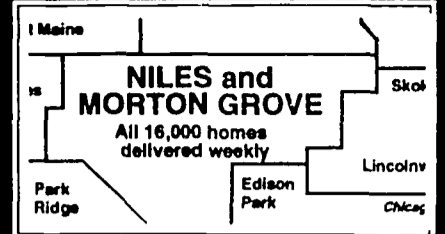




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Commander receives award



At the February Village Board Meeting, Commander Don Leavitt received a Police Department Commendation for his outstanding police work, which resulted in the apprehension and arrest of three individuals for drug possession.

Shown (left to right) with Commander Leavitt are Police Chief Jerry Sheehan and Mayor Nicholas B. Blase.

Maine Township hosts GIFTS volunteer Open House

Maine Township will host a volunteer open house and organization meeting Monday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, as part of its recently formed volunteer organization called GIFTS. GIFTS stands for Giving Invites Friends To Share.

The new organization will help match older adults who wish to

volunteer time with the needs of numerous township agencies seeking help. All interested residents 55 years old and older are invited to come and find out more about the agencies and their volunteer opportunities.

"The idea is to become a clearing house for volunteers by matching interested seniors with

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Flooded pipe yields an unexpected finds

A break in a water main near Dempster Street and Potter Road in unincorporated Maine Township sent water flooding into an adjoining 72-inch pipe, bringing an investigation crew from the township. At close inspection the water-filled pipe was found to contain surprise bulk besides--old television sets and shop-

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Park Ridge retiree drowns in Florida

Margaret Scott, 71, formerly an associate professor at Harper College, drowned in a freak accident while wintering with her husband in Florida.

While the couple golfed at a course in Fort Myers, Scott's cart went into a course pond, drowning her.

The cart was left idling on a

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Skokie among least tax-burdened communities

Suburbs costs of government surveyed

by Barbara A. Mendelsohn

A recent survey conducted by the city of Park Ridge ranked 12 area suburbs by taxes collected from homeowners vs. services and fees that are charged directly to residents. The study averaged total revenues, then ranked municipalities by total direct payments.

Municipalities contributing to the survey are Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Downers Grove, Mount Prospect, Naperville,

Skokie and Schaumburg.

Revenues were based on average homes, assessed equally after application of the state equalization factor. Costs factored into the survey run the gamut from dog license fees to water bills and utility taxes.

The survey shows the village of Niles with an "adjusted budget" of \$49,343,611 against a population figure of 28,384,

which calculates the government cost per capita to \$1,738.43. The mean, according to the survey, is \$1,229.67.

The figure referred to as "adjusted budget" is the total municipal budget including "motor fuel tax" payments (revenue returned to municipalities by the state), expenses for library and garbage, but excludes park districts, utilities, sanitary district, community development block

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Adjusted budget includes total municipal budget, including MFT, Library, and garbage service. Items excluded are Park Districts, Electric Utilities, Sanitary District, Community Development Block Grants, Bus Service, Performing Arts Centers, Airparks, Capital Projects financed from Bond Proceeds, Tax Increment Financing Districts, Employee Retirement Contributions, and expenditures of Police and Fire Pension Funds.

2001 RANK	MUNICIPALITY	ADJUSTED BUDGET	POPULATION	COST OF GOVERNMENT PER CAPITA	2000 RANK
1	NILES	\$ 49,343,611	28,384	\$ 1,738.43	2
2	SCHAUMBURG	117,812,389	75,000	1,570.83	3
3	NAPERVILLE	184,429,952	134,700	1,369.19	4
4	SKOKIE	74,615,904	59,432	1,255.48	7
5	OAK PARK	67,009,050	53,848	1,249.05	5
6	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	97,747,242	79,000	1,237.31	n/a
7	DOWNERS GROVE	57,005,848	50,000	1,140.12	9
8	NORTHBROOK	38,756,841	35,000	1,107.34	6
9	DES PLAINES	58,985,368	53,414	1,104.31	8
10	MT. PROSPECT	55,635,938	53,168	1,046.42	10
11	PARK RIDGE	36,357,300	37,075	980.64	11
12	PALATINE	66,988,484	70,000	958.98	n/a

MEAN \$ 75,390,669 60,735 \$1,229.67

* Private Scavenger Service: The budget has been increased by the amount paid by all households for private scavenger service.

The Bugle's community job listings can be found on <http://www.ChicagoMetroJobs.com>

Dining / Entertainment

Yogi Bear's Camp Resort celebrates 30th anniversary in 2001

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort, which has called Wisconsin Dells home since 1971, is throwing a season long party in celebration of its 30th anniversary. The first park in the Yogi Bear franchise (other than the prototype pilot park), the Wisconsin Dells camp-resort is expecting more than 50,000 guests to attend the festivities that will span from April 13 to October 21.

To celebrate the anniversary, the resort will feature special daily festivities June 22 - 29 including parades, Yogi and friends autograph signing magic shows, hair beading, pool parties, hayrides, arts and crafts, family games and classic Yogi cartoon showing. Highlights of the June 23rd Diamond & Pearl Celebration include a parade with the Zor Shriners' mini cars, midge racers and bagpipe drum band. All activities are included in the campsite fee for guests of the park. Free cake and champagne will also be served at the special award ceremony.

"Camping has certainly evolved in the past three decades," said Brent Gasser, owner/operator of the camping resort.

"Today, there's a greater demand for resort amenities, recreational activities focusing on family entertainment and relaxation."

To meet the growing needs of guests and prepare for the 2001 celebration, Gasser's camp resort has recently implemented nearly \$1 million in improvements, including new cabins, bungalows and rental trailers with added amenities like VCRs, Nintendo 64s, microwaves and grills; increased recreational activities like new "Shufflebear" and "Volleybear" courts, 18 hole Yogi Bear's adventure golf, added three Yogi's playgrounds; and a new comfort station. There are now eight types of accommodations ranging from Economy to deluxe Ranger's Red-Carpet "Camp-Suites."

The park will continue to celebrate throughout the summer, with more than 20 weeklong special events, including country music concerts, Mexican fiestas, Hawaiian Luau's, and holiday celebrations such as Easter in June & Christmas in August.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort has 399 sites and features a long list of guest ser-



vices and amenities, including: two swimming pools, three playgrounds, three laundry facilities, three redemption game rooms, boating, volleyball, hayrides, golf car rentals, nightly cartoons, cocktail lounge, restaur-

ant & exclusive Yogi Bear gifts. The camp-resort also offers special Yogi birthday parties at your site or rental unit.

For more information about the special anniversary celebration at Yogi Bear's Jellystone

Park Camp-Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Guests can contact 1-800-GO-2-YOGI (1-800-462-9644). In addition, a new Internet reservation system allows guests to make reservations online at www.dells.com/yogibear.

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The Niles West Orchesis Dance Company will present "The Millennium Movement" at 7:30 p.m. from March 22 to 24 in the auditorium at 5701 W. Oakton, Skokie. Tickets are \$5. The show will feature dance in many forms including tap, ballet, lyrical, modern (Arve technique), jazz, hip hop, flamenco, and more.

For more information, please contact directors Mindy Slutzsky (847) 568-3813, or Sarell Hesser (847) 568-3647.

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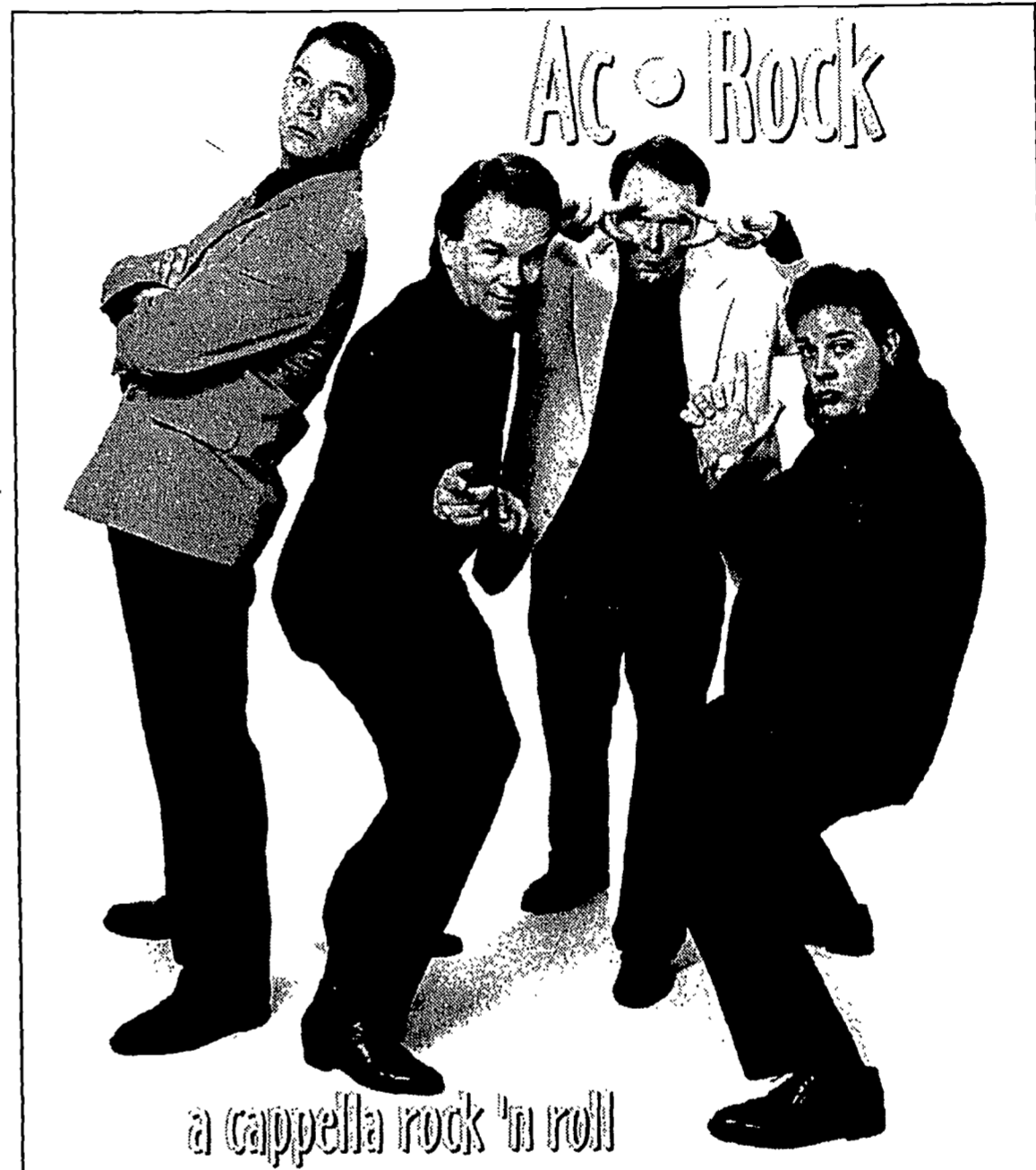
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Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue

"Getting Ready and Kosher Products for Passover" will be the subject of an open-to-the-public, free admission, panel discussion 7:45 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2001 at Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, 8825 East Prairie Road, Skokie.

Leading the discussion will be Rabbi Jack Engel, spiritual leader of the congregation; and Rabbi Chaim T. Goldzweig, spiritual leader of Congregation Tiferes Moshe of West Rogers Park, who is Midwest Kashruth representative for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, identified by the U-O ("U" in a circle) symbol on many food, vitamin, detergent, and other products.

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Rabbi Engel will discuss and answer questions about the Halachic aspects of observing this eight-day Festival of Freedom according to Jewish law.

Rabbi Goldzweig, who will talk and answer questions about Kosher Passover products, is an expert on Kosher food products that are processed in accordance with Jewish law and contain Kosher ingredients.

Something You Should Know

St. Scholastica Academy invites all parents and students to "Something You Should Know"... a public service presentation about the International Baccalaureate Program, hosted by ABC Channel 7's Harry Porterfield, Wednesday, March 28 - 7 p.m. at the Academy, 7416 N. Ridge Blvd. Keynote Sr. Jeanne Bessette, OSF, former principal of Trinity High School, will speak, and a choice of concurrent breakout session will follow; I) meet current IB students, II) learn

about the IB curriculum, and, III) Q&A with Sr. Jeanne Bessette, OSF. Call 773.764.5715, x360 for more information.

St. Scholastica Academy presents "Your'e A Good Man Charlie Brown," a musical based on Charles M. Schultz's Peanuts comic strip, Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m. & Sunday, April 1, at 2 p.m. - 7416 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago. Reserved seating - \$7 each. Call 773.764.5715, ext. 379 for tickets.

Montgomery S. Carpenter

Air Force 2nd Lt. Montgomery S. Carpenter has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Carpenter is assigned to the 392nd Training Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Lompoc, California. He is the son of Connie A. Carpenter of Glenview and William D. Carpenter of Niles.

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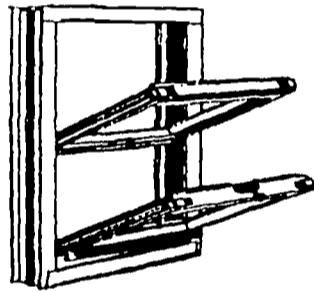
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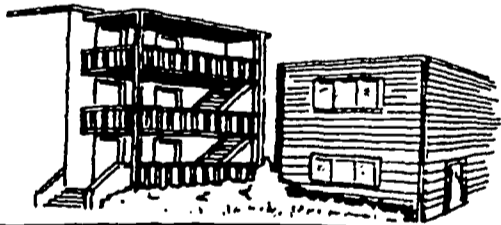
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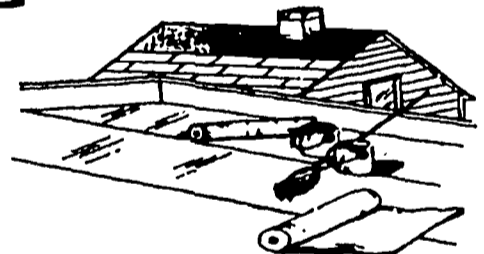
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