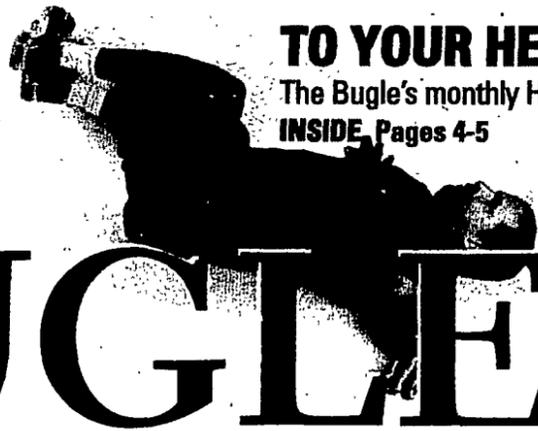




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## Milwaukee Committee refines designs

**By Tracy Yoshida Gruen**  
STAFF WRITER

After meetings and site visits, the Milwaukee Ave. Streetscape Committee has come up with their project goals and they expect to hear back from the architect in May.

The committee wants to improve pedestrian safety by improving the intersections of

Milwaukee and Touhy, Milwaukee and Oakton and Milwaukee and Waukegan.

In addition, they want to create barriers on sidewalks between the pedestrians and the roadway, such as trees, large pots and light poles. Reducing the number and size of curb cuts is another goal of the streetscape committee's.

Niles Park District Director Joseph LoVerde, who is also a

village trustee candidate for the Niles village board, said that the safety of pedestrians along Milwaukee Ave. is a major concern for him.

In order to make Milwaukee Ave. more pedestrian friendly, they are looking at street art and furniture such as benches and objects separating large parking lots from sidewalk, as well as gateway monuments. In order to create continuity

and consistency, they are talking about an uninterrupted sidewalk system (8' or wider), decorative pedestrian lights, a banner system and flower baskets.

The committee believes that it's important to be creative, sensible and cost effective. For example, using low maintenance plantings and stamping instead of pavers are preferred.

In February, the committee conducted site visits at various locations in Morton Grove, Skokie, Wheeling and Libertyville in order to get ideas of how to improve the Milwaukee Ave. corridor.

Kim Biederman, Niles village trustee and chairman of the streetscape committee, believes the committee has been making progress and is moving in the right direction.

## Niles seeks new Plan Commission member

The village of Niles will hold interviews to fill a vacancy on its Plan Commission following the departure of Joseph LoVerde after the Apr. 17 election confirms him as Niles newest trustee. LoVerde is unopposed.

According to Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase the village has formed a committee chaired by Trustee Bart Murphy that will interview potential candidates for the position. The committee will be composed of Murphy, two other trustees,

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### Lions transform old mailbox



The Niles Lions Club took an old government mailbox and changed it into the Niles Lions Club container for used eye glasses. The container is located inside the Niles Senior Center. Pictured on installation day, in front is Lions member Ingrid Kubitz and Russ McAndrew. In back, left to right, are Lions Members Dennis Burns, Randy Greco, Ginger Troiani, Phil Bergquist, Norbert Johnson, Lou Valerio, Tony Hubick and Glenn Steude.

## Morton Grove candidate forum tonight

To air on cable Friday, Monday

Voters will have a chance tonight to hear the views of the candidates for Morton Grove Trustee at a Candidate Forum sponsored by the Bugle Newspapers.

The forum will be held at the American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St, Morton Grove from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 12.

"We are happy to be able to sponsor this event," said Andrew Schneider, editor of The Bugle Newspapers and moderator for the forum.

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## Walk to honor Jenny Riemer set for Apr. 28

A Family Fun Walk to honor Jenny Riemer and her grandmother, Theresa White, who were both killed while on vacation in a vehicle accident will take place at Nelson School in Niles on Saturday, April 28.

Riemer, 10, was a student at Nelson School. Last June, while on vacation, a family member suffered an epileptic seizure and veered off the road and struck an oak tree in Galena. Jenny and her grandma died and Jenny's mother, Joyce Smith and Nelson classmate Kailee Brandel were



Jenny Riemer

severely injured. Nelson teachers, Tracy Fragassi and Shawn Courtney wanted to organize this event so that students could come together and celebrate Riemer's life.

"Jenny was our shining star," said Fragassi, in a recent press release. "The thing that everyone seems to agree upon was how her smile would beam through the hallways."

"She was unbelievably considerate and concerned about other kids," said Courtney. "She had varied interests and was an out-

standing person. She had an endless number of friends. Her goal was to make everyone smile."

Many volunteers generously donated their time and effort to make phone calls, flyers and solicit local retailers for donations. The funds raised during the Family Fun Walk will go into the Jennifer Riemer Memorial Fund established at the Northwest Community Credit Union in Niles.

Registration for the two-mile walk begins at 8:30 a.m. at Nelson Elementary School in Niles, 8901 North Ozanam in Niles. The walk starts at 10 a.m.

and the participants will be escorted by the Niles Police Department.

Following the walk, there will be a lunch. Sara Lee has donated 1,000 hotdogs and buns. Other festivities include a Nelson Student Council face painting booth, a live DJ, and children and adult raffles for more than \$1,000 worth of toys and gifts. Old Country Buffet Restaurant will have its trademark bumblebee mascot that will be handing out free kids meals to walkers. There will be goody bags and the Niles Fire Truck will be on hand for viewing as well.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

East Maine School Dist. 63 Board of Education

This race for the three vacancies is between four candidates, two of which are incumbents. The incumbents are Anne Marzullo and John Jekot and the newcomers are Janet Kaczowski and Tom Simmons.

**Janet Kaczowski**  
**Issues:** "No Child Left Behind is probably the biggest issue." Kaczowski said that its important that the district keeps progressing and looks for new ways to meet the educational needs of every child as an individual.  
**Background:** Kaczowski has experience with heading a committee to pass a referendum. She has lived in Niles for more than 20 years and has three children currently in the school district. She has a BS in computer science and a minor in Bio Engineering.

**Tom Simmons**  
**Issues:** "The ongoing challenge is to serve a very diverse community." Simmons noted that the district serves children who speak about 50 different languages and feels its important to provide a quality education for every single child.  
**Background:** Simmons has been a Glenview resident for

the past 19 years.  
**Inc. John Jekot**  
**Issues:** Jekot would like to focus on working with state senators and state representatives regarding school funding.  
**Background:** Jekot is a life long resident of Niles and the current vice president of the board of education. He recently achieved the National School Boards Association award. He is the current president of the Optimist Club of Niles.

**Inc. Anne Marzullo**  
**Issues:** Marzullo is against putting Spanish text books in the first and second grade classrooms, because she feels it will be difficult for the students to learn English that way. She believes they have to start looking at schools as a business and be fiscally responsible. She said, "everything looks good on the

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Niles Township High School Dist. 219 Board of Education

There are four candidates in the uncontested race for the four vacancies on the board. The race involves three incumbents and one newcomer, Eileen Valfer.

Inc. Jeffrey Greenspan

**Issues:** Greenspan feels the major issue is academic improvement for all students and making sure they have opportunities after high school as well. He is also concerned about the cost of the school fees and would like to see them reduced a bit. In general, he feels the district should be a school people want to enroll their children at and also one that people want to work at.

**Background:** Greenspan is an attorney and was a municipal attorney for 20 years, and for the Village of Skokie for 10 years. He has lived in Skokie since 1964. He has also been a project manager.

Inc. Tim Knudsen

**Issues:** "It's real simple. Test scores are down and taxes are up." Knudsen said he wants to improve test scores and reduce taxes. He is concerned that one

out of three students in the district can not pass the basic state exam.

**Background:** Knudsen has lived in Skokie for 52 years. He is self employed and has a masters degree in management. He has a daughter and a grandson.

Eileen Valfer

**Issues:** "There really isn't anything at this point. I don't feel I'm familiar enough with the district to really know." Valfer said that if elected she will then learn what issues and challenges the district faces. She believes it is an excellent school district that is run very well.

**Background:** Valfer has twin children who attend school in Dist. 219. She has been a teacher in Lincolnwood for many years and is a graduate of Niles North High School herself. She has also served on the Dist. 68 school board for

Maine Township High School Dist. 207 Board of Education

Four candidates, two of which are incumbents, are vying for the three vacant spots on the school board. Roger Crawford is not running in this election. Julian Rosales has announced that he has withdrawn from the race, but his name will still be on the ballot. The district said if he is elected, then he would have to resign.

Inc. Joanne Braam

**Issues:** Braam believes in addition to academics, its important to teach students how to lead a healthy life style. She also feels that it would be nice to incorporate community service into a child's overall education and is in favor of an IEP (individualized education plan) for every student.

**Background:** Braam has been a Des Plaines resident for almost 16 years. She is an instructor at ITT technical institute in Mount Prospect and a freelance writer. She has served on the Des Plaines Elementary School Dist. '62 board of education and has children at Maine West.

Inc. Donna Pellar

The Bugle was unable to reach Pellar by deadline time.

Carl Mann

**Issues:** "I think the district needs to improve its communications. I also believe the district needs a fund balance policy." Mann believes that in addition to providing a quality education for its students, the district also has a responsibility to the taxpayers of the community.

**Background:** Mann is a small business owner and has a history of volunteerism in the community. He has lived in Park Ridge for several years. He has a child in Dist. 64 and one at Maine South High School.

Sean Sullivan

**Issues:** "I'd like to see some balance in the support for the three schools in the system." Sullivan feels they have a strong financial reserve and believes the existing board and administration has done a good job of running the schools. Sullivan wanted to provide support for the school system and make sure they keep moving in the right direction.

**Background:** Sullivan has lived in Park Ridge for 43 years and is a lawyer and a college administrator at Triton College. One of his children attends Maine South.

eight years.

Inc. Sheri Doniger

This candidate could not be reached by the Bugle newspapers by the time of deadline.

East Maine School Dist. 63 Board of Education

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surface, but show me the end result."

**Background:** Marzullo has lived

in Niles for more than 40 years. She ran a criminal law firm for more than 25 years and has been actively involved in politics.

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## To improve core strength, mobility: Rotate legs and hips from side to side



FITNESS FORUM

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

This exercise that focuses on the trunk, can be done by beginners and veterans alike.

**The Moves:** Supine rotation of the torso.

**Works On:** Trunk range of motion and core strength.

**Setup:** On a firm surface, lie down on your back. The arms should be 90 degrees to the trunk and resting on the ground. Bend your knees to 90 degrees. Firm the abdominal muscles and flatten the lower back against the floor. With the abs tight and the back flat, lift the legs until the hips are 90 degrees to the trunk. Keep the legs firmly together.

**The Moves:** Maintain the above leg and hip position and slowly rotate to one side until the legs almost touch the ground. Pause and repeat the move to the opposite side.

**Repetitions:** Start with one set of rotations for 30 seconds. Progress to three to five sets, at one minute for each set.

**Precautions:** Progress slowly with the range of motion until you can get near the ground. Do not allow the lower back to arch during this activity. Do not hold your breath.

**Options:** For beginners, keep the heels on the ground and just work on increasing range of motion. For extra chal-

**Core value** - To improve core strength and mobility, firefighter Michael Nelson slowly rotates his legs and hips from side to side. (CNS Photo by Nadia Borowski Scott)

enge, pinch a small dumbbell between the ankles or knees, but take every precaution not to drop it on yourself!

## Dieting or exercise? It's a tossup

By Charlyn Fargo  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

When most of us want to lose weight, we start thinking about cutting calories and exercising. Which is most effective? A new study, conducted by the Pennington Biomedical Research

Center at Louisiana State University, finds that cutting calories and exercising more are both equally effective for losing weight. The 35 people in the study were randomly assigned to one of three groups: those who

reduced their caloric intake by 25 percent; those who cut calories by 12.5 percent while increasing exercise by 12.5 percent; and those who were the control group making no exercise or diet changes.

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## Morton Grove Park Dist. news & events

### Family Garage Sale

Morton Grove Park District's Family Garage Sale- Saturday, April 14th -

Stop by the Morton Grove Park District's Annual Multi-Family Garage Sale. 20 families will be selling at the Prairie View Community Center located at 6834 Dempster St. (N. of Dempster and E. of Waukegan) 9:30am-2:30pm.

### Prairie View 5K Run Walk Sunday, Apr. 15

The Morton Grove Park District's annual 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, April 15 at Prairie View Park. Runners and walkers of all ages can enjoy this 3.1 mile USATF Certified Course. T-shirts will be guaranteed to all pre-registered participants and all runners/walkers will receive entry into the post race food tent sponsored by Dominicks Finer Foods. The Run will begin at 8:05 a.m. and the walk at 8:10 a.m. Awards will be given to the 3 top male and female finishers in each category and top male and female finishers overall. The first 300 registered participants will receive a \$5 gift card from Starbucks. Other

major sponsors for this event include: Charter One Bank, Waxbergs Walk Shoppe, John Baethke & Son Plumbing and mb financial bank. For more information, please call (847) 965-1200 or you can register online at www.mortongroveparks.com.

### Club Fitness Summer Special

Morton Grove Park District's Club Fitness Summer Special - 3 months for \$59.95. Purchasing period is May 1 to July 31, 2007. Come see the new look of Club Fitness. For more information call (847) 965-1200.

### Open House

Come Play With Us Open House - Saturday, April 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00pm. The

Morton Grove Park District invites you and your family to come play with us at the Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster Street. Stop by and gather valuable park district information on pools, camps, summer special events, preschool, before and after school care, fitness classes, rentals and more. Be the first to receive a copy of our 2007 summer brochure that will not be available to the general public until Monday, April 30th. All resident families in attendance will receive a coupon good for \$10 off their registration that evening (certain restrictions apply). There will also be some fun giveaways along with a chance to win some prizes. Hope to see you there.

## Niles Parks hold 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 tea, lemonade, finger sandwiches, sweets, crafts, fun table games, prizes, 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 28 from Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Howard Leisure Center Banquet Room. To register, come to the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard. Questions, please call (847) 967-6633.

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## Niles Parks holds Spring Junior Golf Clinic

Niles Park District is starting off the golf season with a Junior Golf Clinic. The camp is for ages 8-14. This clinic will develop the foundation of the game of golf. Chris Urgo, our U.S.G.T.F. instructor will tar-

get proper techniques of the short game and demonstrate golf swing mechanics. Grip, posture, alignment, ball positioning and rules of etiquette will be taught. The 4-week session runs Monday, 04/30-

05/21 at 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration takes place at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information, please call (847) 967-6633.

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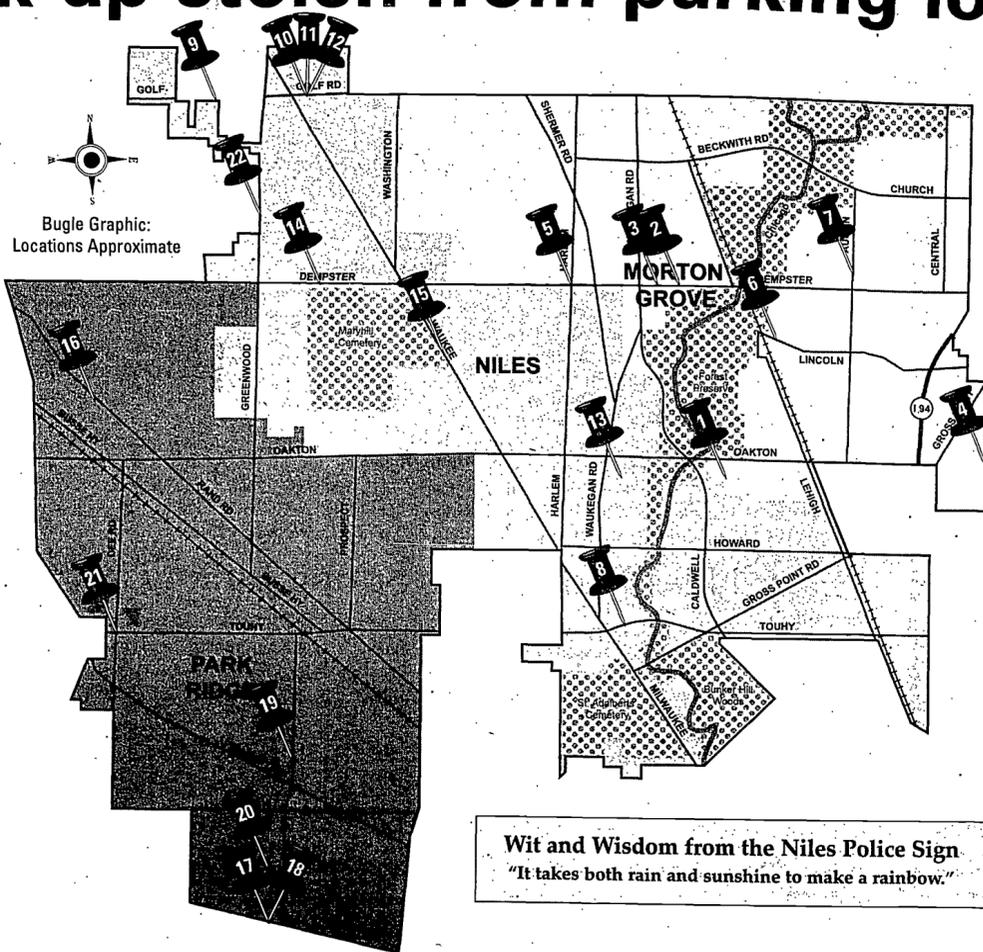
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# Ford pick-up stolen from parking lot

## MORTON GROVE

- 1 Vehicle Theft (7800 block of Nagle)**  
An employee reported that a 2001 white Ford pick-up truck was stolen from a parking lot in the 7800 block of Nagle on Thursday, April 5.
- 2 Theft from Vehicle (6800 block of Dempster)**  
Unknown person or persons shattered the passenger window of a vehicle and took a purse and wallet from the vehicle parked in a lot in the 6800 block of Dempster on Friday, March 30. The estimated value of the purse is \$75 and the wallet is \$25.
- 3 Four Tires Stolen (6900 block of Dempster)**  
Four tires were taken from a new vehicle at a dealership in the 6900 block of Dempster on Saturday, March 31. The estimated value of the tires taken is \$2,000.
- 4 Burglary to Vehicle (8000 block of Long)**  
Police said unknown subject or subjects took an in-dash stereo from a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence in the 8000 block of Long on Thursday, March 29. The stereo has an estimated value of \$250. The victim is not sure if the vehicle was locked or unlocked.
- 5 Wallet Taken From Purse in Shopping Cart (7200 block of Dempster)**  
Unknown subject or subjects took a \$100 wallet from her purse in the shopping cart while she was shopping at a store in the 7200 block of Dempster on Friday, March 30. The wallet contained \$80 in USC and credit cards.



Wit and Wisdom from the Niles Police Sign  
"It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow."

- 6 DUI Arrest (Lincoln/Callie)**  
A 21-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested on Sunday, April 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol in the area of Lincoln and Callie. The court date is May 10.
- 7 Possession of Cannabis/Drug Paraphernalia (Austin/Grove)**  
A 20-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested for the possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia in the area of Austin and Grove on Monday, April 2. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is May 9.
- 8 Burglary to School (6900 block of Touhy)**  
The victim said an unknown person walked into the school

- 9 Minor took Alcohol and Drugs (8800 block of Golf)**  
Niles police assisted the Niles Fire Department on a call to the 8800 block of Golf on Monday, April 2 after a 19-year-old subject drank a glass of Vodka and took 10 grams of an anti-depressant. The subject said he took the drugs by accident and was cited for consumption of alcohol by a minor and cost of emergency services.
- 10 Subject Sings and Then Flees (8500 block of Golf)**  
Unknown person sang at the Karaoke bar inside a facility at the 8500 block of Golf on Friday, April 6 and left without paying his \$700 bill. Police said the subject was with four other people
- 11 Rock Hits Window While Driving (8500 block of Golf)**  
While the victim was traveling eastbound on Golf Rd. from Milwaukee Ave. on Monday, April 2 she heard a noise and then observed that her rear window was shattered. The victim did not see anyone throw anything at her vehicle, but she did observe a rock in the ledge of the rear window. A three-year-old was in a car seat in the back of the vehicle. No one was injured from the criminal damage.
- 12 Minor Drinks Alcohol at Bar (8500 block of Golf)**  
A bar tender in the 8500 block of Golf was cited for furnishing liquor to a 20-year-old on Sunday, April 8. The victim was cited for allowing the minor on the premise and the minor was cited for consuming alcohol.
- 13 Tools Stolen from Store (900 block of Civic Center)**  
Unknown person took a

- 14 Warrant Arrest (8800 block of Root)**  
A 31-year-old Niles woman was arrested on a warrant for a battery out of Will County on Saturday, April 7. The bond is \$500.
- 15 Felony DUI (8500 block of Milwaukee)**  
A 21-year-old Niles man was arrested on Tuesday, April 3 in the 8500 block of Milwaukee for felony driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and having no driver's license. The bond is set at \$2,000 and the court date is April 10.
- 16 Burglary to Residence (1300 block of Potter)**  
Unknown person or persons

entered the victim's residence in the 1300 block of Potter by forcing open the front door sometime between Thursday, March 29 and Friday, March 30. Police said jewelry was taken from the residence.

**17 Subject Cut Phone Lines (1000 block of Peterson)**  
Police said unknown subject or subjects cut the phone lines and cable line to the residence in the 1000 block of Peterson and removed light bulbs from the outside garage lights sometime between Tuesday, March 27 and Thursday, March 29. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

**18 Burglary to Condo Construction Site (1000 block of Peterson)**  
Wiring, lights, fan housing, electric boxes and more were stolen from a condominium construction site in the 1000 block of W. Peterson sometime between Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29. See Blotter, page 7

# Restore your old photos at the Niles Historical Society

Something timely, something different. The Niles Historical Society has planned a great program for you on Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m. Do you have old photographs that have been damaged by water, fading, mold, stains, are torn and/or discolored? Mark Chamberlain is coming to the Museum and will tell us how to repair all of the damage. Then he will explain how to preserve and store so this will not be a problem again. Bring a photo that needs handling with care (one per person).

## Blotter

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- 19 GPS System Taken from Vehicle (Albion and Cumberland)**  
Unknown subject or subjects entered the victim's 1999 Pontiac by breaking the driver's door window on Thursday, March 29. A GPS system worth \$325 was taken from the vehicle.
- 20 Subject Enters Through Kitchen Window (1700 block of S. Clifton)**  
Police said unknown person or persons entered the resi-

dence by opening a kitchen window on Tuesday, April 3. The victim was given a missing property form.

**21 DUI Arrest (Touhy and Dee)**  
A 30-year-old Niles woman was arrested on Saturday, March 31 for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding, no insurance and improper lane usage at Touhy and Dee. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is April 24.

**22 No Valid Drivers License (Ballard and Greenwood)**  
Police arrested a 25-year-old Niles man for having no valid drivers license, suspended registration and an obstructed windshield on Monday, April 2. The court date is May 11 and the bond is set at \$1,000.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Letter to Editor: from Dan Scanlon

Every homeowner in Morton Grove has experienced substantial increases in real estate tax bills in the last two years, exactly the length of time the Caucus Party has been in control of the village board. One reason given is that the village employee pension funds were not fully funded.

Prior to 10 years ago, the pension funds were able to meet all obligations and at brief times were over-funded. Since that time, the reduced rate of return on investments and the increased number of retirees has depleted the funds at a faster rate. (Most governmental units and many private industries are experiencing this same short-fall.)

Additionally, there are new legal requirements that all pensions be fully funded by year 2033, with incremental steps to be reached at earlier dates. This seemed insurmountable in Morton Grove. Immediate full funding was impossible.

With this in mind, as Mayor, I, with the approval of the then village board, instituted an agreement with the overseers of the funds wherein the full payment for any year plus an additional 10% of that year's payment be

paid annually. This would approximate full funding in ten years, and, if added to real estate bills, would be a minimal amount, possibly about 1%.

During the election campaign of 2005, the Caucus Party promised to cut the village budget by almost one million dollars by (among other things) negating the agreed-to pension increases. Reality set in. A year later, without the agreed-upon increase, the pensions were farther from being on schedule. Those responsible for the pension funds, probably not trusting the Krier administration, were now insisting on fully-funded status.

The result: Money was needed immediately: The quickest solution: Raise the real estate tax levy, which subsequently increased taxes more than 25% in two years.

What happens next? Do the parties asking for your vote have plans? The Action Party promises to introduce a proposal for a self imposed real estate tax cap of preferably no higher than 1% above the "cost of living" index for each of the next three years.

Return to Action! Vote Ballot #4 Dan Staackmann, #5 Shel Marcus and #6 John Thill.  
Daniel Scanlon

### Resident supports Caucus

For those of you who wish to elect Action Party trustees, I suggest you consider the following:

Under Action Party rule, village board pre-meetings were held before the regular board meetings in a small room on the second floor of village hall. Then the trustees would go into the council chamber and vote as a bloc. They would vote by bill numbers with no other reference and sometimes vote on several bills at once—again using only case numbers.

The Caucus Party eliminated the secret pre-meetings and brought everything out into the open—let it all hang out! Caucus members don't always agree but now everything is recorded on tape and shown on the local village channel.

The Action Party awarded no-bid contracts. The Caucus Party goes out for bids.

The Action Party used eminent domain to take property from owners unwilling to sell. Mayor Krier vowed he never would use eminent domain.

Again, the Action Party kept taxes low by deferring necessary work on water lines, sewers and roads. Also they did not meet necessary funding requirements

for pension funds.

The Caucus Party bit the bullet and chanced the ire of some residents by being fiscally responsible. Inflation and necessary infrastructure work made this mandatory. Don't forget that the mayor and trustees also have to pay these taxes.

Would you rather live in a village that provides excellent service and one that you can be proud of or one that is slowly falling apart? We know that some greedy people want to pass these problems on to their children and grandchildren. Do you think this is right?

Be progressive and stand up for your village. Vote for the Caucus candidates on April 17.

Meg Mishkin  
Morton Grove

### Retiring trustee urges Action support

Dear Editor,

As the Senior Trustee on the Morton Grove Village Board I would like to share my thoughts on the upcoming election. First and foremost I encourage all registered voters to get out and vote.

Even though this an "off" election year, this election is vitally important to our village. I emphasize the word our because as of late it seems that many of the current

board members have "other" interests than Morton Grove. I would like to endorse the Action Party candidates Dan Staackmann, Shel Marcus, and John Thill.

As many residents know the Caucus Party made many promises that they could not keep. As a member of the Action Party I can say with pride that we always told residents the truth even if it was not what people wanted to hear. Some examples of this would be the "garbage tax." The Caucus Party promised to eliminate this tax when in fact residents were always paying this fee. The Action Party removed it from the real estate tax bill and made it a direct fee. In reality what the Caucus did was raise the levy 25 percent and give the people back about \$ 12.00. Is this elimination? Other instances are the Caucus Party's claiming to be "fiscally responsible" when in fact they approved the purchase of a property in which they paid almost double of the appraised value. Also, they sent a revenue generating business to neighboring Niles. If we had this business in Morton Grove the levy could have remained the same and we could have accomplished what we needed to in the current

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## How to get a higher grade on your credit report

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

When we graduated from high school or college, most of us assumed that we wouldn't

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have to worry about a report card again. But anybody who carries a credit card is continuing to get graded. In fact, it's possible for computers to revise our grades many times a day.

For most of us, the only report card that matters now contains our FICO score. Mortgage lenders, auto dealers, credit card companies and even landlords check out our scores to determine our creditworthiness. How our scores are determined is somewhat mysterious, because they are dependent upon a black box formula that is punctured by very few peepholes.

Many Americans never glance at their FICO score unless they are in the midst of buying a big-ticket item. Even those who occasionally check their scores probably don't understand how crucial these numbers are.

While Americans seem to have no hang-up about electing presidents who are C students, lenders won't hesitate to penalize a consumer with average credit scores. If you have a so-so score - perhaps through sloppy credit habits - you could pay tens of thousands, and even hundreds of thousands, of dollars more in interest charges and lost financial opportunities over your lifetime.

"Your credit score permeates your financial life," says Liz Pulliam Weston, a financial columnist and author of "Your Credit Score, How to Fix, Improve and Protect the 3-Digit Number that Shapes Your Financial Future, 2nd edition." "The score makes a big difference."

You won't know whether your FICO credit score is in need of resuscitation until you know what the full range of scoring possibilities are. FICO scores begin at 300 (truly dreadful) and max out at 850 (probably Warren Buffett's score). Many lenders use 700 to 720 as the cutoff for bestowing upon borrowers the best interest rates and terms.

## Local bank sponsors rocket team



Liberty Bank helped the St. Andrews Team Orion blast off to national competition. The bank donated \$500 to help support the team going later this month to a NASA-sponsored event. In the front row, l to r, Bank Mgr. David Flores; Michael Cincquino, Schaumburg; Sasha Johnson, Park Ridge; and Michael Williamson; Park Ridge. In the back row, l to r, Kevin Zawada, Asst. Bank Mgr.; Leonard Johnson, Project Mgr.; Kenneth Johnson, Park Ridge; and A.J. Witzke, Wheeling.

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To Build Wealth, Look at Both Sides of Balance Sheet

To achieve your financial goals, you need to be a diligent saver and investor. But you need to do more than just build your assets — you also must do a good job of managing your debts. If you let your debts get out of control, they will eventually erode your savings and investments — and when that happens, the road to financial success can get pretty bumpy.

Unfortunately, your fellow Americans are doing a poor job of saving money and staying out of debt. Here are some telling statistics:

- **Debt is rising.** By September 2006, household debt had reached 130.9 percent of disposable income, according to the Center for American Progress. In plain English, that means we owe about a third more than we have available to spend after we've paid our taxes and met our expenses.

- **Savings have fallen.** For most of 2005 and all of 2006, the personal savings rate was negative, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Previously, we haven't had a negative savings rate since the Great Depression. In short, we've gotten into the habit of spending more than we save.

These grim figures foretell a discouraging financial future for many of us. Every dollar you pay for debt is a dollar you can't use to invest. Furthermore, if you have too little in savings, you may well be forced to dip into your existing investments to pay for short-term needs, such as a car repair or an expensive new appliance. And the more you take from your investments today, the less you will have available tomorrow — when you might need the money to help pay for retirement or your children's college tuition.

So what can you do to protect your savings and investments against the demands of debt? You probably already are familiar with some steps you can take to cut costs: Extend the life of your old car, eat out less often, look for cheaper phone and cable service, etc. In short, review your entire lifestyle, and try to separate the "nice to have" items from the "must have" ones. If you can reduce your expenses, you can start whittling away at your debt.

While you're taking steps to cut your costs, you can still add to your investments. How? For starters, increase your contributions to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan every time you get a raise. Until you retire, you generally won't be able to access this money without taking a big tax hit, so you won't be tempted to "raid" your 401(k) to pay off debts. [You can, however, typically take loans from a 401(k) or similar account.]

You also may want to "pay yourself first." Each month, before you pay the mortgage, the utility companies and your other obligations, set aside an amount for your investments. It's easier if you set up a bank authorization to move the money directly into the investment you choose. By having the money taken out this way, you are less likely to "miss" it — and, hopefully, you'll be less likely to look at it as a source of funding for your daily life.

By cutting your debts, boosting your 401(k) contributions and paying yourself first, you can help yourself get a firmer grip on your financial situation — today and tomorrow.

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You never know what hidden treasures you may find at Half Price Books at Village Crossing shopping center in Niles. The Niles location opened in November of 2005. Half Price Books sells about 70 percent used books. The average price at the store for a regularly priced \$25 hard cover is about \$6.98.  
"We have all types of books, new and used," explained Kent Hedtke, marketing manager for the Chicago area stores. "I've seen anything you can imagine." Hedtke said that while searching through a box of what may seem like ordinary books you may come across unique finds, such as a signed Steven Spielberg book, the first American dictionary, a signed Ron Santo item and much, much more. The store sells books, records, CDs, tapes, magazines, newspapers, video games and more.  
"Each store's a little bit different," said Hedtke. He said that since they sell many used items the items usually reveal the "flavor of the neighborhood." Hedtke said that the Niles location has a "nice cross section" and has been their best Chicago area location. They also have stores in Bloomingdale and Palatine. "We're slowly expanding," said Hedtke. He said that the plan is to open about 12 stores in the Chicagoland area.

So, how did this unique store become a reality? Half Price Books started in an old Dallas laundromat in 1972 by a couple of "peace-loving individuals." The store still carries on some of the traditions of the originators. For example, recycling is very important to the store's operations, as the environment was important to the originators. Since the stock is always changing, shoppers may want to stop in frequently to see what's new or to search for hidden jewels. The store is open from Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is located in the Village Crossing Mall, at 5605 W. Touhy in Niles.

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### Morton Grove Public Library

There are five candidates running in this election. Four of the candidates are running for the two six-year openings and one is running for the two-year position.

**Dan Hoffman**  
**Issues:** Hoffman said one concern is the need to expand the library's facility. He said there are also some concerns related to financing. "I'd really like to be involved." Hoffman said the library has done a good job with remodeling projects.  
**Background:** Hoffman has lived in Morton Grove for 46 years. Last September he sold Rusty's Tavern, a restaurant that has been in Morton Grove for 17 years. He currently is a busy stay at home dad of two young children who often visits the library.

**Jan Sykes**  
**Issues:** Sykes said that space issues are a challenge at the Morton Grove Public Library. She said the library will have to keep up with the growth in the community. She feels the current library staff are very helpful and she is supportive of the community outreach done by the library director.  
**Background:** Sykes is the proprietor of Information Management Services that evaluates resources for corporate libraries. She was appointed to the MG library board several months ago to fill the vacancy left by Pat Kansoer.

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"This will be an opportunity for Morton Grove's voters to see and hear the candidates in a large field."  
Candidates at the debate will answer pre-screened questions and questions from the audience during the two-hour event. For those who cannot attend, the debate will be recorded and re-broadcast.

**Niles**  
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Louella Preston and Kim Biederman, Plan Commission Chair Jim Callero and two other Plan Commission mem-

**Agnes Quinn**  
**Issues:** Quinn does not feel the library has any real issues, but she admits they are "a little crowded." "I think you have to take it as it comes." Quinn would like to see the wonderful, free services at the library continue to be offered to the community members.  
**Background:** Quinn has lived in Morton Grove for 40 years. She has served on the library board for two years now. She has a teaching degree.

**Sadiqua Ahmed**  
**Issues:** "If we can enlarge the library it would be very nice, maybe in the future we will do that. That's the only concern I have, that we don't have enough space." Ahmed noted all of the new homes and developments in Morton Grove and with the increasing population she feels that space is an issue. She believes the library is well organized and that it offers many positive youth programs.  
**Background:** Ahmed teaches special education in Chicago Public Schools. She was appointed and has been on the library board for two years. She has lived in Morton Grove for 10 years.

**Arthur Goldstein**  
(The Bugle could not reach Goldstein before deadline time.)

bers who have yet to be announced.  
Anyone interested in applying for the position can set up an appointment by calling Village Clerk Marlene Victorene at (847) 588-8003.

### Park Ridge Park District

Three candidates, Mary Wynn Ryan, Jim Obrien and Marty Maloney are running for the three four-year seats that are vacant. Steve Hunst is running for the two-year term that is open.

**Mary Wynn Ryan**  
**Issues:** Ryan wants to see the park district make a decision about the use of the Oakton facility that will benefit the community. She would also like to see the community work together to help curtail vandalism at the city's parks. She would like to

see the picnic area at Centennial improved and at Paws park as well. Ryan would also like to support all sports fairly.  
**Background:** Ryan is finishing out her term as Park Ridge city council woman. She has served as the sixth ward alderman in Park Ridge from 2005 to 2007.

Due to the city cutting back to only one alderman per ward, Ryan decided to step down from that post, but the park district has always been of great interest to her as well. She was raised in Park Ridge and came back to the city with her own family.  
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## Tuesday, April 17

**Daniel J. Staackmann**  
#4

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#5

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## Students spread Easter joy

During the Lenten Season the Student Council of St. Juliana School sponsored a collection of children's items to fill Easter Baskets. These baskets were sent to Ascension/St. Susanna Parish in Harvey, Illinois to help the children there have a wonderful Easter.

Every homeroom, Preschool through grade 8, prepared a basket filled with candy and gift items. In planning their Easter Baskets they selected treats for a child the same age as themselves. First grade students brought items that would delight a first grade child and Junior High students filled their

basket with gift certificates and other items for a Junior High boy or girl.

The Student Council moderators, Mrs. Jane Lidgus and Ms. Kanela Arianas, assisted the students in packing the baskets and loading them for delivery to Ascension/St. Susanna Parish. "We're always amazed at the generosity of the students here at St. Juliana School," commented Mrs. Lidgus. "They willingly give to others, whether it is the seniors in our community, veterans, or less fortunate children. Their service to others is what the Gospel message is all about."

## Maine South fashion show hits runway

It's time to spring into fashion.

The Maine South Fashion Show will take place on Sunday, April 22 at Grazie! Ristorante in Des Plaines. The festivities begin at 12:30 p.m.

The proceeds from the

event will help fund Celebration, which is Maine South's substance free, safe, post-prom event.

Forty of Maine South's senior class will be modeling the latest formal wear and guests will receive a meal at the event. After the

models strut their stuff, there will be a huge raffle. Many local businesses and generous individuals made donations to this gala event.

Tickets are now on sale. Those interested to make reservations can call Pat Kryger at (847) 692-7113.



## Park Ridge-Niles School Dist. 64 Board of Education

This race is between John Heyde, Shlomo Crandus and incumbent Eugenia Taddeo. Theodore Smart's name is still on the ballot, but he has withdrawn from the race. There are three vacancies and the board members will be elected for a four-year term.

### John Heyde

**Issues:** I think the main issue facing the district is its finances. "Its cash situation has been deteriorating for the last few years."

If the referendum on the April 17 ballot is approved, Heyde said they will see a reduction in class sizes, some additional support for at risk children, English learners, etc.

**Background:** Since 1999, Heyde has lived in Park Ridge. He has three kids who attend schools in district 64. Heyde is an attorney who practices environmental law and believes that his experience with group work and completing projects makes him a "natural fit" for a school board member.

### Shlomo Crandus

**Issues:** "The biggest issue that everyone hears about is finances." Crandus also feels it

important that educating children involves focusing on the whole child, beyond just their test scores. He also believes it important to hire qualified teachers and he feels it's also important that the teachers enjoy working in the district. Also, he noted that a recent district survey showed that a large minority of teachers feel they need to be listened to more.

**Background:** Crandus runs the finance department for Wheels Inc., a commercial fleet leasing company. He has lived in Park Ridge for the past 8 1/2 years and serves on the library board. He has two children in Dist. 64.

### Inc. Eugenia Taddeo

**Issues:** "The finances drive any issue that we come about." Taddeo believes the number one priority is to pass the tax increase referendum. If the school's finances improve, Taddeo said

## Niles Elem. School Dist. 71 Board of Education

This race is between four candidates, one incumbent, Vincent Bugarin and three newcomers, James Mahoney, Paul Heck and Chris Ball. There are three vacancies and the board members will serve a four-year term.

### Inc. Vincent Bugarin

**Issues:** Bugarin said the ongoing concern is to keep Culver "running great." He said there are a couple of things to iron out, such as selecting a new principal and a new superintendent for the school district. As for the budget, he says the budget usually works well and that they have a pretty good handle on the budget. He has served on the Dist. 71 school board since 1968.

**Background:** Bugarin had three children who went through the school district and one grandchild who graduated from Culver. His other grandchild is currently at Culver.

### James Mahoney

**Issues:** Mahoney believes one of the first priorities the board has to find a replacement for the

current principal, Dr. Alexandra Nicholson. He believes the new principal will have "big shoes to fill" and he'd like to see the new principal chosen as soon as possible. He also would like to see an increase in enrollment.

**Background:** Mahoney was born and raised in Niles. For the last 24 years he has worked for the Niles Police Department in technical support. He has three children who attend Culver School.

### Paul Heck

**Issues:** Heck feels that it would be "silly and irresponsible" to comment on any specific issues prior to being elected. He plans to go in "as an observer" and see what the issues are and what needs to be improved. In general, he feels it's important to provide children with a quality education while also being fiscally responsible for the taxpayers. He feels the quality of education at Culver is "second to none."

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**Background:** Heck runs two corporations; a catering business and a heavy equipment business. He has three children at Niles West and two at Culver.

### Chris Ball

**Issues:** Ball said the biggest issue facing the school district at this time is to find and hire a principal with the right qualifications. Why did Ball decide to run? "I wanted to give back to the community. They had a number of open positions and I thought they could really use the help."

**Background:** Ball has lived in Niles since 1999. He currently has three children who attend Culver School. He is in sales and is also involved in community baseball and soccer.

they will have smaller class sizes, improvements in programs and they will be able to better maintain the condition of the

district's buildings. **Background:** Taddeo has lived in Park Ridge for 14 years. "I feel it's important to give back to the

community." She is a realtor and a past PTO president. She has one child at Field and one child at Emerson.

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## Niles Senior News

### Niles Seniors hold Golden Anniversary Celebration

#### Golden Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, May 17th 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Niles Senior Center cordially invites Niles couples married in 1957, 1952, 1947, or 1942 or earlier to join in our annual anniversary celebration. The afternoon will feature a catered luncheon, professional photograph, and entertainment. If you would like to attend this celebration, please call the Senior Center (847 588-8420) to place your name on our guest list. Detailed information will be mailed to participants in mid April. For more info, call MaryAnn at the Center

#### Hooked on Fishing - 2007

Join us on one or all of this season's outing! Newcomers welcome. Don't have equipment? We have some you can borrow. We meet at the event site at 8:00 a.m. - maps and directions available. \$13 Fee includes morning snack, lunch, and bait. For more information, contact MaryAnn (847 588-8420). April 27 is at Busse Woods; May 25th at The Hollows in Cary, IL; June 22nd

at Big Bear/Little Bear Lakes in Vernon Hills; July 13 at McHenry Dam; August 4th at Bangs Lake; August 24 - we're back at Big Bear/Little Bear and in September, we'll end our season at Busse Woods.

#### Men's and Women's Golf

For information about our Men's and Women's leagues, contact the Senior Center (847 588-8420) Men play one 9-hole and one 18-hole outing a month, women play twice a month at Tam. Newcomers always welcome.

#### Ragtime

Wednesday, April 25th 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$60

This 1998 Tony Award winning musical paints a nostalgic and powerful portrait of life in turn of the Century America. Before the show, we will dine at the Great Street Restaurant, located in the Renaissance Chicago Hotel. A fabulous buffet, fabulous skyline views, and a fabulous show await you! (Some stairs) Make your reservation by Friday, March 16th.

#### Carmen Derby

Friday, May 4 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$12

It's the third annual Carmen Derby! This event is sponsored by the Men's Club but is opened to all Center members and their guests. Enjoy a delicious "box" lunch featuring a sub sandwich, sides, desert and beverage. Then get ready to cheer on your "favorite horse" in our eight races! Prizes!

#### M/C Spring BBQ

Friday, June 8, 2007 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$12

Annual M/C Spring BBQ featuring burgers and brats fresh off the grill with side dishes and dessert. Following lunch, enjoy the music of Edizon Dayao. Door Prizes, too! Reserved Seating.

#### Grief Workshop

Offers Support Three Session Series to Begins in May Beginning Wednesday, May 9, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. The workshops will meet on Wednesdays

from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. and will focus on the following areas:

**Workshop #1, May 9** - "What has happened to me?" Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one is a difficult process.

**Workshop #2, May 16** - "Dealing with expectations of ourselves and others." Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can raise anxiety, especially if we feel that people want us to "move on" or "be happy again."

**Workshop #3, May 23** - "Adjusting to a different lifestyle." At this workshop we will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust to new social roles and responsibilities. Please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW, at (847) 588-8420 for more information. This program is offered at no cost, but enrollment for this workshop is necessary.

#### 'Kiss Me Kate' at the Cahn Auditorium

Friday, June 1 ~ noon to 5 p.m. \$52.50

Prior to our trip, a delicious luncheon will be served at the Center featuring Breast of Chicken, Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Broccoli Spears with Cheese Sauce, and dessert. Following lunch, we're off to Light Opera Works at Cahn Auditorium in Evanston for the outstanding Cole Porter musical based on Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew featuring songs like "Too Dam Hot," "Wunderbar" plus many other memorable songs.

#### What's Up With Your Genes?

Thursday, April 19th 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. free/registration required.

Ever wonder what's in your genetic make-up? Is cancer genetic? Come listen to a genetic expert from Alexian Brothers Hospital talk about your genes, the latest research, and what it all means. This is a free lecture but space is limited. Advanced registration is required.

## Maine Twp. Senior News

### Maine Twp. Seniors plan spring trips, classes

#### MaineStreamers

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Most activities take place at Maine Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge. Members pay individually for whichever activities they want to participate in. For more information contact the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit us at www.maintownship.com.

#### Computer Workshop: 'Selling on e-Bay 101'

Monday, Apr. 9. 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$10 - Registration required

Would you like to sell some of your clutter and make extra money selling on e-Bay? Learn the basics of e-Bay: opening an account, selling and setting prices. Only instructor has computer.

#### Introduction to the Internet.

Mondays, Apr. 9 to May 14: 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Gemini Jr. High School Library, 8955 N. Greenwood, Niles. Instructor: Kelly Rapaport. Cost: \$20 for 6 classes.

Make your entry into the computer world with this hands-on class. Your instructor will teach you how to use the Internet and give you one-on-one assistance. Sponsored by East Maine School # 63-TLC Program.

#### Save the Date 'Swing into Spring' Senior Expo 2007

Wednesday, Apr. 18. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee in Niles.

Here's your chance to take advantage of a free event that provides not only entertainment, but health screenings, information on how to improve your finances and other lifestyle improvement services. There will be fun gardening presentations, cooking demonstrations, as well as a wealth of information from a variety of businesses, organizations and services of interest to you.

#### FISH of Park Ridge

The FISH organization, which provides free transportation for medical appointments including dialysis, physical/radiation therapy and others, is now coordinated through Maine Township. To arrange a ride, contact Gloria Stepek at 847-297-2510. FISH is also looking for volunteer drivers interested in providing transportation. Call Ed Oken, president of FISH, at 847-696-0761 to volunteer.

#### Used Cell Phones Collected

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 usage for Senior Citizens. If you have a phone you would like to donate, drop it off at Maine Town Hall. Distribution of the cell phones will occur at a program scheduled in Dec. Watch for details to follow.

#### Day Trip

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. To become a member, call the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trips depart from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

#### 'Calling all Chicago Sports Fans' Trip

Thursday, May 31 - 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$83 members/\$88 guests.

Join us for a fun filled and interesting day as we visit Soldier Field for a guided "behind the scenes" tour of this unique Stadium in the park. Included in the tour are the locker rooms and a walk down the tunnel like the big guys.

Lunch is at Mike Ditka's Restaurant. The buffet menu includes soup, salad, penne pasta with mushrooms and roasted tomatoes, pot roast and dessert. After lunch we head to the new McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum, the nation's first museum dedicated to freedom.

## Park Ridge Senior News

### Choraliers at May monthly luncheon

#### May Monthly Luncheon

The monthly luncheon for May is scheduled for Monday, May 14. Doors open at 12 noon with lunch being served at 12:30 p.m. Catering will be by all time favorite, Inglenook, so lunch will be plentiful and delicious. After lunch, which includes seconds, the chorus of the Park Ridge Senior Center, The Choraliers, will entertain. Reservations are required and can be made by members according to current policy. There is a \$12.00 charge.

#### Spanish Luncheon

Following with the Center's ethnic theme, on Monday, May 21, it will be a Spanish luncheon. The menu will include a Spanish Rice Chicken entrée with salad and dessert. The entertainment will be provided by "Las Guitarras De Espana", The Guitars of Spain. This professional musical ensemble includes 3 musicians, a singer, and a flamen-

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While attending "Swing into Spring" on April 18, 2007 at the Chateau Ritz in Niles, IL from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., you'll find fun gardening presentations, cooking demonstrations, as well as a wealth of information from a variety of businesses, organizations, and

services of interest to you.

During "Swing into Spring" you'll be able to browse area business' booths and gather information at your leisure. You'll also get plenty of free goodies from your friends at MaineStreamers and dozens of exhibiting organizations and companies.

No reservations needed.

For more information, call the MaineStreamers Senior Department at Maine Township at 847-297-2510 or visit the Senior Expo section of the township's website www.maintownship.com.

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Dodge This - The Dodge Charger Police Package has the intimidating look for law enforcement, but not the size or horsepower. (CNS Photo courtesy of Dodge)

Dodge Police Charger needs more power, better equipment

By Mark Hayward

It's not the size or horsepower that makes a Dodge Charger Police Package car a police-like car with an active light bar. A couple of police officers did take the time to explain, however. The light bar has to be covered, and even better when the cover is stamped with "Out of Service." Police departments follow this law when cruisers are sent in for repairs and when the mechanic takes a test drive. It's for a good reason. It would be my bad timing if I were to pull up at the local convenience store and miscreants were pulling off a heist. They'd shoot first, ask questions later. Or worse, I feared, if someone desperately needed police assistance - and all they got was me. I'm not good around spilled blood. The slowest route between two points is in a cop car. Traffic keeps a close watch on the speedometer when the cruiser's nearby. It's the phenomenon of "black and white fright," an officer told me. I had people stop twice at four-way intersections, then wave me through, even when it was their right of way. Oncoming drivers who would have made a left turn directly in front of me thought twice and hit the brakes. People frequently called out, "Hi," which only made me wonder what they were up to. But Dodge didn't tell me that it is illegal in California to drive

into a 600-horsepower Dodge Viper SRT10 and I'd be less tempted to break the law than I was while testing the black and white Dodge Charger Police Package. I am far too immature to be trusted. Not to play with the lights, the sirens and air horn. And there's something empowering about driving a car with a heavy-duty push bar on the front bumper. The test car was an example of what Dodge will sell to law enforcement agencies. It looked like a cop car, but with Dodge City badges on the doors, Charger Precinct on the rear quarter panels and "Not in Service" disclaimers front and rear. After a second look, it was more like a parade car. But that didn't stop people from clicking off cell-phone photos and wanting their picture taken next to the car. One passerby called out, "It's about time Dodge got back in the business." I thought a test of the Charger police pack would be a heckuva lot of fun for a week. And it was fun - for about a day of pulling pranks on friends and neighbors. But Dodge didn't tell me that it is illegal in California to drive

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