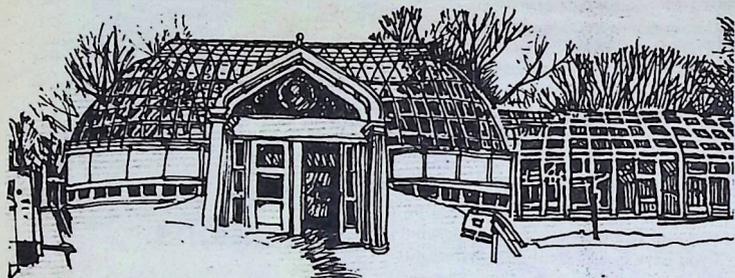


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Sketch of Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park

Lamberton Conservatory to Re-open in Highland Park

by Marie E. Daley
People for Parks Communications

Monroe County People for Parks, Inc. reports to our Wedge area residents through our Horticulturist, Robert Hoepfl, that our Lamberton Conservatory will be open to the public in March 1988.

Saturday, March 26, 1988

The Conservatory will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the first two weeks.

Hours: April 10th on -- Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays through Sundays. Closed on Mondays. Wednesday nights open to 8:00 p.m.

You will enter the conservatory from the Visitors Center in the rear of the structure. Parallel parking for about 30 cars is provided on Reservoir Avenue off South Avenue. The new Visitors Center will house a library, and area for small classes, and offices for our horticulturist, Robert Hoepfl, and for the taxonomist. A tour of our new conservatory takes visitors from the entrance through a one-way doughnut-shaped area to view displays of flowers and plants. Stairs give a view of the foliage from

above. Inside the viewing area is a space open to the sky. In time the open space will be landscaped, have a pool, and benches. Robert Hoepfl tells us that we may look forward to five changes in displays a year. Historic integrity has been achieved.

Meals-On-Wheels Volunteers Urgently Needed



Volunteers Art Bennett and Ginny Bruegger leaving the Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired to deliver meals in the South Wedge area.

Meals-On-Wheels volunteers are urgently needed to deliver hot, nutritious meals to over thirty elderly and home-bound South Wedge area residents. The routes originate out of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 422 South Clinton Avenue. If you can spare a couple of mid-day hours any week day to help deliver meals, please contact **Bea Meder**, Volunteer Coordinator, Visiting Nurse Service, 482-0120.

Gregory Street Development

by Reverend Judy Lee Hay

The vacant lot by Kentucky Fried Chicken will soon be the hub of major activity in early May when it will be the site of a new house built for an owner occupied family with a low-moderate income. The proposed house is the brainchild of several partners-The South Wedge Planning Committee, Calvary St. Andrews Parish, Pittsford Presbyterian Church and Habitat For Humanity. SWPC bought the land from Peter Monacelli which includes 3 parcels, one of which will be this summer's site. In the joint agreement all partners will solicit volunteers in time and energy to build the house, plus skilled professionals who are willing to either donate their services or charge a low rate for their work. The model is built upon the principle that neighbors care about their neighbors and are willing to lend a hand to create good living space for others. If you are interested in being one of those volunteers who can make a difference in your neighborhood please call the SWPC office and leave your name, phone number and when you might be available in May-June. The volunteer coordinator will then call you to schedule your time. You do not have to be especially skilled at construction because the onsite supervisor, Rick Kuemple, will have jobs outlined for all levels of experience.

Pittsford Presbyterian Church has raised \$37,500 for the construction of the house. With donations of labor and supplies the costs can be kept at a minimum. Habitat For Humanity has completed a double on Central Park, one single at 44 Miller Street and at Second Street in a similar manner to the one proposed. "It can be done," says Steve Letter the coordinator of the building committee for Habitat. Any skilled person such as licensed, electricians, heating, mason or carpentry who can give a day or a few days of time please call Judy Hay at the SWPC office 325-4950. **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR A FAMILY.**

Applications are now being taken by the SWPC and Calvary St. Andrews. If you have a total income between \$16,000 and \$22,500 and have never owned a home you may be eligible. You can pick up the application at the office at 68 Ashland Street. Priority is given to low income families living within the South Wedge.

Once this house is completed we will be looking toward next year with the eye to

building two additional houses in the same exciting manner. The South Wedge has always been considered for its friendly atmosphere and the vision that neighbors banding together can make a difference in

Hickory Street Affordable Housing Project to Break Ground at 12 Hickory Street by April 1!

The ground breaking for the new house at 12 Hickory Street will be done by Nathaniel Development Corporation by April 1, 1988. The South Wedge Planning Committee celebrates this exciting movement toward their goal of creating affordable housing in the South Wedge.

The Hickory Street Affordable Housing Project calls for the reduction in the house cost from \$52,623 to \$32,623 through the use of \$5,000 Community Development Block Grant money for infrastructure and other related expenses and \$15,000 of New York State Affordable Housing Corporation money for purchase price reduction. The use of these dollars is dependent on the home buyer meeting the following income guidelines:

Household Size:

- 1 Person \$19,500 - \$20,000
- 2 People \$20,000 - \$20,500
- 3 People \$20,500 - \$22,000
- 4 People+ \$20,500 - \$22,500

Applicants for the purchase of 12 Hickory Street need to file an application with the South Wedge Planning Committee. The Chairperson of the Housing Committee will hold a preliminary interview with the applicant if the applicant meets the income guidelines and has the ability to pay the \$2,610 down payment. The applicant will be asked to secure wage verification and credit rating information and will be referred to the Housing Council for pre-mortgage counseling. If the applicant appears to be eligible for a mortgage and has the necessary documentation on file, the South Wedge Planning Committee will refer the applicant to Nathaniel Development as the candidate for purchase of the house.

If you have questions about this project, please call 325-4950.

Rochester Parks Centennial Calendar of Events

APRIL 10

Hike along the Crescent Trail, Garnsey Road, Crescent Trail Parking Lot, south side of Garnsey Road near Citibank Bldg. sponsored by the Crescent Trail Association, 1:30 p.m., phone Judy Logan, 248-5933

APRIL 14

All day Herb Symposium, featuring Allen Paterson, director of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Garden Center of Rochester, 5 Castle Park (in Highland Park) sponsored by the Garden

Center of Rochester, pre-registration necessary, phone 473-5130.

APRIL 17

Signs of Spring Hike - Durand Eastman Park (Tentative)

APRIL 23

Sounds of the Night, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. meets at Mendon Ponds Park, pre-registration necessary, fee per person is \$19, family maximum \$47, sponsored by the Rochester Museum and Science Center Gannett School of Science and Man, phone 271-4320. Also on May 7, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

APRIL 24

Celebration of Frederick Law Olmsted's Birthday, sponsored by the Olmsted Conservancy of Rochester, phone 442-6037 or 338-1584.

APRIL 27

Spring Wildflowers of our Parks, pre-registration necessary, fee per person is \$25, sponsored by the Rochester Museum and Science Center Gannett School of Science and Man, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Also May 4, May 11, May 18, phone 271-4320

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Neighbor News

School No. 12 News

NEW PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR

There are still many openings in all of the programs that will be available at School 12 next year. Call to enroll your child in one of these special programs. If you need more information, speak with an administrator.

PAL 1 - For beginning first graders. Half the day is taught in English (reading, writing, spelling). Half the day is taught in Spanish (math, social studies, science). This is a program for children who are NOT Hispanic.

PAL 2 - This year we will also start a class at the second grade level.

UNIDOS - An extension of the PAL program for fourth graders.

BILINGUAL KINDERGARTEN, BILINGUAL GRADE 1, BILINGUAL GRADE 2 - Both Hispanic and Non-Hispanic children welcome. The classes will be taught in English, but children will have a period daily in which Spanish will be taught.

The **HIGHLAND SECTION OF THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT** would like to announce that there are positions open for part-time permanent and substitute crossing guards.

Anyone interested in applying for one of these positions should call the Highland Section at 428-7262 for more information.

From the publication, **PTA TODAY: Teachers wish parents would:**

- provide resources at home for reading and learning
- set a good example
- encourage children to do their best in school
- emphasize academics
- support the school's rules and goals
- use pressure positively
- call teachers more often and earlier if there is a problem
- take responsibilities as parents
- view drinking and excessive partying by underage youth as a serious matter, not as a joke
- be aware of what's going on in

school and become more involved in school activities

Parents wish teachers would:

- build children's self-esteem
- get to know each child
- communicate often and openly with parents
- assign homework regularly
- maintain high academic and behavioral standards
- welcome and encourage parental involvement
- be active in and support PTA activities and/or projects
- provide enrichment activities
- command respect for yourself, other children and classroom visitors
- remember that parents are allies and want to help

A TIME TO PLAN

As a result of Restructuring, School 12 will be undergoing program changes again this year. Some of the changes under consideration go beyond the absence of sixth grade at School 12. For example, we have already begun to have discussions with central office supervisors of the magnet program (Arts and Academics, Primary Approach to Language) and the Bilingual Program about alternatives for the coming year.

At this point, nothing is concrete, except of course, that School 12 will be a K-5 school in 1988-1989, but I would like to share some possibilities under considerations.

In all likelihood, the removal of grade 6 will mean that we can extend the Arts and Academics Program to include third grade. That means that third graders meeting the academic criteria (still being developed) could have foreign language and intercultural studies on a weekly basis.

We are also exploring the possibility of starting the Bilingual Program at Kindergarten (which would extend to grade 5), instead of bringing children to No. 12 for a Bilingual Program at grade 4. The "new" Bilingual Program would be open to both Hispanics and non-Hispanics and would entitle all children in the program 45 min-

utes of Spanish daily.

PAL classes may begin at grade 1 and end at grade 5 (instead of grade 3). If this becomes a reality it would mean that next year, in order to fill in the gaps, we would begin both a new 1st and new 2nd grade PAL class here.

You may be asking why we need to wait for answers about these options. This is the time of year when school districts apply to the state or federal government for funds to support special programs.

While the wait is frustrating, it does give us some time to think about the specifics of how we would manage these changes if indeed they are funded.

It also gives you as a parent, some time to consider options for your child's next year of school. I will continue to pass along information as it comes to me. I hope that you will feel free to call and talk with me if you have questions about what might be best for your child. **Barbara Wager, Principal, 461-3280.**

Highland Branch Library Events

Gammon the Magician will present a free magic show for children at the Highland Branch Library, 971 South Avenue. The program will be held Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m. **Contact Lynn Borrie 271-3840.**

Come celebrate National Library Week, April 18-23, with the staff at the Highland Branch Library.

Monday April 18, at 10 a.m. come explore the mysteries of the Orient with a travelog on life in China.

Saturday, April 23, at 2 p.m. is family storytelling fun with storyteller Bill Pruitt

Enjoy yourself at the Highland Branch Library, 971 South Avenue. **Contact: Lynn Borrie 271-3840.**

South Ave. Recreation Center

Roller Skating every Friday after school - 3:30 - 4:45. Kids age 8 - 14. More roller skates are needed as donations.

Double Dutch Jump Rope. Teams are being formed on Tues. and Thurs. after school. For girls grades 4 to 6.

We still have openings for women's softball teams (class C) in our Tues. & Thurs. night league.

Materials Grant Applications

Up to \$600 Reimbursement money is available for materials for pre-approved exterior repairs. Call the South Wedge Planning Committee for applications and information. 325-4950.

Open House/ Open Studio

May first marks the opening at 250 North Goodman Street, Rochester. About a dozen established artists and craftsmen will welcome visitors to their studios and present their work from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A double dose of creativity will be on display. First, of course, is the production of talented people. Additionally, one of the area's finest examples of creative adaptation will become public on May 1. The building at 250 North Goodman was a shoe

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current needs. We want you to know, we are excited about gaining the opportunity to become your home improvement business.

Over the past years, our reputation has created many satisfied customers! The Kitchen Gallery is also dedicated to upholding professional workmanship and integrity in the remodeling industry. We feel that now is a perfect time for you to add your name to our list of customers whom we have assisted in making their home improvement dreams come true.

For more information or to receive a free estimate come by and see us or call (716) 262-3820 today.

Brown Bag Deli to Relocate

The Brown Bag Deli, a familiar site on South Avenue for the past 8 years will relocate across the street. Karen and Joe Sanders, the owners of the Brown Bag Deli have bought 742-744 South Avenue. The Zoning Board of Appeals has approved their application to rehab the old Westfall Hots building into a new site for their restaurant. They will continue to serve the same style of food which caters to the breakfast, lunch and early dinner crowd at reasonable prices. The proposed new restaurant will seat 40 people. The restaurant will conform to the new codes concerning ventilation and building materials. The second part of the variance request before the zoning board pertained to a change from two apartments to three. The Sanders will build an addition on the back of their premises utilizing the existing wall. They intend to live in one of the apartments.

Relocation for the Brown Bag Deli is not a new experience. The business first began in 1980 on the North end of South Avenue, until its move three years ago to present location. While other businesses

have come and gone on South Avenue, the Brown Bag Deli has survived because it serves a specific clientele with prices and menu that many can afford.

Bath Showcase Opens in South Wedge

Walter Bachl is hoping to clean up with the latest fashion in upscale bathrooms.

"There's a big trend in bathrooms. People go totally nuts over them," said Bachl, owner of Fabulous Baths showcase at 741 South Ave.

Today it is common for some residents to spend \$5,000 or more on their bathrooms which might include saunas or whirlpools, said Bachl, an Austrian native. Fabulous Baths, which opened Feb. 22, boasts the only functional bath displays in the area, he said.

Bachl, who has worked in the plumbing industry for about 25 years, began toying with the idea for a showroom about a year ago. The plans came to fruition after the 41-year-old and his staff contacted area plumbing, ceramic and other bath-related businesses and asked them to donate materials for the 2,000-square-foot-showroom. In return Bachl will place a sign in the showroom listing the contributing businesses.

Allison Passeck, showroom coordinator, said the businesses were responsive to the idea because many owners would like to display their products but don't have the manpower or space for a showroom of their own. And it is easier for a customer to make a decision when they can see the final product, she said.

Fabulous Baths features five distinct, complete bathrooms, ranging from a practical display to one with rotating, massaging

brushes in the shower. Whirlpools, bidets, and specialty fixtures also are featured. The showroom also has one room devoted to kitchen plumbing fixtures.

Contributors to the showcase are Great Lakes Plumbing, Rochester Glass Blocks, A.J. Glass and Mirror, Goodman Tile, E.R. Paint Works, and DeBell Ceramic Tile Inc.

Bachl said he chose the South Wedge location about a year ago.

"I was looking for a location and this seemed ideal," said Bachl, who owns the building.

Fabulous Baths will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be open Mondays by appointment only.

Spring Clean-Up for South Wedge

The South Wedge Planning Committee is sponsoring a "South Wedge Spring Clean-up" on Saturday, May 7th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Business representatives of the committee including Marjory David of Cheesy Eddie's, Diane Stoffel of Stoffel Graphics, Art Jones of the Gregory Street Market, and Ray Breskin of Sentry Color Labs, have organized this event to prepare for increased South Wedge exposure during the Lilac Festival.

The group asks for participation from all businesses and residents of South Avenue. Come outside, bring a broom and some trash bags, and meet your neighbors and other business owners.

The City of Rochester will provide a dumpster for all trash collected which will be placed at the corner of Hamilton and South Ave. The Committee thanks Sentry Color Labs for providing a site for the dumpster.

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Neighbor News

"We Are Also Victims"

by Jackie Curry
SEAC Crime Prevention Organizer

For the past eight weeks, attention has been focused on the double-jury trial of Robert Ahalt and Carl "Butch" Campbell, who were charged in the deaths of five people in November, 1986. The first three murders were committed in our neighborhood, in a tavern on the corner of South Ave. and Alexander St.

The South East Area Coalition's Court Watch Program has also been following the trials. We have had volunteers present in the courtroom to observe the process, and to act as representatives of the neighborhood.

Our involvement is based on the concept of community victimization: when a crime is committed in a neighborhood, it generates a "ripple effect" throughout the entire area, and each individual is affected to a certain degree.

Certainly, we can never imagine the terror that five people endured at the hands of Robert Ahalt and Carl Campbell. We can never fully realize the trauma and pain that the victims' family and friends must live with. But as a community, we cannot deny the fact that we have been hurt too. We must come to terms with our own victimization.

Those of us involved in the Court Watch Program have been greatly affected by this trial. Being present in the courtroom, listening to the testimony, and seeing the physical evidence has brought back the same feelings of shock and fear that we experienced when we first heard about the crimes back in November, 1986. For us, it has been an obvious reminder of our vulnerability, and that has made us distinctively uncomfortable.

The trial is over, and two people have been convicted of a series of crimes that have appalled and disgusted the entire community. They are facing life in prison, and will be sentenced on April 7. During the next few weeks, a pre-sentencing investigation (an extensive report on the social and criminal history of the offender) will be conducted by the Probation Dept. At this time, it is appropriate for the victims, or the surviving family members, to offer a statement regarding how the crime has affected them. Members of the community also have a right to issue an impact statement. It is our opportunity to let our representatives know how the brutal crimes committed in the early morning hours of November 6, 1986 have damaged our neighborhood, and that we are victims, too.

Impact Statements may be sent to:

The Monroe County Probation,
Department
Hall of Justice
Civic Center Plaza
150 South Plymouth Ave.
Rochester, New York 14614

A COPY of the statement should also be sent to:

Hon. Donald J. Mark
Hall of Justice

First Asst. Dist. Atty. Charles Siragusa
Room 201
Hall of Justice

Culver K. Barr, Atty.
825 Reynolds Arcade Bldg.
16 Main St. East
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Felix V. Lapine, Atty.
17 Main St. East
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Statements may be written by individuals or groups of neighbors. It is extremely important for us to voice our concern. If you would like more information about writing an impact statement, or if you would like to attend a meeting and share your feelings with other members of the community, please contact the SEAC Office at 244-7405.

Celebrate Rochester's Spring

The Lilac Festival

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Update on 288 Sanford Street

The South Wedge Planning Committee has been in the process for the last two years of rehabbing 288 Sanford Street for the permanent location of the tool library and the WEDGE newspaper. Last August architect David Burrows applied to the permits department of the City to secure approval for the interior work. The permit was not granted because the building use would change from residential to commercial therefore is under the new codes requirements for State of New York. The new codes state that a commercial structure is to be located 10 ft. from the property line. 288 Sanford sits on the property line, therefore the SWPC had to file a petition to the State of New York Codes Division stating why a variance should be given. The application has been submitted for several months and includes several building changes necessary to meet the new codes requirements. A hearing with the state is scheduled for late March at which time they will make a determination as to the variance. In conversations with the State Representative the SWPC does not anticipate any further objections. A new fire wall will have to be constructed on one side of the building because it is adjacent to a parking lot. In the eyes of the State the lot could become a future buildable site.

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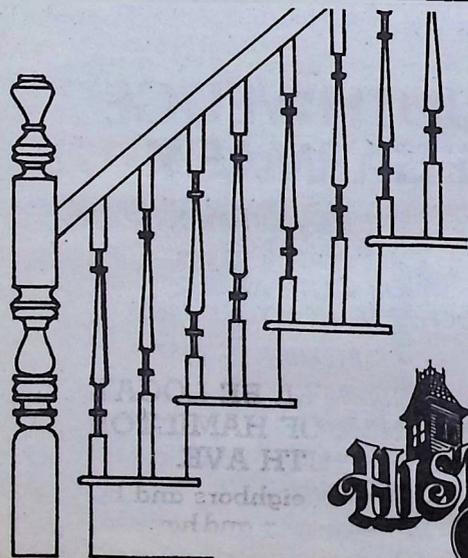


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More Neighbor News



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Contemporary Landscape Photographs An Exhibition of Phototgraphs by Frank Petronio

Frank Petronio started photographing landscapes in 1983 while attending the University of Oregon. He moved to Rochester in 1984 with a Fine Arts degree and the desire to pursue his interest in photography. Frank worked as an assistant for several local photographers and in 1986 started his own busi-

ness, concentrating on black and white photography for corporations, magazines and advertising agencies.

Working primarily with 4x5 format, Frank continues to pursue his own interest in landscape photography, paying particular attention to the visual puns and ironic situ-

ations that occur when people effect the environment. "The romanticism of wide open spaces and grand vistas of the west disappeared when I moved to Rochester", says Frank. "Now I'm looking more for the quirky, the strange side of things found within the landscape".

An exhibition of Frank's recent work can be viewed at Community Darkroom in the Genesee Co-op, 713 Monroe Avenue through April 30, 1988. There will be a reception on Friday, March 25, 1988 from 7 to 9.

Spring Classes at the Genesee Co-op Pottery Start April 4

The Pottery offers classes for all ages with experienced teachers. there are several levels of instruction from beginner to advanced. Students learn basic wheel throwing techniques as well as handbuilding techniques.

Classes are held in the Genesee Co-op Pottery at 713 Monroe Ave. This session begins on April 4 and the classes are 9 weeks in length. Tools and materials are included in the class fees which are \$95 for adults and \$55 for children. Registrations are being accepted now thru April 4. For a free brochure or more information call the pottery at 271-5183.

South Avenue Reconstruction

According to Will Herzog, County Engineer, the South Avenue reconstruction project went to bid the second week in March. The contracts will be awarded by May 3rd, with construction to begin by mid May, and completed by December 9th. All the utilities have been completed. A public hearing will be scheduled for mid May. Please call the SWPC office after May 6th for the date, time and place.

Spring Clean-Up continued from page 3

We anticipate the participation of the Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack #200 who meet at St. Boniface Church. A free lunch, donated by area businesses, will be provided for the scouts.

SWPC invites all South Wedge residents to extend the clean-up to their own blocks. The dumpster is open to all clean-up efforts.

Photographers will be at hand and press coverage is anticipated - so come on out and show your continued support of the South Wedge!



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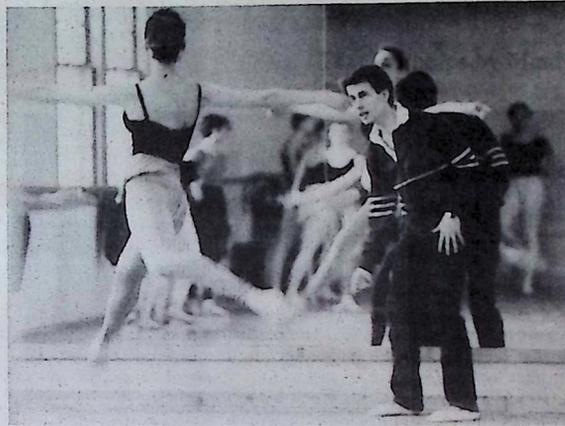
Instructor Jill Gussow demonstrates selective toning of a black and white photograph in a class at Community Darkroom. L to R: Jill Gussow, Mark Mason, Maryann Fuhrmann, Ben Malbouf, and Judy Miller

Spring Photography Classes at Community Darkroom

Community Darkroom in the Genesee Co-op at 713 Monroe Ave. is offering its spring session of photography classes starting April 4. Classes include: Basic Black & White Photography, Intermediate Black & White Photography, Black & White Darkroom Techniques, Portrait Photography, Breaking the Rules: Techniques in Non-Traditional Photography, Composing the Photograph, Editorial Photography, Spring

Nature Photography, and Night Photography. Classes cost \$35 - \$75. Call 271-5920 for a free catalog and registration information.

In addition to classes, Community Darkroom also provides darkroom rental, black and white photography services, and photographic exhibitions. Call 271-5920 for more information on these services.



Class in session at the Studio of Dance

The Timothy Draper Dance Theatre

The Timothy Draper Dance Theatre was founded in September of 1986. Its basic premise is to provide locally trained dancers a vehicle in which to perform without having to leave Rochester, and to eventually establish a professional, regional ballet company. Two major productions are planned annually in December and May/June. The company also performs as part of local arts festivals and brings ballet to area schools via lecture demonstrations and performances. Dancers for this artistic venture are trained through The Studio of Dance in

Rochester, NY. Contemporary ballet as well as the classics are represented including divertissements from "The Nutcracker," "Swan Lake" and "Sleeping Beauty." The Company's repertoire is expanding with every season to include additional classic ballet and contemporary choreography by Artistic Director Timothy Draper. The Company will premier a commissioned work New York City independent choreographer/dancer Christine DiMario and ballets choreographed by Miami Dance Theatre Co-Directors Judith Newman and Marianne Alvarez.

We Say Thank You

The River Park Tenants Association (R.P.T.A.) recently sponsored a clothing, food and furniture give-away to those tenants of River Park Commons in need of such items. This project would not have been as successful as it was without the contributions of time, effort, energy and items from the following people and groups:

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Proud: Rules Needed for Clean Needle Program

Assemblyman Gary Proud (D-Rochester), the Assembly Chairman of the Administrative Regulations Review Commission (ARRC), today called on the Commissioner of Public Health, Dr. David Axelrod, to "go public" with his plans to approve the distribution of clean hypodermic needles to hundreds of drug addicts in New York City. Assemblyman Proud stated that the Commissioner must adopt regulations in order to legalize New York City's proposed program, which involves handing out free needles to clients of drug treatment clinics in an effort to determine whether such a program could help to slow the spread of the AIDS virus.

Assemblyman Proud explained: If the Commissioner fails to adopt regulations authorizing program staff and addicts partici-

pating in this program to possess needles, they'll all be subject to arrest and prosecution for misdemeanor violations of the Penal Law and Public Health Law. That's no way to conduct scientific research."

The Rochester Assemblyman also noted that the issuance of a proposed regulation would give the public an opportunity to comment on the issues raised by the clean needle program. Referring to the current debate over the efficacy of such a program, and the ethical concerns that the government appears to be sanctioning the intravenous use of illegal drugs, Assemblyman Proud said: "Going Public by providing a comment period through the rule-making process would seem to be preferable to unilateral and precipi-

Central Trust Offers Red Wings Tickets

Central Trust is inviting members of handicapped and disadvantaged organizations to attend Rochester Red Wings home games with its compliments. On a limited basis, the bank is offering free general admission tickets to local groups.

"This is the fourth year we have offered ball game tickets to people normally would not have a chance to attend," said Ginny Sparks, community relations officer.

To request tickets, organizations can call the Central Trust baseball ticket line at 546-4500 or write to the Central Trust Community Relations Office, 44 Exchange Street, Rochester, New York 14614.

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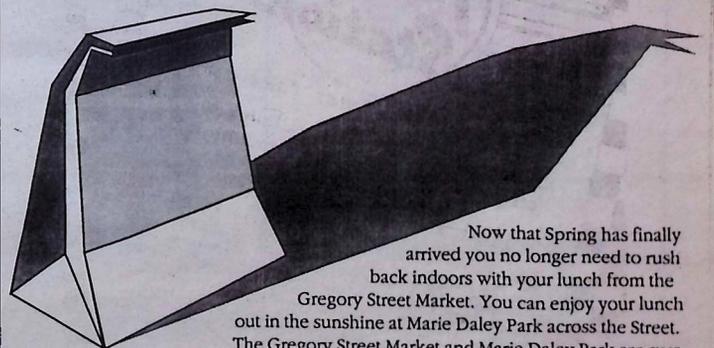


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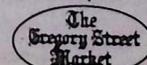
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133 Gregory Street

The Hermit's Vacation

by Art Grimwood

During the long months of winter Herb often thought of the strange old man he had met in the woods the previous summer. He considered all the things the man had told him and concluded that the fellow was full of silt. Herb had promised to visit in the springtime when Mr. DeClio was to return from wintering in the south, so one warm spring day he drove through the countryside to the familiar dead end road and hiked up the path that led to the old man's ramshackle abode beside the creek. He was eager to revisit because he had spent the winter arming himself with arguments and refutations, and he was curious to see whether the green softness of springtime or a relaxing sojourn in the south might have mitigated the hermit's bilious skepticism.

Herb found Mr. DeClio seated on a stump by a stone fireplace. He was drinking wine and drawing words or symbols in the dirt with a stick. After a perfunctory exchange of greetings the old man remarked, "Herb, have you ever considered the fate of Prometheus as a metaphor for humanity? For most nations in the world cause their subjects to endure endless torments and deprivations that could cease if only they so desired."

"I know little about politics", replied Herb, "except that the Democratic Party is sacred."

The old man continued, "Would you rather have national health care and effective schools, or the MX missile? Would you like to rebuild our cities, roads and bridges, and provide decent housing for the poor, or would you prefer \$45 billion worth of planned Midgetman missiles? There's no telling what will be spent on the S.D.I. fantasy, which will be useless because of cruise missiles and miniature tactical weapons. The Soviets have 4 little aircraft carriers and no big ones. We have 12 little ones and 15 big ones, so our government wants to build more of the latter. They cost \$16 billion each and are obsolete, being sinkable by well aimed cheap missiles. Poverty in America could be eliminated for \$40 billion, but so long as it produces profits by ensuring cheap labor, it will instead be perpetuated.

"Why must people starve to death in a world that can afford 1.8 million dollars per

minute on military expenditures? At this moment at least 22 wars are being fought on our miserable little glob of mud. Last year they killed 2.2 million people, 84% of them civilians. Humanity is bleeding itself to death."

Herb replied, "We think we need those missiles because of the Russians and they think the same about us. I doubt if they can afford them either. I'll bet the Kremlin himself would admit as much. How was your winter vacation in the south?" Herb did not wish to dwell on unpleasant subjects.

The old man sipped his wine and began to recount his adventures. "I travelled to the nations south of Mexico, if indeed they can be called nations, for they more closely resemble vast penal colonies, part plantations and part concentration camps, where the inmates labor at gunpoint to benefit the friends of a few privileged oligarchs and plutocrats who control the armies. Three of the four I visited are governed this way. These colonies have been generating profits for centuries; for the Spanish, then for the British, and now for American investors.

"First I went to Guatemala, a client nation of the U.S. I saw little but poverty and violence. More than 200 persons are assassinated or disappear there every month, according to the Guatemalan Human Rights Commission, which has found it necessary to be located in Mexico. Behind a thin civilian veneer, Guatemala is ruled by its elites and their army. I thought no more squalid and rebarbative place could exist. I did not stay long.

"Next I proceeded south to another client nation of the U.S., El Salvador, where things are even worse. 60,000 people have been murdered there in the past 8 years. The so-called civilian president, who is very popular in Washington, and who was elected by pretext and force, is nothing but a stooge for the death squads of the army, which rules by sheer terror. The celebrated American free press tells us nothing of conditions there, or of the civil war, which is essentially a conflict between the rich and the poor. Our free press howls about the threat of communism and bewails the closing of a newspaper in Nicaragua but is silent about the closings of the two independent newspapers in El Salvador, closings that were accompanied by the disembowelments and shootings of an editor and another employee, and the machine-gunning of a 14 year old newsboy. Our free press does not mention any of the more

than 50 journalists murdered by security forces in El Salvador and Guatemala in recent years. It needs not tell us lies when it can make profits while telling us nothing.

"In El Salvador I was followed everywhere by soldiers who wore sunglasses and demanded identification while offering none of their own. I avoided harm by saying I was American, but when I tried to leave the country they became suspicious and gave chase. I fled into the jungles of Honduras where I hid behind a massive stone to escape their parting rifle shots. When they had left, I realized the stone was an artifact. It was of regular shape and showed signs of carvings. After removing layers of moss and jungle growth I beheld a series of pictographs unlike any I had seen before. They were clearly much older than those of the Nahuas, Toltecs, Mayas or any of the known regional civilizations that constantly warred against each other throughout the millennium that preceded the Spanish conquest. My vast knowledge of philology and hieroglyphics enabled me to decipher the ancient symbols, and this is what they meant:

"May the Sun shine forever upon the Travellers for this is the place of Gold and Sweet Fruits. There are two Roads. First is the Road of Man and the Gods and all must travel it. First to enter on the road is Pride and he is 20 feet tall and with his servants Hatred and Deceit. Second on the Road is Greed and he is 40 feet tall and with his servants Ignorance and Fear. Third on the Road is War and he is 120 feet tall and with his servants Policy, Procedure, Fanaticism and Fury. In his wake follow Famine, Disease and Misery. After them follow the Gods and they are 8 feet tall and have no servants. Then follows Man and all must travel on the Road. When Man reaches the end of the Road he is at the starting place and must begin again for he cannot learn anything and is always destined. There is a second Road that can be found and that is the Road of . . ."

"The rest of the inscription had been deliberately obliterated long ago. I have no idea what it might have said. I took leave of the heretical stone and ventured farther into Honduras, another client nation of the U.S. Nearly everyone there is starving except the rich and the army, which is bloated with American dollars and guns. I heard diatribes against Americans so I proceeded south to Nicaragua where at last I felt safe from maniacal soldiers and death squads. I saw more poverty, but there the poor are free and some resemblance of

civilization exists. Washington is no longer in control of Nicaragua so it wages an illegal war conducted by a mercenary army which it funds by shady means, to say the least.

"Noam Chomsky is not incorrect to say that the U.S. is perhaps the only nation that officially endorses and sponsors terrorism. In Washington one hears sanctimonious declamations from ideologues and bureaucrats fervently denouncing the horrors of perceived communism. These armchair warlords would evoke the tearful patriotism of their countrymen in order to justify their own arrogant lawlessness and outrageous profiteering. Their lies are dutifully reported by the free press. They never say a word about poverty in Central America; instead they speak of peace, freedom and democracy; ends that are to be imposed, it appears, by financing military dictatorships, bombing medical clinics, burning farms and maiming children. I would not want to be a beneficiary of their peace, their freedom, or their democracy.

"In my opinion our present government is the embodiment of brutality and hypocrisy, but do you know what permits the extravagant injustices and profligate wars it perpetrates? It is because you, Herb, and millions of other sheeplike citizens pay taxes without complaint."

Herb said nothing, but he observed that the old man had lost interest in his wine.

Having elicited no response to his accusations, Mr. DeClio continued, "I cannot rid my mind of that stone in the jungle and its infernal inscription. It is a cenotaph for humanity. It must be proved wrong! It is time that every government on earth should be overthrown, and all armies and militias be dissolved."

"You're crazy!" exclaimed Herb. "When we last met, you rationalized in great detail why it is a waste of effort to do anything but eat, sleep and drink wine. Now you want to overthrow all the governments of the world!"

The old man smiled and replied, "You weren't listening. I explained why it is a waste of effort for me to do much more, not you or anyone else. And I don't want to overthrow all the governments of the world. I'm too old. I want you to do it."

"But our government is about to reform itself," said Herb. "Soon there will be a new administration, perhaps led by a Democrat, and formal aid to the Contras

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has been defeated, at least temporarily."

"Don't count on any moral revolution," said the hermit. "Even some Democrats favor Contra-aid, of which millions of dollars are still in the pipeline along with probable millions more that we don't know about. The current administration's ethical enfeeblement has trickled down and now pervades society. Fiscal corruption of the electoral process and militarization of the national economy have created profound distortions of power and influence. Reform of this mess will require more than election of a just and truly patriotic president, if one can be elected, which I doubt.

"Implementation of political megalomania requires vast organization, mass obedience and huge disbursements. Imagine instead a world of thousands of little city-states, none wealthy or powerful enough to inflict any major catastrophes upon its neighbors. It would be a return to the Golden Age!"

"I don't believe," said Herb, "that there ever was a Golden Age."

The old man paused for a moment, then said, "I admit you are correct. And if there had been, doubtless it would have fostered indolence, carelessness and apathy. It is in apathy, not hatred, that the seeds of war best grow. In olden times many famous and decisive battles were fought in which few soldiers died. It was easy for people to regard with respect and

awe the splendor of shining military paraphernalia, the precise discipline of the troops and their ironclad devotion to duty. They spoke of honor, courage, heroism, sacrifice, liberty and glory.

"The nature of war has changed. It has become a private commercial enterprise, operated for profits according to the sacred but nonexistent rules of the free marketplace. It has become so ugly that it must be hidden and waged by proxy. The people know nothing of our wars, of their underlying mechanisms, monstrous technologies, hideous consequences and insidious costs.

"Those costs are everywhere. If children are hungry in America, it is because of the debilitations of past, present or future wars. If people are homeless or denied medical care, it is because of war. As always, the populace of an armed nation meekly submits to the will of its government.

"War retards all progress, be it social, intellectual, moral or scientific. It trivializes reason, repudiates philosophy, universally devalues life, and repeals every contract, code, convention and law. One war leads to others and humans, who possess neither sharp teeth nor claws, or any natural appendage of violent propensity, are reduced again and again, for a few dollars or by conscription, to instruments of ferocity, cruelty, barbarity, bestiality, folly and ruin, in order to kill and to die in the springtime of their lives at the service of masters they don't even know. Perhaps that stone in the jungle is right. Perhaps we are all con-

demned to perpetual madness."

"I agree," said Herb, "that Prometheus is an appropriate metaphor for human-kind."

As Herb departed he felt the warmth of the setting sun, but for what purpose it bothered to shine he could not hazard a guess.

NEXT: *The Revolution*

Open House/Open Studio

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factory for many years. In recent years the first two floors of the four story brick building have been the home for "Fabrics and Findings" and "City Newspaper." Now the top two floors have been converted into ample studios. It is like (to invert Van Wyck Brooks' phrase) pouring new wine into old bottles. It makes sense. It Works. And it will undoubtedly get even better with time.

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Several of the group are residents of the Wedge. So stop over on Sunday afternoon and see what you can.

Rochester Parks Centennial Celebration Calendar

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APRIL 29

Arbor Day - Tree Plantings, Highland Park (10:30 a.m.) and Mt. Hope Cemetery, 11:30 a.m.

MAY 8

Mother's Day on Mt. Hope - Tours of the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Ellwanger Garden, the Warner Castle and its grounds. Phone 546-7029.

MAY 8

Hike McCord's Woods to Kream Road Park, Gamsey Road (directions see listing April 10), phone Judy Logan, 248-5933.

MAY 10

Lilac Collection of Highland Park, tour conducted by Richard Fenicchia, sponsored by the Garden Center of Rochester, pre-registration necessary, phone 473-5130.

MAY 13-22

Lilac Festival, Highland Park

MAY 14

Geology of our Parks, pre-registration necessary, fee per person is \$14, sponsored by the Rochester Museum and Science Center Gannett School of Science and Man, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Phone 271-4320.

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