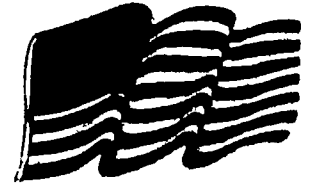


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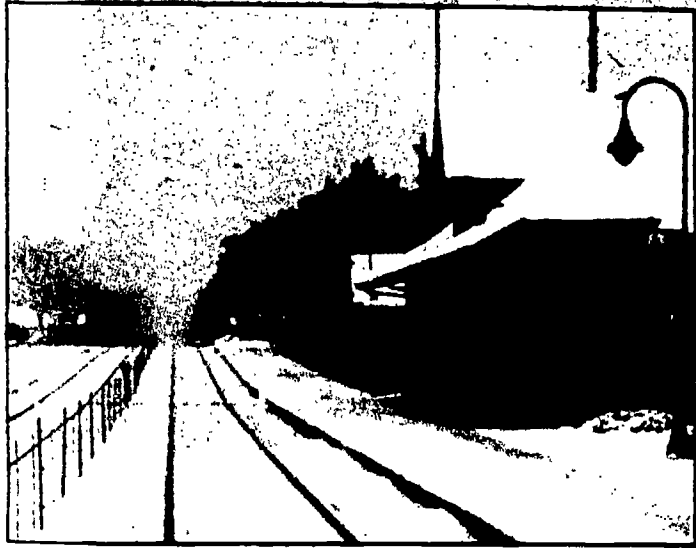


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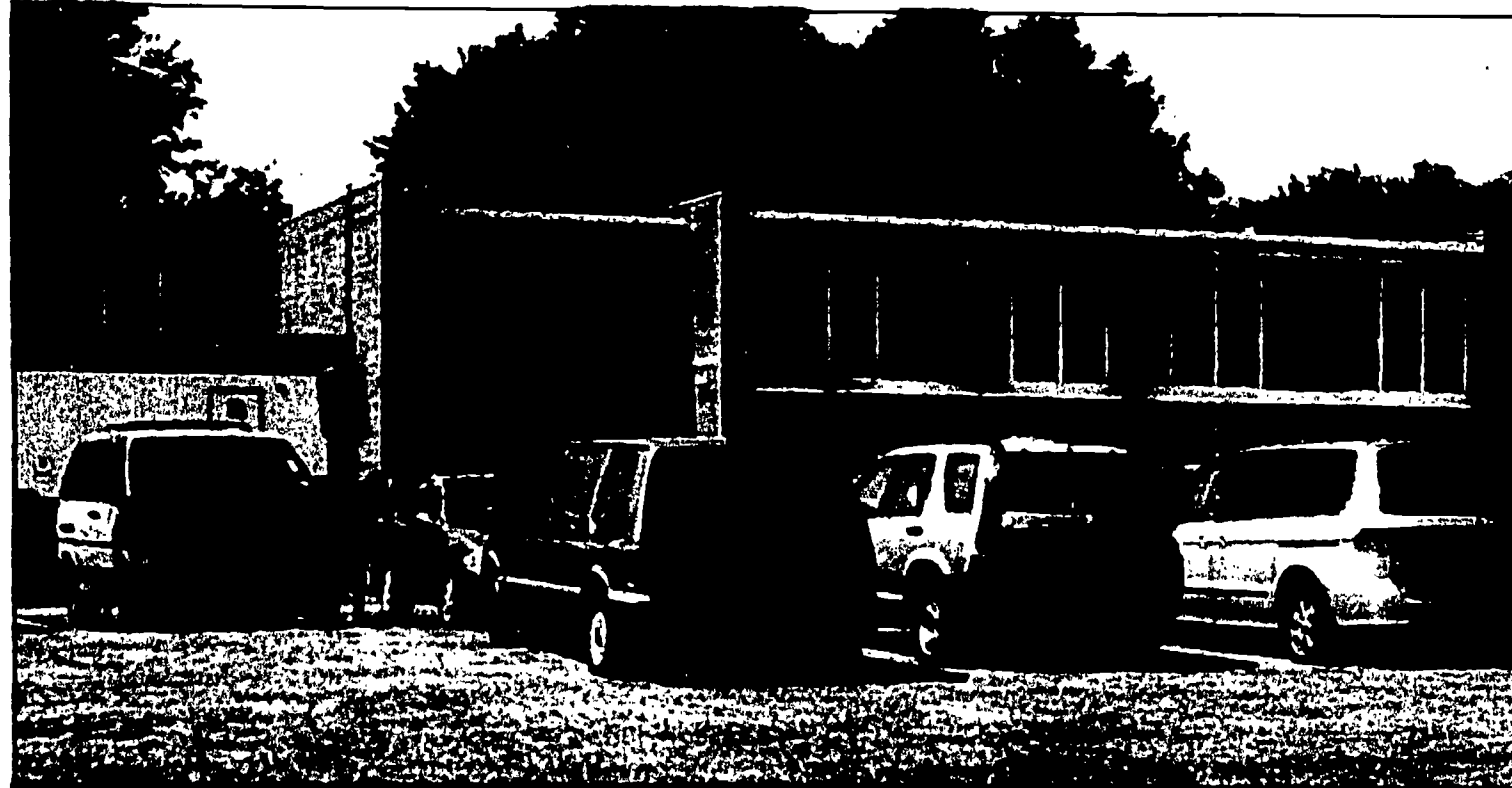
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Above, cars are parked on the grass next to the Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Morton Grove last August. A federal mediator has been working with the Village, a neighborhood group and the MCC to try and resolve the dispute. MCC officials said a settlement may be near allowing them to build a mosque on the site.

## Dist. 63 plans referendum

BY WENDY ELLIS  
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The nearly \$4 million dollar budget shortfall facing East Maine Elementary Dist. 63 could cost the district its band program, increase class sizes to as many as 30 students for every teacher, and will eliminate a large number of jobs, including secretaries, custodians, teaching assistants and lunch room help. The cuts have been under discussion for some time, and the district is pinning its hopes on the passage of a tax referendum on March 16 that could offset many of those cutbacks.

The district will be asking voters to approve an increase of 40 cents in the education fund, from the current rate of \$1.81. The owner of a \$150,000 home would see an increase of \$130 in his tax bill, while the owner of a \$300,000 home would pay an additional \$278 annually. Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Williams says if passed, the referendum would bring in just under \$4 million to the district, and many of the programs and personnel now on the cut list could be restored. "The parents that have been most vocal are the band parents," said Dr. Williams, who said the district discarded the idea of a band fee to pay for the program. "The program is so expensive that to have just families bear the burden, they couldn't afford it." Dr. Williams says the program involves under 400 of the district 3600 students, and costs over \$156,500 to operate.

Another program that would be cut for at least one year is the summer school program. Dr. Williams says the longtime administrator is retiring, and the program needs to be redesigned. Eliminating it for one year would be a cost savings and the district could explore making summer school self supporting.

## MCC settlement may be near

### Village may permit construction of mosque on site

BY WENDY ELLIS  
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An out of court settlement may be near for the Village of Morton Grove and the Muslim Community Center (MCC). The two sides have been meeting under the watchful eye of a federal mediator in an effort to reach an agreement that will settle a federal lawsuit filed by the MCC against the village last fall. The lawsuit, asking \$5 million in damages, charges the village with violating the civil rights of the MCC in its refusal to allow the construction of a mosque next to a Muslim elementary school at 8601 Menard.

"We are coming close to an

agreement," said Dr. Mohammed Kaiseruddin, president of the MCC. "We're hoping to sign on the dotted line this coming meeting." That meeting was expected to be held sometime this week. Although details of the possible agreement have not been released, Kaiseruddin seemed hopeful a permit to build a mosque would be forthcoming. The attorney representing the Village in this lawsuit, Ted Hadley, was not as optimistic.

"I am a little more reserved in my enthusiasm," said Hadley, who is representing the village because former village attorney Gabriel Berrafato and several other village officials are named as defendants in the suit.

Also hanging over any settlement the two sides might reach is a second lawsuit filed by the Morton Grove Organization, (MGO) a group

of homeowners surrounding the Muslim school. The MGO filed suit against the village even before the MCC, charging the village with unfair enforcement of the village code regarding parking regulations and religious services being held at the school without a permit. MGO Attorney Douglas Cannon says he has been contacted by the federal mediator and expects to meet with him this week. "I think this is just a meeting to get to know us," said Cannon, whose clients have not been included in any of the settlement talks between the village and the MCC. The MGO is also in the process of revising its lawsuit against the village to include monetary damages, something that was not included in the original document. The MGO has until Feb. 12 to file that amended lawsuit.

## Parents, teachers voice opposition to D64 budget cuts

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER  
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About 250 residents and parents of Park Ridge/Niles School District 64 attended last Wednesday's meeting in the gymnasium of Carpenter Elementary School to listen to the board and comment on proposed budget cuts of \$1.4 million.

The District is considering the

cuts in order to bring their fund balance up to 20 percent of their yearly budget. Currently, the fund balance is about 14 percent. District officials argue that the fund balance is a necessary hedge against a variety of possible problems, including health insurance claims and slowly refunded tax revenues.

Teacher Union President Jerry Mulvahil argued that no fund balance was necessary, however.

"There's no reason why the

District should maintain a high fund balance, historically, we haven't. Don't become overly competitive with other school districts. 64's fund balance has always ranked low because we've always had a commitment to learning.

But parents of students just entering the system spoke passionately against what they saw as deep cuts in special education, and gifted programs. The District is considering cutting

non-mandated services from their special education program, such as cutting four teaching assistants.

"The services these 'assistants' offer," said one parent, "aren't secondary. They provide a vital link to my son. For him and his classmates, teaching assistants are not 'non-mandated' services. I'm hopeful that this Board will closely examine and

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# News

## Man celebrates one hundred and first birthday

BY WENDY ELLIS  
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Back in the late 1920's when Ed Hartigan was a young man, he would shed his day job at the Royal Typewriter company in Chicago and head down to the Aragon Ballroom to dance. Brand new in 1926, the Aragon was the place to go for Ed and thousands of other young people just starting out. "Young people from all over the United States were flocking to the cities," said Hartigan, who celebrated his 101st birthday on Jan. 22. "Sometimes we'd go to the dances even on Monday or Tuesday nights." Hartigan, a member of the Leaning Tower YMCA Seniors Group in Niles for the past 34 years, was feted with a birthday party at the Y last week. Lunching with his two sons and many friends and well-wishers, one would never know to talk to him

that Hartigan has passed the century mark. Hartigan's journey started in Cherokee, Iowa, not far from Sioux City in 1903. He lived there through high school, and it was his healthy living and interest in sports that he credits for his longevity. "When I was in high school in Cherokee I played football and basketball and baseball and track," said Hartigan. "I was the captain of the football team. When I was a kid I was always trying to stay in shape. I didn't eat pie or cake and I didn't smoke. The rest of the guys smoked." It was that healthy start that kept him going, he says. He headed to Chicago after a couple years at the University of Iowa and got a job as a salesman at Walkover's Shoe Store in the Palmer House. A couple years later he went to work selling Royal Typewriters. It was at the Aragon Ballroom that he met his

future wife, Francis, who just happened to live in the same hotel. The couple married and spent their early years together in Detroit but Hartigan hasn't been sitting at home for the past 34 years. He is an avid bridge player, playing twice a week and he is a self-described "nut on sports", especially football. He's lived through two world wars and many a minor conflict and has his opinions on today's political climate. "I wish we could get this Iraq situation settled," said Hartigan. "That's the main thing." And what of the president's State of the Union Address, of which he's heard many? "I thought it was good, but I didn't think it was his best speech." But politics and war aside, the big question remained: Who was going to win the Superbowl? "I think New England. They've had a good team for years."

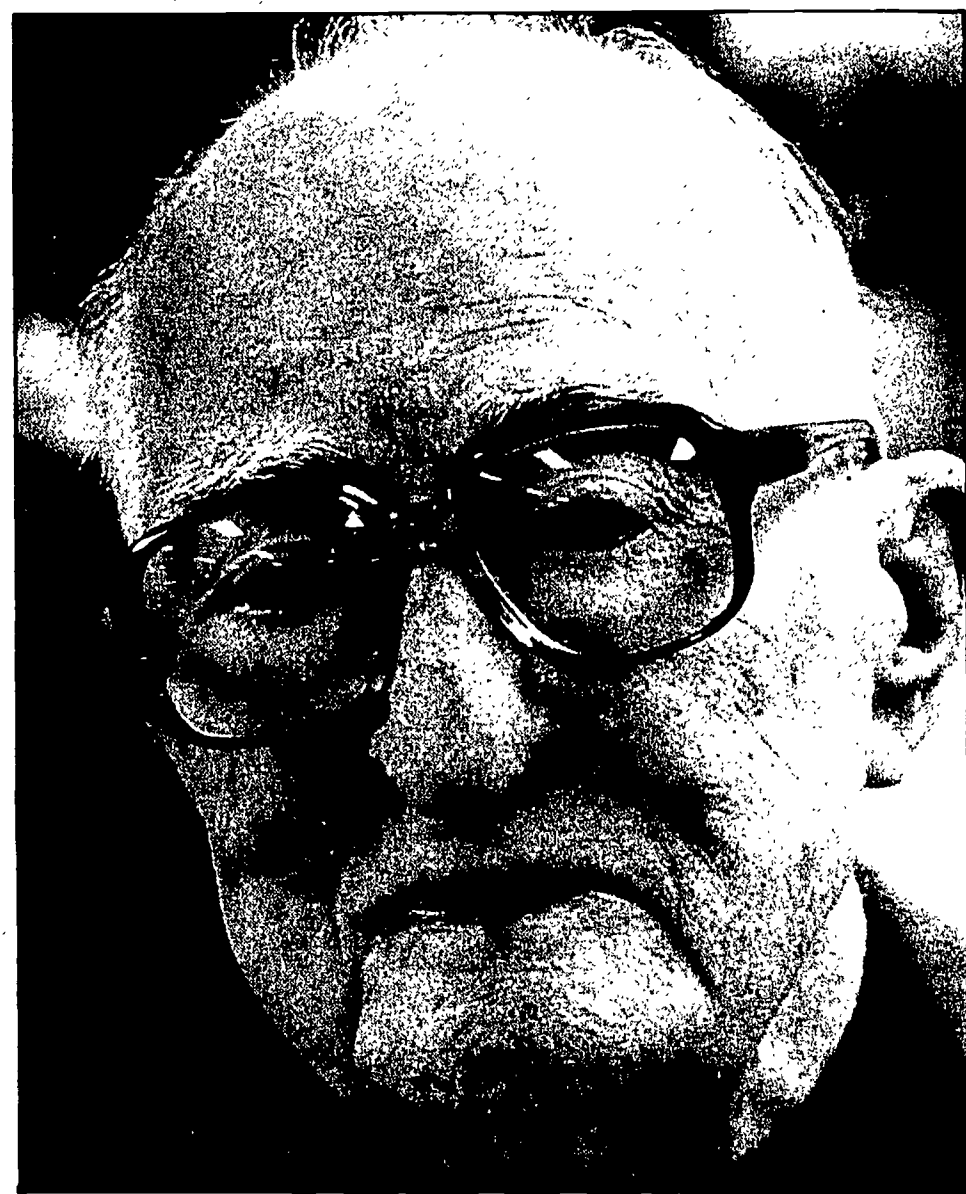


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Ed Hartigan turned 101 years old at Leaning Tower YMCA last week.

# News

## D64

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protect our special needs."

The Board is also considering a total elimination of "Primary Challenge," the gifted education program for students from kindergarten through second grade. "I feel like we're taking a step back here," said Jeffrey Huff, a parent. "These children in Primary Challenge have special needs too, a need to be challenged."

One solution many who spoke proposed, was making more extensive cuts to the District's foreign language program, "FLES."

"We should cut FLES," said one parent. "Foreign language schooling is available at other institutions for parents who feel that it's important and want to pay for it."

While many argued that FLES should be cut back, some argued for its complete elimination, noting that Dist. 64 spends less instruction time on math than many other districts in the area and that the time students spend in foreign language would be better spent on the essentials.

However, Shannon Rodriguez, one of the District's Foreign Language Curriculum Specialists, said that the foreign language program was vital, and that the first

students to experience the benefits of the FLES program were just entering high school. "I've been fluent in Spanish since age five," said Rodriguez, "and I only had 30 minutes of math. Students in the FLES program achieve at a higher level than they would otherwise. I can conduct my middle school classes 90 percent in the target language and the students understand. And the students in high school that had the benefit of FLES are also achieving at a higher level."

One cost saving measure the District is considering is considering an increase in the maximum class size. While parents and teachers aren't necessarily happy about the proposal, it was not fiercely opposed at the meeting. "I think that a slight increase in class size is a good proposal," said Andrew Campbell, a parent. "It's reversible and it spreads the pain equally."

The District has made budget cuts in four of the last five years. "This is a painful process," said Board Member Sue Runyon, "both as a parent and as board members."

Parents agreed that cutting the budget was not, ultimately, a solution. "Budget cuts are not a solution," said Parent Kathy Jozwiak, "they're a bandage. And I don't think is just the District that's bleeding, it's the whole community. And I don't think we've skinned a knee, we're hit a major artery."

In order to address its continuing financial problems, the District is creating a community committee to advise them on ways to maintain their high quality of education by such as "enhancing" their revenue; one possibility is going to referendum and asking the community for more money. "This can't become an annual sport," said Board Member Joe Baldi. "We have to find other ways to enhance finances or go to referendum."

The School Board has two more scheduled meetings on the budget cuts, Monday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary School, and Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin Elementary School. On Feb. 23, the Board plans to make a final decision on the cuts.

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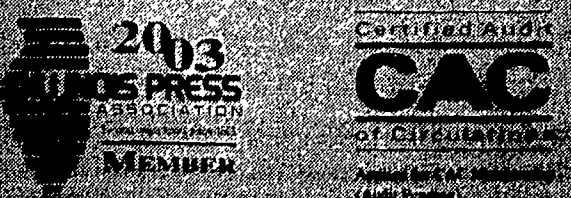
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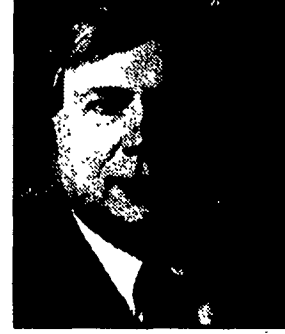
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Bob Dudycz  
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Presidents' Day gives us time to reflect

Ronald Reagan once said: "All great change in America begins at the dinner table." In my case meaningful discussions are held over the lunch hour where most recently I heard: "All politicians are crooks". I looked at Ernie and asked how he could make such a sweeping generalization. I felt his cynicism was unfounded because there are many good people who hold public office and have high ethical standards.

He countered by pointing out instances where a politician went to jail for bribery, another who was convicted for misuse of public funds or more recently, a local politician who callously purged volunteers

from his party and betrayed his membership. It seems that we trust a person who shows promise; he/she gets elected, and then proves unworthy of the trust placed in him/her.

Anyone elected to public office should be given the respect for doing a job most citizens shun. I have found that most of the public servants I know share a deep commitment to serve their constituents. While many people pursue comfortable activities after work, elected officials are often working into the night to solve a problem for a resident. This is especially evident in local government.

I agreed with Ernie that our

democracy is not perfect and we sometimes elect a "bonzo" into office but if that person tarnishes their office, they should be taken to task for this breach of the public's trust and removed from office at the next election.

This month we honor our presidents, especially George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan because they hold a special place in our country's history. They set an ethical standard that we collectively admire and should try to emulate. Each of them was a national figure yet they all had strong local roots.

Next month we have a primary election where candidates count on

you for support. While our electoral system is unique and occasionally confusing, many other countries yearn for our freedoms. The best way to strengthen our country is to exercise your right to vote.

Maine Township provides many services including the Clerk's office where a person can register to vote. The deadline to register is February 17th.

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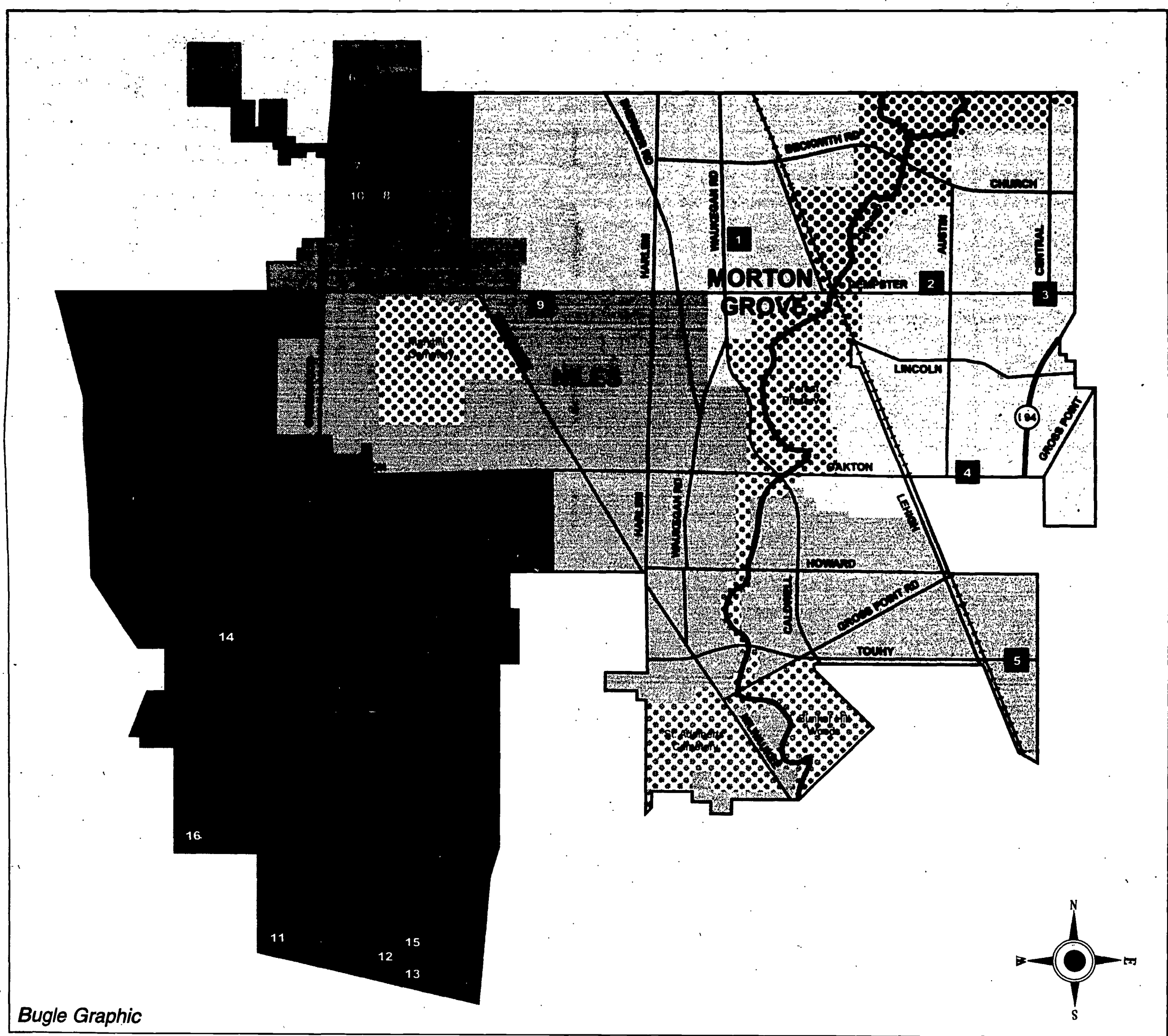
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# POLICE BLOTTER



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## MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Jan. 30, 2004.

**1 Caught with dope (9100 Waukegan)**  
A 22-year-old Winfield, IL man and a 22-year-old Glenview man were charged with felony possession of marijuana Saturday morning, January 24 after Morton Grove police found more than 35 grams of marijuana in a gym bag in the man's car.  
According to police, a Morton Grove police officer watched the man's car speed through the intersection at Dempster and Waukegan ignoring the signal. The officer said he stopped the car on in the 9100 block of Waukegan and when the driver exited he noticed an odor of alcohol on the man's breath and a the odor of marijuana coming from the car. The officer also noticed another man asleep in the back of the car

with his head resting on a black gym bag. The officer called for back up and when they searched the car they found a plastic bag with marijuana and a digital scale.  
Police said a background check on the men showed the Winfield man was wanted on an outstanding warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.  
At the station the Winfield man tried to swallow a blue pill that was in his pocket while police asked him to empty his pockets. Police were able to get the man to spit out the pill and it was placed into evidence. Police did not know what the pill was.  
Both men were charged with felony possession of marijuana and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. They have a Feb.10 court date at 1:30 pm in room 106 at the Skokie Court House.  
**2 Currency exchange tapped by employees (6100 Dempster)**  
A 29-year-old currency exchange employee was charged with felony theft Wednesday morning, January

28 after allegedly taking more than \$9,000 in cash from the exchange by shorting her cash drawer and adjusting her audit to cover the shortage. According to the report, the shortages began in August 2003 and the manager, who worked the same shift with the woman, agreed to help her disguise the shortage until the woman could replace the money. A few days later, the manager said she noticed a shortage of \$9,000 when she counted the employee's drawer. The owner of the currency exchange was eventually informed of the shortages.  
The report said the owner was given a check for \$6,500 from the employee to begin paying off the shortage. The check bounced.  
Assistant State's Attorneys originally felt the case was a civil matter, but after further review they approved felony theft charges against the employee. The woman turned herself in to Morton Grove police.  
Ironically, the owner of the currency exchange filed a report with Morton

Grove police after the 32-year-old manager of the same currency exchange in the 6100 block of Dempster, who helped the 29-year-old employee disguise a cash shortage, admitted to taking \$40,000 in cash on December 24. The manager told the owner she needed the money to repay someone who was threatening her children and family. Police said they were originally called to the currency exchange on December 26 regarding the shortage but the owner chose not to make a report at that time hoping the manager would pay him back. As of the time of the report the owner still has not been paid. The manager was not arrested.  
**3 Wallet stolen (5600 Dempster)**  
A 20-year-old Chicago man who described himself to Morton Grove police as a "gay cross dresser" was arrested for theft Wednesday afternoon, January 21 after he and another man walked into sporting goods store in the 5600 block of Dempster, slipped into an area that is restricted to employees, and allegedly

removed a wallet from the purse of one of the employees. The man said his friend was the one who actually took the wallet and left the store. The man was charged with felony theft.  
**4 Possession of marijuana (6000 Oakton)**  
A 23-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested for possession of marijuana Thursday night, January 22 after police stopped the man for speeding and found a bag with 2.8 grams of marijuana along with an aluminum tube, in the console of the man's car.

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Jan. 31, 2004.

**5 Golf Clubs stolen (5600 Touhy)**  
A man described as 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing about 200 pounds made off with \$5,250 worth of golf clubs from Galyans in the Village Crossing Shopping center Tuesday night, January 27. According to police, witnesses said the man just walked in, took an armful of clubs and walked out of the store into a red 90's Chevy Blazer.  
**6 Reading glasses stolen (9600 Milwaukee)**  
A 45-year-old Des Plaines woman was charged with petite theft Sunday night, January 25 when she placed a pair of reading glasses into her pocket after removing them from a display in the CVS Drugstore in the 9600 block of N. Milwaukee Ave.  
**7 Children used to decoy jacket theft (400 Golf Mill)**  
A 28-year-old Chicago man was arrested outside of the Sears store in Golf Mill, Sunday afternoon, January 25 after store security watched the man place a \$250 leather jacket under his children who were sitting in his shopping cart and then wheeled them out of the store.

**8 No comfort in comforter scam (200 Golf Mill Center)**  
An Evanston man and a Chicago woman were arrested Sunday night, January 25 when they tried to return a comforter they never bought at the J.C. Penny store in Golf Mill. Security said the couple took a comforter from a display and attempted to return it for credit onto a J.C. Penny gift card.  
**9 Hypo and needles lead to arrest (7000 Dempster)**  
A Niles police officer found two hypodermic needles in a car parked in front of business in the 7000 block of Dempster Sunday morning, January 25. According to the officer he approached the car after seeing it had a broken window. The officer said the 27-year-old Des Plaines man behind the wheel had no identification but did

have proof of ownership of the car. The man agreed to a search of the car. The man also said he was a heroine user. The officer found one hypodermic under the front seat and another in a compartment in the dashboard.  
**10 Ring missing from jeweler (Golf Mill)**  
A one-carat diamond ring was reported missing from a jeweler located in the Golf Mill Shopping Center, Monday morning, January 26. Although the store manager discovered the ring missing nearly two weeks earlier she did not decide until January 26 to file an incident report.

**11 Attempted Burglary (1600 block of S. Western)**  
Unknown offenders attempted to enter a residence by forcing open the front door sometime between Jan. 12 and Jan. 23. The door was damaged by the offender(s) who did not gain entry.  
**12 Burglary (500 block of S. Busse)**  
Sometime overnight Thursday, Jan. 23, an unknown offender or offenders entered a business in the

500 block of S. Busse through a loose panel on the overhead garage door. A rotor and a caliper brake were taken from a 2003 Mitsubishi that was parked in the business's garage. Total value of the parts was estimated at \$1,585.  
**13 Burglary (1900 block of S. Fairview)**  
Unknown persons gained entry to the detached garage of a residence on the 1900 block of S. Fairview between the hours of 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25. Power tools were stolen.  
**14 Burglary (200 block of N. Home)**  
Someone gained entry to a residence under construction on the 300 block of S. Home sometime between Saturday, Jan. 24 and Monday, Jan. 26. Power tools of unknown value were taken from the property.  
**15 Criminal damage to property (1900 block of S. Fairview)**  
Unknown offender(s) damaged a French-type door in the rear of a residence in the 1900 block of S. Fairview. Damage was estimated at \$1,200.  
**16 Theft (1100 block of S. Dee)**  
Unknown offender(s) forced open a locker in the boys' locker room of a school in the 100 block of S. Dee. A fleece jacket and a cellular phone estimated at a total of \$380 were taken.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## CIVICS

**Saturday, February 7**  
-Park Ridge voter registration, City Hall 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**Monday, February 9**  
-7 p.m. Village of Morton Grove Board of Trustees regular meeting.  
-3 p.m. Village of Niles Fire & Police Commission Meeting

## COMMUNITY

**Monday, February 9**  
-The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will meet today at 12:15 at the Park Ridge South Recreational Center, located at 833 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. The annual Games and Card Party is planned. Cake, coffee, and tea will be served. For more information, contact Margaret McLean at (847) 647-1935.

**Thursday, February 12**  
-Niles West High School presents a free community performance of "The Rose Tattoo." It will be held in the Niles West Auditorium, 5701 W. Oakton, Skokie.

-The Morton Grove Women's Club will hold their February Luncheon/Program Meeting today at the Evanston Golf Club, 4401 Dempster., Skokie. The theme will be Valentine's Day. The program will be a concert by celebrated vocalist and recording artist Maureen Christine. For more information, call Harriet at (847) 965-5498.

**Monday, February 16**  
-A Birthday and Valentine's Day Party will be held at the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles. Music for dancing will be provided by Don Reitsma's keyboard and accordion. Refreshments will be served. Free for member, \$5 for guests. For more information, call (847) 647-8222.

**Tuesday, February 17**  
-The Morton Grove Historical Society will host Al Schafer, a beer steing collector of 35 years. He will speak about his hobby today, at 7 p.m. at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Schafer specializes in glass steins produced between 1890 and 1919. The glass steins frequently advertised breweries, restaurants, hotels, or beer gardens. For more information, contact the Historical Society at (847) 965-0203

## PARKS

**Thursday, February 5**  
-7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Recreation and Facility Program Committee meeting followed by a Parks and Facility Maintenance Committee meeting.

**Thursday, February 12**  
-7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Administration and Finance Committee Meeting.

**Tuesday, February 17**  
-7 p.m. Niles Park District Board meeting

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Mary Ann Borucki-Skokie

"We got so many poor people here, why are we trying to support the whole world."  
Sam Schachter, WWII Veteran-Niles

## Opinion

Dear Editor,

We are delighted to report to the community about the wonderful outpouring of gifts to homebound residents during the holiday season. The gifts were brought to the Center of Concern's office for distribution by a corps of volunteers to the Center's grateful clients, many of whom experience a deepening sense of isolation during holiday periods.

This year, the Center's transitional housing clients were added to the list of recipients and the number of organizations donating gifts increased. We at the Center heartily thank Lutheran General Lunch Bunch, the Park Ride Rotary Club, Park Ridge 20th Century Club, Park Ridge Juniors, Park Ridge Noon Kiwanis Club, and the Mother Teresa Guild at St. Paul of the Cross.

Mary A Schurder,  
Executive Director  
The Center of Concern

Dear Editor,

The Culver Junior High girls seventh grade basketball team did it again. After completing their regular basketball season schedule against area junior high seventh grade girls' basketball teams, they played in a tournament at Niles North High School. The tournament was held on January 13th, 14th, and 15th.

The girls drew a bye in the first round of play, due to their league record (8-0). They went on to win on Jan. 14, to put them in the championship game on the 15th. The girls played a very good seventh grad opponent from Lincoln Junior High in Park Ridge.

It was a very close game and the Culver girls came out on top, to take home a first place trophy. On behalf of the parents, and grandparents who attended the games, we would like to thank Coach Pettit and the team members for a very exciting season. Congratulations Jessica Ang, Jaelyn Gremley, Nicole Melfi, Samantha Parlich, Kelly Plach, Jessica Nieves, Anjeanette Mendez, Lauren Shimanovsky.

June and Bob Wilczewski  
Niles

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The Bugle

## PARK RIDGE

Thursday February 5, 2004

## \$23.3 million bond passed, water rates to increase May 1

## Self-imposed 2.5 percent bonding limit also eliminated

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER  
editor@buglenewspapers.com

The Park Ridge city council passed on first reading a \$23.3 million bond for the relocation of the reservoir from its current site in Uptown to a new location in Hinkley Park. At the same meeting, the council voted to eliminate a self-imposed bonding limit of 2.5 percent of the city's total Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV). Both ordinances have to be approved on a second reading at the next city council meeting, Monday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

The cost of moving the reservoir will be borne, in part, by increased water rates. City Manager Tim Schuenke said rates could go up between 20 and 25 percent. The new rates go into effect May 1 if the ordinance is passed on second reading.

If the council hadn't voted to approve the elimination of the bonding limit, the new reservoir bond would, itself, have pushed the city over the 2.5 percent mark; currently the city owes about \$12 million and the limit on bonding was about \$30 million.

The council's finance committee had been addressing the issue previously. Ald. Don Crampton (1st) feels that the elimination of the bonding limit will make the city council more accountable, because they'll have to be more open to the community, rather than only going to referendum when a proposed bonding issue exceeded the arbitrary 2.5 percent limit.

But the reservoir couldn't go to referendum, Crampton said, because the decision had already been made.

If the bond issue is approved, the next step is to break ground on the new Hinkley reservoir site, scheduled for this fall.

Once the new reservoir is completed, the old one can be demolished and redevelopment can begin on the site.



## Police turn green with hybrid car

Park Ridge Ald. Mike Tinaglia (1st), left, and Chief of Police Jeff Caudill pose in front of a new gas/electric hybrid Honda Civic. The car will replace the current parking enforcement vehicle. Caudill said that the both fuel savings and the environmentally-safe nature of the vehicle made it an attractive choice. Tinaglia said that if the Parking Enforcement officers were happy with the car, it could also replace other municipal vehicles. The hybrid cost about \$18,000.



## "Imagine" - WiFi as the next great thing

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almost.

WiFi is upon us, literally. WiFi is the use of the airwaves to deliver content to suitably-equipped users. Which means, of course, if you don't want any or some of these "features", you can just turn them off.

WiFi is technically pretty complicated; but, for here, it's just a broadcast mechanism that fills the air with the Internet, and more. If you have a two-way portable radio that recognizes WiFi, everything that you can do over a wire like a phone line or a TV cable you can do through the air.

Cellphones use the airwaves, too, but they're optimized for human voice. (Although you see more and more phone morphing into cameras, don't you?)

WiFi relies on computer-based devices to send and receive data that can be transformed into words, pictures, or voice. A single device could do everything, if it were WiFi enabled. And you could park it at home or carry it with you just like a cellphone.

WiFi must be getting ready for prime time because it can be found in select places in Park Ridge already.

The Library has WiFi (free). Panera's in Uptown has WiFi (free with a purchase). Starbucks has WiFi (\$30/month).

Many Park Ridge homes use WiFi

to eliminate the expense and labor of stringing wire to multiple computers (and to extend computer high-speed Internet connectivity to the den or the yard or the).

Now, what if ... every school room, every park, every business, every home in Park Ridge had WiFi available, like we have water and sewer and electricity available, as a utility?

What if ... every police car, ambulance, and firetruck had WiFi for immediate - and visual - communication with public health and safety professionals?

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turn or miss an address in Park Ridge again?

Beginning to see the possibilities? Beginning to see how you can even save money if this were a public utility (at, say, \$50/year/household; to replace all those \$50/month/unit fees you're paying now for cellphones, landline phones, cable TV subscriptions, ...) — instead of having to get a small part of those services, from the private sector, and from different providers?

We in Park Ridge can have all that. WiFi is a working, viable technology.

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Village of Niles: Niles Civic Center  
1000 Civic Center Dr., Niles IL.  
Niles Park District: Howard Leisure Center  
6676 Howard St., Niles, IL.

**Park Ridge**  
City of Park Ridge: City Hall, 506 Butler Pl., Park Ridge, IL.  
Park Ridge Park District: Maine Park Leisure Center  
2701 Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, IL.

**Morton Grove**  
Village of Morton Grove: Village Hall, 6101 Capulina  
Morton Grove, IL.  
Morton Grove Park District: Prairie View Center  
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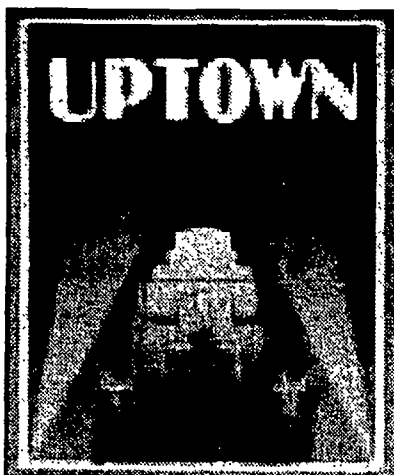
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## PARK RIDGE

### The Changing Face of Uptown: The Next Fifty Years



Park Ridge's City Council will make the final decisions on the nature and appearance of Uptown Redevelopment that will affect current and future residents for "the next fifty years," according to some observers. Below, city council members answer questions and share their views on the redevelopment process.

■What element do you think the residents consider the most important in the redevelopment of Uptown?

Mike Tinaglia (1st Ward): I believe our residents want redevelopment in the Uptown area of our City. However, I also

believe that the residents do not want the decision-makers to "throw the baby out with the bath water." For example, our Uptown area has a certain character and ambience. I believe open space contributes to our City's character. Therefore, in redevelopment we should maintain a certain amount of open space in order to maintain the character we all cherish. I also believe that traffic patterns and flow are very important. The best development can falter if traffic access, exit and through passage is impaired.

**Don Crampton (1st Ward):** Our citizens want to see an end to the unattractive eyesore that resulted from the demolition of the former Bredemann property. But, I believe they're more interested in seeing development that underscores the quality and promise of our community as a whole. This would include maintaining the "feel" of our existing Uptown, integrating non-institutional and high quality retail facilities, and architecturally interesting multi-family residential development. Further, they rightfully expect that these core themes will be achieved at the same time that parking improves, pedestrian access to new and existing retail improves and that more shopping opportu-

nities result from the redevelopment effort.

**Sue Beaumont (4th Ward):** The feedback I get from the residents is they are hoping to fill the empty stores as Uptown redevelopment progresses. Parking is an issue I hear about a lot, but I personally don't feel there is a problem. I don't hear about multiple housing from the residents, but I would most definitely see that as a positive in Uptown redevelopment.

**Mark Anderson (5th Ward):** People want an Uptown that's not a disgrace, and that fits the image of Park Ridge as a quality community. Most of my constituents here in the 5th Ward view Uptown sort of as their back yard; many of them walk to stores (at least when it's nice out); and they want something worth walking to.

■What time-table do you envision for Uptown Redevelopment?

**Rich DiPietro (2nd Ward):** I would like to see a final developer or developers selected by 1st Quarter, 2004. I am hopeful that construction on moving the reservoir site would begin 2nd Quarter 2004. Engineering is moving forward on that issue at this time. Having recently purchased and re-habed a commercial building, I

am conscious how long construction projects take. Therefore, I would anticipate that actual construction would not begin on Uptown Redevelopment until 4th Quarter 2004 or First Quarter 2005.

**Dawn Disher (5th Ward):** The Uptown Redevelopment should be in full swing over the next 3-5 years. If we are successful, other parts of Uptown will also redevelop. That redevelopment will likely continue for at least the next 10 years.

■How much of the cost of Uptown Redevelopment should the residents be willing to share?

**Mike Tinaglia (1st Ward):** In some way shape or form, the residents of Park Ridge bear all the costs of redevelopment. Make no mistake, there is "no free lunch." The new reservoir will in all likelihood be funded in part by increased water rates. If a developer gives an economic benefit to the City, that benefit will be picked up or reimbursed by some increased costs or charges in some other area of redevelopment. The legitimate hope is that in the final analysis, the tangible and intangible benefits offset the costs. Because so much is at stake, it is paramount that every step of the redevelop-

ment process involve full and complete disclosure of all the facts and circumstances. The "process" must be above reproach.

**Rich DiPietro (2nd Ward):** Residents should be willing to bear the construction costs of a city owned garage as part of Uptown Redevelopment. They should also be willing to bear moving the water reservoir. The developer should purchase the Uptown Redevelopment land owned by the city. I would have to be convinced why the residents should bear any costs beyond the two that I have mentioned.

**Sue Bell (3rd Ward):** Residents will probably have to bear a water rate increase as part of the cost of new reservoir and to help cover the expected increases in water rates announced by the City of Chicago. Most of the cost of redevelopment will come from TIF funds, although there could also be some bonds issued. Communities around us are upgrading their centers of town, and we will need to do likewise in order to compete.

**Howard Frimark (4th Ward):** The TIF package should handle most of the expenses for the Uptown Redevelopment, however, an increase in water rates is inevitable to assist in moving the reservoir to a permanent location.



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## SCHOOLS

### Nekritz encourages students to apply for scholarships

State Rep. Elaine Nekritz (D-Northbrook) has announced that she will start accepting applications for the 2004 General Assembly Scholarship program.

The scholarships are offered to residents of the 57th district and will

cover one year of tuition at the following state universities: University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield), Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University,

Northern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University.

Deadline for application will be Apr. 30, 2004. Each scholarship will be awarded to students enrolled in

undergraduate, graduate, and professional curriculums. The scholarships will be for tuition only; fees, books, room and board will not be covered. Summer tuition is also included but recipients who are not attending the summer session at these schools will

be asked to release their summer scholarship.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Nekritz' constituent service office at (847) 257-0450 or e-mail your name and home address to repnekritz@aol.com.

### Scholarships available for Italian American Students

Applications for college scholarship area available to students of Italian American heritage from the offices of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA). The JCCIA is a not-for-profit organization established over 50 years ago.

Applications are available for the following

scholarships:

The Women's division will award several \$1,500 scholarships to female students of Italian heritage who have been accepted into college for the fall of 2004. Students must have a 3.75 grade point average or higher and have one parent who is at least 50 percent Italian.

Deadline for application is Mar. 1.

Two scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded in memory of John Fischetti to male or female students majoring in journalism or communication. Applicants can be graduating from high school this coming June or be a college student who has been accepted as a graduate student in

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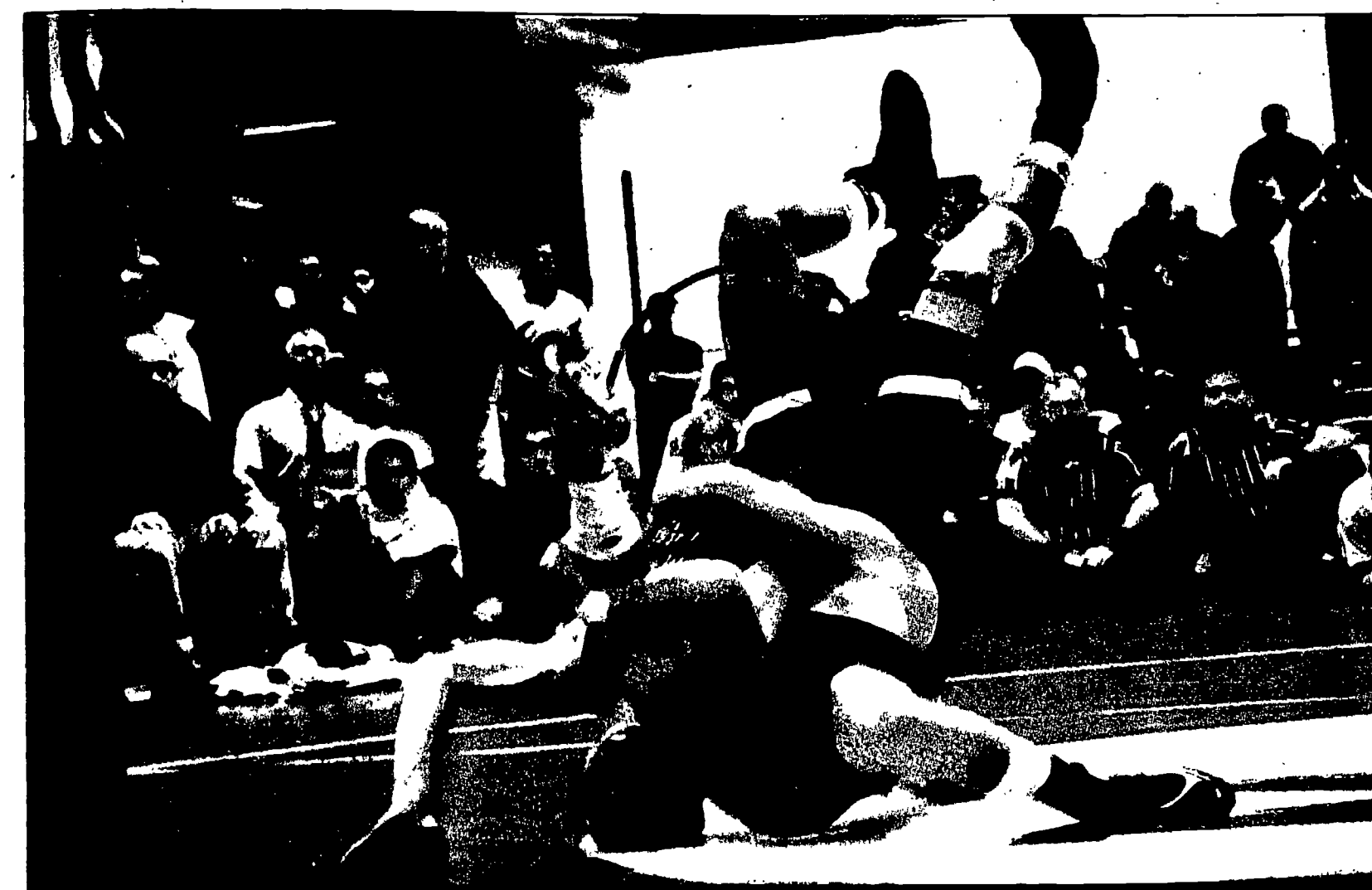
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Maine South's Nick Fallico(right) takes down Highland Park's Michael Poeta in their 152 pound championship match at the Central Suburban League Championships at Maine South, Saturday afternoon January 31. Poeta won the much anticipated match 9-5.

### Local schools taken-down by Highland Park

BY RYAN BISHOP  
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The Maine South wrestling team was thinking revenge on Evanston last weekend after they were defeated on their home mats. The Hawks not only had to worry about the Wildkits but also Highland Park and the state's top wrestler in the 152 lb. weight class, Mike Poeta and the upstart Giants at the conference meet held at Maine South.

Highland Park took the conference crown away from the Hawks, winning 169 to 160.5 over Evanston, they were helped in large part by the lightweight wrestlers. The Giants waited 22 years to capture the conference championship. The Hawks finished a close third place with 158 points on the strength of one first-

place finish and three second-place finishes. Maine East closed out the meet in fourth place right behind South and Niles West finished in 10th place but did have three conference champions, Lewis Hutchinson at 160 lbs., and Marc Klein at 112 lbs., and Jack Gould, at 135 lbs.

The meet featured the two top wrestlers in the state in their weight class (152 lbs.), senior Nick Fallico, came in with a record of 31-1 and senior Poeta, the returning state champion who came in with a record of 32-0.

A big crowd gathered around and all eyes were focused on the main event. It was the equivalent of a heavyweight battle as the wrestlers went toe to toe for top honors in their class. Fallico scored a takedown on Poeta halfway through the first period. However, he lost his edge after the ref called a second caution on him. Consequently, Poeta used

an escape to pull ahead and keep his undefeated record, winning 9-5.

Taking home medals for the Hawks were Kevin McMahon (27-7), losing in the finals 4-0 to Niles West wrestler Marc Klein in the 112 lb. match, Joe Oliver a 4-3 loser to Shawn Bailey of Maine East in the 215 lb. match, and Rick Loera (28-2) the conference champ who won his match convincingly, 12-5 over Louis Gouletas of Highland Park in the 171 lb. final.

Maine East's Yoani Martinez (119 lbs.) and Shawn Bailey (215 lbs.) achieved a first-place finish at the meet, as Martinez scored a 9-5 victory over Michael Pevsakovich, and Bailey's a 4-3 decision over South's Oliver. Austin Bautista (21-7) could not get past Maine West's Kyle Katz, losing a technical fall decision at 3:00. The teams move on the sectionals next weekend.

## WEEKEND WARFARE

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### Niles West, Maine East, and Notre Dame Regional Wrestling Meet at Maine South

**When:** February 7  
**Where:** Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dee Rd., Park Ridge, IL  
**Outlook:** Walking in with a record of 14-2 the Notre Dame Dons appear to be the team to beat in this regional. The Dons have dominated in their wins and stayed close in their two losses. Though the Dons are the early favorite there are a number of dangerous teams out there including Maine South. The Hawks had put together a fairly impressive season until the conference meet when it seemed everything went wrong. In position to take their third CSL Conference crown, they let it slip away to Highland Park. The Hawks could continue to perform poorly at regionals, but that is unlikely to happen. This meet will be a very tough one as well as an opportunity for some to begin the road to the state meet.

### Maine South Gymnastic Regionals

**When:** 6:30 PM, February 6  
**Where:** Prospect High School, 801 W Kensington Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL  
**Outlook:** Maine South has had an excellent end to their season. They took first in the Maine East Beach Tournament in early January and have continued to show promise since then. Senior Kira Fedyniak leads the way, posting excellent scores in all events, but especially the all around portion. The Hawks hope to make a good showing this Friday and advance some gymnasts to the next round.

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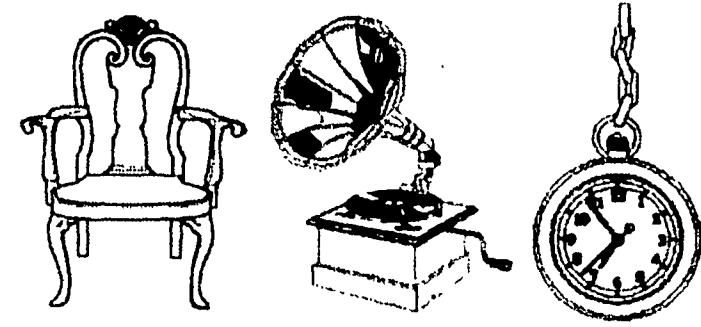
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# BUSINESS

## Classic Bowl: A 40-year tradition

BY PATRICK FERREL  
CORRESPONDENT

It seems Classic Bowl is a fitting moniker for the bowling alley at 8530 Waukegan Road in Morton Grove.

With Bowler's Edge Pro Shop having opened in the alley about three months ago, lessons and learning clinics are now a regular occurrence at the 38-lane bowling center.

"It's just created quite a stir," manager Mitzi Eschette said. "This is like it was 15 years ago. They're brining new excitement to the place."

The pro shop is owned by Eschette's long-time friends, Patty Ann and Cliff Tarpley. The shop is part of Classic Bowl, a 40-year-old institution in Morton Grove owned by Erwin Korzen and Henry Barber. The duo also owns Stardust bowl in Addison and Hillside Bowl in Hillside.

Eschette simply describes the bowling centers, particularly the one in Morton Grove, as a "fun neighborhood hangout."

"We're a friendly neighborhood bowling center," she said. "You're not a number. You're not just another bowler. You're a face

and a person. That's the atmosphere that we try to create.

"If you walk in, we'll call you by name and ask you how things have been going."

The bowling alley is open seven days a week. Its main focus is on leagues, something that many of the corporate bowling centers are now abandoning in favor of the loud music, black lights and flashy atmosphere coveted by recreational bowlers.

"We still cater to the 35-week bowling season," Eschette said. "We cater more towards the serious league bowler that wants to come out week after week, bowl a few good games and spend time with friends. League bowlers are the mainstay of our business. They keep us going financially more than the once-every-three-months recreational bowler."

Unfortunately, bowling as a whole is becoming "more of a recreational activity than a sport," Eschette believes. However, cultivating the league atmosphere is a major step in ensuring bowling remains a serious sport, she said.

"That will promote the sport and keep it going," she says simply. Most of the players in leagues

run by Classic Bowl are older folks who live in the area, Eschette said. As corporations disband their leagues, younger folks are more reluctant to join a league, Eschette said.

As a silver lining, however, interest in junior leagues, those for children at least 7 years old, is remaining constant, if not increasing slightly, Eschette said. "A lot of them have conflicts during the bowling season with other activities and sports, but even if they can only make it out for a few weeks, we certainly welcome them," Eschette said of you'ers.

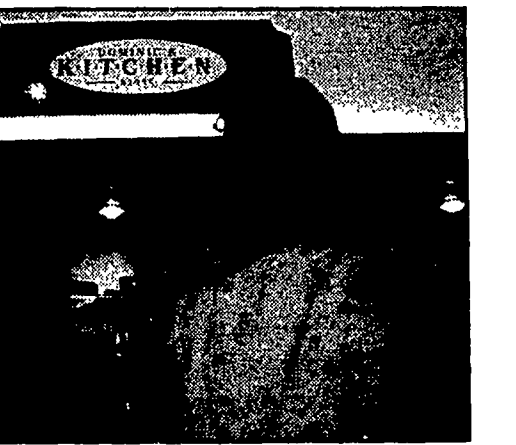
For those recreational bowlers craving a classic bowling feel without the flashing lights, don't let the league atmosphere put you out. Open bowling is still offered most nights after about 9:30 p.m., Eschette said. You might even find that you'll score better here than at other bowling alleys.

"We try to do an improvement every year," Eschette said. "Last year, we installed synthetic lanes and approaches. They're more durable than the wood, and they go a long way towards improving your score."

## Business Briefs

### Maine South grad Cimilluca opens kitchen store in Park Ridge

Dominic Cimilluca, a Park Ridge resident and Maine South graduate has opened a specialty kitchenware store around the corner from the Pickwick Theatre, his first employer.



"Since I grew up here it just seemed like the most natural place to begin a business," he said.

The new store, "Dominic's Kitchen Store," provides customers high-end cook-ware, bakeware, dinnerware, and specialty foods.

"Basically, we provide the highest quality product with the best customer service for the professional chef, aspiring chef, or the home chef," said Cimilluca.

Besides basic cookware, Dominic's Kitchen Store offers a selection of hard-to-find gadgets and gizmos, utensils, and gourmet foods, such as species, sauces, and cooking oils.

Cimilluca, who has more than 10 years of experience in the food service industry says his background is pivotal in providing his customers with fine service and products.

"My culinary background has made me very knowledgeable about the product that we will have in our store," he said. "My wife and I also understand the needs of chefs of all levels and will be able to help educate the inexperienced chef."

### Dance School educates and informs

Edgebrook's Dance Academy is gearing up for another year of dance instruction.

Free report answers common questions

In an attempt to offer as much information as possible on having a positive experience in dance classes, Dance Academy has started offering free reports that give useful information and tips. School Director Gloria Camilli said, "over the years of teaching students, many people have had similar questions about dance lessons. These reports are designed to help parents make choices for their children that will give them long-term success.

Are all dance studios the same?

The dance report prepares parents for what to expect in year-end recitals and explains the main differences between dance studios. These reports are available for free at the school office.

New Programs

Along with the great care taken to assure an excellent learning environment, several new programs will be offered this fall. Camilli said, "We are privileged to have some of the best teaching staff in the area. We are excited to have several new teachers join our faculty this fall. All of our instructors have a bachelor of arts degree in dance and have teaching experience, making them excellent resources for students of all ages. One of the things we are still very excited about is our incredible dance floors, which are designed to prevent injury and fatigue."

Dance instruction is offered to students ages three through adult. All major styles of dance are offered, including ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, hip-hop, and Irish dance. New this fall will be the pre-pointe class to help ballet students prepare for this demanding form of dance. Also, added to the fall lineup are pom-pom classes for ages 8-11 and 12-17.

Adults will also have a new option: Dance Academy introduces a Stretch & Move class for adults only. This class offers the benefits of increasing flexibility and developing long, lean muscles as well as a cardiovascular workout.

Dance Academy is currently accepting registration and can be reached at (773) 763-5759.

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

### Business Calendar

Thursday, February 12  
The Morton Grove Chamber will host a "Business After Hours" at Bally Total Fitness, 6821 Dempster St., Morton Grove from 7 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Chamber at (847) 965-0349.

Tuesday, February 24  
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Raw Food Diets

Q: I recently read your article on vegetarian diets for dogs or cats. I agree that dogs and cats should be like their omnivore ancestors and eat mostly a meat diet. I am a registered dietitian, and I believe the more natural a diet is, for both humans and animals, the better. I recently switched my toy poodle to an all-natural diet of raw bones, meat and vegetables. The diet is often referred to

as the "B.A.R.F." diet (biologically active raw food). The raw diet has done wonders for her allergies and general health, and there is much less waste to pick up. There are plenty of good Web sites available containing information on this type of diet. Thank you. — Laura Donnelly, R.D., via e-mail  
A: Thanks, Laura. The raw food diet is one example of a move by pet owners toward feeding their pets freshly prepared food rather than simple table scraps. While I recommend owners feed their dog or cat fresh, lightly steamed meat and vegetables at least once a week, I have some reservations about a diet featuring raw meat. My cat's veterinarian warns that raw meats can transmit bacteria, such as E. coli, or even parasites to a pet. So, before switching your dog or cat to a raw diet, do your research carefully and follow specific guidelines. Here's a fresh recipe for cats from the

"Cat Owner's Manual" by Dr. Bruce Fogle (Doring Kindersley, \$25). It features chicken, liver, rice and bone meal. 5 oz. chicken 1 oz. liver 2.5 oz. uncooked rice 1/3 oz. sterilized bone meal Pinch of iodized salt 1 tsp. sunflower or corn oil Cook the rice, bone meal, salt and oil in twice the volume of water for 20 minutes. Add the chicken and liver, simmering for another 10 minutes. Blend thoroughly. The recipe produces enough to feed a typical house cat for three days and provides a nice alternative to dry food. Send your tips, questions and comments to Paws Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or e-mail them pawscorner@hotmail.com to (c) 2004 King Features Synd., Inc.



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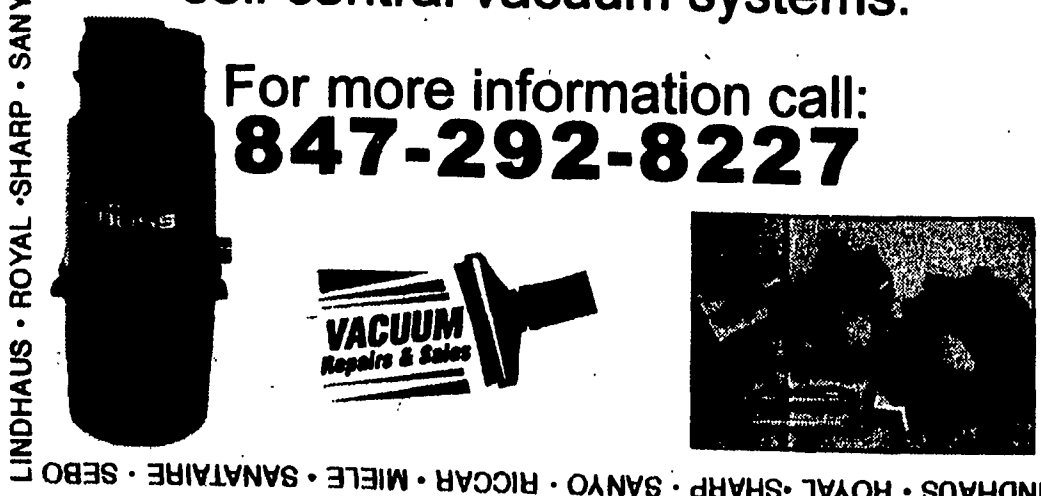
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Make your Tax Appointment now! Qualifying Niles Seniors may make tax appointment by calling 847 588-8420 or in person at the Senior Center. For more information contact MaryAnn. Appointments will begin February 4th and run through April 14th. FEBRUARY REGISTRATION Mail-in/Drop-off registration with check or credit card must be received no later than 5:00pm, Friday, February 6th. In-person registration begins 8:30am, Wednesday, February 11th. To mail in use registration form in February Program Guide-or pick up form at the Center. (Cash is only accepted during in-person registration.) Special accommodations needed? Be sure to let us know when you register. Call 588-8420 for more information including questions on ticket availability &

class registration. ACTIVITIES Book Discussion - Friday, March 5th, 10:00am - 11:00am. \$1 Join us as we discuss Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand. Refreshments included. Lite Lunch & Movie - Friday, March 5th, 12:00pm - 3:30pm. \$3.50 Join us as we watch the 2003 hit, Seabiscuit (PG-13) starring Tobey Maquire. Ham, Turkey and Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, and Dessert will be served prior to the movie. Pinochle Tournament - Friday, March 12th, 12:00pm - 4:00pm. \$4 Participate in a 3-handed tournament. Lunch, Refreshments, and Prizes are included. Poker Tournament - Friday, March 26th, 12:00pm - 3:00pm. \$4 Play 7-Card Stud and 5-Card Draw. Lunch, Refreshments, and Prizes are included. CLASSES Computers Intro to Computers-Mondays & Wednesdays, March 1st- April 7th, 9:00-10:30am. \$20 Learn the fundamentals of Windows 98. Includes instruction, handouts and lab time. Learn how to get your computer working for you! This is a 6 week class.

Morton Grove Senior Center News

INCOME TAX RETURNS

Income tax return assistance is available free of charge for residents at least 60 years old, and who have low or moderate incomes that can be reported on basic IRS forms. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223 for a personal appointment at the Morton Grove Senior Center on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between Feb. 9 and April 14.

Volunteers trained by the IRS will assist taxpayers completing Federal and State returns. Bring in the W-2, Social Security (SSA-1099), 1098 and 1099 forms received in the mail along with a copy of the 2002 tax returns.

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This ancient form of exercise is low-impact and focuses on balance and breathing techniques that help maintain well-being. The class will focus on reducing stress and increasing intrinsic energy through movement and visualization. The six-part class meets from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays Feb. 10, 24, March 9,

23, 30, and April 13 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The fee is \$31 for Senior Center Members and \$33 for non-members. There is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 students required for this class. Sign up in person at the Senior Center.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREEING Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

MORTON GROVE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

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Maine Township Senior News

Maine Streamers Announces New Senior Activities and Classes

Listed below are January and February programs for all Maine Township seniors. All activities and programs are held at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge unless otherwise indicated. Men's Group Monday, February 9 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$3.00 includes Pizza Lunch

Leonardo DiCaprio stars in "Gang of New York"- an epic tale of vengeance and survival and how corruption thrives in lower Manhattan. A man's movie! Along with viewing the movie, pizza will be served. Senior activities "VALENTINE" LUNCHEON Thursday, February 19 Doors open: 11:00 a.m. Lunch: 12:00 noon Crystal Palace, 2648 Dempster, Park Ridge Cost: \$13.00 members /\$14.00 guests + \$1.00 Fish

February is best known for romance of Valentine's Day. Today our entertainers, Pat and Kathleen Gilhooly will perform songs of love and romance. Along with singing you will enjoy their dancing

and musical ability. Before the performance you will enjoy a lunch featuring Cream of Broccoli Soup, London Broil with Red Potatoes, Peas and Carrots with Dill and Strawberry Cheese Cake. Bingo will follow! Cancellations and reservations must be received by Monday, February 9th. ETHNIC DINNER OUTING Tuesday, February 24 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. White Eagle 6839 N. Milwaukee, Niles Cost: \$20.00 members/\$22.00 guests

Today's family style meal will feature traditional Polish Cuisine. The menu includes Mushroom Barley Soup, Salad, Golabki (stuffed cabbage), Kluski, Pierogi, Polish Sausage with Sauerkraut, Potatoes, Vegetable and of course, Kolacky for dessert! Transportation on your own. S.A.L.T. PROGRAM Tuesday, February 10 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Presenter: Cook County Sheriffs No Charge - Registration Required Cook County Officers Lazano and Maura along with Katie Tennant of the Attorney General's Office will present a program on "Child Exploitation"- sexual predators in chat rooms.



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA Special to The Bugle

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How Should You Get Income From Investments?

You can invest for at least two key reasons: growth and income. If you're looking for growth, you'll need to invest in stocks that have the potential for capital appreciation. But if you also want to get income from your investments, you've got some choices to make. You can, of course, invest in fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds. Bonds typically pay regular interest payments, and, as long as the bond is held until maturity, the principal amount is returned, provided the issuer doesn't default - a risk you can greatly reduce by purchasing only those bonds that have received the highest grades from independent rating agencies. However, you can also get income by investing in stocks that have a history of paying dividends - and now, since the tax rate on dividends has been cut, these investments may look even more attractive. In the short term, most common stocks will typically offer lower income than bonds or CDs. But many high-quality stocks have consistently increased their annual dividends - which means you have the potential for rising income. That's not to say you should abandon your bonds in favor of dividend-paying stocks. No matter how high the quality of the stocks, they will still carry more investment risk - at least in terms of potential loss of principal - than high-quality bonds. So, when you're investing for income, you will likely want to choose the mix of dividend-paying stocks and bonds that best fits your individual risk tolerance and long-term goals. Income strategies during retirement You'll always need to know how to get income from your investments. But it's particularly important to make the right choices during your retirement years. At this time of your life, you'll need to look beyond the issue of bonds vs. stocks

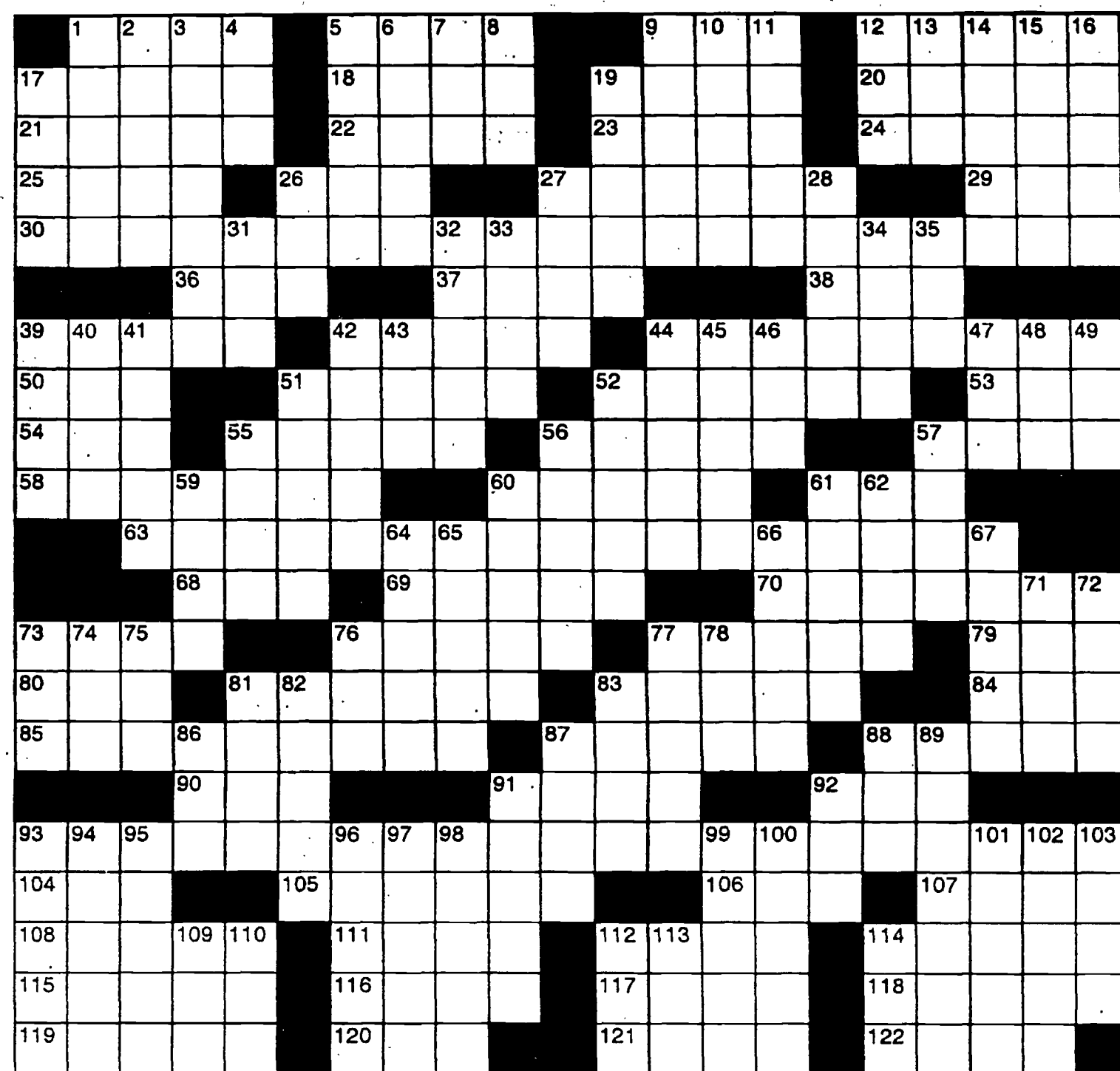
to a new dimension: Which sources of retirement income should you tap first? To answer this question, you'll have to take stock on where your retirement income is coming from. You can probably anticipate drawing from three main sources: tax-deferred accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan; taxable savings and investments; and Social Security. The exact formula you choose for getting income from these three separate pools will depend on your individual needs and circumstances. However, it may be a good idea to spend down your taxable savings before you touch your tax-deferred plans. By following this strategy, you can keep these account earnings potentially growing on a tax-deferred basis until you must start taking withdrawals at age 70 1/2. How about Social Security? When should you start taking these payments? Again, there's no one right answer for everyone; you'll have to weigh a variety of factors, including your other sources of income, your age at retirement and your expected life span. Keep in mind that, although you can start taking Social Security at age 62, your monthly checks will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get "bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're going to get. Your financial professional can help you determine the appropriate strategies for drawing on your investment income and retirement plans. Maintaining a sufficient level of income is obviously essential to your financial well being - so you'll want to make all the right moves.

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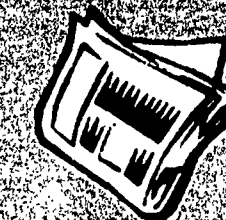
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