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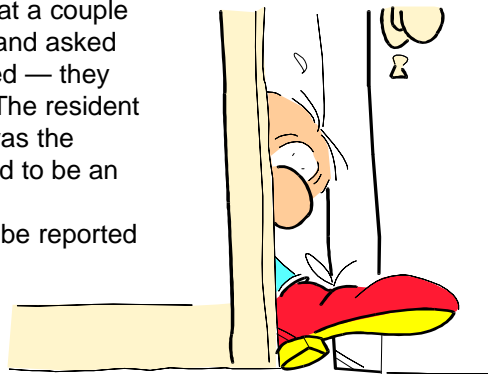
By Marty Matunas

Scam Artists in MP

Recently a resident reported that a couple of young adults rang her doorbell and asked for money to have their car repaired — they needed just a “few more dollars.” The resident called police immediately, which was the correct thing to do. This is believed to be an isolated incident.

Any suspicious activity should be reported immediately to police — ALWAYS. We all can do our part to make sure our community remains the safe, quiet area that it has always been. Keep cars locked (with valuables out of sight) and garage doors down, and make sure entry doors and windows are locked. Don't let crime get a foot in the door at your house!

Remember to exercise your rights — vote on November 6.



Special Voters' Issue

Tuesday
November 6



Review our ballot & learn about the candidates ...

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Blendon Township Senior Center

6330 Hempstead Rd. - Westerville

The Blendon Township Senior Center offers a variety of activities for seniors, 55+. Enjoy art classes, discussion groups, line dancing, swimnastic classes, exercise class, crafts, stamping, genealogy, tai chi, computer clubs, and much more. The fee for membership is only \$10 annually. If you would like a copy of their newsletter, just call 882-1270, and they'll gladly mail one.

On **Sunday, November 11,**

attend their **open house** from 1:00p to 4:00p and see the “Public Book,” with more than 140 fabric pages, each 22” x 24”. It was created by individuals, families, groups, and organizations and records the history of the greater Columbus community. This is one display you won't want to miss. Both young and old will appreciate spending some time walking through and gazing at these wonderful pages of art and history.



Children's Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 15, from 2:00p to 4:00p. We need singers and help with baking and making crafts with the kids. Please call **Suzanne Coulter** at 891-7346 to volunteer.

NOVEMBER DATES

- 1 (7p) **Planning & Zoning**
- 6 **Election Day**
- 11 (1-4p) ... **Blendon Open House**
- 12 (8p) **Council Meeting**
- 14 (5p) **Villager Deadline**
- 14 (7:30p) **MPCA Meeting**

MPCA News

A Message from Your MPCA President

By Lynn Eisentrout

Candidates Night was quite a success. Those of you unable to attend missed an opportunity to hear about the issues you will be voting on, the candidates' opinions, and a panel discussion and dialogue between the candidates and their constituents. Please review our own Minerva Park ballot (provided on page 4) before you go to the polls — being prepared will help make the line go faster! I would like to thank Rolla Wagner, Sharon Bierman, Marty Matunas, Marilyn Herboltzheimer, and Kathy and Al Martinez for helping before, during, and after the event. Candidates Night would not have happened

without them!

MP Community Association **membership dues** are being collected through October and should be winding down by the time you read this. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers going door-to-door and stopping not once but often several times before finally distributing the new directories and collecting the \$10 membership dues.

Just a reminder — The MPCA is still seeking someone to fill the **secretary** position on the MPCA board. Bea Hulbert has graciously consented to remain as our Acting Secretary until such time as we can fill the position. To learn more about this position, please call me at 891-0895.

Annual

Festival of Lights

Contest Rules

Time to bring out the lights and dress Minerva Park for the holidays! The judging for this year's contest will begin on **Sunday, December 9**, weather permitting. First place winners will be selected in five categories:

- ✦ Best Outdoor Tree
- ✦ Best Entranceway
- ✦ Best Religious Theme
- ✦ Best Whimsical Display
- ✦ Best Outline Effect

Winners will receive a gift certificate from a local nursery. Winners and runners-up will be honored in the *Villager*. Households that won last year are ineligible. Judges typically include previous winners of the contest and may also include adults, teenagers, and children who reside in Minerva Park. If you are interested in being a judge, contact **Greg Wittmann** at 523-2178.



The MP Four Seasons Garden Award competition, mid-autumn edition, took place on Sunday, October 14. The judges braved rain, cold, sun, and clouds to judge 5 gardens.

The winner of this year's award is **2571 Lakewood Dr. (Alison McArthur & Steven Laudon)**. Judges' comments included "excellent layout and design, front and back," "beautifully arranged, with a great variety of plants and lots of color," "loved the walkway and container plants, the fountain in the back yard, and the potting shed," "it's hard to beat this yard in any season." The winner receive a certificate and will have their names added to the plaque in the Community Building.

The runner-up was **5081 Maplewood Dr. (Kenneth & Ruth Anderson)**. The judges particularly liked the variety of plants, the shapes of the beds, and the numerous lawn ornaments and birdhouses.

Other nominees included **2685 Alder Vista Dr. (Andrew & Diane Mart)**, **2833 Alder Vista Dr. (Paul & Nancy Hubbard)**, and **2785 Wildwood Rd. (Jeff & Lori Howard)**.

Congratulations to all!



MAYOR'S REPORT

By Jack Murray



It appears that we have a bountiful crop of **leaves** this year. I'm having trouble keeping up with the ones in my yard!

I'm sure you've noticed the deep recessions over some of the **manhole covers** since we started the sewer clean-out program. Council approved the cost of providing inserts to raise the depressions to street level. The estimate of our engineer is about \$400 each.

We are having a continuing problem with **water drainage** in the area between the rear of the community building and the lake. The village engineer will assess the problem and advise a solution.

Planning & Zoning - Permits were approved for fences on Jordan Rd. and Alder Vista Dr. A request for a variance to add to the height of a fence along the rear of a Maplewood Dr. property was approved. The plans for a

new building at the service station on Cleveland Ave. were approved with amendments to the plans.

Resolutions Passed ...

2001-18 - Granting consent to the assignment of cable television franchise to WideOpenWest Holdings.

2001-19 - Authorizing the mayor and clerk-treasurer to enter into a contract for the removal of leaves from the residences for the 2001 season.

2001-20 - To reappropriate money within the general fund for the completion of the year 2001.

The thought of making Minerva Park a **gated community** was brought up. The discussion that followed was both for and against. I would be very interested in hearing from you on this idea.

And speaking of hearing from you, I had asked the residents on **Minerva Lake Road** for a

comments on why we needed to replace the street, and I received some excellent letters. These comments were included in our proposal, which was submitted to the Ohio Public Works on October 1, 2001. The awards [for funding] may not be made before July 2002. I'll keep you informed.

Some repairs to the leaf machine delayed our **leaf pick-up** schedule. [More info on page 10.] By the time you read this, there should have been one or more rounds completed.

My wife says the thing she hates most about parking at the mall is the loud crash!

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The Ballot

Below are representations of the ballot you'll be seeing at the polls this election.

Judges

In order as they appear on the ballot.

Judge of the Municipal Court

(Vote for not more than ONE)

Scott Van Der Karr

Judge of the Municipal Court

(Vote for not more than ONE)

Steven B. Hayes

Judge of the Municipal Court

(Vote for not more than ONE)

Blythe Melissa Bethel

James E. Green

Minerva Park Council

In order as they appear on the ballot.

Member of Council (Vote for not more than FOUR)

Pamela Park-Curry

Blendon Township

In order as they appear on the ballot.

Township Trustee (Vote for not more than TWO)

Don Coble

Christina L. Cox*

Joseph A. Hackney

Paul Hanly

Kevin Bacon

Bill Bates

Robert G. Bechtel

*Christina Cox has withdrawn.

Westerville Schools

In order as they appear on the ballot.

Member of Board of Education

(Vote for not more than THREE)

Lynne Dundon

Angela Gillett

Kevin Hoffman

Dan Holmes

Nancy Nestor-Baker

Kathleen J. Cocuzzi

Michael L. Collins

Issues

Issue #1 - Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) - Franklin Co.

Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities ...

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Franklin Co. for the purpose of providing community programs and services for children and adults who have mental retardation and developmental disabilities, at a rate not exceeding 3.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.35 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten years, commencing in 2002, first due in the calendar year 2003.

For the tax levy

Against the tax levy

Issue #37 - Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) - Minerva Park ...

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Village of Minerva Park for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 3.2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.32 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2001, first due in the calendar year 2002.

For the tax levy

Against the tax levy

Issue #48 - Proposed Tax Levy - Westerville Public Library ...

An additional tax for the benefit of the Westerville Public Library for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 1.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.14 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for seven years, commencing in 2001, first due in the calendar year 2002.

For the tax levy

Against the tax levy

Caveat Emptor - This recap is provided here so you can become familiar with our own particular ballot before you arrive at the polls. MPCA is not responsible for any errors! Study the issues. Make up your own mind. And then **GO VOTE!**

Candidates

Below is brief information the candidates. Don't forget to **VOTE!**

Blendon Township

In order as they appear on the ballot.

Don Coble, 42, is an assistant manager for the Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Currently a graduate student in criminal justice at Tiffin University & has 2 associate degrees in criminal justice and a bachelor's in social psychology from Park University. Has been a township resident for 9 years and is a BlockWatch coordinator for his neighborhood. A member of the Ridgewood Civic Assn. and the American Legion. Wants to (1) "improve Blendon Township, first and foremost," (2) beautify the township through landscaped entrance signs at the township's borders, (3) provide local students something to do after school & during summer through activities at Blendon Senior Center and/or local churches, (4) seek grant money to beautify local parks and provide the police with more equipment, (5) institute a township newsletter and website to keep residents informed, (6) establish BlockWatch groups in every township area, and (7) establish some type of "welcome wagon" service for new residents.

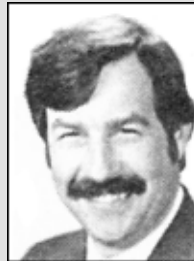


Joe Hackney, 40, is an engineering supervisor for the Columbus Dispatch, a coach for the Central Ohio Soccer Assn. and Blendon-Westerville Little League, a member of the Ridgewood Civic Assn., and a



township resident for 7 years. His campaign motto is "Preservation of the Past and a Vision for the Future." His goals include increasing opportunities for youth activities & hiring an additional 1 or 2 full-time police officers for the township. "A lot more could be done for the kids." He would like to get more businesses involved in "co-sponsoring and helping out with beautification and other things in the neighborhood." It is time for some fresh leadership in the township. "I got the feeling a little energy needed to be put into the township," adding that he is excited about the group of candidates and their ideas.

Paul Hanly, 52, is a systems analyst for Vertex in Worthington. He attended Cuyahoga Community College and has lived in the township for 21 years. Has served as president of the Sunbury Woods Civic Assn. and is a BlockWatch coordinator for his neighborhood. Believes it's "time for a change in government." The longevity of the incumbents in office has led to stagnation in township government. "Let's get some new thought patterns in there." Believes trustees need to pay more attention to needs, such as street and sewer repairs & street lights; they should also provide more input on water rates.

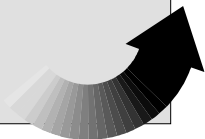


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Kevin Bacon, 29, Minerva Park resident for 2 years, is an enforcement attorney in the securities division of the Ohio Dept. of Commerce. Has a bachelor's degree in political science from Miami University & received his juris doctor from Capital University Law School. Volunteer for the Central Ohio Diabetes Assn. and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Enjoys politics and "wanted to jump in and help out." The township "needs good trustees who will enact responsible zoning and hopefully keep out taxes down and work to enhance" safety services such as police and fire. [My] experience as an attorney should be valuable when negotiating a fire service contract with Westerville in the next couple of years.



Bill Bates, 71, has been a Blendon Township trustee for 20 years, living in the township since 1959. Is retired from the furniture sales business. If reelected to a 6th term, his big goal is to finish the mausoleum at Blendon Central Cemetery. The first section was completed earlier this year. Available land at the cemetery will be at a premium in the future, and the mausoleum will save a lot of land. Would like to keep "everything up to snuff" and running the way it has been. "I think we've done a good job in the past 20 years, and I'd like to continue that."



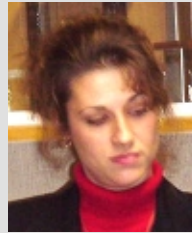
Candidates

Robert Bechtel, 27, is an electrical engineer with Lucent Technologies. Has lived in the township for 9 months and is a sergeant in the Marine Reserves, of which he has been a member for the past 6 years. Wants to challenge the current incumbents, noting their longevity in office. "That's good in some ways, but it's bad in other ways. It just seems like it's time for a change. Will work toward more fiscal prudence in township expenditures. Wants curbside recycling. Would look into why the left-turn signal onto Dempsey Rd. from southbound Westerville Rd. turns red instead of staying green at the same length of time the signal stays green for through southbound traffic. "It may seem like a minor thing, but it's a source of constant frustration."



managed current board member Cindy Crowe's campaign. In 2000, co-chaired the elementary schools facilities committee. Served as an Ohio Reads tutor.

Angela Gillett - While recognizing the importance of redistricting, building programs, and school finance, believes these are components of a greater challenge, that of dispensing a quality education. The Westerville Way is a good method for businesses to become more involved in the schools. To involve more parents in their student's lives, supports family reading nights. There are many opportunities for parent-child involvement in the school district. Has lived in the district for 2 years; co-chaired the elementary schools facilities committee and has been involved as a library worker, crossing guard, and treasurer of her PTA.



Dan Holmes - Biggest concern is "teaching our students." From a business perspectives, Holmes cited pursuits like theater and marching band as areas where local businesses can get involved. "These are areas that the school district does not necessarily support wholeheartedly." Westerville resident for 6 years. Is president of the Westerville South H.S. Music Boosters. Member of the Church of the Messiah and is a Sunday school teacher and youth counselor. Employed as a CPA for American Electric Power.



Westerville Schools

In order as they appear on the ballot.

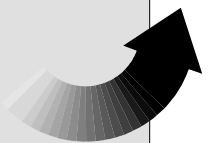
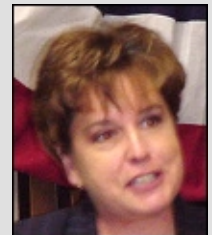
Lynne Dundon - Operational issues, like renovations, new additions, and redistricting, top her list of challenges. "My background in operations with multiple units will certainly help the school district," referring to her 2 decades in the retail industry. She cites many opportunities for businesspeople to get involved in the district, through things like Westerville Reads or financial support of extracurricular activities. Has been a Westerville resident for 19 years. In 1998-1999, chaired Robert Frost Parent Action group. In fall 1999,



Kevin Hoffman - Growth & funding are main interests. "It's all about delivering the highest level of value." Businesses can get involved with the district's children through extending educational opportunities or helping to participate in the educational process. Wants good communication between the school & parent. Has lived in the district for 19 years and is a graduate of Westerville North. Was co-chair of the \$99.5 million bond issue that passed last November. Was co-chair of the middle and high school facility committee. Was treasurer for Citizens for Schools for the May 2001 replacement levy campaign.

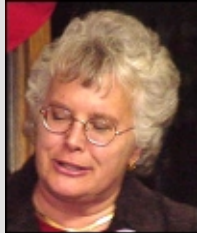


Nancy Nestor-Baker, Incumbent - Student achievement is "Job One." "Everything that we do has to point toward student achievement." While pleased with the current parental involvement in the district, would like to see it increase. Current vice president of the school board; has been a member since August 1991. Was board president from 1994 through 1996. Was vice president of the board in 1993. Is seeing election to her third full 4-year term. Currently an assistant professor and program coordinator in the educational administration program at the University of Cincinnati.



Candidates

Kathleen Cocuzzi - School funding & redistricting top her list. Geographic location and socio-economic issues should be taken into consideration when redistricting. "I think we need to keep the unique community feeling that we have here in Westerville." Would like to see businesses get involved, not only through financial resources but through employee expertise. Was active on the Westerville Public Library board of trustees for 9 years; directed Westerville Safety City for 7 years; has been a volunteer in the Westerville City S.D. for 13 years; has served on various committees in the community and in the school district. Has lived in Westerville for 19 years.



Michael Collins - School finance is of primary concern. Considers his experience as a business owner and operator a strength. There are many programs already in place that could be built upon. "If there is a challenge here, it's how to expand the business-school relationship." Was chairman for the recent Citizens for Schools campaign to pass Issue 11, the district's 9.2-mill operating levy approved in May. Headed the Westerville PROS 2000 campaign in August 1998, a .25% local income tax increase to fund a \$27 million parks improvement plan. Is employed as president of Promotions One Inc., a special events marketing business.



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- 9-1 11:45a, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., false alarm
- 9-1 8:37p, Minerva Lake Golf Course club house, false alarm
- 9-1 between 7:00a to 9:23p, 5100 blk Lakeland Ct., criminal damaging
- 9-4 7:11p, Cardinal Home Care, 2999 E. Dub-Gran, false alarm
- 9-7 noon, 2500 blk Minerva Lake Rd., unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
- 9-15 ... 9:43a, Tuxedo Classics, 5236 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 9-16 ... 10:54a, 2600 blk Alder Vista Dr., false alarm
- 9-18 ... 6:36a, 5300 blk Park Lane Dr., false alarm
- 9-18 ... 8:16a, Dirko's Pizza, 5298 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 9-19 ... 9:13p, Tuxedo Classics, 5236 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 9-21 ... 6:34p, Muzonet, 5270 Cleveland Ave., false alarm
- 9-21 ... 8:03p, 2700 blk Park Lane Ct., false alarm
- 9-24 ... 12:29p, 2700 blk Alder Vista Dr., theft
- 9-24 ... 12:49p, 2700 blk Maplewood Dr., false alarm
- 9-30 ... 4:27p, MP Place Nursing Home, domestic violence & assault
- 9-30 ... 6:51p, 5300 blk Park Lane Ct., false alarm



Villagers

*Welcome
Our New Neighbors!*

Anthony & Jana Iacampo moved to **2681 Lakewood Dr.** 895-7116

Dottie Salisbury moved into **5267 Elmhurst Ave.** 818-2245

Dave & Tillie Zak now live at **2550 Maplewood Rd.** 882-7538

Patricia Polvino & Bill Hastings have moved to **2855 Alder Vista Dr.** 895-2537

If you learn of any new residents, please advise the **Newcomers Committee**
Jim Kehl, 794-0047

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Tax Levies

Franklin Co. MRDD Replacement Tax Levy

This 3.5 mill levy will replace a 3.5 mill levy that was initially passed in 1992 and expires in 2002. With passage of this levy, the Board plans to stay off the ballot until 2008.

Maintain Basic Services - Early childhood classes for children, age birth to 6 years. School for children with multiple handicaps, age 6 to 21 years. Sheltered workshops providing job training and jobs for people, so they can live successfully in the community instead of institutions, where the costs are much greater. Training centers for adults who are both mentally retarded & physically handicapped. Home-based training services for children medically unable to attend programs. Supported living and case management services. Services for senior citizens with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities.

Demand - Need is expected to increase at a rate of 4% to 5% per year. Deinstitutionalization has brought into the community many people with multiple handicaps, needing special services.

Results - The Franklin Co. Board of MRDD provided services for 10,000+ children & adults in 2000, many of whom have both mental retardation & physical handicaps. With early intervention & preschool services, 90% of children leaving preschool are able to go to a regular school.

Jed Morison
Franklin Co. MRDD

Minerva Park Renewal Tax Levy

This 3.2 mill levy will generate for the village government 32 cents per \$100 of property valuation in revenue. This levy is a renewal, which means there is no increase in the property owners' tax by this levy. This levy was last voted on in 1996, and the rate on this levy has remained the same. Because this is a renewal levy, the amount of money which the village receives each year actually goes down because the rate remains the same, even though property values go up. This levy will not add any new taxes to the amount that each property owner pays now. But this levy will help to finance the general government expenses. This pays for your 24-hour police protection. Minerva Park was listed as one of the safest communities in Ohio. This allows us to continue to have an EMS vehicle on staff here in the village. It provides us to keep our park areas looking beautiful, and many great children's and senior programs in our community building. It is a worthwhile levy, and I would ask that everyone who would like to see Minerva Park continue to get better to vote "yes" for this levy.

Suzanne Coulter
MP Treasurer

Westerville Public Library Tax Levy

This 1.4 mill levy would generate \$2.5 million per year and go toward building new north and south branches. "We are overcrowded and super busy all the time. The district is growing. We have no more room." Capital costs of about \$7 million will be funded by issuing secure notes pledged against state revenue.

The north branch (26,000 sq.ft.) would be located at the proposed new high school, open to the public and high school at the same time via separate entrances.

Hours at the main library would be extended to open at 9:00a instead of 10:00a, and the library would stay open longer on Fridays.

The detached south branch (15,000 to 18,000 sq.ft.) would be built on 3 acres donated by the schools adjacent to Hawthorne Elementary.

By partnering with the schools, "we can provide better service at a lower cost with shared property, shared maintenance, and shared utility and personnel costs."

The library's \$3.1 million budget was reduced by 3.5% this year by the state legislature and faces a 5% to 7% decrease next year.

Don Barlow, Director
Westerville Public Library

COMPUTE THE TAX

Check out your property evaluation as determined by the County Auditor. Go to ...
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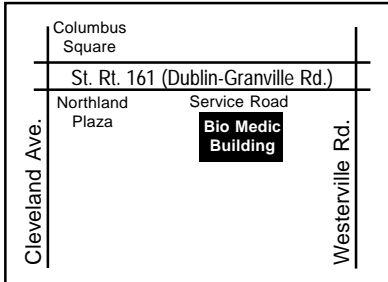
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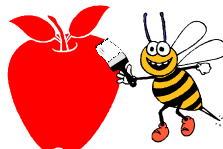
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Leaf Pick-up

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Medic 119 ...

Where are you?

September 2001

In September, Medic 119 made 25 runs - 4 into Blendon Township (exclusive of MP) and 1 into Minerva Park; 13 patients were transported to the hospital.

Members volunteered a total of 378 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5,134. Leading volunteers for the month were **Tony Ruggles** (70 hours), **Wayne Miller** (68 hours), and **Mike Ostrander** (58 hours).

MP Runs

9-23 ... Cleveland Ave., not breathing



Herbed Turkey Breast

1/2 c butter or margarine
 1/4 c lemon juice
 2 tbs soy sauce
 2 tbs finely chopped green onions
 1 tbs rubbed sage
 1 tsp dried thyme
 1 tsp dried marjoram
 1/4 tsp pepper
 1 bone-in whole turkey breast (5-1/2 to 6 lb)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a small saucepan, combine the first 8 ingredients; bring to a boil. Remove from the heat. Place turkey in a shallow roasting pan; baste with butter mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 1-1/2 to 2 hours or until a meat thermometer reads 170 degrees, basting every 30 minutes. Yield: 10-12 servings.

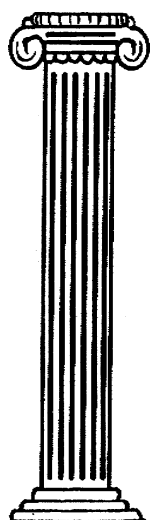
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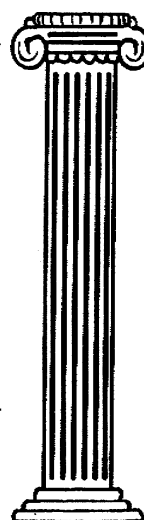
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