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## Action Party says political mailing possibly fraud

*Party spokesman calls on Caucus to disavow 'hate' letter*

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The Morton Grove Action Party held a press conference in front of the Post Office last Friday, suggesting that a piece of mail sent by a resident who opposes them may be fraud and calling on their opponents, the Caucus Party to repudiate it.

The mailing was sent by Patrick Kansoer, a long-time opponent of the expansion of the Muslim Education Center (MEC) at 8601 Menard. It consisted of two double-sided sheets of paper, one purporting to be from a member of the Muslim Community Center (MCC) supporting the Action Party and one from himself, supporting the Caucus Party.

The MCC letter was, according to the mailing, written by Samina Hussain. She is also a member of

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From left, Dan Staackmann, Action Party candidate for mayor, Dan DiMaria, President, Maria Toth, candidate for trustee and Larry Gomberg, candidate for trustee look on as DiMaria gives a statement on what the party called a bigoted mailing. They called for their competition to disavow the mailing and its author, Pat Kansoer.

(Photo by Allen Kaleta)

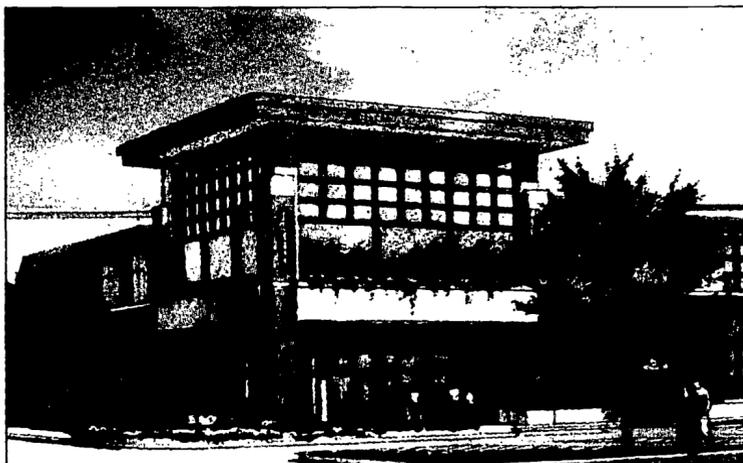
## Staackmann's commissions do not reveal conflict

Morton Grove Mayoral Candidate and Trustee Dan Staackmann released his 2003 and 2004 real estate commissions to The Bugle in advance of the election and there is no apparent conflict of interest, despite repeated innuendos in the public at large and at the regular meetings of the village board.

Staackmann has served since 2003 and over the two-year period, he has conducted only a handful of real estate transactions,

according to the documents he provided. None of those transactions occurred in or around areas where the village is currently engaged in redevelopment through Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts or otherwise.

Staackmann said that he wanted to move on from the issue and that he wasn't running to make money. "I'm running because I honestly believe that Morton Grove has a bright future," Staackmann said. "It's not going to work if we're tearing each other apart."



### What's in a name

The Niles Park District has received over 50 entries for the contest to name their new multi-purpose gym on Caldwell north of Howard. For a complete list, see page 2.

## Park Ridge Woman struck by Metra train

A woman was struck by a Metra train in Park Ridge last Thursday evening, according to Park Ridge Police.

At approximately 8 p.m., police responded to a woman struck by the train near 600 N. Seminary in Park Ridge. Upon arrival at the scene, police learned that the victim was Ardis Dumalski, 28, of the 1200 block of Beau Drive, Park Ridge.

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NEWS

Name for new Niles Gym a hard choice

The Niles Park District has 52 name choices for the new \$5.5 million recreation center being erected at 7800 Caldwell.

The Park District invited suggested names from the community. The person who submitted the winning name will receive a \$100 savings bond.

- The suggested names are: All American Multi-Purpose Center, American League of Nations Center, Joz Center, Blasing New Trails Fitness & Social Center, Caldwell Courts, Caldwell on the Greens, Caldwell Sports Complex, Caldwell's Community Center, Caldwell Fitness Center, Champion Center, Comp Center, Edward Bacher Center, Elaine Heinen Multi-Purpose Center, Fairway Multi-Plex, Family Vision Recreation Center, Freedom Center, Fun 'N Fit



- Golf View Multi-Center, Howell Community Multi-Purpose Center, Liberty Center, New-Age Sports Complex, Nicholas B. Blase Center, Nicholas B. Blase Multiplex, NI-COM Center, Niles Activity Sphere, Niles Blase Center, Niles Community Center (The NCC), Niles Family Activity Center, Niles Family Center, Niles Family Fitness, Niles Family Fun Center, Niles Metropolitan Center (Niles Metropolitan), Niles Multiplex, Niles Net-Works, Niles Oak Well Center, Niles Olympia Courts, Niles Park District Complex, Niles Park Rec-Plex (Niles Rex-Plex), Niles Pride Community Center, Niles Proud Place, Niles Purpose Center (The Niles Unity Center), NPJ Fitness Facility, One For All In the Family Center, Potawatomi Multi-Purpose Center, Riverside (Riverview) Center, Sports Junction, Sports Oasis, Sweat and Play Fitness Center, The Phoenix

PR Council appoints volunteers to boards

BY JEFF BORGARDT jborgardt@buglenewspapers.com

Six new appointments were made at the Park Ridge City Council meeting Monday night.

New members of the Library Board, Police Pension Fund, Liquor License Review Board and Civil Service Commission were named.

Retired banker Dorothy Hynous was appointed to the Library Board. Hynous, of the 100 block of Summit Avenue, said she loves reading and the library.

"I'm an accountant, I deal with money," he said. "I'm happy to help out with the police pension fund."

Ahlbeck, of the 700 block of Merrill St., has an accounting degree from Northwestern University. He was referred by First Ward Alderman Donald

Crampton. Milda Roszkiewicz of the 2200 block of Milton, was appointed to the Civil Service Commission. This three-member board sets city employment standards and hears appeals on disciplinary actions.

Steven Huening of the 200 block of N. Prospect Avenue was appointed to the Liquor License Review Board. This board consists of five members and the mayor who also serves in the role of liquor commissioner.

Cynthia Funkhouser and Tom Provencher were reappointed to four-year terms on the nine-member Planning and Zoning Commission. Funkhouser is an attorney who studied journalism and then law at Northwestern University. Provencher, who holds a M.B.A. from the University of Chicago, works in marketing and sales.

MG Staff report indicates Krier's cuts unrealistic

Deficit generated by rising costs of health care, pension funding

Proposed cuts made to the 2005 Morton Grove Budget by Trustee Rick Krier were deemed unrealistic by staff, according to a memo in the village board packets shortly after the cuts were made.

According to village administrator Ralph Czerwinski, while there were some areas that could see some minimal savings, the cuts were cut such as health care costs and pension funding. Those are among the factors that are putting

additional pressure on the budget.

Czerwinski said that, years ago when he was head of the Fire Department, the village was on a system that forced staffers to use funds that were appropriated or risk losing them in the next budget cycle. However, Czerwinski said that the budget is now budgeted based on projected expenditures and not on the previous year's expenditures.

"There were previous years when we spent money or we didn't get it the next year," he said. "But that way just doesn't make sense."

Krier said that he disagreed with the staff's assessment.

Train Strike

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She was hit by an outbound train. She died at the scene and was transported to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

Police said that they learned through an investigation that the woman was standing on the tracks

as the train approached. The engineer said that the train's horn was sounded to alert her that it was coming, but she did not respond.

Police said that the incident is being investigated as a possible suicide.

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course Opens Apr. 1

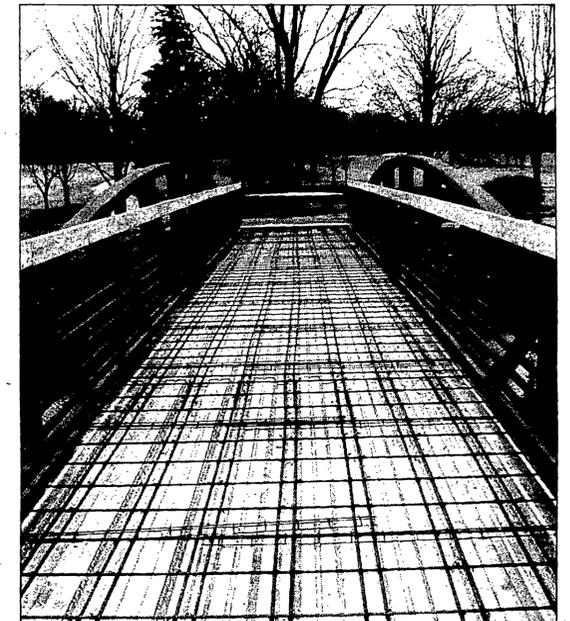
Spring is here, which means golf season is beginning. On April 1, the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course re-opens for the 2005 season. New this year is the installation of two new Bridges. These new bridges are on the 1st Tee and the 9th Green.

This season, the park district is offering new low rates and a mid day special: Resident, \$12; Non-Resident, \$16; Senior Resident, \$9.50; Senior Non-Resident, \$13 and Students, \$9.50. Mid day special is Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All Golfers, 18 & over, \$10; Senior, 62 & up, \$9.

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course is located at 6700 Howard Street. Please call (847) 965-2344 for further information.

The two new bridges are replacing bridges one and nine and were both budgeted for 2004 and 2005. The Park District combined funding for the two bridges in order to get a better price on both of them.

The bridges were put in place this month and construction equipment was still being removed from the site this week.



The new number one bridge at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Niles. The bridges were installed this month and will be ready for tomorrow's opening.

Advertisement for The Bugle newspaper listing staff members: Richard Mackerson (Managing Editor), Andrew Schneider (Advertising Manager), Barbara Karawick.

Advertisement for OIL EXPRESS Fast Lube Systems featuring a \$8 OFF coupon and a list of services including Full Service Oil-Filter-Lube, Transmission Service, Differential Service, Coolant Flush Service, and Transmission Flush.

Advertisement for Le Peep restaurant featuring breakfast, brunch, and lunch options with a 99¢ offer on breakfast, brunch, or lunch.

Advertisement for a loan service offering fast approval for household credit referrals, with a phone number 1-800-619-1091.

Advertisement for KAPPY'S Restaurant & Pancake House, featuring breakfast, lunch, and dinner options, and a 'Fresh Fish Daily!' promotion.

Advertisement for Stuffed Pork Loin with Mushroom Sauce, priced at \$9.95, available this weekend only (Friday-Saturday-Sunday).

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

## To the Residents of the Village of Niles

**Hi, my name is Ray Czarnik.** On April 5, 2005, I am running for Trustee (2 year term) for the Village of Niles. I again am asking for your support, as it was just 2 years ago that you elected me to the position of Commissioner of the Niles Park District. This will be the first time in over 20 years that you the voters of Niles will have a choice in this upcoming election for Trustees. The Trustees have always gone unopposed until now. For the past two years as YOUR VOICE in the Park District, I have listened to many of your concerns and suggestions and I feel that the Village Board is where I could be most productive in helping focus the future of Niles. I would love the chance to work with Mayor Blasé and to bring your voice where it will be heard and not ignored.

My wife Kathy and I have two children. We are residence of Niles for the past 15 years, however I have spent my entire life involved in the Niles community either participating in the programs or volunteering in the many special events. I work with the Niles Police Department, as a reserve police officer. As a reserve officer, I have the opportunity to meet many people and I get a hands on approach to how this Village operates and what its needs are for the future.

Safety for all the people of Niles was a major topic two years ago as I campaigned for Park Commissioner. I wanted to be YOUR VOICE in the Park District and it soon came true as you elected me to that position. As your Park Commissioner I was instrumental in introducing the Thor-Guard Lightning detection system into the Park District and it passed approval from the Board and was installed in our Parks in November of 2004. This system not only warns the people in our parks, but ALL of Niles will know that when you hear those sirens lightning is closing in. This was a major step in providing safety for everyone in our Village.

I have worked in the automotive industry for 27 years. As President and General Manager of Napleton Dodge I have the experience to work budgets and more importantly work within set budgets in all types of economies. Napleton has given me the experience to listen to the customers needs and to resolve issues in a professional manner, never forgetting the customer is always right. I want to bring my professionalism to the Village of Niles as "YOUR TRUSTEE".

I ask for your support on April 5, 2005. I want to be your voice in the very important future of this great community. Please make the right choice and vote for me, Ray Czarnik and LET YOUR VOICE CONTINUE TO BE HEARD.

Thank you  
**Ray Czarnik**

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## Maine Township Democrats, Republicans square off



After a bitter Maine Township Republican primary was settled by just a handful of votes, incumbent supervisor Bob Dudyecz is now itching to square off against rival Democrats.

The Democratic slate is led by attorney Karen Dimond for supervisor. She has practiced law for 25 years working for Cook County and the Illinois Attorney General's office. Dimond also served on the Dist. 63 School Board.

"I want to make Maine Township more open, accessible and fiscally sound," she said.

She said the township meetings are not open enough to the public. The agendas of the meetings are vague, audience participation requires advanced notice and few people attend, she said.

Dimond also said three administration officials hired relatives. She said the current assessor hired his daughter, the supervisor hired his sister and the highway commissioner hired his brother.

Jim Wozny is the Democratic candidate for highway commissioner. Wozny, who organized the Des Plaines New Year's Eve party, said he would make sure roads were in good condition in unincorporated areas as highway commissioner.

Wozny said he worked for 23 years as the district manager of Beatrice Foods where he said he

oversaw 30 employees, 25 trucks and a \$12 million budget.

If elected, he said he'd like to improve the Maine Township website and 'take a look at the buses.'

"There were a lot of negative things uncovered in the Republican primary," he said. "A lot of in-house fighting and bickering."

Wozny said he attended four township meetings and only two, three or four members of the public were on hand.

"You need the public to participate in order to encourage dialogue and get feedback from the community," Wozny said.

The remainder of the Democratic slate features a mix of newcomers and old hands in local politics.

Clerk candidate Dennis O'Donovan works as a Niles Village Inspector. He is also a Niles Library Board trustee.

Electrician Alan Sindelar of Niles is the Democratic assessor candidate. He is the manager of Block Electric in Niles and past president of the Ballard Park Townhouse Association.

Collector candidate John Jekot has worked for the Niles Park District and also served on the Dist. 63 School Board.

Trustee candidates are attorney Aurora Abella-Austriaco, office

manager Mary Ellicson, Park Ridge attorney Peter Ryan and Cook County child protection division lawyer Gail Viermeisel.

Republican supervisor candidate Bob Dudyecz touted a long line of accomplishments. He said payroll has been cut 7 percent, funding has increased for Dist. 63 after school programs, a new veterans assistance program has been offered, the food pantry has been



upgraded, a summer youth program has been implemented and the township clerks office has started issuing passports.

The current administration also created a new garbage collection

program to serve unincorporated Maine Township. In the past, residents had to find their own individual garbage hauler. Now, a single hauler handles this area. Dudyecz said this has reduced garbage bills by an average of 30 percent per household.

Dudyecz responded to the charges leveled by Democrats. Several Democratic candidates serve on the Dist. 63 board and Dudyecz compared the meeting policies and practices of the School Board to the Town Board.

"They have many of the same procedures for meetings," he said. "And have you ever seen their agendas? Talk about vague."

He also said that Democrats have no right to criticize low attendance at Town board meetings since 'they just showed up a few times before the election.'

Incumbent Highway Commissioner Bob Provenzano said the highway department budget has increased fewer than two percent over the past seven years.

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The Maine GOP slate has changed slightly.

Current Maine Township trustee Bill Bell, who also served as a Park Ridge alderman and

"They had to go to referendum for more money at the schools and now they want to run the township," he said. "It's unbelievable."

Provenzano said he has five truck drivers and an office manager working at the highway department.

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Dist. 64 School Board member, has retired.

Nankervis, is now the collector. She is running as a trustee instead. Newcomer Susan Flosi-Moylan was selected to join the slate.

## Obama to endorse Maine Township Dems

Senator Barack Obama, the nation's most famous freshman Senator, will appear in Des Plaines at a rally to endorse the Democratic slate of candidates for Maine Township Offices just five days before the election on April 5, 2005.

"All of the Democratic candidates are honored and excited to have the support of Senator Obama. We share in his message of hope and he shares our message of a clean start for a bright future in Maine Township," said Karen Dimond, Candidate for Maine

Township Supervisor. "We are all proud to call ourselves Obama Democrats."

**The Senator Obama Endorsement Rally**

**WHO:** Senator Barack Obama, Congresswoman Jan

Schakowsky, the Maine Township Democratic Slate of Candidates and several other elected officials and candidates for municipal offices.

**WHEN:** Friday April 1, 2005  
Doors Open at 3:30 PM

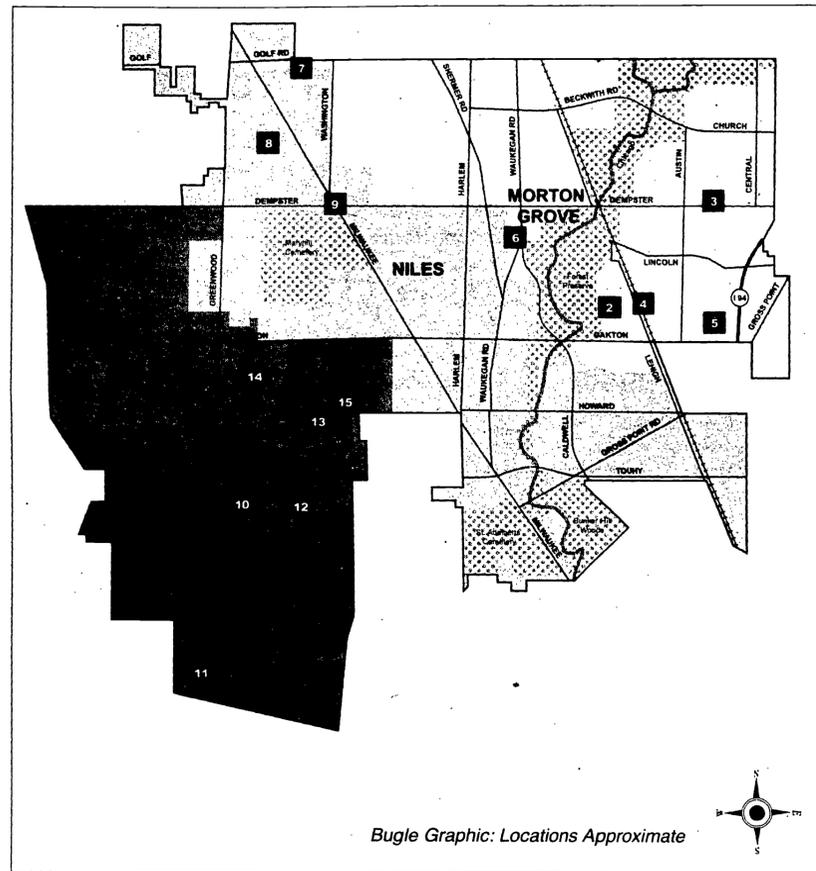
**WHERE:** Prairie Lakes Recreational Center 515 Thacker Street (Thacker and Wolf), Des Plaines

The event is open to the public. Limited seating and standing room available on a first-come/first-serve basis.

More Election Coverage...

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# POLICE BLOTTER



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

Police Department for the week ending March 28, 2005.

### 6 Burglary (7000 Wright Terrace)

Three hundred dollars in cash and an assortment of jewelry were taken during the burglary of a home in the 7000 block of Wright Terrace Sunday night March 27. The 69-year-old owner of the home told police someone forced open the rear door even though it was dead bolted. Police said they also found a window had been damaged by the thief, but window locks prevented it from being opened. The owner told police the thief went through the bedrooms looking for cash and jewelry.

### 7 Purse snatching (8200 Golf Road)

An 87-year-old Niles woman was the victim of a purse snatching Wednesday evening March 23 in the Jewel parking lot in the 8200 block of Golf Road. Police said the woman told them she was unlocking the passenger side of her car to load groceries when a car pulled up next to her and someone reached out and pulled her purse from her arm. The woman told police her Discover card was used by the thief about six minutes later at the Jewel store at 8730 Dempster for a purchase of \$52.16, and less than a half an hour later to make two purchases at a Jewel store in the 4700 block of N. Pueblo for \$50.51 and \$51.02. The woman also told police the thief used the card at Citgo station for a \$50 purchase.

### 8 Retail return scam (Golf Mill)

A 22-year-old Park Ridge woman was arrested for retail theft Tuesday March 22 after store security at the Sears store in Golf Mill watched the woman enter the store with nothing and then try to return a food processor she had removed from a display for a store credit. The food processor was valued at \$139.99. The woman has a Apr. 3 court date in Skokie.

### 9 Rough night (8800 Milwaukee)

Niles police cited the Our Nights restaurant in the 8800 block of Milwaukee Avenue early Sunday morning March 27 after they responded to a fight outside of the restaurant that injured two men. The injured men told police that one of them got into an argument with a man inside of the restaurant. The victim told police the man followed him and his friend outside and continued the argument. The victim said his friend tried to break up the fight and he was head butted by the man from inside. The victim told police the man then struck him in the face. The victim also said the man who struck him displayed a handgun and returned to the restaurant. Police said when they tried to enter the restaurant to investigate

the incident they were blocked by a large group outside of the restaurant who told them nothing happened. Police could not find the man described by the victims. They did, however, issue a citation to the restaurant for over serving the victim.

### PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending March 28, 2005.

### 10 Burglary (300 Clifton)

A Toro snowblower was reported stolen from a garage in the 300 block of Clifton Thursday night March 24. The snowblower was valued at \$400.

### 11 Checkbooks reported stolen (700 Higgins)

A man reported two of his checkbooks were missing from the glove compartment of his car after he dropped his car off for service in the 700 block of Higgins Thursday afternoon March 10.

### 12 Theft (300 S. Northwest Hwy.)

A Sony laptop valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a business in the 300 block of Northwest Highway Tuesday night March 22.

### 13 Theft from vehicle (200 Elmore)

A \$300 JVC stereo and 50 compact discs were stolen from a locked 1996 Honda Civic Wednesday night March 23. Police do not know how the thief entered the car.

### 14 Theft from car (600 Austin)

A Pioneer stereo valued at \$300 was stolen from a 1994 Honda parked in the street in the 600 block of Austin overnight Thursday March 24. Police do not know how the thief gained entrance to the car.

### 15 Theft from car (200 Elmore)

Someone removed a Pioneer stereo valued at \$150 and 15 compact discs from a locked 1993 Honda Accord parked in the street in the 200 block of Elmore Wednesday night March 23.

### SUMMARY OF CRIME: Morton Grove

- Theft-4 Stolen auto recovery-1 Niles
- Theft-5 Disturbance-1 Burglary-1 Park Ridge
- Burglary-7 Vandalism-4 Theft -3 Arrests Resident -1 Non Resident-13

### NILES

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### MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending March 25, 2005.

### 1 New form of ID theft? (Fort Lauderdale, Fl.)

A Morton Grove woman told police Tuesday afternoon March 22 someone used her identification to purchase a \$3,000 money order and to ask for a change of address while she was on flight from Fort Lauderdale to Chicago. The woman first became aware of the fraud when a representative from Sears Credit Card services called her regarding the change of address and money order purchase which were done in Milford Michigan. The woman told police the last time she took out her Sears credit card was in Fort Lauderdale, Florida Sunday March 20 when she checked her bags with a skycap outside of the terminal for her return to Chicago. The woman told police the skycap first asked for her driver's license and then returned and asked her for a credit card. She told police the man was gone for a short time. The woman told police she had no problem getting on her flight. She also said her bags arrived on time. The woman told police the credit card

company did not charge her for the purchases and issued her a new account. Although the woman did not lose any money she wanted to report the incident as a matter of record.

### 2 Excuse does not measure up (6300 Oakton)

A 28-year-old Chicago man was arrested Wednesday afternoon March 23 after a security officer at the Menards store in the 6300 block of Oakton watched the man remove a 35 foot tape measure, valued at \$28.98 from a package and hook it onto his belt. The guard told police the man then went to pay for some lumber but did not pay for the tape measure. After his arrest the man told police he took the tape measure out of the package to measure the lumber he was buying and forgot to put it back. A judge will refresh the man's memory April 29 in Room 103 in Skokie.

### 3 Retail Theft (5730 Dempster)

An employee of the Walgreen's store in the 5700 block of Dempster told police a man walked into the store Saturday afternoon March 19 and then ran out with nine DVDs totaling \$207. The employee said the man jumped into a Honda hatchback that was later found to be registered to a man in the 1400

block of Massasoit in Chicago. Morton Grove police could not immediately obtain a copy of the store's surveillance tape because the employees did not know how to work the system.

### 4 I Just Need the Box (6300 Oakton)

A 58-year-old Morton Grove man told police he only needed the boxes when he tried to make off with two sanders valued at nearly \$100 Saturday afternoon March 19. Security told police they watched and videotaped the man open the boxes and remove the items. The man also had a roll of Scotch tape from the store. During questioning the man told police he had two identical sanders that he wanted to return, but Menards would not accept them without the box. He told police he just needed the boxes. The man was told not to return to any of the Menards stores.

### 5 BB Gun damage (8800 Mason)

Police believe a BB gun was used to damage the driver's side window of a 1995 Pontiac parked in the 8800 block of Mason Monday night March 21.

# COMMENTARY

THE BUGLE

Thursday March 31, 2005

## THE BUGLE

In Service to the Community

### Editorial Board

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## Vote for present leaders in Niles

Dear Editor,

I recently read an article in your paper about the opponents running against Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase and Trustees Louella Preston, Robert Callero, Andrew Przybylo and Kim Biederman wanting to bring "change" to Niles.

As a senior citizen who lives in Niles, I think the present leaders are doing an excellent job. Many senior citizens live on fixed incomes and couldn't afford skyrocketing property taxes. Mayor Blase and the village board understand this and that is why Niles has one of the lowest property

tax rates in our area. Plus, the services offered by the village, such as the Niles Free Bus and the new Senior Center, provide many of us with activities and independence at little or not cost.

If "change" means higher property taxes and fewer services for seniors, I don't want it. I am voting to reelect the mayor and the present village trustees and I urge my fellow senior citizens to do the same. They have done an excellent job for us and deserve another term serving our community.

Nicholas Costantino, Niles

## Another Perspective



Morgan Dubiel, Columnist

## Up the Flagpole

You are probably familiar with the new flagpole at Oasis Park. What you may not know is that it is actually a cell tower that is expected to earn the Park District around \$100,000 a year. That's innovation.

Innovation is very rare in government. Bureaucrats hate change and fear error. That is why they are so bureaucratic. Paperwork is their friend. It protects them. They love policy manuals, double-talk and catch-22s. When we see any innovation at the government we should be grateful.

Innovation is doing the same thing for less money or doing more for the same amount of money. Tax increases are not inevitable. They are a function of spending. Because spending goes up, taxes go up.

As a Niles Library trustee, I am grateful for the example set by the Niles Park District. Actually, I wish it were we that set the example of innovation. In that vein, it is my hope that we start a focused program of innovation. Hunting out waste is an important task. One that is often ignored, at the expense of your pocketbook.

For more than five years the library knew it was playing with financial fire. We were gradually running into deficit and would have to raise taxes. Sadly, the administration only suggested drastic service cuts like closing the library a day or two a week and reducing the hours of service.

This is the typical bureaucratic response. To admit that there is room for improvement in efficiency or that there are budget cuts that can be made that will not adversely affect the library is to admit to past failures to find them. This, obviously, points straight at the bureaucrats heart - guilty as charged. Instead they say the problem is environmental and beyond their control. This is a blame game and the taxpayer gets tapped again.

## Return incumbents to office in Niles

Dear Editor,

Niles is facing a critical election. Joe Lo Verde is making a lot of crazy charges and people need to know the truth. He states things as facts that are plain, wrong. When he is wrong on basic facts, how can we trust anything he says?

For example, he says Louella Preston was appointed. She wasn't. She became an elected trustee in the contested April 1985 election. In fact, she beat an incumbent trustee. Sorry Joe. Get your facts

straight. He attacks all the incumbent trustees for being appointed. What does he want? If a trustee does or moves on to higher office or even leaves the community, should the seat remain vacant? Or should it be filled by a qualified candidate?

On Election Day, vote for the people who give you the true facts. Make sure we keep Mayor Blase and his team. Let Joe play in the park.

J. Karpinski, Niles.

## Resident supports LoVerde

Dear Editor,

I am a long time Niles resident of over 45 years. I have seen many unopposed elections. I am pleased to see we have a choice on April 5. I have followed the comments of Joe LoVerde in the local papers and couldn't agree more. I was also impressed by his viewpoints and comments on his website which I find very interesting. As with any situation, new ideas and a fresh outlook are good for us. People in elected positions for too long get stale and complacent - business as usual attitude set in.

I have followed the progress of the Niles Park District under Joe LoVerde's leadership. Tremendous improvements have taken place over the past eight years. The conditions of our parks compliment our property and our community. He has brought new fresh leadership to the park district when it was desperately needed. His business experience has brought fiscal responsibility back to government. His leadership at the village level as a trustee would be a welcome sight.

I have seen first hand his dedication and commitment to make Niles a better place for all of us. His years of construction experience and his input would be of great value for the vision of the Milwaukee Ave. Corridor Study. I encourage all our residents to make this election the one that will change "business as usual" in Niles. Vote for Joe LoVerde on April 5. Let's give him a chance to bring his new ideas and energy to our village. I am confident he will serve us well.

Niles Resident name withheld by request

## Correction

In last week's issue of The Bugle, a letter that appeared under the headline, "Secret Hearings set a bad precedent for Morton Grove," was incorrectly run due to technical difficulties. Those difficulties resulted in numerous typographical and content errors in the letter, such as the transposition of the word "builder" that should have appeared in paragraph 11 with the incorrect word, "building." It was not, therefore, intended to appear. Readers should disregard that letter. The Bugle regrets the error. The correct letter, which should have run instead, is printed below.

## Secret Hearings set a bad precedent for Morton Grove

Dear Editor,

On Jan. 31, a "Secret Hearing" knocked the OTB question (supported by 400 signatures) off the ballot depriving our community of its say on a major neighborhood issue. No notice was posted for this meeting, no mention made on public access TV, or at the library, nor any notice on the Internet. This was a secret meeting seemingly orchestrated by Corporate Counsel Liston. At one point in the meeting I heard the mayor tell Ms. Liston "I didn't understand what you just had me read." This is not the Morton Grove you and I love. This is the "shadow."

We have been ruled for some time by a shadow government comprised of real estate conflict of interests. It's no longer even clear if candidate and real estate agent Staackmann calls his own shots amidst published reports power lies elsewhere. Who is behind OTB's, drunken TIF borrowing sprees and refusal to balance our budget? It's sure not the residents.

Every single budget cut suggested by Rick Krier was delivered (and promptly ignored) personally by M.G. residents to the Village Board twice, in June and October 2004 budget workshops. The only "surprise" was our shadow governments selective amnesia. The shadow didn't want any input, especially from mere residents. Selective amnesia also shows in

our \$9 million debt for the failed Waukegan TIF. This bill is due, by statute, almost 20 years before "full funding" of pensions is required, yet instead of any repayment plan, the shadow wants to borrow \$40 million more TIF dollars. Why? More real estate?

What better way to cover its shadow than crying "the pensions are falling?"

Our last corporate counsel, Gabe Berrafato, was allowed (by Ms. Liston, real estate agent Gomberg, and others) to draft a \$5 million TIF handout (followed by a \$420,000 follow-on) for the builder of his own house.

Prior Trustee and TIF Chairperson Liston (whose offices in Mr. Berrafato's building she placed in the TIF) has been strangely silent regarding the Villages TIF Advisory Committee member appearing to operate the real estate company that secretly bought up Maxwells, River Bank Plaza and the Studio, literally outside her very TIF window. Perhaps the proximity of the \$40 million blinded her.

The OTB died from excessive sunlight. So must our real estate shadow government and the budget breaking backroom "done deals" they have brought to Morton Grove. If we miss our chance to clean up today, we throw away all our tomorrows. This the shadow knows.

Christopher Arms, Morton Grove

# COMMENTARY

THE BUGLE

Thursday March 31, 2005

## Hussain: I did not write letter being circulated

Dear Editors,

This letter is in response to an information package being circulated in various Morton Grove neighborhoods by Patrick C. Kanoer, Sr. I am quite concerned about the contents of the package which alleges that certain pieces of information have been sent by me. One letter is regarding a meeting in which both my first and last names are misspelled, my e-mail address is incorrect and there is no signature—anyone who knows me caught this right away. Secondly, the other side of this letter has a copy of a flyer endorsing certain candidates for the upcoming elections in Morton Grove and attacking other candidates. This was also not sent by me. Although it is well within my rights to support any candidate of my choice based on issues that are important to me, I cannot imagine why someone would choose to falsify documents and information. The only correct information was my phone number, and I have been able to clarify matters to those residents who are calling me. Apparently, this package is being dropped off at residents' doors and some are misled

to believe I am the sender.

Mr. Kanoer also mentions that I serve on the "Morton Grove Human[sic] Relations Commission that oversees the Federal agreement between the Village and the MEC." It seems quite evident that MEC is still being used as a political tool by individuals and/or parties. Mr. Kanoer has protested my appointment to the Community Relations Commission in the past and has yet to come up with a legitimate reason aside from the fact that I am a member of MCC. Being a Morton Grove resident and a member of MCC, I feel that given the issues surrounding the MEC project, there is more reason than ever for me to be part of a resolution, to open more effective lines of communication, and to create an understanding amongst our fellow residents. Mr. Kanoer insinuates that anyone related to MEC or MCC is an unfit person to hold a position in our Village. He insinuates that anyone affiliated with MEC has disingenuous concerns and should not voice his opinions—that they are second-class citizens who should not be able to express their worries. He insinuates that MCC is responsible

for these flyers when they are not on an MCC letterhead or signed by an MCC officer. One flyer claims to be by Citizens for Fairness in Government.

I have contacted a candidate endorsed by Mr. Kanoer to get some answers, and I have been told that Mr. Kanoer is acting on his own. Could it not be that individuals sending out fliers to endorse candidates of the other party could be acting on his/her own?

It truly saddens me that someone would go through great lengths to spread false and distorted information. It is unfortunate that this campaign has come to this level. I do not understand how Mr. Kanoer seems to feel threatened by me, but if his goal is to intimidate, it won't work. I will continue to stand for what I feel is right and do what I feel is right for our community and our families. I really wish Mr. Kanoer would have called me before presenting certain matters as "fact". A person who truly wishes to get the facts will at least try to get in touch with the source! Apparently, he does have my phone number.

Samina Hussain

## Barbaglias support LoVerde

Dear Editor,

The local election in Niles is just a few weeks away and hopefully the citizens of Niles will take the time to come out and vote. Usually, in these elections, the people figure it is not all that important to go to the polls.

This election is different as we have a candidate who has placed his name on the ballot hoping to bring some new blood to the Niles political scene. Niles, it is time for a change. The candidate we are endorsing is Joe Lo Verde who will bring with him some new ideas and

some positive visions for our future.

Our family has known Joe for over 37 years. Joe is dedicated to Niles and its people. He has served unselfishly and given back to the town he loves. Over the past years he has been a director of the Bank of Niles, a director of St. John Brebeuf's Parish and a commissioner on the Niles Zoning Board.

For many years, Joe and his family ran a successful business in Niles. When he decided to take an early retirement from the construction business, he was chosen as executive director of Niles Parks.

While serving in this position he has initiated many successful programs for children and adults. He has taken a financially strapped park system and turned it into a financially stable one it is today.

Joe is a devoted family man of high integrity and moral value, a true and loyal friend and a hard working businessman. It has been our privilege to call Joe a friend. It is our hope that on April 5th you will cast your vote for Joe Lo Verde as trustee of Niles.

Carole and Chuck Barbaglia, Niles

## Resident has more questions for Morton Grove candidates

Dear Editor,

Your unbiased report on the background and comments of the mayoral and trustees candidates is very much appreciated in view of the few and selected mailed invitations to "Meet the Candidates" received by our 14,037 registered Morton Grove voters. As concerned citizen and Taxpayer, I appeal to all Morton Grove residents and Voters to make the right calculated choice of a Mayor and trustees capable of solving our Morton Grove critical cash flow problem and economic devel-

opment.

I appeal to all voters to be well informed and to ask questions and so safeguard our Village values and standards of living. More so because of the discretionary powers of our local representatives under our Village Home Rules powers of article VII section 6 of our Illinois constitution.

My questions to candidates are:  
I - In view of the cash balances shown in our Village General Ledger Balance sheet as at December 31, 2004 and the \$44,422,264 expenditures projected for 2005, how

should the amount of our Village cash flow be made adequate to sustain the increased cost of our Village economic development?  
a) Borrowing b) Tax Hikes c) Cutting cost of non-necessary operations. By which amount or percentage should our present Village tax rate be affected?  
II - Should the 2003 and 2004 voting records of candidates for Village President, as shown in the minutes available at our Morton Grove Library as well as their accomplishments in the various commissions in which they served be made available

for evaluation?  
III - Will Mayoral candidates pledge to serve only their present term of office expiring in 2009 if our Village is unable to balance our 2006 budget without reducing essential services or increasing taxes and fees or increasing our long term debt which is above \$25 millions and about \$2 millions debt service?  
IV - Will candidates reduce the cost of water which is \$3.60 per 1000 gallons plus 95 cents sewer charge when we are buying water at \$1.29 per 1000 gallons and the cost of our water sewer department is

\$4,123,825 as budgeted for 2005?  
V - What our mayoral and trustees candidates do to make the budget format simpler, understandable and more friendly with a quarterly Treasurer report at our Morton Grove Library.  
VI - Will the mayoral and trustees candidates reduce the per capita cost of government expenditures of our Village which is \$1902 per capita when Niles is \$1864 and Schaumburg \$1768 as per Park Ridge 2005 comparison survey?

Raymond Solal, Morton Grove

## Norway, My Way

Kathryn Sjurseth  
Columnist



## Fish

I have a horrible affliction. It never caused me any problems back home in Park Ridge, but after moving to Stavanger, Norway it has reared its head as a definite social ill. I will admit it, I am allergic to fish.

Fortunately, this allows me to delve into the world, nay, universe, of Norwegian fish products without having to eat any of the ghastly things. I can see the appeal of tucking into a chunk of salmon, but over here they have thought of way more diabolical cooking possibilities than broiled and garnished with a slice of lemon.

Probably the most famous of these unusual fish dishes is lutefisk. Lutefisk is dried cod which has been soaked in lye. Lye is a chemical used to make soap. It is also a poison. Naturally, no one wants a meal of lutefisk to be their last, so it is very important to leave the cod under cold running water for a couple of hours to rinse the poison out. After that, boil it up, dump a cup of melted butter and dill sauce over it, and voila, fish the consistency of jelly. I should point out that my mother loves this stuff, but she is half Norwegian herself and probably has some sort of immunity built up.

If lutefisk sounds a little too unusual, how about some caviar? I mean, caviar with a "K." Caviar and kaviar have very little in common. Where fine Russian caviar is harvested from the finest beluga whale and sturgeons and served with a horn spoon onto rounds of melba toasts, Norwegian kaviar is bright pink cod eggs squeezed from

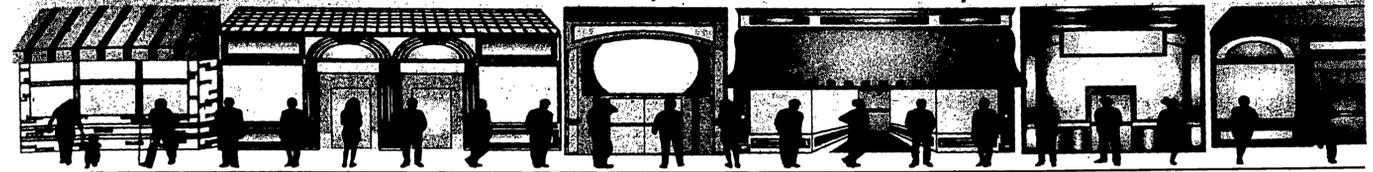
toothpaste-style tube onto a cracker or a slice of bread. Weirdly, this stuff is popular with Russians so the guys packing the finest grades might be eating the lowest ones during their lunch breaks.

The previous examples of the bounty of the sea gone horribly wrong pale in comparison to a single simple entree: the dread gravlaks. The name itself tries to warn the eater since "grav" literally means "grave." At the beginning of the process it is simply a raw filet of salmon covered in seasonings. Then, just when things start to sound appetizing, the fish is wrapped in a sack and buried deep in the ground for a month. When the maker gets around to digging up this delicacy, the bacteria in the fish have actually cooked it leaving it, in theory, safe to eat. However, if it is not buried deep enough in the cold ground it breeds a healthy colony of botulism just waiting for the buffet table. Even once in a while a Norwegian dies from eating it. Strangely, this does not seem to make people refuse to eat it and a curious visitor could always dig some up anytime he is in Norway.

As for me, due to that pesky allergy, I will have to pass on the fish and help myself to some freshly boiled North Sea shrimp and a few delicate local mussels steamed in white wine.

# Have You Heard?

Community Announcements



THE BUGLE

Thursday March 31, 2005

## Learn to swim at Niles Fitness Center



Learn to Swim  
Registration

Niles Family  
Fitness Center

4/11/05 - 4/13/05 Members Only  
4/14/05 - 4/22/05 Open Registration  
\$43 Members / \$58 Non-Members

The Niles Family Fitness Center's Learn to Swim Program is structured around the American Red Cross. All sessions run six weeks and each lesson will last 35 minutes. Due to the number of classes offered and tight class schedule, it is imperative that classes start on time. Please make sure your child is dressed and ready for class at least 5 minutes prior to your class start time.

## LEARN TO SWIM PLACEMENT TESTING

In order to ensure that your child is in the appropriate class, all new participants to the Learn To Swim program must attend a Placement Day. Children will be tested on their swimming skills and advised which class level to register for.

Participation in this class does not guarantee your child a spot in the Learn To Swim program.

Placement Test: SAT 4/9 11:00 AM - 11:50 PM  
Placement Test: TUES 4/12 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Placement Test: WED 4/13 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Placement Test: SAT 4/16 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Private/semi-private lessons also available.



## Pioneer Park to reopen

### Little Ladies Tea Party

Ladies, ages 3-8 & Adult, put on your favorite dress and come to Niles Park District's afternoon tea party. This elegant and fun event will include hot and iced tea, punch, finger sandwiches, sweets, crafts and a special photo. All girls are asked to bring a decorated hat to model for our "Parade of Hats". Event takes place Saturday, April 23 from Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Howard Leisure Center Banquet Room. Please call (847) 967-6633 for additional information.

### Pioneer Park Re-Opens for the Season, April 9th

Come out to practice your swing, whether it is with a golf club or a baseball bat. Niles Park District Pioneer Park batting cages will be re-opening for the 2005 season Saturday, April 9th. We have made some new and exciting improvements on our miniature golf course, which will be opening Saturday, April 30th. While you are working up an appetite, visit our concession stand for a cool drink and something to eat. Parties and fundraisers are also available.

Our Spring hours are as follows: Saturday April 9th - Friday May 27th, Mon. - Fri. 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Pioneer Park is located at 7135 N. Harlem, near Touhy. For more information, contact Julene at (847) 647-6777.

## Glenview Terrace and Home Depot - 'Building' Relationships

When the world's largest home improvement retailer partners with Glenview's pre-eminent Alzheimer's specialists - they create a very "constructive" activity for residents.

On March 15, the Home Depot Vernon Hills visited Glenview Terrace Alzheimer's program. Reflections, to engage residents in a "hands on" workshop therapeutically designed to stimulate imagination and creativity. Little did they know how successful it would be!

According to Nila Shah, program director of Reflections, the visit by Home Depot became the catalyst for families, staff and residents to work together on a project very reminiscent of ones that might have been done at home.

"The visit from Home Depot really began with one of our families suggesting we might be able to partner in an innovative activity," said Nila. "Our families were very excited and many



were here that day to help work with the tools that were brought. Our residents really enjoyed working with tools

similar to the ones they used to use."

Everyone was able to safely construct a small wooden racecar from parts, wheels, glue and nails. Ellen Raiman, Community/Customer Relations for the Home Depot Vernon Hills store, was not surprised that both men and women were so enthusiastic.

"I have had similar workshops at the store, but never at a nursing home," said Ellen. "Once someone attends our workshops, they feel more confident that they can create a project. I saw that same confidence with the residents at Glenview Terrace."

While this was the first such workshop that Ellen has coordinated for a nursing home - it won't be the last.

Ellen plans to conduct these monthly at Glenview Terrace and include such projects as building a bird house, planters and caddies that could hold shampoo and toothpaste.



## Prairie View 5K, Family Garage Sale

**Morton Grove Park District's Family Garage Sale - Saturday, April 16th** - Join our family garage sale and clear out all the stuff you've been dying to get rid of. Rent a table and sell your surplus all at once.

Selling space is limited to 30 tables. The event will take place on Saturday, April 16th from 9:00am - 1:00pm outside in Prairie View Park located at 6834 Dempster St. Cost is only \$12/table for residents and \$16 for non-residents. In case of inclement weather the garage sale will be held indoors in the Prairie View Gymnasium. The public is invited to visit this event at no charge.

**Prairie View 5K Run/Walk - Sunday, April 17 - 8:00am:** Runners and walkers of all ages can enjoy this 3.1 mile Run and Fun Walk as it winds through the streets and forest preserve in Morton Grove. Awards presented to the top male and female finishers overall and to the top three male and female finishers in each age division. Participants will also be able to collect pledges to benefit Maine Niles Association of Special Recreation. M-NASR is a not-for profit agency providing therapeutic recreation for children and adults with disabilities. Fee is \$17 - early registration and \$20 - Day of Race. Stop by Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster Street for a registration form. Register on-line at [www.mortongrovecity.com](http://www.mortongrovecity.com) by April 15th and save \$1. Any questions, please call us at 847-965-1200.

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## Park Ridge Park District New board will face big challenges

Fresh blood is coming to the parks of Park Ridge. Four new faces will be on the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District Board of Commissioners after the April 5 election.

New Park Board members Dick Barton, Sal Raspanti, Joyce Carmichael and Terry Majewski do not face opposition on the April 5 ballot. The four replace Helen Schaeffer, Gal Wilkening, Fred Angelini and president Bob Trizna.

One of the main issues is Oakton Park renovation. The April 5 ballot contains two referendum questions. The dual questions ask voters their opinion on Oakton changes. The advisory referendum is non-binding and is

meant to inform officials about public opinion before they proceed.

The first question is: "Should the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District demolish the Oakton Park swimming pool, diving tank, diving platform, pool deck and two story entry/locker rooms/showers/and office area at the ice arena and construct a new 46,600 square foot indoor recreation center containing a 31,880 square foot field house and a new entry, lounge, offices and locker area, and additional parking at a cost of approximately \$11.5 million, as part of the overall Oakton Sports Complex renovation?"

The second question is: "Should the Park Ridge

Recreation and Park District demolish the Oakton Park swimming pool, diving tank, diving platform, pool deck and two-story entry/locker rooms/showers/and office area at the ice arena and construct a new 41,000-square-foot outdoor aquatic park in their place plus additional parking and new locker rooms and showers at a cost of approximately \$13.0 million, as part of the overall Oakton Sports Complex renovation?"

Barton, a former reporter and owner of a public relations company, said the new Park Board will consider this input from the public. A second binding referendum could then be on the horizon.

Barton said he is running for the Park Board and has past experience working for the parks. "I'm looking forward to using my skills to help Park Ridge," he said.

Sal Raspanti said new Park Board members have a "tremendous opportunity" to bring change to the parks.

He said he favors a mixture of the two referendum items, which means he'd prefer the Oakton site to mix outdoor water facilities and a field house.

Raspanti, a commercial insurance salesman in Park Ridge, also said he'd like to improve maintenance and facility upgrades at the parks.

"We need to make sure our

facilities are modern for the next generation," Raspanti said.

When asked how he plans to vote on the advisory referendum April 5, Raspanti stated he prefers a fieldhouse to an outdoor water facility but reiterated his belief that a combination of the two would be ideal.

Barton said Park Ridge has many pools, but lacks facilities that could be offered in a fieldhouse.

At the first meeting, the new commissioners will select a new Park Board president. Barton said he knows who he favors for the position, but would not say who that is.

"It wouldn't be appropriate," he said.

## Sullivan, Silvestri endorse Frimark

State Senator Dave Sullivan and Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri endorsed Fourth Ward Alderman Howard Frimark in the race for Park Ridge mayor last week.

"I have the pleasure of knowing and working with Howard Frimark during his many years serving on Park Ridge civic boards and now as alderman, without a doubt he is the best man to lead Park Ridge," said Sullivan.

"As Chamber of Commerce President," he continued, "Howard Frimark worked

hard to bring a balance between the concerns of our residents and the need for business redevelopment in Park Ridge. He knows that a healthy commercial tax base helps our schools and city and puts less of a burden on local residential property taxes."

Silvestri agreed, "Intergovernmental cooperation is crucial with today's tight budgets," he said. "Howard Frimark will be a welcome partner to the Cook County Board in forging new alliances and solving mutual problems of traffic and emergency response creatively and efficiently."



### A House Divided

Residents of this home on Sibley in Park Ridge have four signs in their front yard, two for John Iberl and two for Kirke Machon. Both men are running for a single available seat on the city council for the 1st Ward Alderman. Their signs have been appear-

## Tinaglia Unveils More Endorsements

Michael Tinaglia announced the endorsements of two more Park Ridge Aldermen today adding Ald. Mark Anderson and Ald. Jeff Cox to his list of local officials backing his campaign for Mayor. The endorsements mean that Tinaglia has secured the backing of a majority of City Council members who have publicly endorsed a candidate.

Ald. Anderson pointed to Tinaglia's experience as an eight year incumbent of the city Council as a major factor in the endorsement. "I support Michael Tinaglia because he is clearly the best man for the job. I served with him on the City Council and seen him in action; I know he will make a great mayor. He is honest, ethical and dependable. He cares about the things I care about. Most importantly, he knows City government should be for all the people, not just a chosen few. Park Ridge is fortunate to have such a fine public servant."

Ald. Cox was clear that it was Tinaglia's integrity and judgment that lead to his endorsement.

"At every City Council meeting I have the opportunity to first hand evaluate the leadership and integrity of both mayoral candidates. Based on my observations over the last two years, I have absolutely no doubt as to

Michael's honesty and sound judgment." Ald. Cox also noted that Tinaglia understands the concerns of parents raising their families in Park Ridge. "Michael is more in tune with issues that currently confront parents in our community" Cox said.

Tinaglia's daughter Elena is a senior at Maine South.

Anderson and Cox join Larry Friel, Don Crampton, Rex Parker and Acting Mayor Michael Marous in their support for The Tinaglia Campaign.

"I am very proud to add Mark and Jeff to the list of elected officials in Park Ridge who have announced their support for me," Tinaglia said. "It is even more gratifying knowing that I have the support of a majority of the people I work with and will work with if elected mayor."

"I am honored to have earned the support of these fine elected officials. In the last analysis endorsements from the officials who are actually dealing with local issues everyday are the most satisfying and important," Tinaglia continued.

"Not just because they understand the issues at hand but because they have the most invested in the process."

Michael Tinaglia is in his second term on the city council as Alderman of the First Ward. Tinaglia is chairman of the

## Morton Grove absentee voting

The village of Morton Grove currently has absentee voting in-house at the Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Ave. from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. This will close at 5 p.m. on Apr. 4 the day before the election. Residents who will be out of town or unable to vote on the day of the election are invited to vote absentee at village hall or submit an absentee ballot to the Cook County Clerk's Office.

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the front desk in village hall.

A ride to the polls on the Seniortran may be obtained for election day by calling the senior hot line at (847) 470-5223.

If you have any questions or need more election information, please visit [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) or call the County Clerk's office at (312) 603-0906 or call Village Clerk Marilyn Sneider at (847) 663-6113.



## Joe LoVerde for Trustee of Niles

*New Ideas... New Enthusiasm... New Direction...*

**I am not running for an OFFICE, I am running for a REASON:**

- ✓ Increased Traffic Problems and Pedestrian Safety Issues
- ✓ Excessive Spending on Capital Projects
- ✓ Deterioration of Milwaukee Avenue
- ✓ Continued Revenue Loss in Village-Operated Niles Family Fitness Center
- ✓ Increased Taxes Imposed Each and Every Year

**This current Board of Trustees has increased:**

- our property taxes 4.9% each year for the last ten years
- sales tax
- utility taxes
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The Present Trustees are running under the banner of Leaders for Financial Security, yet under their Leadership we have seen constant tax increases. The Village of Niles has an unreserved fund balance of over \$21,700,000.00, which is available for spending at the Board of Trustee's discretion. **If elected as YOUR TRUSTEE, my position would be to use the unreserved funds to reward our residents with tax relief, NOT tax increases.**

My 25 years of business experience, community involvement, and eight years as your Park District Executive Director, make me highly qualified, willing, and able to serve you, with the commitment and respect you deserve.

You have a **"CHOICE"** to elect a candidate with:

*New Ideas... New Enthusiasm... New Direction...*

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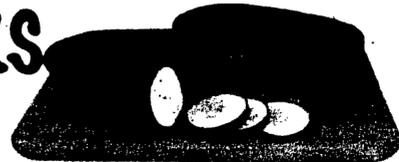
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**PORK STEAKS**  
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