by Morton Grove Trustee Rick Krier to put the question of a proposed off-track betting (OTB) facility to the voters in April failed Monday with only Trustee Dan Staackmann supporting the proposal.

Krier produced an ordinance at Monday's village board meeting that would have added the question "should the Village of Morton Grove approve a special use permit for an off-track betting facility?" to the ballot on April 5.

An OTB is being proposed for the eastern Menards outlet, located at Lehigh and Oakton by Illinois-based Inter-Track Partners. The proposal has already been before the village's Plan Commission and could go before the village board for final approval as early as Monday, Feb. 14.

The half-hour discussion which residents in attendance called "civil," resulted in a 4-2 defeat of Krier's proposed referendum,

which was amended by Staackmann to include reference to a projected \$400,000 in tax revenue for the village that could result from the OTB.

"I'm not saying I'm for or against it," said Staackmann. "I amended it because sometimes referendum questions don't capture both the pros and cons of the issue."

Though supportive of the referendum, Staackmann said he felt Krier should have given it to the other members of the board and the village staff in advance of the meeting.

"He should confer with people," Staackmann said. "We're going to get a lot more done together than we would separately."

Krier however, said that there was no reason that the board couldn't decide at the meeting whether the referendum should be on the ballot.

"It's a simple question," he said, "should the people have a say? Yes or no?"

Krier also accused members of the village's dominant Action Party of conspiring to eliminate from the ballot the resident-initiated referendum that asked the same question.

"I heard there was a trustee who said, 'we know how to get those off the ballot,'" he said.



An off-track betting facility in Joliet, IL operated by Inter-Track Partners, the same company who wants to bring a similar facility to Morton Grove. This building is a prototype and the appearance is similar to that which has been proposed for the eastern Menards outlet on Lehigh and Oakton.

Photo courtesy village of Morton Grove

But Staackmann, the Action Party's candidate for mayor of Morton Grove, said that there were no efforts to remove the question from the ballot.

"As far as I know, they filed," he said. "But I'm not trying to

remove the question from the ballot. Why would I want to alienate those residents who signed the petitions?"

Staackmann said that, despite his support of the referendum at the board, he believed the referen-

dum was just an attempt by Krier, also running for mayor on the Caucus slate, to make headlines.

"Is this an attempt to put a question on the ballot," he asked, "or this just one big stage again to make [Krier] stand out?"

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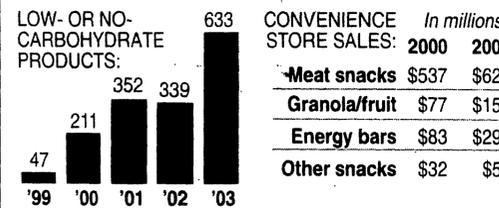
### Weighing in on carb-cutting

DIETS	Pros	Cons
<b>Low-fat, high-carb:</b> Ornish, Pritikin	■ Help eliminate excess estrogen, supply minerals for bone health, lower cholesterol	■ Lack essential fatty acids needed for reproductive health, easing depression; low protein, low vitamin-B-12 anemia

<b>High protein:</b> Atkins, Sugar Busters, The Zone	■ Help regulate blood sugar, insulin levels	■ High saturated fat intake raises risk of rheumatoid arthritis, endometriosis, uterine fibroids; high protein increases risk of mineral loss in bones; effect on cholesterol is questionable
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#### COMPARING DIETS

2,000 calories each	Caloric source	Atkins	Sugar Busters	The Zone	Pritikin	Ornish
<b>Fat</b>	59%	32%	32%	9%	7%	
<b>Protein</b>	35%	28%	28%	18%	18%	
<b>Carbs</b>	5%	40%	40%	73%	74%	
<b>Amount of</b>						
<b>Fiber</b>	4 g	24 g	18 g	41 g	49 g	
<b>Sugar</b>	8 g	68 g	67 g	113 g	101 g	
<b>Cholesterol</b>	924 mg	280 mg	264 mg	57 mg	30 mg	



CONVENIENCE STORE SALES: In millions	2000	2001
<b>Meat snacks</b>	\$537	\$625
<b>Granola/fruit</b>	\$77	\$155
<b>Energy bars</b>	\$83	\$290
<b>Other snacks</b>	\$32	\$50

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## Fitness Forum

### For fitness variety, try the FitDeck

BY DIANA ROSSETTI  
Copley News Service

When a former Navy SEAL tells you that fitness requires no more than a deck of cards and your own body weight as resistance, you have to listen.

"When you're deployed in jungles, deserts and mountains, there are no Nautilus machines or Lifecycles," said Philip A. Black, 34. "We had to rely on body weight exercises like push-ups and squat-thrusts. My deck-of-cards concept helped make the workouts interesting and mixed up the routine."

Now Black has fine-tuned the idea, calling his FitDeck the "world's cheapest exercise equipment."

In a playing deck of 50 cards, each FitDeck card displays a different exercise that is to be done for one minute. Different cards focus on different muscle groups. "Shuffle the deck and you have a completely unique workout," Black explained. "Choose 20 random cards for a 20-minute workout."

A lifetime athlete whose fitness and strength among other skills propelled him into the U.S. Navy elite forces, Black has worked as a personal trainer since leaving the service in 2000. His clients and others are among the 39.4 million Americans who

hold health-club memberships, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association. They also were among the huge numbers of consumers of expensive home exercise equipment.

"At trade shows, I've seen companies selling a football field's worth of machines to tweak every muscle group, each



one costing thousands of dollars," said Black, a native of Long Island, N.Y. "You can get the exact same results by doing crunches, dips, flutter kicks and other body weight exercises." Black praises the concept of what he calls "functional fitness."

The kernel of the FitDeck idea developed while Black was in college. Instead of wolfing down junk food during study breaks, he challenged his dormmates to a push-up contest using a deck of

playing cards to dictate the number.

They soon dubbed it PUG, short for push-up game. "People started coming from other dorms asking, 'You guys pugged yet?'" Black recalled.

The body resistance workouts he did as a Navy SEAL only reinforced his contention that exercise equipment and gym memberships are extraneous. He set about combining the fun part of a card deck, turning up the unknown, with a full-body workout. Ten cards, 10 minutes of exercise. Black said some clients keep the deck at their desk and pick one card an hour "just to get the blood flowing."

Sedentary people may commit to doing only five cards a day. "The barrier to doing something is very small. Once you do a little bit of something, you may want to move on to the next level," Black suggested.

The cards offer the same exercise at three different levels of exertion. He said some people have asked why they find their upper body may be at a different fitness level than their legs.

"They find out a lot about their bodies. Focus a little more," Black explained. "They see their relative weaknesses come into alignment down the road. And that keeps them going."

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### Foreign stocks are booming, but take note of the dangers

Investors discovered foreign stocks last year. Maybe you were in the throng rushing into these exotic investments, which previously held about as much interest for most Americans as a burnt-out porch light. Suddenly everybody seems to be excited about the potential of countries that most of us couldn't locate on a map. Americans, however, are having no problem locating a foreign stock fund.

Why the abrupt interest in countries like Austria, Norway, Greece, and a mess of emerging market countries that many would consider as shaky as a pyramid of porcelain teacups?

It's all about results. Foreign markets have been performing like they've been sampling heavily from a BALCO-stocked medicine cabinet. While the domestic stock market returned a quite respectable 12 percent in 2004, foreign stocks muscled in with a 29 percent return. Regional foreign funds fared even better. Clustered at the top of the leader board were funds invested in Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Currency bets are another reason global markets have attracted friends. In recent weeks, the dollar has fallen to an all-time low against the euro, a 12-year low against the British pound and a five-year low versus the yen. When the dollar is sinking, even a rookie foreign portfolio manager can make money with the currency return.

So are all these newbie foreign stock fans brilliant or lunheads? The best way to answer that question is by looking at people's motivations. The folks who jumped aboard the Orient Express to chase hot returns are seriously jeopardizing their portfolios. Why? If you use past performance as your investment compass, you will continually fall in love with assets that have already enjoyed a great run.

That will make for a strangely bloated

and dangerously unbalanced portfolio. People who invest based on recent performance tend to buy high and, when the inevitable disappointment sets in, sell low. Just what you don't want to do.

Some of you will remember what the talking heads were advocating in the late 1970s during a period of double-digit inflation, runaway interest rates and gas shortages. With Treasury bills outperforming U.S. stocks for the previous 15-year period, the pros suggested abandoning stocks and loading up on such things as real estate, gold and diamonds. A Business Week cover in 1979, proclaimed "The Death of Equities."

In reality, the nation was on the verge of an incredible bull market for stocks. Ten years later, the experts' advice was also exquisitely bad when they urged investors to embrace the stocks of Japanese corporations that seemed to be doing everything right, shortly before they collapsed in a terrifying tailspin during the 1990s. At the time, all this advice seemed quite rational, just as the admonition to embrace dot-com stocks seemed perfectly sensible before the tech apocalypse.

You shouldn't own or disown foreign stocks, blue chips, bonds, small-cap stocks or any other market investment based on whether the dollar is weak or strong, a Democrat or Republican occupies the White House, oil is plentiful or interest rates appear

ready to make some kind of move. All that stuff should be as relevant to your investing strategy as your opinion of Paris Hilton or whether you eat chili cheese dogs.

That said, investing in foreign stocks is an exceptional idea for the right reasons. Your motivation for embracing foreign equities should be to better diversify your overall portfolio, which should reduce your risk.

One study, published in The Journal of Investing a few years ago, highlighted this phenomenon. During the study's 26-year period, increasing foreign exposure from zero to 20 percent in an investor's portfolio reduced the likelihood of negative returns by a third. Ratcheting up a portfolio's foreign allocation to as much as 40 percent increased returns and diminished risk. Other studies have produced similar conclusions.

Just about any long-term investor should be invested in foreign funds. If you are an aggressive investor, you should think about devoting 30 percent of your portfolio's equity portion to foreign stock funds. Even conservative investors should devote at least 10 percent of their stock exposure to overseas investments.

Foreign stocks aren't all clones, which is why you need variety. Just like stocks in the United States, different parts of the foreign market behave differently. For example, while the entire foreign market returned 29 percent in

2004, the MSCI EAFE, which is heavily concentrated in large corporations, lagged behind at 20 percent.

Last year, emerging market and international small-cap value stocks shined. Ideally, you don't want to invest in just one international fund that covers the developed world. It's also smart to invest a small portion of your foreign cash into an emerging market fund and one that invests in small-cap foreign stocks.

As always, you should select mutual funds with extremely low expenses, which means you should check out index funds. One candidate, which conveniently invests in companies in the developed world and emerging markets, is Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund. Fidelity Spartan International Index Fund, which is slightly less expensive, only focuses on developed countries. The Fidelity fund requires an initial investment of \$10,000 versus \$3,000 for the Vanguard offering.

Exchange-traded funds, which are similar to index funds, are another low-cost option. By visiting [www.ishares.com](http://www.ishares.com), you can research iShares MSCI EAFE Index (stock ticker: EFA) and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index (stock ticker: EEM).

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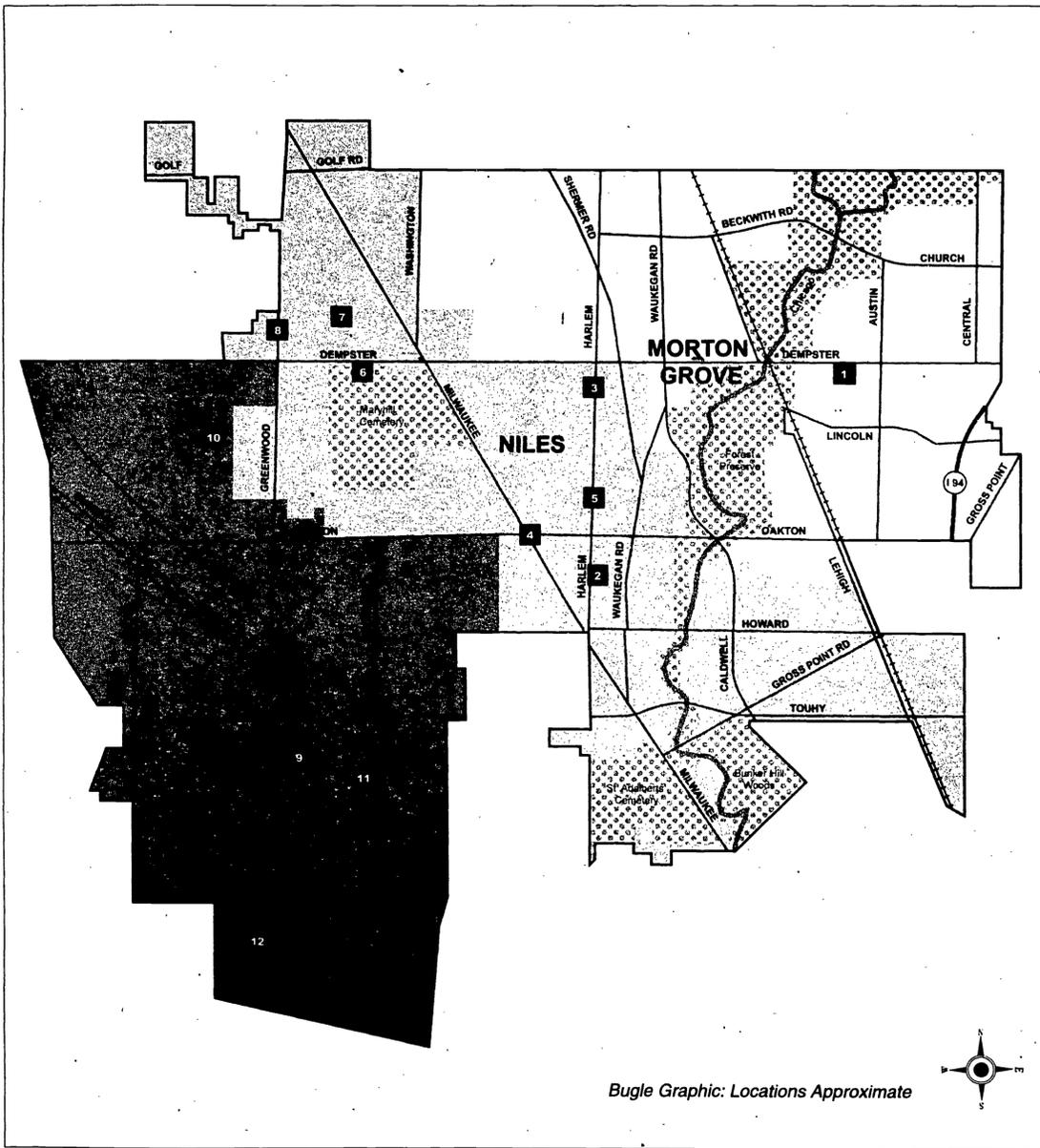
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# POLICE BLOTTER



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### MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending January 21, 2005.

**1 Fleeing is only part of his problem (Callie and Dempster)**  
An 18-year-old Chicago man is facing a list of charges including fleeing the police after he allegedly hit a car near Callie and Dempster just after midnight Jan. 1 and led police on a chase that ended with his car crashing into a home in Evanston.

According to police they received an emergency broadcast from an Emergency Service Disaster Assistance agent about an accident with injuries at the intersection of Dempster and Callie. The driver fled the scene heading eastbound on Dempster police reported.

Police chased the man into Evanston and terminated the chase until it ended with the man crashing his car into the home in Evanston.

The man was charged with: Fleeing and eluding the police, leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, failing to render aid, speeding over 31 m.p.h. over the limit, disobeying a traffic signal, no insurance, one head-

lamp, a blood alcohol level greater than .08.

### NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending January 24, 2005.

**2 Vandalism (7800 Neva)**  
Vandals damaged the rear view mirror of a 1995 Saturn parked in the 7800 block of Neva Monday night Jan. 17.

**3 Vandalism (7200 W. Crain)**  
Vandals damaged the driver's side rear view mirror of a 1995 GMC Sonoma parked in the street in the 7200 block

of Crain Saturday night Jan. 22.

**4 Wrong number (8000 N. Milwaukee)**  
A 75-year-old Des Plaines man told police someone used his identity to purchase a Sprint phone and had the bill sent to an address in the 6200 block of S. Vernon. The man told police he became aware of the theft after he started receiving bills from a collection agency. The agency claimed the man owed Sprint \$589.49.

**5 Purse stolen in church (8300 Harlem)**  
A 64-year-old Des Plaines woman told police someone stole her purse after she left the church at 8301 N. Harlem Sunday afternoon Jan. 16. The woman told police the

purse was black and contained \$50 in cash and three credit cards.

**6 Burglary to auto (8800 Root)**  
Someone smashed the driver's side window of a 1995 Dodge Caravan and removed the rear deck speakers Tuesday night Jan. 18, while the van was parked in the 8800 block of Root.

**7 Burglary to auto (9122 Cumberland)**  
Someone smashed the driver's side window of a 1997 Honda Prelude Tuesday night Jan. 18 and removed a Pioneer Stereo system.

**8 Woman robbed outside of Dominick's (8900 Greenwood)**  
An 82-year-old Niles woman told police two people snatched her purse while she was waiting for someone to pick her up in front of the Dominick's store in the 8900 block of Greenwood Sunday night Jan. 23. The woman told police she had her purse sitting in the front of her shopping cart when the two thieves came from behind. The woman said the black purse contained keys, credit cards, a wallet and her driver's license.

### PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending January 20 2005.

**9 Burglary (700 S. Chester)**  
Thieves forced open the rear door to burglarize a home in the 700 block of S. Chester Monday night Jan. 17.

**10 Vandalism (1900 DeCook)**  
Police are trying to figure out who cut down two trees in the parkway in the 1900 block of DeCook Thursday night Jan. 13.

**11 Mural mugged (200 S. Prospect)**  
Vandals damaged a mural located on the second floor of a business in the 200 block south Prospect Monday night Jan. 17. The mural was valued at \$300.

**12 Vandalism (1300 Bonita)**  
Vandals smashed all the windows of a 2003 Saturn parked in the 1300 block of Bonita Friday night Jan. 14.

### SUMMARY OF CRIME:

Morton Grove	
Hit and run-1	Niles
Theft 8	
Robbery-4	
Park Ridge	
Arrests	
Residents-3	
Non residents-24	

# NEWS



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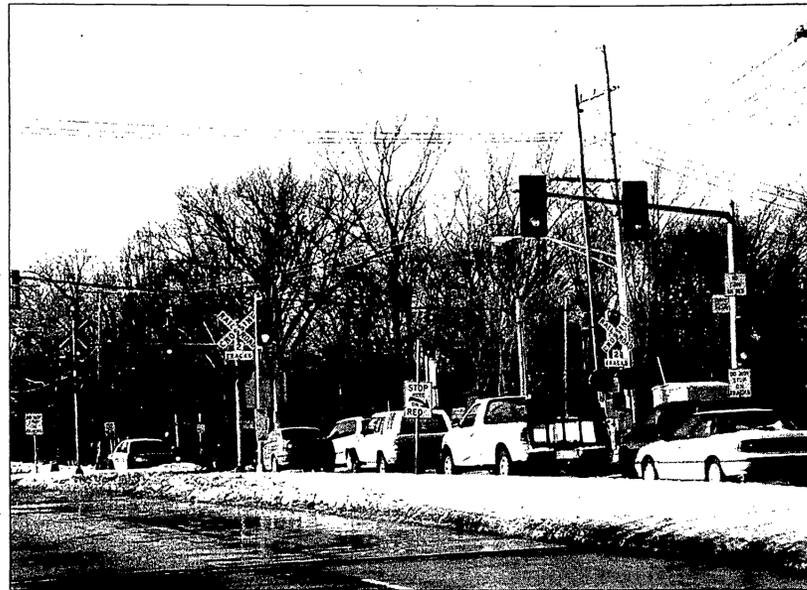
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Traffic reaching the intersection of Lehigh and Dempster was re-routed north by police Monday as work to repair a broken utility pole was underway.

# Driver snaps utility pole, Dempster traffic re-routed

A driver hit two power transmission poles on Dempster near Birch Monday around 11:15 a.m., forcing Morton Grove Police to close the road from Waukegan to Lehigh until crews from Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) could repair the pole.

The man was driving a black Lexus sedan westbound on Dempster when, evidently, he struck one power transmission pole on the north side of the street just before the now-closed Lochner's Greenhouse. The car splintered the pole and bounced onto another pole, severing it. Police cordoned off a 100-foot space of the road in each direction because of the danger of live power lines snapping and injuring those nearby.

Officials on the scene said they were not sure exactly how it had happened, but that the man must have been moving very fast. The vehicle landed standing on its passenger side on Dempster.

ComEd told Morton Grove police that it would take at least two-hours to clear the area and that Dempster would have to remain closed at least that long.

Police said that the driver was removed from the scene to a local hospital, but that he did not appear to have any life-threatening injuries because he was up and walking around immediately following the accident.



A black Lexus rests on its passenger side Monday near the intersection of Dempster and Birch in Morton Grove. It came to rest after splintering one utility pole and snapping another.

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## Good politics means bad government

Dear Editor,

Trustee Krier's last minute proposed budget cuts may make for a nice speech for a politician running for office but, as often is the case, good politics equals terrible government.

I was troubled to hear that Trustee Krier wanted to slash over \$330,000 from our police and firefighter's pensions. If we could, we should be putting more money into these pensions, not less. We ask and receive a lot from the brave men and women who protect us. Just last week, one of our officers was shot while investigating a crime. (He is alive today thanks to his bulletproof vest, thank God!) We owe our officers and their families the peace of mind that their retirement funds are secure. Moreover, state law requires that pensions be fully funded by 2033. If we don't put adequate money into these pensions now, we will just have that much more to make up later. It would be wrong for any public official to mortgage the future for such a quick fix.

Most of the other cuts came from our employee and retiree health care and general retirement funding and from the village's emergency reserves. These cuts in a very real sense would be on the backs of the hard-working men and women who provide our top quality services. Emergencies and catastrophes can affect us at any time. In addition to major storms many of us remember when the roof collapsed on the public works garage. Families set aside funds for emergencies and so should the village.

These are tough financial times for Morton Grove and many other villages. We should be working together to find ways to maintain our high level of services with the least burden on the taxpayers. To propose irresponsible budget cuts that would do little more than offer a quick fix is just plain wrong. These tactics are not supportive of our staff and represent politics over principles.

Dan Scanlon  
Mayor, Morton Grove

## Let's work together for safe streets

Dear Editor:

The big winter challenge is moving snow and ice from where it lands to where it does less harm. The City has faced this challenge twice during the first few weeks of this new year with snow falls of about 12" each, the first of which lasted 36 hours. We all know that snow storms are an act of God that are going to happen in winter in Chicago and we have to deal with them as best we can. Our first line of defense is our Public Works Department, and they battled the last snow storm all through the weekend. Our streets are plowed according to a master plan, but the reality is that we only have so many trucks equipped to handle snow. During last weekend, we mobilized a crew of 30 to tackle the job. The first crews came on duty early Friday evening, working 12-hour shifts, and between that time and Monday morning, there was only one 7-hour period with no crews on the streets. Our goal is always to have clean streets to make them as safe as possible. In addition to plowing streets, our crews were plowing alleys so citizens could get out of their garages, and clearing public parking lots so citizens could go to

church, and businesses could operate on Monday morning.

No two storms are alike and it takes different lengths of time to get streets plowed under different conditions. However, the streets cannot be cleaned up until it stops snowing, and our crews were hampered by other factors as well. Cars left parked on the street are a severe impediment to effective snow plowing. During the early January snowfall, 137 tickets were issued to cars that should have been moved and seven cars were towed. Last weekend, Snow Command issued 108 tickets to unlawfully parked cars and towed 12 cars. Add to this the fact that residents were illegally blowing and shoveling snow from their driveways and sidewalks back onto the streets, and you have a situation that makes snow removal even more difficult.

With our crews working so hard, I found the complaints from our citizens to be both unreasonable and unfair. There have been constant complaints about snow being pushed into driveway aprons by our snowplows, but this situation is inevitable. Let me make it clear: Our job is to make and keep the streets passable and as safe as possible. With over

12,000 driveways in the City, plowing aprons is impossible. Our ordinance prohibits the dumping of snow back onto our streets, and nearby suburbs like Niles have been ticketing citizens for doing just that. Because of the number of citizen complaints we received, our police department will be instructed to start issuing tickets for such violations. If you don't want a ticket, don't blow or plow the snow from your driveway into the street.

The city manager and I are kept informed about all efforts. I commend our public works and police personnel for their hard work under very difficult conditions. Working long shifts for days at a time is very tiring and stressful, and criticism under these circumstances is very unfair. We also need to keep an eye on the City's budget, and all the work during the past weekend has been under overtime conditions. The bottom line is that the City needs the cooperation of all our citizens to assist our crews in these efforts. Let's all work together to make our streets as safe as possible.

Mike MaRous  
Mayor, Park Ridge



Morgan Dubiel  
Columnist

## Terrorists 1, Niles 0

Bowing to terrorism only begets more terrorism. Isn't that the reason we are fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq, and, with special forces, throughout the world to end the madness of terrorism. Don't we believe in liberty and don't we support those who do?

Niles officials ordered local organizers of an election for Iraqi expatriates to leave their headquarters in a Niles warehouse because of concerns that

their operations could be a target for violence. The first election ever held in the history of Iraq. The first opportunity for freedom in the Middle-East outside of Israel, sorry not in Niles.

Cowardice only encourages the bullies. Osama Bin Laden and his maniacal associates have scored a major coup. The real goal of terrorism is to terrorize and the Niles Village Hall has kotowed. Like the typical bureaucrat they cite "zoning" laws as the innocent reason for the change.

FDR said, "The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself." Well our politicians saw their shadow and they ran. This kind of yellow streak is not what created the mood of 1776, when American patriots courageously threw off the yoke of tyranny. Recall that the British were the greatest power the world had known to that date. They dominated the world.

That backbone, those guts, spilled with not a little blood gave birth to our nation, the greatest nation the world has ever known. A place where the

oppressed of the world flock seeking not just liberty, but the mindset that preserves it. Our politicians are expert at putting up monuments to great wars of the past, they don't have the guts to fight the one we are in now. A memorial bench is nice, courage, true courage would be nicer.

Imagine the Gangster Disciples threatening a local store with violence. Would our village officials cut and run? Would our police force cede a part of Niles to gang bangers? Lest you think that gang bangers are not terrorists, they too have access to automatic weapons and have used bombs to enforce their own brand of terror.

Will Comcast have to stop airing the local Assyrian (Iraqi) public access show out of fear? Our soldiers are spilling blood in the sands of Iraq so we can live in peace. Are we now going to forfeit their sacrifice on the altar of fear?

It seems to me that in the rush to multiculturalism we have forgotten who we are. I am not a Pole, or a

German, or a Czech I am an American and I am proud of it. What is an American? A defender of liberty, and, at the very least a defender of American liberty. Have we already lost this fight at our own doorstep?

This attitude is the worst, the most sickening aspect of the lazy home-front. I love Niles, but if we don't have the guts to defend it, what is it worth? Tragically, rumor has it that the Feds would reimburse us for the costs to protect this polling place, this place of freedom. Are we to understand that our local politicians would defend freedom for the right price?

I cannot believe that the Mayor is aware of this scandal. Particularly since it comes right on the heels of election eve, January 30. He needs to take immediate action to repair this foolish decision. Orwell said, "We sleep safe in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm." Are there no rough men left in Niles?

### Morton Grove Senior News

**MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS RELEASE**  
Contact: Bud Swanson, Family & Senior Services, 847/663-6110  
January 24, 2005

**HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS**  
Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite seniors to join in on numerous free school productions to be performed during the coming weeks. For details call the schools at 847/825-4484 (Maine East), 847/626-2000 (Niles North) or 847/626-2600 (Niles West). The events include:

- Niles North Drama Showcase, "A Work in Progress at 4 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16.
  - Niles North Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17.
  - Niles West Festival of Orchestras at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3.
  - Niles West Spring Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8.
  - Maine East Art Exhibit at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9.
  - Niles North Musical, "Seussical" at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10.
  - Niles West Showcase of Bands at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10.
  - Maine East Musical Matinee, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Thursday, March 10.
- INCOME TAX RETURNS**  
On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting Feb. 7 at the Morton Grove Senior Center, income tax return assistance is available free of

### Maine Township Senior News

**FOR DELAYED RELEASE**  
Media Inquiries Only  
Release on Jan. 21, 2005  
Dick Barton 847/698-5069  
For editions of Jan. 27, 2005  
MaineStreamers Announce New Senior Activities and Classes

The following are some of the new classes, events, trips, and activities available through MaineStreamers, the social senior organization of Maine Township. For further information on free membership or any of these events, call 1-847-297-2510.

**The following Day Trip is currently on sale.** In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. All Day Trips depart from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

**DISCOVER HISTORIC OAK PARK**  
Oak Park Area  
Wednesday, March 30  
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$63 members/\$68 guests  
Oak Park is home to the world's

largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright designed buildings and houses, with 25 structures built between 1889 and 1913. Let's start at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio which served as his private residence and studio for the first 20 years of his career. We will continue on to the Unity Temple — a Wright designed church.

Lunch will be at Winberie's Café. Choose from Winberie's Famous Chicken Salad with Grilled Chicken, Field Greens, Candied Walnuts and Bleu Cheese or Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms or Shrimp and Spinach Aglio Olio with Penne Pasta, Fresh Tomatoes, Feta Cheese and Roasted Pine Nuts. For dessert enjoy Peach Melba.

After lunch we visit Ernest Hemingway's Birthplace and Museum. Explore displays featuring rare photographs, a diary, letters and other memorabilia! This is the Wright Tour for you.  
**COMPUTER WORKSHOP**  
"Security and Your Computer"  
Wednesday, February 2  
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 - Registration Required  
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charge for Morton Grove residents age 60+ and who have low or moderate incomes that can be reported on basic IRS forms. Call the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 for a personal appointment at the Senior Center. Bring in the W-2, Social Security (SSA-1099), 1098 and 1099 forms received in the mail along with a copy of the 2003 tax returns.

**"ONE OF A KIND CAREGIVER & CAREGIVING" LECTURE**  
Don Slovin, a caretaker of his ailing wife for 12 years will present this uplifting seminar on care taking and long-term care insurance starting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday Feb. 7 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. He will discuss the different types of long term care insurance as well as the cost, benefits, and support provided by these companies. Please register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**  
Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.  
**MORTON GROVE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
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### Park Ridge Senior News

**DIANE'S BOUTIQUE**  
Diane's Boutique will be back Friday, February 4 from 10:00am to 2:00pm with her usual array of lovely items; jewelry, scarves, blouses and much more. With Valentine's Day just around the corner this would be the perfect time to do some shopping for that special person.

**INCOME TAX SERVICE**  
It's that time of year again. Our counselors are studying the new tax laws to get ready for the Center's income tax service. This service is free and begins Monday, February 7. Our expert income tax counselors will begin to provide assistance and take appointments on that date. If you have income of less than \$40,000 excluding Social Security, you can call for an appointment at 847-692-3597....ask for Gloria.

**BUNDLES TO BAGHDAD**  
The flood of items donated to be sent to our troops in Baghdad was phenomenal and the first boxes have been sent and more items are in reserve. However, at this time we can no longer collect items because of the overwhelming outpouring of support from the American people. The pipeline to Baghdad is glutted right now. When the pipeline is cleared and additional items are ready for collection we shall let you know.

**CENTER'S LIBRARY**  
The Park Ridge Senior Center has a lovely, well-used library. All are welcome to enjoy relaxing and reading there. It has lovely paneling, comfortable sofas and it's often said there's an aura of contentment and coziness. Books are available to take home, as many as you like, without signing out. Donations of books are always accepted when in good condition. Come over to the Center at 100 S. Western and check us out or call 847-692-3597 to have your questions answered.

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SENIORS

Jay 'Elvis' Reynolds rocks with the residents at Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre

Jay 'ELVIS' Reynolds entertained Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre in Morton Grove, on Saturday, January 15th. He has been performing at Bethany Terrace for approximately 4 years now and the residents love him. By looking at the smile on Ruby Litsheim's face in the photo with Jay "Elvis" Reynolds, you can tell that he makes the residents' light up.

performing his entire life and Elvis songs. Jay Reynolds is cur-



Ruby Litsheim has been a resident of Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre since June of 2004. Ruby is 100 years old and still enjoying music, one of the loves of her life. Born on a farm in German Valley on June 21, 1904, Ruby still likes to talk about the old days, such as the first cars that were made and her life on her farm. As a graduate from high school, Ruby went on to have a daughter. Currently, Ruby has 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Previously belonging to the Glenview Senior Center and the Skokie Women's Club, Ruby now participates in the Cuisine Club at Bethany Terrace and besides the love of music, she enjoys playing bridge, cooking, making Christmas stockings and cards, and reading the newspaper.

Jay "ELVIS" Reynolds has been performing his entire life and Elvis songs. Jay Reynolds is currently booking over 200 shows a year. "I enjoy seeing the joy on the residents faces when I'm there," said Jay. If you would like to contact Jay "ELVIS" Reynolds, please feel free to contact him at (708) 344-4511. If you would like to contact Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre, please call (847)965-8100.

Elvis for over 15 years. Starting out by purchasing one Elvis costume, he now owns five rhinestone costumes. He plays guitar, bass, drums, piano, and the organ. Jay is also a songwriter, writing over 270 songs, including gospel and country songs. Out of the 650 songs in several different categories he sings, 250 of them are

Niles Senior News

**NSC Highlights**  
For a detailed description of programs & activities, or to ask about membership requirements, please check the Naturally Active Program Guides or call the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420

You can also visit us at the Village of Niles online at [www.vniles.com](http://www.vniles.com).

**FEBRUARY REGISTRATION**  
In-Person Registration begins 8:30am, Wed., February 9, 2005 - Call for availability.

**MAKE YOUR TAX APPOINTMENT NOW**

Niles Senior Center is again offering FREE tax preparation assistance to qualified seniors. To make your appointment for the coming tax season, call the Niles Senior Center (847 588-8420) between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:00PM Monday through Friday. Appointments are required - sorry **NO WALK-INS!**

**RENEW YOUR CIRCUIT BREAKER!**

If you are getting your prescription coverage through the Illinois Circuit Breaker or Senior Care, please remember it **MUST BE RENEWED** every year. To avoid a lapse in your coverage, renew before the end of March. The

Illinois Circuit Breaker is open to Illinois Seniors, age 65 and older or persons with disabilities (restrictions apply). Household income restrictions are as follows: A one-person household income cannot exceed \$21, 218; A two-person household income is limited to \$28, 480; A three or more household income cannot exceed \$35,740. Please call for more information about these programs.

**RENEW SENIOR FREEZE NOW!**

Renewal applications have been mailed out to Senior Freeze participants. Renewal forms are due by February 23. Please remember that you **MUST RENEW** your Freeze application every year, and it must be notarized. To qualify, your 2003 income cannot exceed \$45,000. Please call for an appointment. **NEW APPLICATIONS** for the Freeze will be accepted at a later date. For more information, please contact the Niles Senior Center at 847 588-8420.

**NILES SENIOR CENTER FLEA MARKET**

- Saturday, May 7th  
If you are interested in participating in this year's annual Flea Market, call Jaymi Ostman (847 588-8420) as soon as possible. There is limited space available so don't wait too long.

SPORTS

Trevians defeat Hawks 69-35

RYAN BISHOP  
rbishop@buglenewspapers.com

Maine South coach Tony Lavorato and his team have planned their season with some highly regarded players this year. One of the sharp shooters which hurt his team tonight was New Trier senior guard Phil Lubin. Lubin (26 points) was instrumental in building a big lead early for the Trevians as they cruised to a 69-35 victory over the Hawks, now 5-13 on the year, under .500. The visitors bolted out to a 17-2 lead and never looked back.

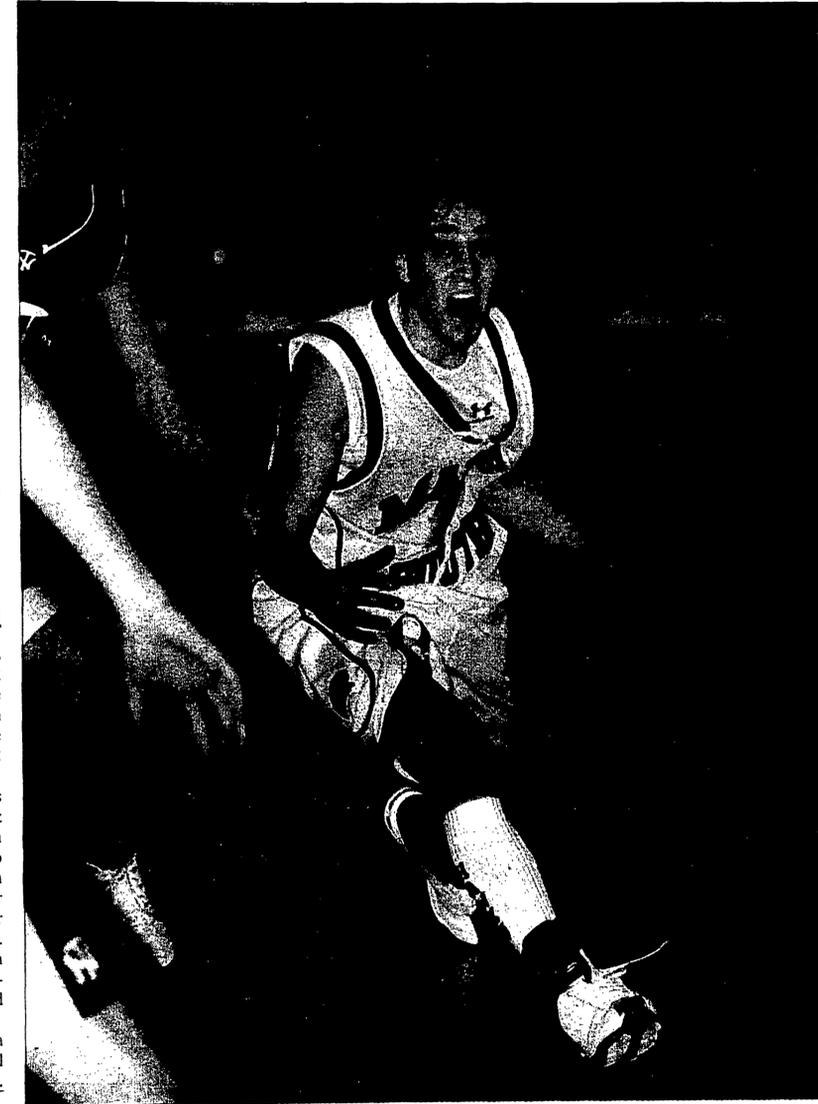
The Hawk hoopsters are not strangers to facing stiff competition lately, as they have dropped close games to Evanston, conference contender Waukegan, and Niles West. On this night the Hawks ran into a Trevian team that seems to have hit their stride, despite being two games turnovers, late closeout on perimeter shooters and mismatch problems did the Hawks in against their North Shore rivals.

Five points by Lubin on a fast break layup and three-pointer led to an 8-0 deficit as Lavorato was forced to use an early timeout. The Hawks didn't score their first points until Adam Fee fed Alex Tone underneath the basket for an uncontested layup at the 3:51 mark of the first quarter. Despite throwing the ball away six times in the first quarter, the Hawks came charging back and went on a 11-2 run to close out the first quarter.

The Hawk guards broke the press as Fee assisted on an Anthony Cruz layup (10 points) and Fee threw in a 10-footer as he was triple teamed to get the Hawks back in it. After an over the back foul by Lubin, senior forward Phil Mix drained a jumper from Fee for a 19-11 Trevian lead. Guard Craig Conrad putback of a Mix miss accounted for 19-13 disadvantage going into the second quarter.

"I really think that we ran into a team that shot the ball very well

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A Tough Loss

(Left) Maine South guard Colin O'Malley (3) drives up court against NewTrier in the Hawk's 69-45 loss Friday night Jan. 21, 2005.

(Above) Maine South's Anthony Cruz (34) shoots over a defender in the second half of their game against New Trier Friday night Jan. 21.

(Photos by Allen Kaleta)

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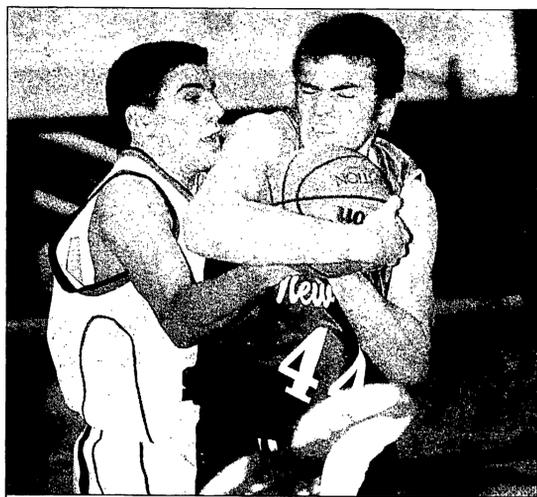
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tonight," said coach Lavorato. "Their ability to hit shots and find open looks was the difference tonight. I thought we settled down late in the first quarter after falling behind and made a nice little comeback. Lubin played great for them tonight, scoring 20 points in the first half. We had no answer for him, if he keeps playing like that, New Trier is going to do well the rest of the year. It's disappointing because we got beat by four in our last game and have really been playing some competitive basketball."

The Trevians hot shooting continued in the second quarter as they shot 8-12 from the field and 4-4 from the foul line. Five three-pointers in the quarter broke the game open as the Trevians doubled up the Hawks at the half, 40-20. Coach Rick Malnati picked up the pressure, as the Hawks gave the ball up four times in the first two minutes. Baskets by John Wolf, Colin O'Malley (fast break layup) and Sean Price (free-throw line jumper) were the only field goals the Hawks could muster in the second quarter.

The Hawk defense never recovered from the first half that saw New Trier shoot 8-14 from beyond the arc.

"They are a well disciplined team



New Trier's Chris Bassler (44) pulls down a rebound in front of Maine South's Anthony Cruz in the second half of their game at Maine South Friday night Jan. 21, 2005.

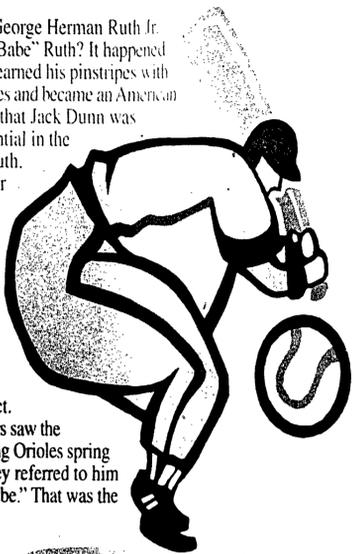
that can hurt you inside and out," said Lavorato. "In our last four games we played wonderful defense, but this was the first time I thought our defense just absolutely blew up. We were slow closing out on our shooters and were sloppy

with the ball tonight. We are going to have to play much better if we expect to beat Prospect Tuesday." Cruz led the Hawks with 10 points and Fee added 8 to go with 7 rebounds.

SPORTS FACT

It didn't take long for 'Babe' Ruth to get his name

Ever wonder how George Herman Ruth Jr. became known as "Babe" Ruth? It happened long before he had earned his pinstripes with the New York Yankees and became an American icon. Legend has it that Jack Dunn was the first to see potential in the then-19-year-old Ruth. Dunn was the owner and manager of the Baltimore Orioles of the International League and was considered a shrewd judge of baseball talent when he signed the young lefty to a professional contract. When Dunn's players saw the strapping Ruth during Orioles spring training in 1914, they referred to him as "Jack's newest babe." That was the name that stuck.



Source: National Baseball Hall of Fame www.baseballhalloffame.org

NEWS

Golf Mill Supports the American Red Cross in tsunami relief efforts

Niles, IL (January 27, 2005) - Golf Mill Shopping Center is teaming up with the American Red Cross to help raise funds for the millions left homeless, devastated and orphaned by the December 26th tsunami that swept across southeast Asia.

Beginning January 14th, Golf Mill will display tsunami relief donation sites throughout the mall.

Each freestanding donation site will have remittance envelopes for customers who want to donate to the American Red Cross International Response Fund. The funds are mailed directly to the Red Cross. The donation sites at Golf Mill are located in several locations including Customer Service throughout the mall.

Our country understands and

deeply appreciates the importance of global altruism in times of a devastating disaster. Our hearts go out to the millions of people who have lost loved ones and have been devastated by the tsunami," said Pat Pierce, Marketing Director.

Shoppers who prefer to donate online can also go to www.golfmill.com and click on the American Red Cross link.

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Open House announced

Membership Chairman of the North American Martyrs Council 4338, Knights of Columbus Leo Weiss, invites all Catholic Gentlemen And Ladies to the Annual "Meet the Knights Night" at the Special Open House, on Wednesday, February 23, 7:30 pm at the St. John Brebeuf Parish Ministry Center-section B, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles.

Deputy Grand Knight Leo and Past President of the Auxiliary, Clara, his charming wife, will host this Exciting Evening of refreshments, Social Interaction and short informal presentation about these fine organizations, right here in your community.

Any Catholic Man over 18 is eligible to join this outstanding organization. All Catholic Ladies, whether they have someone involved in the Knights organiza-

tion or not, can join the KC ladies Auxiliary. The Auxiliary supports the Knights and the members of our community by many acts of Charity and assistance.

Do you have a desire to get closer to your faith, help others and/or provide additional support to the Catholic faith, along with Bishops and Priests? Have a little time to share? You can help.

The Knights of Columbus is the organization is for you.

Do you know someone that could join the Knights? Friends, Neighbors or relatives that would like to make a difference - even if they don't have a lot of time - can join and be a part of a Great Charitable organization.

Come meet the Knights and their Ladies on February 23.

For more information on this event and / or membership - call Leo Weiss at 847-698-1939

High school students in Ragtime



Maine Township high school students perform in the Illinois High School All-State Theatre production of Ragtime - The Musical at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana January 7 and 8, 2005. Maine students are 2nd from left, holding the child, Nick Cosgrove of Park Ridge (Maine South) playing Tateh, 3rd from right Andrew Weisheit of Park Ridge (Maine South) playing Father, and 2nd from right Mithun Sheth of Des Plaines (Maine East) playing Booker T. Washington.

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involve advertisements, alerts to elected officials and other community leaders, public-service announcements, a direct-mail campaign to taxpayers, more than 100,000 e-mails and signage for libraries, schools, parks, senior centers and businesses," Pappas said. "BankOne is helping us in this effort, because it bid aggressively to win this contract and sees the value in maintaining the success of this service."

Pappas thanked LaSalle Bank, which had been providing branch banking and lock box services, calling it a "vital partner in modernizing our operations." Pappas instituted a lock box after becoming treasurer in 1998, allowing for same-day revenue deposits that increased interest earnings and accelerated postings of payments. "Now we are looking to BankOne," she said. "We believe they will be able to do the job."

Pappas said that after the switch occurred on Jan. 16, the list of BankOne sites will be linked to the office's website at cookcountytreasurer.com. Notice of the change will also appear on the tax bills, mailing envelopes, return envelopes and tax-bill brochures to be mailed this week.

MG Police

According to Police, when they arrived at the home and announced their intention to search the premises, no one answered the apartment door, prompting them to force it open. One individual, armed with a semi-automatic pistol, immediately attacked them. As the armed man took aim to fire at the officers, one officer stepped forward and grabbed the gunman's arm, deflecting the pistol. The gunman again tried to raise his pistol to shoot the officers prompting them to fire.

Police said that as the man fell wounded to the floor, a second individual hiding behind a door fired on the officers and shot one of the detectives in the chest. He continued firing forcing them to fire back striking the man who fell to the floor.

The officer who was shot is under care and reported to be in good condition. His life was saved by his bulletproof vest. One of the two gunmen died at the scene. The other was transported to a local hospital where he subsequently died.

The second Morton Grove officer was also taken to the hospital because of fears that he might be at risk for a heart attack following the trauma of the incident. Both were reported as being in good condition and at home resting with their families.

Morton Grove Police Chief George Inledon thanks Chicago Police Superintendent Phil Cline and the officers of the Chicago Police Department for their assistance.

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"Both departments came very close to the loss of our officers," said Inledon. "It is always a terrible occurrence when violent offenders attempt to murder our police officers."

Inledon added that there were many unanswered questions about the incident.

It was concluded Monday that all officers involved in the incident were not guilty of using excessive force.

Bowling Scores table with columns for Team Standing, Points Won, Points Lost, and individual player scores.

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# REAL ESTATE

THE BUGLE

Thursday January 27, 2005

BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT  
Copley News Service

## Decor Score

Don't let convention limit personal expression

**Q**: We love folk art, and are slowly gathering a nice collection of furniture, paintings and artifacts, such as a weather vane from the early 19th century and an honest-to-goodness North Carolina tobacco barn - actually - the barn wood. A neighbor of my uncle's was taking the barn down (before it fell down) and gave us the wood. It was a long haul home, but now we have the beautiful old silvery wood in storage, waiting for the great room addition we plan next year. Anyway, word got out (that we are a little touched?) and now a dealer has called to offer us a sideshow carnival tent flap. It's obviously an amateur painting, but the animals are wonderful. The problem is its size, 10 feet tall by 14 feet wide. Is that just too weird to put in a house?

**A**: Wrong word, "weird." I'd say "eccentric" instead, but also "exciting!"

The key to memorable decorating is self-expression. You and your wife are collectors, and your house should reflect your interests. Convention, be forgotten. Think back over the most interesting homes you've ever visited. What made them the "most interesting" was whatever personal quirks the owner indulged. One that leaps to my mind is the English country estate of James Dyson - the vacuum genius - and his wife, who designed amazingly colorful rugs. Their home was once an old grain mill, and one end of their dining room boasts the old wooden machinery that once turned the water wheel. It is both beautiful sculpture and an appropriate backdrop for such inventive people.

The living room we show here is equally eccentric - and captivating. The scene that wraps the entire wall was once the backdrop for a local production of a play, one would guess, "Our Town." The painted canvas runs floor-to-ceiling, literally turning the room into a stage setting for its obviously interesting - and decoratively daring - inhabitants. So I'd urge you to consider your sideshow artwork. In a world of too much beige, you'll definitely be the first on the block!

**PS**. Be sure to have that beautiful old silvery barn wood fumigated before you bring it indoors. There's a very funny story about



a designer in a furniture showroom who lined its walls with recycled barn wood, the better to set the stage for a collection of country-style furniture. Imagine everyone's surprise when the indoor warmth brought the wood's residents to life! In a room filled with hardwood furniture, termites were not welcome guests.

**Q**: I have a Pullman kitchen, all on one side with a long wall on the other. I would like to paint the wall in such a way that it opens up the hallway. What can you suggest?

**A**: That you don't settle for a flat painted wall. You need to fool the eye into seeing beyond the actual surface. Try your hand at a painted finish, such as sponging or combing. Or consider trompe l'oeil, that is, a design that fools the eye into seeing more space than actually exists. A crisscross trellis pattern, simple stripes,

even a series of painted arches will open up the wall and make the space-look/feel larger. Special finishes are easier than they may sound. A good source of inspiration and information is "Debbie Travis' Painted House" (Clarkson Potter, publishers) by the how-to TV show host.

Another thought: Instead of painting the wall, cover it with mirror panels. Instantly your kitchen will look twice its size. **Q**: We need a new kitchen floor and would love hardwood to go with our traditional cabinets. The trouble is, we have two good-sized dogs. Everyone is telling us we'd be crazy to put down hardwood, that the dogs' claws would ruin it.

Are they right? **A**: Yes. And no. Yes, hardwood will scratch. But no, you wouldn't be at all crazy to bring it into your traditional kitchen. The Hardwood Information Center

offers tips on how to love your pets and your hardwood floors, too, starting with a triple coating of an oil-based urethane finish as the first line of defense. They also recommend that you clip your pets' claws on a regular basis and that you keep the floor clean and dry - a rug or place mat under the dogs' dishes helps. No other special care is required because hardwood more than lives up to its name. Learn more at [www.hardwoodinfo.com](http://www.hardwoodinfo.com).

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## Tips to help you get out of the grind and into real estate

BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT  
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(NUI) -

**I**f you have a typical job, you know the feelings of stress and anxiety that come when your company is being downsized. Are you next on the list?

Contrary to popular belief, financial freedom doesn't have to mean working 80 hours a week. You can free yourself from the noose of stress and anxiety by investing in real estate.

\* Educate yourself. Real estate investing is a complex business and one that's fraught with pitfalls. The more information you have up front, the better. Visit your local bookstore and take home and read three to five investing books over the next few months.

\* Join your local real estate investor association. These local investor groups are a great networking and support structure available to most beginning investors. For a state-by-state listing of more than 200 groups, visit [www.americanreia.com](http://www.americanreia.com).

\* Search the Web for information on investing. Real estate investing is an information-intensive pursuit - you can never have too much. The ever-changing, up-to-the-minute nature of the Web makes it easy to track changes that will affect your new career. One great site to explore is [www.investorshortcuts.com](http://www.investorshortcuts.com).

\* Set a goal to make a minimum number of offers each week. Whether you chose to make one offer a week or 10, the key is consistency. You will not make money unless you approach real estate investing as a serious business. Only a very small percentage of people become wealthy working for someone else. Perhaps at one time, the trade-off for a mediocre income was a sense of security, but our rapidly changing economy and business world have shown that security is a mirage.

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## REAL ESTATE

### A greener view

The problem with cats

BY JEFF RUGG  
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### GARDEN TIP

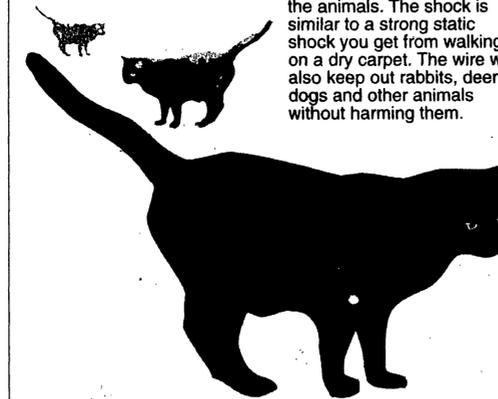
#### Curtail cat calls

Having the cats use your yard as a litter box is only part of a cat problem. They also cause declining populations of songbirds, insects, lizards and beneficial fauna.

#### WAYS TO ADDRESS A CAT PROBLEM

■ Cover the whole area with pepper or chili powder when the soil is dry and no precipitation is forecast.

■ Install a low-voltage electric fence wire, which can be found at pet and hardware stores. These are often approved by animal-care organizations because they work without harming the animals. The shock is similar to a strong static shock you get from walking on a dry carpet. The wire will also keep out rabbits, deer, dogs and other animals without harming them.



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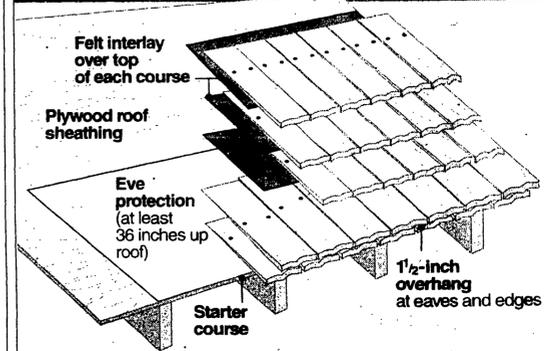
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has been in a general downward spiral for the past few decades. Not all of the problem can be blamed on birds. However, if each cat only kills a few birds each year, the country loses several hundred million birds per year. There are people who leave food out for feral cats. These cats don't stop killing birds and small mammals. They just become healthy enough to breed more feral cats. These free roaming

cats also spread diseases among themselves, pet cats, wildlife and humans. Unfortunately, they often suffer short traumatic lives. Among knowledgeable cat owners, it is a well known fact that the house cat it is much healthier and will live longer if it is not allowed outside to roam. De-clawed cats are not the answer to them not killing other animals. Maiming one animal to

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Greener View

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protect another does not help the situation. Besides, de-clawed cats still kill many birds. I know many people don't like things to be black and white, but people who like house cats will keep them indoors, for the protection of the cats and the environment. If your cat wants out, then you should put it on a leash

and walk it around yourself. There are towns with leash laws for cats, although like you said, getting laws enforced is a different matter. There are small training devices that look a lot a TV remote control that can be used to train a cat to not try to escape from the house each time the door is

opened, but your neighbor is unlikely to use it. Probably the only thing that will work is a barrier. In this case, a low voltage electric fence wire should work fine. Many pet and hardware stores have them. They are often approved by animal care organizations because they work without harming the animals. The

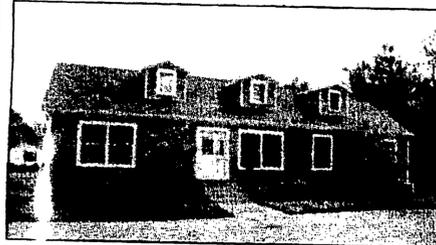
shock they receive is similar to a strong static shock you get from walking on a dry carpet. The wire will also keep out rabbits, deer, dogs and other animals without harming them. I really don't think you should have to resort to trying a bunch of short-term sprays or other chemicals and I also don't think

you should have to install an electric fence around your yard or house. But, I know that many people don't know how to handle house cats and you may be forced to follow this advice. E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenerview.com. © Copley News Service www.copleynews.com.

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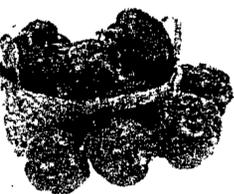
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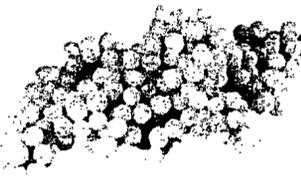
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