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Students visit local seniors

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Ms. Julia Stanley is one of the friendly residents of the Arbor.

Last year, Peacock students were trained to visit the Arbor Nursing Facility in Itasca. The Arbor is located on Elm Street by the Forest Preserve. There hasn't been a training session yet this year, but several students have been back to visit with the senior citizens who live there.

Miss Virginia Henly, who has been living at the Arbor for about three months, commented that she really liked the idea of students coming to visit the Arbor. Miss Henly said that she liked most of the other residents, and that the workers were very generous. She loved the food at the Arbor.

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Peacock students look forward to the millennium

By Liz F., News Editor,
Jennifer D. and Kelly M.

An informal survey of students at Peacock indicates that most of them do not think anything serious will happen with the coming of the year 2000, or that there will be dangerous Y2K computer problems.

Sean N., an eighth grader, thought things would change for the better in the twenty-first century. He said, "I don't think anything will happen with computers. In ten years, we will be able to

conserve energy and learn to be cleaner with emissions from cars and other vehicles." Sean also thought that we would be closer to world peace.

Sean's classmate, Hosea H., also chose to look on the bright side of things. He commented that "the Millennium is something to look forward to, a day all family should stick together."

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Y2K are we ready?

By Patrycja M.

Among government officials, the biggest concern about Y2K isn't computers malfunctioning, it's the public panicking. "I'm concerned," said Beth Boatman, the Y2K chief for Mayor Daley, "about people hooking up generators the wrong way...and blowing up their kitchens, or taking a lot of money out of the bank and getting robbed on the way home or losing it."

Government and business have spent a lot of time and money to prevent problems, and the Chicagoland area is prepared. The Fire Department is going to have extra employees working on New Year's Eve to ensure public safety. They are anticipating fires from generators and kerosene-fueled heating.

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