

Two negatives don't make a positive

New Dow *Shorewood Herald* column misleads

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SHOREWOOD, Wis. (March 26, 2004) – It is appropriate that the *Shorewood Herald* placed a public forum opinion signed by Anne Dow directly next to a picture of a sarcophagus in the March 25 issue with a headline "The Quest for Immortality."

Dow's argument in the two first paragraphs is like a sarcophagus – an ancient Egyptian coffin – lovely on the surface but the inside is just bones and stinky spiritless gauze that even Botox can't revive. [Story](#)



Eckman's signs still illegal, says Elections Board

MADISON, Wis. (March 24, 2004) – Trustee Ellen Eckman, the only educator running for Village Board, has for the second straight day been challenged for illegal campaign signs spread around the Village on neighborhood lawns. Yesterday, Police Chief Michael Meehan ordered Eckman to remove illegal plastic chevrons, or bunting, from signs placed on lawns over the weekend. Meehan said he saw a man riding around on a bicycle yesterday cutting the strips of plastic from the placards. But Meehan said he knew nothing about a requirement that the source of the signs and the funding be identified on each sign.

According to state law, a sign paid for by a "committee" must include the name of the "treasurer or other authorized agent," while if the candidate pays directly, the sign must state "Paid for by" followed by "the name of the candidate or other individual making the payment." Eckman's signs name neither Eckman nor her treasurer as the source of the signs, but only refers to "Friends."



Assistant Marquette professor violates Village, state laws in campaign to retain seat, Shorewood police allege

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SHOREWOOD, Wis. (March 23, 2004) – Trustee Ellen Eckman, who boasts she is the only candidate in the April 6 Village election who is an educator, got a lesson of her own today as Police Chief Michael Meehan ordered her to remove illegal campaign signs from Village yards. Meehan said Eckman is in violation of state election laws.



The signs placed in Village yards over the weekend replaced similar illegal ones that were removed after the Feb. 17 primary election. The signs are illegal because the three plastic chevrons stapled to the signs violate Shorewood

Ordinance 9.417 as well as state law.

Although Meehan acknowledges that he knew certain sign enhancements, such as balloons, were illegal, he did not notice Eckman's yard signs because today was his first day back on the job since the signs were put up.

When asked why he did not order Eckman's primary signs removed, considering they had the same plastic embellishments, Meehan said he just didn't notice them.

Meanwhile, Meehan said there will be no fine or penalty imposed on Eckman, a Village trustee for three years.