

WEDGE

• SOUTH WEDGE PLANNING COMMITTEE •

Police Substation Reality

The Crime Prevention Committee, the SWPC Board, South Avenue Business Association and our umbrella organization South East Area Coalition have worked hard to bring a Satellite Police Office to the neighborhood for many months. Wedge property owners have offered free store-front office space at several South Avenue, Mt. Hope and S. Clinton Avenue addresses. The majority of input is for a handicap accessible, store-front location on South Avenue. Business owners have offered free office furniture, equipment, infrastructure such as heating and air-conditioning, volunteer time for moving and installation, and sign painting. Highland Police Substation may be a reality as early as September 1.

Although South Wedge recognizes that it is not a high crime area, a substation would promote much needed pedestrian traffic and create a greater feeling of security.

The South Wedge neighborhood, which is looking to regain some of the police visibility lost when Highland Section relocated to University Avenue, is competing with many areas of the City which would also like this service. Our ability and willingness to provide cost-free space certainly makes our neighborhood more attractive to the cash-strapped City. We shall keep our readers apprised. ▲

The South Wedge Celebration at Marie Daley Park



By Pamela Kay Heblo

The South Wedge Celebration at Marie Daley Park will be held on Sunday July 31st from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Last year's Celebration was a great success. The food was great and the Dancing Dino's were outrageous. Even the specially ordered sunshine arrived on time! Can it get any better? Of course it can! The 1994 Celebration Committee and volunteers have been hard at work making this year's Celebration an even bigger hit. This year's activities include traditional favorites and a host of spectacular surprises. The cat's out of the bag, so read carefully and be sure to mark July 31st on your calendar.

This year's Raffle features a Grand Prize Fantasy Weekend for two. The first stop is Rooney's, where the lucky couple will sample the restaurant's distinctive cuisine with a \$50.00 gift-certificate. The night continues with free passes to the Downstairs Cabaret. The Hyatt Regency of Rochester has promised to tuck the winning couple in for complimentary overnight. If you win, keep the do not disturb sign out and sleep in as late as you like, but be sure to make the free breakfast at the hotel's Palladio Restaurant. There are least twenty more exciting prizes up for raffle; the list grows every day. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are on sale now through the South Wedge Planning Committee office and Board Members. They may also be purchased the day of the event.

This year local businesses and restaurants are cooking up a storm. Rhorbachs and Bob Lavinsky (formerly of Hungerford's, currently with Legends and Our First Ice Cream Store) are

selling hot dogs, hamburgers and subs along with a selection of treats at special Celebration prices. Wegman's has generously sponsored a beverage stand where a variety of WPOP flavors will be available. This year the weather may be hot but the prices are be cool.

Whatever your taste in music, the Celebration has got you covered! Musical entertainment includes North Forty, Third Degree, Emmanuel Church of Jesus choir and Memphis Belle. Music ranging from gospel to blues will surely set your toes-a-tappin'.

If you aren't absorbed in the music, or absorbing food you might want to join the co-ed volleyball tournament (beginner and intermediate players only). The games begin at 11:00 am and run all day. Pre-registration is required. Captains willing to field a team should get their ringers together and contact SWPC's offices @256-1740. Teams will be taken on a first come first serve basis so call to reserve your spot ASAP.

Don't worry, we haven't forgotten the young folk! There is face painting, and sidewalk chalk drawing near the play ground. At 3:45 the Musical Dinosaurs join the party. The Fairy Princess Suzanna, Flute-a-Saurus, Tyrannosaurs Sax and Oliver perform all over the Rochester area and recently helped School #12 celebrate the last day of classes.

In addition, the Celebration hosts a variety of artists and craft vendors drawn from both the South Wedge and the Rochester community. Due to the limited amount of space available in Marie Daley Park, applications for vendor space were accepted until July 15th; selections were made by a committee made up of neighborhood residents and two local artists. Look for the vendors near the Marie Daley Community Garden. You may find that you carry home memories of a great day at the South Wedge Celebration and perhaps a keepsake for yourself or gift for someone else. Help us welcome the art to the South Wedge.

Don't miss a minute of the excitement! Bring your family, bring your friends, and don't forget your appetite.

The Committee is still looking for volunteers interested in lending a hand with flier distribution, set up, take down and running some of the day's activities. Please give us a call at the South Wedge Planning Committee offices @256-1740. ▲

Great Funding Opportunity

by Deb Swift Wood

Rochester Area Foundation has identified SWPC as the lead organization for a Pew Charitable Trusts Neighborhood Preservation grant. The grant aids "in deterring disinvestment and decay in relatively stable neighborhoods that are faced with or already undergoing changes that threaten their stability... in neighborhoods where there is strong evidence that a neighborhood-based organization, with significant input from community residents, can formulate and lead a program to prevent social, physical and economic decline."

This three-year grant, if we are awarded it, would require us to secure an additional \$400,000 in matching funds over the three year grant period. If we are successful, The Pew grant adds twice the value of our matching funds, or another \$800,000. A total of \$1,200,000 would be invested in the South Wedge neighborhood!

SWPC staff, Board and volunteers worked around the clock to meet with business owners and community leaders, write the narratives, and cull the supporting materials. We just completed the two hundred page

application by our June 14th deadline. Eight sites will be chosen from among twentyfive applicants. We should know some time in the fall. Keep your fingers crossed! ▲

Neighborhood Planning Process (NPP)

The South Wedge is taking part in the ten sector, City-wide planning process coordinated by South East Area Coalition (SEAC), and chaired by Steve Murphy. There are more than thirty residents and business people of Strong, Ellwanger Barry, Swillberg, and South Wedge neighborhoods who have joined in the Sector 6 Neighborhood Planning Process (NPP). To date, the group has held brain storming sessions to develop the Vision

Statement segment of the NPP. Four committees are being formed to focus on housing, education, commercial and safety issues. The committees will prioritize concerns, set goals and develop Action Plans. A city-wide plan will be developed from each sector's plan. Your participation is welcome. Whether you live or work in the area you are invited to attend. For more information call Steve Murphy @ 223-3430. ▲

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by Rose O'Keefe

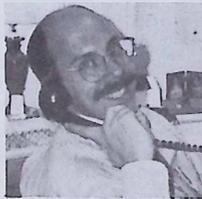
With so much good news coming around the bend, we might have to resign ourselves to a state of perpetual cheer. As this edition was being put together, we received word that, by August the Bell's site on South Clinton and South Goodman might return to its former use and that the Abeles Building at South Avenue and Gregory Street will be occupied in September. Financial details for the sale and upgrade of the Downtown Motor Lodge were still being worked out. City Council finally approved SABA's commercial enhancement district and \$10,000 towards next year's Marie Daley Park Festival. The possibility for a satellite police office looks better than ever. SWPC is the lead organization in a \$1.2 million Pew Charitable Trust grant application.

SWPC has also submitted a grant to the John Heinz Trust for a commercial coordinator. Giovanni's has opened. Hungerford's closed only to resurface as an ice cream shop. The former Filling Station re-opened as Doxxies. Life goes on at a steady clip these days.

If you truly reap what you sow, then SWPC staff and volunteers are due for rich rewards. Some, like new planters and tidier streets already show. Others, like waiting for grant approval and better times for local businesses will be slower in coming. Whether the work is behind the scenes in the office or in the dirt of neighborhood gardens, the South Wedge is a better place for more people. Regardless of heat waves and thunderstorms, let's have a great annual picnic and enjoy good food, good friends, good fun. ▲

Gary Ferner

SWPC PROFILE



Gary Ferner

at the time, former board member Eric Van Dusen, suggested he join SWPC. After meeting

with director Ed Raskin, Gary decided to become involved with the crime prevention committee and pulled neighbors together to deal with an ongoing problem on Gregory Street. He was nominated to the SWPC board in April 1993, and has continued to co-chair the crime prevention committee. This summer he has the pleasant task of coordinating a volleyball tournament at the Marie Daley Park Celebration.

Gary currently works fifty plus hours a week as a house manager for a group home of developmentally disabled adults. He will be starting a master's degree program at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in September. Although he hopes to attend school full-time, he expects it will take him four or five years to complete the program. Gary has lived in various neighborhoods in the city since 1986 and sees the Wedge as a vital part of the City with a diverse and active neighborhood association. "It's great to be associated with that kind of program," he says.

Maybe April's a good month in Gary's life. Last year he joined the SWPC board. This year the divorced dad of two kids, was happily married. ▲

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Volunteer Recognition

RPD and You to the Rescue

In early June, the Police Department became concerned about a rash of burglaries. Five in the South Wedge and two in the Main Street/Alexander area all occurred within a week of each other. In each case the suspect entering through a second story window while occupants were present.

Because of the potential volatility of these crimes, RPD Officer Tom Cassidy delivered 1,000 fliers to neighborhood organizations for immediate distribution. SWPC staff and volunteers phoned neighborhood block contacts and distributed fliers throughout the Wedge.

Thanks for your prompt response to: Linda Coleman of Linden Street; Jan Wyland, Richard LaPointe and Ann Musso of Sanford Street; Ann Baker, Deborah Welker, Pacho Lane and Jane Northrup of Gregory Street; Richard DeVito and Carlos Cisneros of Hickory Street; Judith Van Ness and Eric Van Dusen of Averill Avenue; Marta Ruderman of Hamilton Street; Jay and Ronda Armstrong on Alexander Street; Graham Lodge and Patrick Booher on Comfort Street; and last but not least officers Herm Santos, Glenn Fergusson, Art Muscolino and Tom Cassidy.

Real(ty) Dedication

SWPC staff would like to give special appreciation to Virginia Heidke of Nothnagle Realty for continuing to work above and beyond the demands of City Living Sunday. Virginia has worked with SWPC since March 1993, and has shown professionalism and outstanding dedi-

cation to city life. Thank you so much.

Spring Cleaners

The 1994 Spring Clean-Up May 8th, gave the neighborhood that special green and clean glow. This work event was a magnificent blend of neighbors and friends including a terrific crew headed by James West from Teen Challenge: Mark Welch, Shawn Pellingra, William Rutz, Michael Wefels, Clifford White, Robert Lewis, Kenny Moultrie, Anthony Harris and John Revello, (with apologies to Wallace for not being able to decipher his last name). They tackled Alexander Street from Mt. Hope to South Clinton, including the corner park.

Linden, Cypress and Sanford streets were tidied by the dynamic team of Ange Felice, Dave Halter, Jan Wyland, Richard LaPointe, Anne Ekedahl, Heather Francis, Kathy Hart and kids. Bob Meadows, Rose O'Keefe, Jonathan Taylor

and Toni Beth Francis gave Gregory Street that ready-for-the Lilac-Festival look. Stashes of trash were squirreled away by the Hickory Nuts: Mark Romance, MacClurg Vivian, Ann Baker, John and Mary Ellen Dennis, and Helen Gray. Ray Breslin was most ably assisted by Chad and Brian Walker with the planters along South Avenue. Pat Seldon and Mike Meglyn did the clean-up thing on Hamilton Street, and Terisa Walker, Phil Stukas and Ed Raskin pulled things together around the Wedge house. Thanks to all for making the Wedge better looking than ever!

The Flowers that Bloom in the Spring...

An enthusiastic group playing in the dirt over Memorial weekend, made Marie Daley Park look absolutely wonderful! Heartfelt ap-

preciation for making that part of the neighborhood so beautiful goes out to: Yancey Moore, Susan Hayes, Archie Hanas, Debbie Adams and Phil Stukas; for marvelous moral support: Marianne Tucker and Art Jones. Special thankyou go to John Arluckas for the water without which the plants would not have survived, and to Chip Dixon for mulching the trees and bushes, and trimming weeds. Special recognition goes to Rich DeVito for his jokes.

While we're on the subject of flowers, the Hickory Nuts have put together a wonderful planter on the north side of the street by Postler and Jaecle, as well as a childrens community garden on the northeast corner of Ashland and Hickory Streets. Thank you to John Dennis, Ann Baker and all. It looks great!

Phil Stukas needs help with the community garden. Show up with your green thumbs ready at noon on Sundays at Marie Daley Park.

April Wedge

Did you notice last issue's abundant complement of ads? Credit goes to Mike Fleche for hustling those Wedge ads. Mike has been an ad-selling dynamo. Thanks to Mike we have broken two Wedge records: breaking even and, in the April issue, turning at profit. Look out D&C here we come!

As usual Rose O'Keefe, Ed Raskin, and Jonathan Taylor were the chief contributors. Rose, her son, his friends and Ed prepared the bulk mailing. Mike Fleche did most of the distribution. The Tuckers who do the layout and design routinely contribute a lot of work in-kind. ▲

Welcome to New Members.

This is a partial list of our newest members:

Ms. Trish Butcher
of Gregory Street,

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of Averill Avenue

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of Averill Avenue,

Mr. Steve Smock
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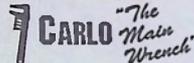
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The Rochester Female Charitable Society, Fred & Floyd Wilmot Foundation, Marie C. and Joseph C. Wilson Foundation and The Forsyth Family Fund of Rochester Area Foundation. Industry and the banking community are contributing members of the Work Camp: M & T Bank, Greater Rochester Cablevision, and Citibank have made commitments. The program will run from early July through the third week of August. Stop and give the workers encouragement when you see them scraping and painting clapboard or rebuilding a porch on your street. We invite you to volunteer your time and appreciate donations. Todd Ahern who supervised the group in 1993 is back. We'll keep you abreast of our successes. ▲

In Celebration of Clean Fun

by Rose O'Keefe

On a beautiful but hot June 17th twenty enthusiastic #12 School students showed up at the SWPC office for a pizza party. After unveiling the new edition of the 1994 GRAB, Anti-Graffiti Kid's Magazine, the group shared lessons from their walking tour of the neighborhood, and visits to Highland Hospital and the Democrat and Chronicle/Times Union building.

Despite the air conditioning and fan, the temperature in the meeting room rose significantly after the arrival of four super-hot pizzas. But our visitors managed to keep their cool. They presented the SWPC staff with a wonderful assortment of their own handmade cards. These colorful cards are now proudly displayed on the new cork board in the SWPC meeting room. Be sure to stop by and admire them!

Credit for this year's successful program goes to: Jack Marshall of City of Rochester; Karin Wieder of Project U.N.I.Q.U.E; Angela

Amato, artist in residence; Nancy Pilaroscia, Caroline Galvano and Mr. Nabors at #12 School; Deborah Swift Wood from SWPC, and the people in the South Wedge neighborhood. ▲

Oh Yes, They Have No Bananas

by Rose O'Keefe

You may not be able to get bananas, but you can buy everything from asparagus and snow peas, lettuce, carrots, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, onions, potatoes and five kinds of winter squash from the Genesee Valley Organic Community Supported Agriculture Project. GVOCSA's is a consumer-farmer partnership whose goals are: to provide organic vegetables and fruits; provide income and a source of labor for the farms they support; enable consumers to share the work and rewards of farming; and improve understanding of organic farming.

GVOCSA started in 1989. Wayne County farmers David Stern and Elizabeth Henderson manage the day-to-day growing of food and oversee the members' work. Consumer/shareholders sign up to buy a certain amount of food, and supply a portion of the labor to produce and distribute it. The group has held informational meetings at Peace Lutheran Church on Caroline Street at Mt. Vernon. All are welcome, child care is provided. For further information, call Sharon Hamer at 621-7349 or David or Amy Zorn at 436-5088. ▲






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The need for staff was the most pressing issue. However, only a cursory amount was included: \$3,100 administrative funds to support SABA as a functioning group. These funds must be stretched to cover meeting places, communications with businesses, solicitation of support for projects, coordination of a membership campaign, and drafting and submission of timely reports.

The remaining grant monies were allocated as follows: \$5,000 for the printing and design costs associated with production of the 2nd Annual South Avenue business directory, titled "Guide to the South Wedge"; \$8,000 (matched 50/50 with commercial building or business owners) to provide attractive, tasteful awnings; \$1,000 for planters/plantings to enhance the look of South Avenue businesses by providing 10 metal plant-

ers which attach to the sides of buildings; \$10,000 for a neighborhood festival along South Avenue on a par with other City street festivals; \$1,000 to erect a kiosk to appropriately post fliers and notices and \$5,000 for renovation or other uses toward the setting up/operation of a police substation. ▲

Lilac Festival Cooperation

Again, South Wedge businesses combined their limited advertising funds to purchase the full back page of City Newspaper's Lilac edition. Forty four businesses and services were included on a map of the South Wedge. Above all, the page promotes the South Wedge. We thank each participating business for their community spirit. ▲

In Memorium

☉ *Ralph MacDonald, a retired ambulance driver and long standing member of the South Wedge Community died on the June 19 of natural causes. Ralph was 86 years old and is survived by his daughter Barbara, his sister Margaret and two grand-children. Services were on June 22nd at Saint Boniface and the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.*

☉ *Our condolences go out to Ed Raskin and his family at the loss of his brother Sheldon of Richmond, Massachusetts who died July 10.*

Progress on Parking

The June SABA meeting focused on the development of a parking lot at 661-673 South Avenue, presently a parking lot for the Abeles building and the vacant lot bounding Margaritaville's property. Property owners must endorse assessment districts to support the maintenance and upkeep of the present lot at 713 South Avenue (between the Paper Shop and Genesee Heating) and the proposed new lot. The City's share is a commitment of up to \$150,000 to drain, black-top, curb cut, line, light and sign the parking lot. All told 50 South Avenue patron parking spaces will positively impact the entire neighborhood. ▲

Rehab South Wedge Strikes Again

Landlords, tenants and homeowners, South Wedge Planning Committee has received City funding for Home Security Grants (safety and security measures); Special Material Grants (to make exterior home repairs); and Emergency Home Repairs (plumbing, electrical, roof on an approved emergency basis). You must income qualify. Landlords may be eligible based on the income of their tenants. In addition, the City and other nonprofits may have loans or grants that we can tell you about. We expect to receive a tremendous response and we will call back everyone, in

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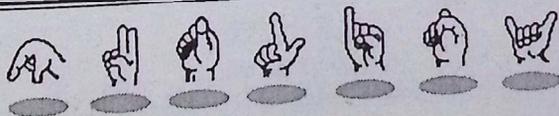
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Welcome Mat is Out

The Episcopal Church Home, 505 Mount Hope Avenue, has replaced the "Men at Work" signs with a welcome mat. After months of construction, the Home's fourth floor addition has been completed and forty new elderly residents moved in this spring.

The new skilled nursing unit will help ease an area nursing bed shortage. Hundreds of older adults are waiting in local hospitals, not receiving the therapeutic and social benefits of a nursing home. Most of these seniors have limited financial resources, so the Home is reserving beds specifically for residents who are Medicaid/Medicare eligible.

The new unit also gives The Episcopal Church Home space to create several special care environments. The new fourth floor will house residents experiencing Alzheimer's Disease. Rooms on another floor will be set aside for developmentally disabled seniors and for short term admissions.

The \$2.8 million unit is Phase I of a larger expansion project at the Home. Phase II is the construction of a \$5.9 million Independent Living Center. A ground breaking date has yet to be determined. The Center will provide comfortable, secure housing that middle income older adults can afford. Rental agreements will include some meals, laundry and housekeeping assistance, security, recreational programming, emergency medical response and preferred admission to other levels of care offered by the Episcopal Church Home.

The two projects are being funded in part by the 125th Anniversary Campaign, a \$2.2

million capital drive. Employees of the Episcopal Church Home helped initiate the campaign by contributing well over \$25,000. Since then, other members of the community have contributed more than \$75,000 toward the campaign goal. For more information or to make a contribution to the campaign, contact the Episcopal Church Home, 505 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14620, (716) 546-8400. ▲

City Rec Expands at River Park

Not sure what to do this summer? Need some recreational ideas? The City of Rochester's Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Human Services, Loretta Scott, has announced the generous donation of the former Child Enrichment Center space by the Finch Group, owners of River Park Commons. This donation provides rent-free accommodations, enabling City Rec to upgrade its summer offerings and increase programming for youth ages 6-13. The Commissioner worked with a consortium composed of Susan Aiello (River Park Commons), Susan Saunders (University of Rochester), Terisa Walker (Southeast Community Resource Center), Ed Raskin and Deborah Wood (SWPC), Judy Lee Hay and Kay Burnett (Calvary St. Andrew's Parish) and Kathy Englerth (CSA Preschool and Family Center), to get this project off the ground. For information regarding the summer's activities, call River Park at 546-1240. ▲

Crime Prevention Corner

The South Wedge Crime Prevention committee, co-chaired by Mitchell Dannenberg and Gary Ferner meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 in the SWPC offices on Sanford street. The group is open to everyone who wishes to attend. The purpose of the group is to form new neighborhood watch groups, learn about neighborhood crime trends, raise issues, review proposed or current legislation, plan events and interface with our local police personnel.

Since the last edition of the Wedge residents of Averill Avenue (between Mt. Hope and South) and Sanford Street (between South and Poplar) have held neighborhood watch meetings. A meeting is being scheduled for Comfort/Southview Towers and Alexander Street residents.

Over 1200 copies of a flier regarding a burglary pattern was prepared by Highland Section Crime Prevention Officers, Tom Cassidy and Herm Santos and distributed by neighborhood volunteers. (see page 3)

Deb Wood, SWPC Associate Director is a Board member of Rochester Fight's Back (RFB). She reports that RFB, WNYCADA and Youth to Youth have combined to address alcohol and drug related issues. One strategy being pursued is banning 40 ounce beer sales in the City. Another is instituting a system for direct treatment program referral from the court system.

We hope to see you at the August 2, National Night Out festivities at River Park, 185 Mt. Hope Avenue. ▲

Fire Department Seeks Volunteer

Rochester Fire Chief David L. Griffith is hoping to continue the smoke detector giveaway and home fire safety inspections program. The Chief is asking neighborhood volunteers to get involved in the program by accompanying fire fighters on home visits. Call the Fire House on South Avenue at 428-5956 for more information. ▲

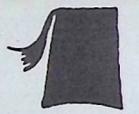
Comfort Street Collectors

by Barbara Griffus

It was a beautiful day. And the weather was good too! Neighbors in no less than seven locations joined in the Comfort Street Collectors Sale on Sunday, June 19. Some "collections" were small, others included everything from posters to perfume, or anything too hard to go through the garbage disposal. From boxes in the attic and top kitchen shelves came the outgrown, the "why-have-I-kept-this?" the "do-I-need-two-of-these?" Transformed in the buyer's hands they became "I've-been-looking-for-one-of-these" and "I-can-use-that."

One Comfort Street resident distributed flyers, another put an ad in the Democrat & Chronicle, and another made signs. We cooperated and did our own thing.

Next we will meet to evaluate what we need to improve on, and what we'd like to build on. Not everyone's schedule could be accommodated, but we hope more of our Comfort Street neighbors will be able to join in next time. ▲



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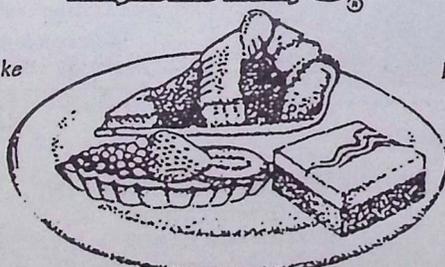
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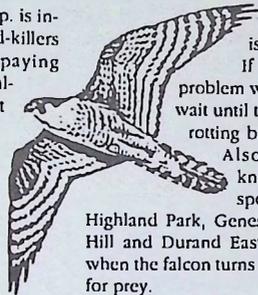
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Letter to the Editor

The Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. is inflicting one of the most dangerous bird-killers upon our community. RG&E is paying \$30,000 to nest a dozen Peregrine Falcons atop its building in the City and at its generation plant on Lake Ontario.

WHY? We can see no need or redeeming feature in this foolish act on their part. They tried to sell the idea that they eat bugs and butterflies (TV News June 22). This is an outright falsehood.

Any book on birds or any bird specialist will tell you that their diet is over 99% birds with an occasional squirrel, kitten or other small mammals. They are the second fastest flying bird on earth, capable of 200 mph swoops upon their prey. Their beaks are made to tear flesh apart. The bird prey is decapitated in flight while the rest is brought back to its nest where the pelt is



ripped and the flesh is eaten.

If RG&E thinks it has a problem with pigeon droppings, wait until they have to cope with rotting bird feathers and pelts.

Also, the Peregrine is known to kill birds for sport. The South Wedge, Highland Park, Genesee Valley Park, Corn Hill and Durand Eastman Park will suffer when the falcon turns to our bird population for prey.

Our city is no place for these predators. The Rochester Gas & Electric management must rectify this folly before the damage begins and further action must be taken. If RG&E has any regard for the welfare of our community's wildlife they will be more environmentally sensitive and protect our bird population.

Vince Corsall

Where's Bob (Lavinski)?

Well, he's not at the piano, or in the kitchen at Hungerford's. Sadly, Hungerford, one of the South Wedge's most eclectic eateries closed in May and will not be reopening. If you look in the window at 672 South Avenue you will find Bob Lavinski behind the counter at Our First Ice Cream Store. He is serving up sixteen flavors of ice cream, four

sherberts, a frozen yogurt feature flavor and six snow cones varieties. The ice creams are all Annis Dairy confections, and according to Bob: "the best ice-cream in Western New York." You can even get hand packed pints and quarts to-go, and also home baked breads. ▲

Here Today

Pamela Hehlo was hired part-time for the summer as a Grants Coordinator. Pamela spent several evenings till 3 am and an all-nighter till 3 the next afternoon preparing the Pew Charitable Trust proposal. She is a skilled office manager and has excellent computer knowledge. During the summer she will help us prepare the DHCR 6 month report, draft a federal proposal to the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program, link our multitude of data bases and help our office to work even more efficiently. In the fall Pamela will pursue her Masters degree in creative writing at Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia. ▲

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Southsiders in the Limelight

by Vince Corsall

As we walk through the valleys and over the mountains of life, many lives cross our path: some famous, some infamous. Most are neither. I will share anecdotes of Southsiders who have made the headlines. Their influence on my life has been no greater than that of the hundreds, maybe thousands, who have also walked along with me these many years.

• **The Great Galbreth:** Paul Windschek was a tightrope walker who performed his aerial acts at fairs and carnivals around the country from May to November in the 1920's. The rest of the time he spent with his brother at 164 Averill Avenue where he practiced on a wire over fifty feet above the ground. He timed his practice for our amusement as we walked home from school. The Currans, the Palmeres, DelMontes, Dobbertins, Donahues, George Jamieson, Andy Holmes, Bud Shubmehl, my brother and I all made a group of over twenty who would sit cross-legged on his lawn. With wide eyes, we were amazed and amused by his various acts. Finally in late May, he would load up his Dodge truck and be off on a booked tour.

• **Henry Clune:** For over fifty years, Clune wrote the Democrat and Chronicle's *Seen and Heard* column. He was brought up in the impressive mansion on the corner of Mt. Hope Avenue and Linden Street. During the 1930's, my dad delivered produce to his mother from his horse and wagon huckster outfit. She often treated me to milk and cookies when I made the deliveries. One of Mr. Clune's articles in the late 50's featured my late dad and his years of service to the community. Mr. Clune now resides in Scottsville, still writing books after having passed the century mark.

• **Peter Barry:** Was brought up in the mansion next to the Clune's on Mt. Hope Avenue. My dad also had his parents as customers. He was mayor of Rochester during the late 50's and early 60's. While I was mayor of Oswego New York, my city was marooned with 140 inches of snow. Barry graciously sent thirty pieces of snow removal equipment from Rochester to dig us out. Afterwards, I presented him with a key to Oswego. On another occasion, we acted together as representatives of our respective cities at week-long fes-

ivities in Montreal marking the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. At that time we were introduced to Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower, among other dignitaries.

• **Marie Daley:** An educator who has had a profound influence on the Southside community from first graders to senior citizens. For many years she served as principal of School 15 (at the time attached to Monroe High School) and School 13 on Gregory Street (now condominiums.) The Marie Daley Park next to the old School 13 is now dedicated to her because of her many efforts. She is still active on the board of Monroe County People for Parks, Senior Citizens Action Committee, and is a honorary member of the South Wedge Planning Committee. Marie easily deserves the title of Ms. Southside.

• **George Jamieson:** His Southside News, a ten-to-twenty page monthly, chronicled life in the 13th, 14th and 19th Wards. For ten years he served on the Monroe County Legislature, representing the 13th and 14th wards. Now he is completing his 50th year with the Rochester Fire Department Protective Volunteers. We were brought up as good friends on Averill Avenue. Sixty years later, we still are.

• **Ernest DelMonte:** Lived across the street

from me on Averill Avenue. We both spent our teen years there. Today as owner of the Lincoln Tower, the Marriott Hotel and various other enterprises, he is well known for his charity and philanthropy. He gives away 500 bicycles yearly to youths who cannot afford them. This is just one example of his generosity and community spirit.

• **Monsignor John Boppel:** Was pastor of Saint Boniface Parish during the early part of the century through the 30's, and was a very gentle man, respected by the community and loved by his parishioners. At that time, report cards for students in the Catholic high schools were sent to the pastors of their respective parishes, since the parishes paid for their tuition. If the marks were low, he would gently prod us to do better; if one made honor roll, the name appeared in the Church bulletin.

• **Reverend Fred Crosby Leo:** Was rector of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in the 20's and 30's and was a very community-minded and active leader in the Southside. I remember him well when I was a Boy Scout in Troop 28 and later the Young People Fellowship, both sponsored by Saint Andrews. I was the only Catholic among various other denominations. We were all treated equally and given worthwhile counselling by him. ▲

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