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## St. Bernard's Seminary Park

by Charlene M. Halbrook

Renovations are underway to transform the historic St. Bernard's Seminary on Lake Avenue into housing for senior citizens. The 22 acre site St. Bernard's Park is a \$12 million project supported by state and local agencies and private lenders and investors as a living complex for seniors of low to moderate incomes, with 40% of occupancy serving very low income residents. The City of Rochester will provide an 18 year property tax exemption to investors as an incentive to offer housing to seniors, as city residents, affordable housing.

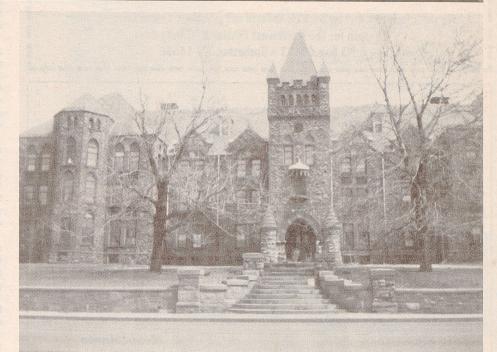
The historic landmark site was purchased in April 1887 by funding raised by Bishop McQuaid as a location for vocations for future priests with three ideals; to foster genuine vocations, to provide theological training, and to initiate literary and scientific study amongst guests. Four years later, the erection of the three building began and the cornerstone was blessed August 20, 1991, the feast of St. Bernard. St.

Bernard's opened its doors to students and staff in September 1893. The occupants were 39 students, and three professors. In 1900, a fire-proof building, the Hall of Philosophy was opened which housed classrooms, a library, and living rooms and in 1908 a Hall of Theology also fire-proof was opened with 140 rooms, five rooms for professors, three classrooms, and an aula maxima.

Founder of the Seminary idea and project Bishop McQuaid died on January 18, 1909. Bishop Thomas Hickey, his successor, appointed Rev. James J. Hartley as Rector of the Seminary. The Romanesque designed buildings were the work of Andrew Jackson Warner, a prominent Rochester architect in the 19th Century.

Suffering from declining enrollment and rising costs, the Catholic Diocese of Rochester closed the Seminary in 1981. The next year, Eastman Kodak Company purchased the prop-

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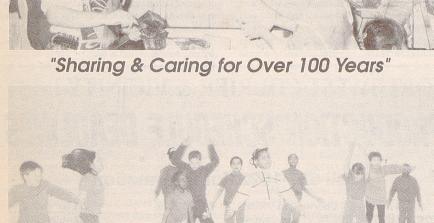
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Lake Section Police Headquarters is not very visible to the public. In fact it is well hidden in a former City Rec. Building in Lower Maplewood Park. Relocation of this headquarters to a very visible location would definitely establish a police presence.

In 1991 1500+ people in Maplewood constructed the wood-form playground in Lower Maplewood Park near this former rec. center building. Restoration of this building to community use would definitely enhance the park. Many support the relocation of Lake Section Headquarters to a more visible location and reuse of the rec. facility.

Each year cities across the country receive money from the federal government in the form of a Block Grant. This money also comes to Rochester. Commissioner Thomas Argust of the Community Development Department is responsible for overseeing these funds. The aggregate amount of such funds is considerable, almost eighteen million dollars in 1996-97.

To help plan spending this money, Commissioner Argust divided the City into sectors. The northwest Council district has three such planning sectors. Charlotte is sector one; Maplewood is sector two and Edgerton and Lyell-Otis are part of sector three. All three sectors made relocation of Lake Police Headquarters to a more visible spot a priority.

Such a location may exist. Chase moved out the branch bank building at the corner of Lake and Ridgeway, a very visible location over 60,000 cars pass by daily. The initial asking price was \$350 thousand plus. Since that offering the asking price has been lowered. It would be great if Chase would donate or sell the building to the City for one dollar.

The building would require much remod-

eling and the parking lot expanded. There may also be another suitor for the property willing to pay real money, St. Mary's Hospital. In any event other visible locations exist in Maplewood and Edgerton. We'll keep you posted.

The City Charter is pretty vague about the day to day duties of City Councilmembers. It's very precise about the duty of oversight of the Mayor's budget. The Mayor's budget arrives at Council in mid-May. We vote on the budget on June 18. In between we go over the document line by line, department by department.

City Council has public meetings on each department budget starting at 3:15 p.m. in Council Chambers. At 5:00 p.m. the public is invited to speak. Here is the list of meetings. Please come to the meetings and express your views. It's too late to complain after June 18, 1996.

Public forum at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted: May 24 — Budget Overview and Capital Plan; May 28 — Community Development; May 29 — Public Safety; May 30 — Environmental Services; June 4 — Parks, Recreation & Human Services; June 5 — Finance & Undistributed (Benefits); June 6 — Economic Development & Library; June 10 - Council/Clerk & Administration; June 12 - City & School District Budgets, 7:00 p.m.; and June 18 — Council Meeting 7:00p.m.

The City Budget is \$278 million. The School District Budget is \$386 million. Last year only seven people had anything to say. Please come! It's you money.

Problems in your neighborhood? Together we are strong, alone you are just one voice. Join your Neighborhood Association. Enroll in Pac-Tac. Sign up as a block captain. It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

## APPRECIATION NEIGHBORHOOD

by M.J. Hoover

Neighbors living close together, find their lives woven together becoming a part of each other's world. How often do we greet each other and go about our day, not realizing that this simple gesture from us, may brighten their day.

It takes a minute of our time: waving, saying "Hi! How are you?" - and waiting for an answer, smiling at a person passing you. These moments pass suddenly and are often unnoticed. Yet, those few seconds, cost nothing to us, but may make his day brighter and more pleasant. For a person having a bad day, this is just what the doctor ordered.

The old saying, "charity begins at home" is true of appreciation. It's easy to find. Look around and say "Hello!" The smile or greeting in return is their appreciation that we took one fleeting moment to notice them. Thanking a cashier or gas station attendant tells them the job they did for you was appreciated. Many opportunities, to brighten each other's day, wait for us around the corner.

When children hear adults talking politely, they learn those manners. How sweet it is to see an adult take time to talk to a child, passing down examples of common courtesy without using words. Children will often remember these times after many years.

When I was a child, Mrs. Wagner, a widow, and I were born on the same day fifty years apart. She spent many hours tending the flowers in her beautiful garden, allowing me to sit and talk to her when she was outside, sharing her day with me. I sat next to her talking about what was interesting to me. For that moment, what I was saying became fascinating to her. She appreciated the friendship of an eight year old child who visited her lonely life. I appreciated her because she made me feel important.

Today we can hand down much the same legacy to the children around us. Showing them how to look for the good in people. Appreciate it. Work with it, recognize it, nurture it and then watch it bloom. Little by little, deep from within, some wonderful character will blossom. It will be contagious to others around you.

When children learn the world is not a fearful place they will grow to be adults who appreciate the simplest things. A smile will warm them from within, causing them to accomplish remarkable things. This inner warmth helps many through some tough times. What a credit to you if you can offer others a few moments of appreciation.

Many of the people we admire have that appreciation planted and nurtured. They have learned to reach beyond boundaries of race, religion, and culture to help others. Many people, doctors, nurses, fire friends, police officers and parents among countless others we pass by each day, have the compassion which reaches to the depth of the human soul. The more we appreciate each other the more we will be appreciated in

What a feeling it is, to know that we are noticed by those around us. It takes but a second to wave your hand or smile. What a nicer place we make for others and ourselves when we smile. Soon, we will have others greet us with a smile. All the while, the bond between neighbors is strengthened. After all we are neighbors, it is nice to run across smiles when we look on to our streets and side walks. Our load becomes lighter when we see others smile back at us. Without saying a word, two hearts are warmed by one smile. What a deal.

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# HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS by Jim Best THE MOBIL OIL CORP. - OF ROCHESTER?

Oil has been used by mankind for over 7,000 years. The ancient Sumerians gained access to a form of asphalt at a place called Hit on the Euphrates River. That seepage of crude oil was mixed with sand and used as mortar between bricks and also for building water carriers for irrigation.

Actual distillation of crude oil had reached Europe by the 12th century. In fact, a German coined the word 'petroleum' (rock-oil) in 1556. However, this resource was not widely used since it could only be found in small amounts at natural seepages throughout the world.

The rise of urban centers during the early 1800's, coupled with the start of the Industrial Revolution, created a demand for some type of oil to be used for both illumination and lubrication. Lighting had been virtually the same since the time of the ancient Greeks, while the lubrication of moving parts required lard and sperm oil.

Better methods were needed. Although coal was plentiful in the United States in the 1850's, and a method had been found to distill kerosene and coal oil from it, the cost was high. In addition, the demand for sperm oil had depleted the whale population.

Colonel Edwin Drake found the solution. He is credited with drilling the first well for the purpose of oil extraction. Picking a spot at Oil Creek, so named for the film which often covered the water, near Titusville, Pennsylvania, he sank a well to a depth just under 70 feet and found what he and the world was looking for in August, 1859.

It was discovered that his oil could be processed at existing coal refineries. In addition, other wells were sunk not just along seepage locations, but eventually on dry land. A new industry was born.

Hiram Everest, born in Wyoming County, was a grocer in Rochester in 1866. He formed a partnership with Matthew Ewing that year with the idea of distilling petroleum with a partial vacuum process, hoping to extract more kerosene from the crude oil. Their experiments found that they had created a by-product, very clear, which they sold as harness oil.

Everest bought out his partner and started the Vacuum Oil Company, only seven years after the drilling of the first successful oil well. He soon found that another by-product had a value. Naming it "Gargoyle 600-W", this lubricating oil became a big seller.

By 1876 the Vacuum Oil Company extended for one half mile along the western bank of the Genesee, in the present day 19th Ward.

In 1879, hoping to find a good source of crude near Rochester, Everest leased a large tract of land near Le Roy in the Oatka Valley. While drilling for oil in that area, he found a vein

of rock salt 1,300 feet below ground, starting the salt mining business in this part of New York.

During that same fateful year the Vacuum Oil Company became part of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil trust. Eight years later many thought that Vacuum was responsible for a terrible accident at Brown's Race.

"On an otherwise quiet afternoon in late December the city's peace was suddenly shattered by a series of muffled but powerful explosions. Some citizens at work downtown were certain there was an earthquake. Others concluded it was a dynamite conspiracy ... the City fire bell tolled the coded alarm for the Mill Street-Brown's Race factory district. This densely packed area of shops and mills was the frequent location for the city's worst disasters. A mob chased the fire companies to the intersection of Mill Street and Brown's Race, only to gape at a great crater which had appeared in the street above the race."

Streets had been damaged at many locations. Three flour mills were completely destroyed by the explosions and their ensuing fires. Other buildings were extensively damaged and, worst yet, three men were killed.

Initially, some thought that fumes from the Vacuum Oil Company had entered the sewer system and caused the explosions. It was apparent that something was still burning underground. On that day, Vacuum had shipped 14,000 gallons of naptha to the Municipal Gas Company by using a duct system along the right- of-way of the Genesee Valley Canal (Vacuum had no access to the sewer system).

Municipal had waited hours before informing the sending company that no naptha had arrived. A break in the pipe had allowed the volatile chemical to seep into the city sewer system. Although many workers had complained about an odor, no one suspected that the lethal chemical lay beneath them.

During the early 1900's Gargoyle Oil

During the early 1900's Gargoyle Oil dominated the automobile industry. When, in 1911, the Supreme Court broke up the Standard Oil Trust, Vacuum, still using their corporate name, began a series of reorganizations. The year 1931 saw them merge with Standard Oil of New York and the name changed again three years later to the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company. Additional mergers brought forth Standard-Vacuum Oil Company and after the end of World War Two a partnership with other large oil companies formed the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO). The year 1955 saw another change to Socony Mobil which eventually evolved into Mobil, one of the most recognized manes in the world today. (Thanks to Joseph W. Barnes, Roch. History, April and July, 1981)

# NIMROD: PROMOTING COMMUNITY THROUGH RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION NIMROD

(Neighborhood In Motion - Root Out drugs), since its inception, has been fostering cooperation between the community and police in closing down drug houses and promoting personal safety in the Maplewood-Edgerton Area. But challenging drug dealers has not been NIMROD's only focus. NIMROD has also been trying to bring people in the neighborhood together. They have done this successfully in the past month with their annual Easter Egg Hunt and most recently, their Neighborhood Cleanup. The Easter Egg Hunt took place in the Rose Garden and was blessed by a beautiful day. Children from the ages of 1 to 12 years old had the opportunity to exercise their tracking abilities, and everyone who came to the event took home prizes afterwards, with, or without an egg.

The Neighborhood Cleanup, on Saturday, April 27, brought people of all ages together in sweeping the sidewalks and tree lawns of Driving Park Avenue from Lake Avenue to Pierpont Street. NIMROD received cooperation from the city who lent rakes, brooms, shovels, and lawn

bags to the Cleanup. Donuts and coffee were provided in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Church before the work began; and hot dogs, salads, and chips were provided afterwards. It is NIMROD's philosophy, firmly upheld by its president Virginia Sawdey, to keep the stomachs of its volunteers full. The picnic was enhanced by the presence of the Edgerton Area Association and Lake Avenue Baptist Church, who were cleaning up another part of the neighborhood, and came to join the feast when they were finished. The event allowed people to meet their fellow residents in a fun, relaxing atmosphere.

When asked about how she felt about the cleanup, president Virginia Sawdey said, "I thought everyone did excellent work and want to give my special thanks to the parishioners from Holy Rosary Roman Catholic and Grace United Methodist churches; Grace Urban Ministries; the members of NIMROD; and the sisters at Holy Rosary for all their work in making the day a success!"

# **NIMROD**

by Virginia Sawdey, Nimrod Pres.

On April 15, we held our first roving meeting. Considering the bad weather, a number of people came. We stood in front of the most crucial drug houses. In doing this, we give these people a clear message. We do not want these people in our community. We want our streets and neighborhoods back and we are very serious about this.

I want to thank "Capt. Joe Davis" for letting us have the "200 Van" and Officer Tommy Rutherford who did a tremendous job in assuring our safety. He is a terrific officer.

Also I would like to say a big "thank you" to all the people who showed up and "thanks" to A-Plus at Dewey & Lexington and Andria Feen and Salvatore's who do such a splendid job in helping Nimrod in getting our flyers out.

Next month, May 22, we will have a road block. We will pass out flyers with officers on each corner. The flyers will explain what Nimrod stands for and the work that we do.

We encourage more people in the community to come and join us. By working together, we will have a safer and better community to live in

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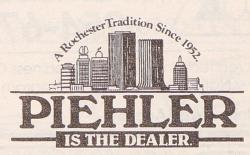
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# AREA SCHOOL NEWS AREA SCHOOL NEWS AREA SCHOOL NEWS

#### **ENRICO FERMI** SCHOOL NO. 17

**GOING TO COLLEGE** 

by Sharon Harmon Today we visited a college in Brockport. My class and Mr. Ricks class went. first, we visited a place called Cooper Hall. We played on computers and had lunch there. Some people were upstairs looking down at us and we were waving. The best game I liked playing on the computers was finding Carmen Sandiego. I couldn't catch him. I still had fun. Second, we visited a place called Gordon Hall. We asked this lady a few questions about living in the dorm while Mr. Ricks class went to visit the rooms. We went to the rooms second. The rooms are very little. They have a big kitchen. It's downstairs. Then we walked to the gym and played a little. Then we saw a big pool. The weather was crummy. We walked back to Cooper Hall and waited for the bus. While we were there we took pictures. On our way back we hit a little bump, then we hig a big bump. Aenoy flew up. I hope I go there again. I hope I go to that college.

#### KIDS GO TO COLLEGE

During the month of April, all fifth grade students at Enrico Fermi School No. 17 had the unique opportunity of spending the day on the SUNY Brockport campus. This trip is due to a partnership which was established several years ago between SUNY Brockport and Enrico Fermi School No. 17. Under the guidance of Assistant Professor, Dr. Jeffrey Linn, Brockport college students who hope to enter the field of education spend three semesters studying and student teaching at Enrico Fermi School No. 17. Also as a part of this program, fifth grade students spend a day on the campus as Dr. Linn's guests and are able to see for themselves what a college is like.

On April 30, the children from Mr. Ricks and Mrs. Shirley's classes took their turn. Although it was a rainy and windy day, the kids didn't seem to mind a bit. While there, they were able to spend time working on computers in the computer lab, and then took a tour of the campus. Students went inside the dorms to see how college students live. As they entered the dorms a few of the residents greeted them by asking, "Who are you?"

Hillary responded by saying, "We're an invasion of the little people!"

After leaving the dorms they walked around the campus. As they sloshed their way, hitting nearly every puddle, several of them twirled their umbrellas around and chorused, "I'm singing in the rain, just singing in the rain." The only casualty of the day occurred when Lavonne's umbrella blew inside out

The next stop on the tour was the athletic The kids visited the weight room, racquet ball courts, and saw where the teams play field hockey. They were amazed at the sight of the Olympic sized swimming pool and were disappointed that a swim wasn't an option for them. Next, they went into a vacant gym where they ran relay races with Dr. Linn. Everyone agreed that he won! When the races were over, Dr. Linn crumpled up some paper and they used

Everyone was awed by the size of the college and were especially impressed by the diverse age of the students. As one student so tactfully stated, "I never knew that old people went to college.

This year's trip was a huge success. Not only did our students learn about college, some of them slept on the way home!

#### **GOING TO COLLEGE**

by Amanda McFarland

Today we visited the college in Brockport. Brockport was fun! First, we went in Cooper Hall. We played on the computers. All of us kept switching so we could play all of the games. That was the fun part. Then we ate lunch. After that, we went on a four mile walk. We went to the dorms. This lady was talking about the dorms and the people who live there. She had lived in the dorms for four years. We went to some people's rooms. The people in the dorms didn't care about us visiting. They were watching TV. Next, we saw the swimming pool. The pool was four feet deep at one end and fifteen feet deep at the other end. It was 85 deprees in the pool. After that we went in the gym. We had a race and we chased each other. Dr. Linn beat everyone in the race. I just watched. I really loved going to Brockport College. I want to go to that college when I grow up.

#### 13 PARTICIPATE IN RIT'S FACES OF **CHANGE CAREER** CONFERENCE

Thirteen Marshall students visited Rochester Institute of Technology, Tuesday, March 30, to participate in Faces of Change, a conference designed to encourage high school women to pursue careers in math, science and technol-

Dr. June Scobee Rodgers, founder of the Challenger Center for Space Education, was the keynote speaker. Students attending included: Kathryn Tomkinson, Cadine Elliott, Brandy Stewart, Tamika Coleman, Davina McLean, Anya Asphall, Taisha Wright, Vonjala Starks, Shemekia Bostic, Latoya Davis, Candyce Singletary and Patricia Nesmith.

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#### The Blue Team is coached by teacher, Sylvester Moore, while the Yellow Team is under the direction of Steve Marthage from Charles House. During weekly practice sessions, each coach not only refines the boys' basketball skills but works on stressing the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship. The games have become a popular event at the school and many proud parents join the students to watch

the game and cheer for their

favorite team.

At Enrico Fermi School No. 17 the basket-

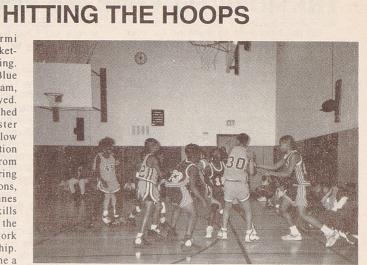
ball season is in full swing.

Several games, the Blue

Team vs. the Yellow Team,

have already been played.

To make the games more fun, Mrs. Barbara Redding, a paraprofessional, has formed a girls' cheerleading squad. In addition to learning cheering skills, they too work on teamwork and take pride in their many accomplishments. They are an impressive hardworking group and their participation makes every game memorable. Everyone in the No. 17 community looks forward to the rest of our season



School 17 Hitting the Hoops



#### **TEACHER FEATURE**

by Amanda McFarland

I interviewed Ms. Marion because she was my third grade teacher. Ms. Marion went to East High School. She only moved once and that is She grew up in the same house and lived there

when she moved to Brazil with her husband. from second grade through high school. Her



Diamond Bussey and Mr. Moore

role models are her mother and her two older

did enjoy school. Ms. Marion went to Oswego State College which was not far from her home. she loved college. She told me that if she was not a teacher she would be a housewife. She loves teaching. subjects are social studies, reading, and history

sisters. Ms. Marion was not the only child. She

Ms. Marion's favorite sport is swimming. Her favorite color is purple. She has ne child and she's not married. Ms. Marion does things with her daughter like cooking, traveling, going to Disney World, Niagara Falls, going out toeat, and shopping. She was born in Rochester, NY on August 8. Her favorite TV shows are "60 Minutes", "Home Improvement", and "Seinfeld". Ms. Marion lived and taught in Brazil. Here are some things Ms. Marion likes to do outside of school: she goes to Bible classes, reads, and is a good mother. I enjoyed interviewing Ms. Marion.

#### **TEACHER FEATURE**

by Diamond Bussey
I interviewed Mr. Moore. He told me he went to Brooklyn Automotive and Flushing High school. His elementary school was P.S. 143. His fifth grade teacher's name was Mrs. Walsh. I wonder how she was. His mother and his father were his role models. I have the same role models.

Mr. Moore loved college. His favorite subject was philosophy. He went to Fayettville University and Monticello University. He likes being a teacher even though he doesn't teach a class of his own. He likes to explore new things with children. He loves to see students grown in their learning.

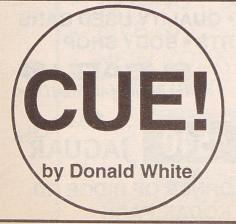
His favorite sport is basketball because he enjoys watching the players handling the basketball. Mr. Moore likes the same football team I do, the Dallas Cowboys. He probably doesn't like pets because he doesn't have any. Blue is Mr. Moore's best color. I liked interviewing him.

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Amanda McFarland has attended Enrico Fermi School No. 17 since the third grade when she was in Ms. Marion's class. Amanda is an Honor Roll student who is interested in a career in nursing because her mother works in a doctor's office. She plays in the school band and tutors first grade students and is well liked by everyone. Amanda's favorite subject is reading, she loves the color purple, and is quick to say that basketball is the sport she finds the most inter-

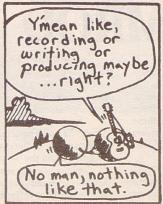
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#### LET'S CHAT by M. Cathy Helmes

# WHISTLERS

A while ago, my husband and I discovered a horrendous bee hive, the size of a basketball, in our attic. We called an exterminator, who boldly WHISTLED his way to the problem. Being a courageous person, I hid behind a tree as the gleeful man carried the bundle of honey-makers to his truck. You've heard of bees in the bonnet, haven't you? Well, I literally had bees flying into my hairdo. It must have

been my hair spray. Anyway, the exterminator seemed pleased as he placed the container of buzzing creatures, with stingers ready for attack, into his ve-

I recall hearing a WHISTLING physician. I asked him how he could be so happy with all the daily aggravations medical personnel have to deal with. He casually mentioned that he had six kids.

Utility companies are notorious for having WHISTLING employees. It's almost as though if they WHISTLE during an emergency call, the cata-

part to their positive attitudes and wide variety of WHISTLING tunes. Auto repair people are good at WHISTLING. Most are in accordance with fair pricing, but there are a few who need to be fed dry crackers when they WHISTLE as they tally your repair costs.

There are some WHISTLERS who can't sing a note. Maybe that's the reason they pursue WHISTLING as a pastime. It's a way of letting people know when they are near.

strophic event will not take place. They seem to have a calming effect on those around them, due in

Now, here's a thought. No disrespect intended, but wouldn't it be interesting to hear a WHISTLING priest on the other side of a confessional? It would tend to make a person feel less

Tea pots WHISTLE. There are movies about WHISTLERS; the young woman with snow white credentials. There's a painting of a mother by a WHISTLER.

WHISTLERS seem to make life frivolous. They can ooze cheer just with their presence. I have encountered an ink-knuckled printer who WHISTLED his way to the printing machine. There was an appliance WHISTLER who delivered my clothes dryer.

The next time I have to pay my bills, I'll just WHISTLE to make my job a little easier!

#### CHURCH NEWS ~ GOOD FRIDAY NEIGHBORHOOD WALK: CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS WORSHIP TOGETHER

Protestants and Catholics may have major theological disagreements with one another on the high levels of church politics, but in the Maplewood-Edgerton area those issues are not terribly relevant when one looks at the relationship between Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church and Grace United Methodist Church/ Grace Urban Ministries. This was particularly visible on April 5 when Catholics and Protestants came together to worship in a special Good Friday service which marked scenes from Jesus' walk to the Cross.

The service, sponsored by the three churches/organizations, made Jesus' journey to His death relevant to residents in the neighborhood. From the sanctuary of Grace United Methodist Church, participants carried a cross to a suspected drug house on Driving Park Avenue where they were reminded of Jesus' confrontation with Pilate. Worshippers then

walked to Tacoma Park where drugs are sold at night and remembered how Jesus was mocked. The procession then continued on to the double murder site on Dewey Avenue and contemplated Jesus carrying the weight of the Cross; and from there the group went to the emerging Rite Aid on Driving Park Avenue and mediated on the moment when Jesus was consoled. Finally everyone walked to the sanctuary at Holy Rosary and concluded the service with song and

The clergy, parishioners, and organizers of Holy Rosary Church, Grace Church, and Grace Urban Ministries have not only worshipped together, but they have continued to cooperate in many other programs and activities which have worked towards making the Maplewood-Edgerton neighborhoods a safer, healthier place to live.

#### REMEMBERING

If you are old enough you probably remember the excitement of visiting the pier at Charlotte and seeing a big white boat depart or return to the Genesee River.

'Remembering The Ontario No. 1 and The Ontario No. 2" is a new book recalling the hey day of passenger travel on Lake Ontario. Each of these vessels ferried up to 1,000 passengers and 28 loaded cars from Charlotte to Cobourg, Canada from 1907 to 1950. The book is loaded with photographs, some from the earliest year, while the text spells out the high points of each boat's career. There is a history of the Ontario Car Ferry Co., a description of each vessel, of the passenger and coal loading facilities at the Genesee Docks and also in Cobourg. The vessels each had struggles with storms, groundings and ice that are covered by the text and

pictures. The author, Lillian Roemer, a member of the Marine History Committee of the Charlotte/Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society, has been interested in local marine history for a number of years, particularly boats that sailed out of the Genesee River. In 1992 a 6 page article with no pictures was written about the boats and made available at the Lighthouse gift shop. Many of the pictures in the present 1996 book are from a file owned by Craig Cappon also a member of the Marien History Committee. When Mr. Cappon offered his pictures, it seemed appropriate to add to the previous research and expand the book to its present 75 pages. It will be available by calling 865-4506 or at the Charlotte/Genesee Lighthouse, 671-6179. A book signing is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Charlotte/Genesee Lighthouse.

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Nondrug wart treatment in the physician's office often consists of cryotherapy (wart is frozen with liquid nitrogen and removed) or surgical removal by a laser. Most topical nonprescription medicines for wart removal contain salicyclic acid.

A new approach to wart treatment is with the use of oral medicines that stimulate the immune system. The treatment is called immunotherapy, and the medicine that is receiving a lot of attention is cimetidine (Tagamet), a stomach acid blocking drug that has been used to treat gastic ulcers. The theory is that some persons who have warts also have T-cell defects in their immune systems. Supposedly, suppressor T-cells are inhibited by cimetidine. This action of cimetidine may make the immune system stronger.

#### St. Bernard's **Seminary Park**

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erty for temporary office space. In 1993, Conifer Realty purchased the property and plans to develop it for apartments came about in 1994. In 1995, renovation work began on the north building, which plans to be open for occupancy August 1, 1996. The five-floor building will have 59 apartments consisting of a mix of studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom apartments. The Center and South buildings will follow in renovation with similar floor plans. The North building has six different floor plans for one bedrooms, two different plans for two bedrooms, and three different plans for studios. Some apartments have bay windows

Elevators are being installed to reach all floors. A hand-painted mural will adorn the indoor bridge between Center and North build-Architect Steven Whitney of Ungar, Kaplan, and Whitney at 740 East Avenue is the designer for the project. Apartments start out at \$374 for a studio, \$399 for a one bedroom, and \$478 for a two bedroom. Acceptance as a tenant is based on income requirements.

The ground floor of the North building will be a new home to Park Ridge Hospital as an outreach to seniors called Park Place. The adult day care program and facility will be a 5,000 square foot center offering art and crafts, discussion and exercise groups, health education and information, hot lunches, personal care help, music and games geared towards senior citizens. Each person will be assessed to their individual needs and preferred activities. Safety and security will be utmost concerns.

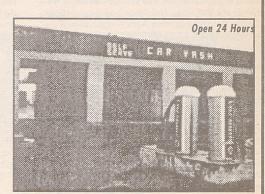
Park Place will be open to other seniors not residents of St. Bernard's Park. Call Sheila Walsh at 426-8480 for information.

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#### NTI-GRAFFITI CAMPAIGN

Northwest Community Services, in conjunction with the City of Rochester, is launching an anti-graffiti campaign. This program will pay for 100% of the cost of removing graffiti, up to \$1,000. Cost includes paint and paint removal, power washing services, graffiti removal products, and seal-

We use approved, professional contractors who will remove the graffiti quickly and easily.

We encourage you to take advantage of this free service.

Remember, as our neighborhoods continue to take pride in their appearance and make an even stronger commitment to stop graffiti, we begin to win the battle. Don't wait, call Robyn Fitzgerald at Northwest Community Services at 254-8090.

We also have free anti-graffiti kits available which property owners can useto remove small amounts of graffiti. These kits are perfect for mail boxes, light poles, and windows.

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#### HOLY ROSARY SECOND ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

The Holy Rosary Second Annual Spring Auction will be held Saturday, May 18th. It will begin with a supper at 6:00 p.m. Pizza and salad will be served. Tickets are \$5 each, \$10 per family, and are available in the school (420 Lexington Ave.) ahead of time or at the door. A \$5 credit toward a purchase is available with each paid ticket. Babysitting is available. Please bring a dessert to share. Come bid on some lovely items, and support Holy Rosary School.

#### MAPLEWOOD YMCA AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE

The Maplewood YMCA is currently hosting an After-School Program, which is offered especially for working parents concerned about leaving their children unsupervised during the hours after school. Transportation can be arranged through the Rochester City School District. The YMCA will provide transportation from Schools #7, #8, and #34.

The program is offered Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. at the Maplewood YMCA. The staff provides a variety of activities for the children that include arts and crafts, homework time, games, special projects, fieldtrips, outdoor play, and an afternoon snack. Child care is also offered on half-days and school vacations.

The staff at each site are trained to meet children's social and emotional needs. Their training includes a thorough orientation to YMCA child care practices, as well as professional training workshops and conferences. All staff are screened through the New York State Central Registry for Child Abuse and Maltreatment. A child/staff ration of 10:1 is maintained. All YMCA SACC sites are registered with the New York State Department of Social Services. The Maplewood YMCA is a contracted provider for families receiving child care funding from DSS.

Registration forms for the 1996-1997 School

Year and additional information are available at the Maplewood YMCA, 25 Driving Park Avenue (647-3600).

#### CENTER AT HIGH FALLS

Enjoy free family fun at Rochester's newest and most exciting attraction at High Falls! The "RIver of Light" laser show returns with the opening of Lilac Festival, Friday evening, May 10th and runs through Saturday, May 18th and on Friday, May 31st. Back by popular demand, "The American Salute", a patriotic laser, light and fireworks extravaganza, will start off Memorial Day weekend, May 24th through the 26th. Laser shows begin approximately one hour after sunset. Spotlights are on the 96-foot High Falls daily, one hour after dusk until approximately 11 p.m.

Back by popular demand, High Falls presents "The American Salute", a customized patriotic laser, light and sound extravaganza complete with fireworks. Prior to the laser show, on Friday, May 24th, Gary the Happy Pirate will perform in the Brown's Race Market Atrium at 8 p.m. Fiddlers of the Genesee, stiltwalking jugglers from Just Foolin' Around and Mike the Clown will be appearing outdoors at 8 p.m. prior to the laser show on Saturday, May 25th.

WMAX Happy Hour features live music, hors d'ouevres, and drink specials throughout the evening from 5-8 p.m in the Brown's Race Market Atrium. A \$3 cover charge benefits Big Brothers & Big Sisters. All events are free unless otherwise noted.

A FREE ROSE CULTURE WORKSHOP ON "PRUNING" will be sponsored by the city of Rochester at the Maplewood Rose Garden, corner of Lake Avenue and Driving Park, Saturday, May 11th. For information call 428-6770.

THE STARDUST BALLROOM DANCE SERIES continues through may 16th at the Stardust Ballroom, Edgerton Community Center, 41 Backus Street. Fee is \$2 per person or \$1 with a senior "Good Times Pass". The series is sponsored by the City of Rochester in cooperation with WBBF 95AM. For information call 428-6769 after 3 p.m. The schedule for the 1995-1996 season: Dances are scheduled 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on the following dates: May 21 — Chic Edmonds.

"ROCHESTER BLOSSOMS!" a new component of the city's "Flower City Looking Good Gardening Program", initiated in 1991, offers all gardening enthusiasts an opportunity to volunteer their talents during a one-day effort to plantannuals throughout the city of Rochester. Gardners and neighbors are invited to bring along their own hand tools (spades and trowels), and help spread "green thumb mania" throughout the city on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., May 18 (rain date: May Volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. at the city's Parks Division Offices, 400 Dewey Avenue, and be sent out in groups to prepared flower beds located in city parks, street malls and neighborhoods. Parks staff will provide volunteers with planting plans, locations and annuals to plant — as well as a coffee and donut send-off. Individuals and organizations may register by May 17 for the event, receive additional information, or offer suggestions for gardens by calling 428-6770.

THE CITY'S 6TH ANNUAL FLOWER CITY GARDENING CONTEST offers city residents an opportunity to participate in this annual

"cavalcade of color" that incorporates homes, apartment houses, churches, institutions, agencies, businesses (large and small), public spaces (sites are available if you don't have your own), and almost any floral planting. Entry forms available at most area garden centers or call the City at 428-6770. Those honored as best in their categories will receive a large matted photograph of their garden to be presented during the River Romance Weekend in October. Individuals may also nominate a deserving neighbors garden. For information call 428-6770.

#### TOOL LENDING LIBRARY

Northwest Community Services (NCS) is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new tool lending library. Residents can join the tool lending library for \$5 per year. Members of the library have access to a variety of garden tools, power tools, hand tools, plumbing tools, and paint supplies.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

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Membership to the tool lending library also entitles you to discounts with area merchants. How-

to workshops are also coming...

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MISSION POT-LUCK DINNER at Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church (Dewey Ave and Seneca Pkwy), Friday, may 24th at 6:30pm. Bring a salad or casserole, david and Ellen Bittner want to share their experiences of their trip toLithuania. An informal question and answer period will follow along with musical selections by the Bittners. All are welcome.

FAMILY DAY CARE SESSIONS OF-FERED: Each month, Edgerton Family day Care satellite offers New York State Department of Social Services approved orientation sessions for starting family day care. Family day care providers for three or more children must register with the NY State Department of Social Services and attend a NYSDSS approved orientation, which describes the requuirements, advantages, and responsibilities of being a registered child care provider.

You must call 254-6784 to sign up for an orientation. Scheduled orientation dates inleuded: June 10, 1996 at 6:30pm.

FAMILY DAY CARE TRAINING SESSIONS OFFERED: Edgerton Family Day Cre Satellite also offers NY State Department of Social Services approved training sessions monthly. These training sessions are for NY State registered day care providers. You must call 254-6784 to sign up inadvance for these sessions. Session dates are as follows:

May 20, 1996, Family Day care Contracts and Policies, 7:00pm - 9:30pm. June 3, 1996, Guiding Children's Behavior, 7:00pm - 9:30pm.

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For Calendar Deadline Dates, Please Check Page 2

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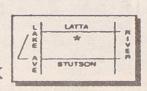
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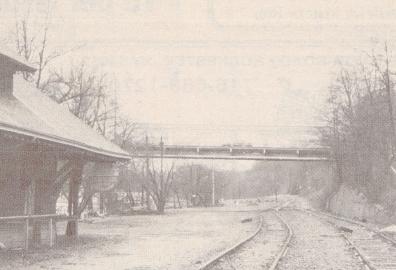
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- In 1804 the Main Street of Charlotte was established along an old Indian trail, the present
- In 1805 the U.S. Congress created a customs district of the Port of the Genesee. Samuel
- Latta was the first collector for the port. His house still stands at Latta and Lake Avenue. In 1807 Samuel Currier built his hotel on River Street.
- In 1809 Erastus Spaulding came from Cayuga County to open the Commercial Hotel at River and Stutson. He built several schooners taken by the British in the War of 1812.
- In 1810 Jonathan Child, who later would become Rochester's first mayor, and Ben Gardner established a short-lived store in Charlotte.
- In early 1812, Dr. Levi Ward received authority from Gideon Granger, then Post Master General of the United States, to transport weekly mall to Charlotte from Canandalgua.

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