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Michelle Obama, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, smiles Monday as she takes the stage to speak during the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

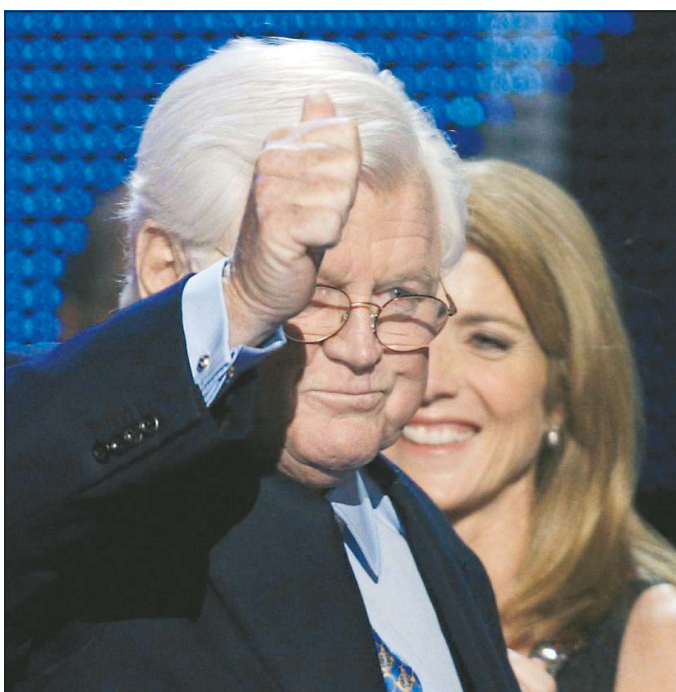
### Kennedy, Obama speeches set tone

Associated Press

DENVER — Michelle Obama described herself as a daughter, a sister, a wife and a mother, no different from many women. She told a boisterous crowd waving signs reading "Michelle" that she and her husband feel an obligation to "fight for the world as it should be" to ensure the promise of a better life for their daughters and all children.

It was the first major address of the Democratic National Convention, but not before an ailing and aging Sen. Edward M. Kennedy tried to unite Democrats with a ringing summons to fellow Democrats to rally behind Obama's pioneering quest for the White House.

"Barack will finally bring the change we need," seconded Michelle, casting



Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, joined by niece Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, acknowledges delegates Monday as he takes the stage at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

her husband — bidding to become the first black president — as a leader with classic American values.

She pledged he would end the war in Iraq, revise a sputtering economy and extend health care to all.

Democrats opened their four-day convention in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains as polls underscored the closeness of the race with

Republican John McCain. And there was no underestimating the challenges confronting Obama.

He faces lingering divisions from a fierce battle with Hillary Rodham Clinton for the nomination, tough ads by McCain and his Republican allies, and a reminder that racism, too, could play a

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### Alleged slur shows deep party divide

BY JOHN PATTERSON AND NICK SHIELDS  
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DENVER — Bitter divisions between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton supporters erupted Monday amid claims that Illinois Senate President Emil Jones Jr., Obama's political mentor, called a black Clinton delegate an "Uncle Tom."

Jones, who's also black, denied the comment to reporters, saying he'd said "doubting Thomas" and the delegate misunderstood him.

But Chicago political consultant Delmarie Cobb stuck by her story, saying Jones had sought her out before to ridicule her Clinton loyalty.

"How this has become a litmus test for being black, I don't understand it," Cobb said of Obama's campaign.

As news of the disputed comment spread, there was a collective cringe among Illinois delegates who'd arrived in Denver preaching a unity message on both a local and

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## Books, DVDs and CDs aplenty

Library trustees detail the cost of expansion

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Barrington residents now can learn how much a proposed 44,000-square-foot library addition will cost them.

On Monday, Barrington Area Library District trustees officially decided to put the proposed \$34.3 million expansion plan on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Trustees also finalized all financial details, including how much the project will cost residents if voters approve the addition.

For residents living in a \$500,000 house, the expansion will cost an additional \$85 to \$90 a year. After the first year of the increase, officials said the rate will go down gradually for the next 20 years, while bonds are paid off.

The addition, at the district's main facility at 505 N. Northwest Hwy., would allow the library to offer more books, CDs and DVDs. "Libraries

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## Teen dies after fall off ATV

BY LEE FILAS  
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A 16-year-old Ingleside teen was killed Sunday after falling off the four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle he was driving, Lake County sheriff's officials said.

Joseph Cardella was pronounced dead at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge by Cook County medical examiner officials.

The medical examiner's office conducted an autopsy Monday, but a cause of death was not released.

Cardella was driving the Polaris Twin ATV in an empty lot near his home about 3:05 p.m. when he attempted to jump a dirt hill, Sgt. Christopher Thompson said.

Cardella flipped off the vehicle in midair and landed hard on his head, Thompson said. Cardella was not wearing a helmet at the time.

The teen was flown to Lutheran General where he was pronounced dead.

Family members were not available for comment Monday.

Cardella was a junior at Grant High School in Fox Lake, though he wasn't well-known because he transferred into the high school over the summer from Rolling Meadows, school officials said.

"He was a good kid, a real good kid," said Grant football coach Kurt Rouse. "He was working hard and making new friends. It's a real tragedy to have something like this happen to someone this young and energetic."



Buffalo Grove Village Clerk Janet Sirabian is grand marshal of the Buffalo Grove Days parade on Sunday.

## Clerk to lead the way in parade

BY LIA LEHRER  
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For what could be the first time, the grand marshal of the Buffalo Grove Days Parade will be an elected official.

Janet Sirabian, the village clerk, will ride in a horse-drawn carriage at the head of this year's parade — recognition for her volunteer work as the chairman of the 50th anniversary committee and for her 30 years

as part-time clerk.

The parade steps off at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Sirabian was instrumental in planning the series of celebrations that have marked the village's 50th.

"She had a vision for what the 50th anniversary should be, and she brought all these people together to bring her ideas to fruition," said Drew Kapinos, a member of the committee and Sirabian's neighbor. "I wasn't

surprised (she would receive this honor); I was wondering why it took so long."

Village officials couldn't remember the last time an elected official was named grand marshal, but they said it was Sirabian's work with the anniversary committee that set her apart.

She first suggested in 2004 the village should

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## Libraries: 24-hour window and a cafe included in plans

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suffer from cramming too much stuff into too small of an area," said Joseph Huberty, the project's architect. "It becomes unbrowseable."

If approved, the expansion would include a children's pavilion, meeting rooms, quiet adult areas, outdoor programing space, a 24-hour service window and a cafe.

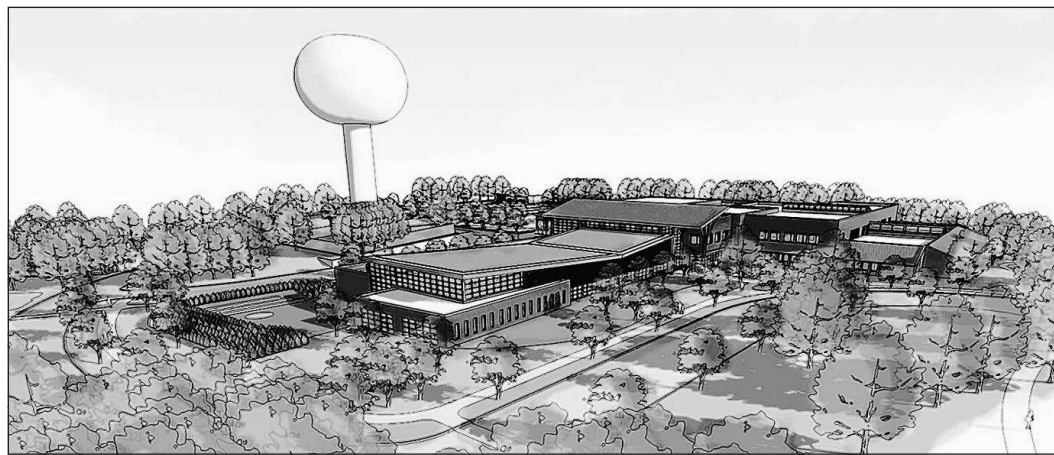
The plan also calls for a new, two-story parking deck.

The addition will also include many environmentally friendly features like green roofs and rain gardens.

The project also calls for "geo-exchange" wells to heat and cool the library.

The process works by moving heat from the earth back and forth to the building.

"It offers the opportunity to provide the library with free



COURTESY OF THE BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY DISTRICT  
An artist's rendering of what the Barrington Area Library would look like if voters approved a 44,000 square-foot expansion.

heating once (the wells) are paid off," Huberty said, adding that could happen within 14 years.

Trustee Lawrence Wiener said the addition will help prepare for future growth.

"We think we are one of the

most valuable things in this community and we want to stay that way," he said.

The existing library was constructed in the early 1970s.

An expansion in 1993 doubled its size to its current

58,000 square feet.

In 2004, the library failed in its bid to get residents to approve a property tax increase for a proposed \$28 million expansion, which would have added more than 43,000 square feet.

## Sheriff works trash detail during self-imposed incarceration

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See the video at  
dailyherald.com

Lake County jail inmate Mark Curran loaded up on sunscreen before taking his place on a roadside cleanup crew this morning. Even with lower temperatures, three hours of stoop-labor under an August sun could cause a sunburn.

Midway through a self-imposed jail sentence, Curran found himself on his hands and knees picking up fast-food garbage and old newspapers

along Washington Street near Waukegan.

Hoping to dramatize the need for prison reform, the county sheriff put himself behind bars last week. He'll be released Wednesday.

"I'm doing this to remind everyone that anyone can be an inmate," Curran said.

"I want to raise the awareness for the need for reform in the Illinois Department of Corrections."

Working on the trash line is just one more experience for Curran during his weeklong incarceration. He's also been sleeping in a cell, eating institutional food, working in the kitchen and attending classes.

A few drivers honked as they drove past the crew of eight men dressed in bright orange jail jumpsuits. The crew worked its way west along

Washington Street before finishing about noon.

Wearing his orange safety vest and dark sunglasses, Curran used long-handled tongs to grab trash as four lanes of traffic rushed past.

Speaking of his fellow inmates, Curran said, "These are human beings. They need to be loved and treated with respect."

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## Parade: Clerk works to get young people to vote

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create an anniversary committee and drew up a list of potential events.

"All of a sudden, I was chairman," she said. "We just have a lot of fun trying to do things to show the community what this village has become in the past 50 years, how it started out, what a great village it has become and what a great place it is to live."

Events have included a car show, a sock hop, a concert and events that educate the community on village history, said deputy village clerk Jane Olson. The annual Buffalo Grove Days will conclude the celebration with a special emphasis on the anniversary.

At the parade, with Sirabian as grand marshal, "people can actually put a face to all the planning," Olson said.

In addition, Sirabian organizes a yearly civics forum where about 25 area high school students come to village hall to find solutions to village issues such as recycling.

"I want them to learn the importance of being involved and contributing to the community you live in," Sirabian said. "That's what makes it good."

"I like trying to do things to make the community better."

Janet Sirabian, village clerk

Sirabian moved to Buffalo Grove in 1968. She became an election judge in 1971, became the plan commission secretary in 1978 and was elected village clerk in 1979.

One of her passions is encouraging all citizens, especially young people, to vote in municipal elections.

"Municipal elections have notoriously low turnouts, but those (elected officials) are the people who will affect your everyday life," she said.

Sirabian also volunteers with the Northwest Suburban United Way and is an active member of Hope Lutheran Church in Long Grove.

"I like trying to do things to make the community better," she said.

Sunday's parade starts at Bernard and Indian Hill drives, goes east to Raupp, north to St. Mary's Parkway and east to Crestview Terrace. For details visit [www.vbg.org](http://www.vbg.org) or call (847) 459-2500.

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According to lead author George Bakris, MD, director of the hypertension center at the University of Chicago Medical Center, unlike other vertebrae, which interlock one to the next, the Atlas (also known as C-1) relies solely upon soft tissue (muscles and ligaments) to maintain alignment; therefore is uniquely vulnerable to displacement. Displacement of C-1 can occur without pain and thus, often goes undetected and untreated. A small group of Upper Cervical Doctors have foregone typical "full-spine manipulations," limiting their practice to precise, delicate corrections to the top two bones in the spine, known as C1 and C2.

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This story has been adapted from a news release issued by University of Chicago Medical Center.

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