

Linda Epstein . . . parents in Thornhill

De-programmed Krishna girl rejoins sect

Twenty-year-old Linda Epstein, whose deprogramming from the Hare Krishna sect last February received national publicity, has rejoined the movement's Toronto temple.

But she lives in fear of again being "forcibly

Miss Epstein, daughter of Murray and Eva Epstein of Thornhill, said in an affidavit sworn before her lawyer she has "re-entered the Hare Krishna Temple through my own volition."

She also said she is afraid of being kidnapped by someone who would forcibly persuade her to reject her religious beliefs.

Devotes 2 years

Miss Epstein had been a Hare Krishna devotee for two years when, almost a year ago, American anticult crusader Ted (Black Lightning) Patrick was hired by her father to deprogram her.

She signed a stock affidavit accusing the Hare Krishna movement of using mind control and "physchologically" kidnapping her.

Now, however, she says that affidavit was signed "under duress. It in no way reflected my true feelings."

Closely guarded

She says that after the deprogramming she was closely guarded by her parents or hired bodyguards and was not allowed to leave her home.

But she began seeing friends at the temple last summer and had decided to return to the movement in the fall.

Miss Epstein's lawyer, Richard Parker, says the new affidavit means anyone who tries to interfere with her again could be open to charges of kidnapping and assault.

Euchre draws good turnout

Correspondent Grace Jennings 773-5892

In spite of a very cold night, there were 10 The afternoon unit of

were, for the ladies, first Thomson, Dunning Doris Neufelt, second Avenue, Aurora, on Jan. Agnes Walker, and 15, at 2 p.m. All members consolation Vera Beckett. are invited to attend, and For the men, first Grace the year's work will be Jennings, playing on a planned at the meeting. man's card, second Pete Beckett, and consolation Mr. and Mrs. Everett Russell Graham. Phillips entertained by Susie Anderson.

who donated the prizes. Aurora.

will resume meetings on thank their friends and Jan. 14 at 10. a.m. at the neighbors who conhome of Mrs. Jim Bolton, tributed donations for the Puccini Drive. Anyone flowers and heart fund, at

temperanceville

The next euchre will be Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert held on Jan. 21. Con- Jennings attended a veners were Bessie Hare family dinner at the and Barbara Skerratt, Gerald Jennings home in

Mrs. James Gillham The Bible study group and family would like to

tables of players on hand the United Church for the euchre on Jan. 7. Women will meet at the Winners of the evening home of Mrs. Arthur

Travelling prize was won members of their family on New Year's Day

interested may attend. the time of Jim's passing.

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Fun's over, it's time for tests

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Now that Christmas week. break is over it's time for exams. Starting on

The first dance of the year at Bayview will feature Myles and Lenny Jan. 31. Further details will be available next Orillia's Park Street

they learned (or didn't television game. The R.H.H.S., but the student, was queen.

best of bayview

School. The 1976 Reach For the On Jan. 6 the junior Friday, Bayview students Top team finally went to boys' basketball team was Eric Hveding, a Year tertained a full house by coming up soon. will once again sweat Barrie to tape their first narrowly defeated the 5 student, and Leslie attempting to compete

learn) during the last show was taped Jan. 13, Bayview midget team semester. These exams so results were not lost to R.H.H.S. 29-24. will last for 11/2 weeks and available for publication Also on Jan. 6 the girls' with the tug-of-war, with the teachers while on the way. It should be

home victorious.

annual winter carnival, sculpture contest. Snowball '76, on Jan. 9.

senior girls also came petitions were a quite entertaining, and Bayview held its first races, and a snow Besley

King of the carnival Bayview teachers en-television show, it'll be over the final test of what (hopefully not their last) home team from Shelton, also a Year 5 with the Harlem Now that the first Diplomats in a game of edition of the re-born The afternoon's basketball. The Gazelle festivities were initiated Diplomats toyed around distributed, the second is

twice, 15-7 and 15-12. The house. Other com- points). The evening was broomball tournament, was ended with a socktoboggan races, snowshoe hop hosted by the "beast"

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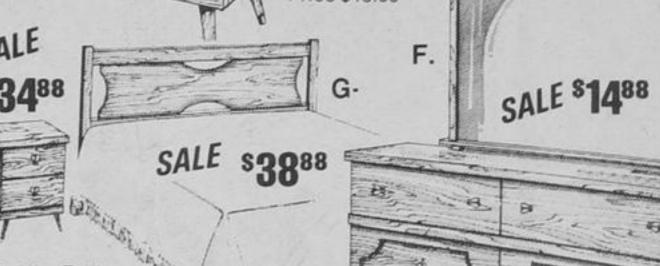




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