



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 rescued."

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 anti-cult 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 "psychologically" 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

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In spite of a very cold night, there were 10 tables of players on hand for the euchre on Jan. 7.

Winners of the evening were, for the ladies, first Doris Neufelt, second Agnes Walker, and consolation Vera Beckett. For the men, first Grace Jennings, playing on a man's card, second Pete Beckett, and consolation Russell Graham. Travelling prize was won by Susie Anderson.

The next euchre will be held on Jan. 21. Con-veners were Bessie Hare and Barbara Skerratt, who donated the prizes.

The Bible study group will resume meetings on Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Jim Bolton, Puccini Drive. Anyone interested may attend.

The afternoon unit of the United Church Women will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Thomson, Dunning Avenue, Aurora, on Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. All members are invited to attend, and the year's work will be planned at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Phillips entertained members of their family on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jennings attended a family dinner at the Gerald Jennings home in Aurora.

Mrs. James Gillham and family would like to thank their friends and neighbors who contributed donations for the flowers and heart fund, at 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 break is over it's time for exams. Starting on Friday, Bayview students will once again sweat over the final test of what they learned (or didn't learn) during the last semester. These exams will last for 1½ weeks and then the second semester will commence.

The first dance of the year at Bayview will feature Myles and Lenny Jan. 31. Further details will be available next week.

The 1976 Reach For the Top team finally went to Barrie to tape their first (hopefully not their last) television game. The show was taped Jan. 13, so results were not available for publication this week. Opponents were a team from

best of bayview

Orillia's Park Street School.

On Jan. 6 the junior boys' basketball team narrowly defeated the home team from R.H.H.S., but the Bayview midget team lost to R.H.H.S. 29-24. Also on Jan. 6 the girls' junior volleyball team defeated Woodbridge

twice, 15-7 and 15-12. The senior girls also came home victorious.

Bayview held its first annual winter carnival, Snowball '76, on Jan. 9. King of the carnival was Eric Hveding, a Year 5 student, and Leslie Shelton, also a Year 5 student, was queen.

The afternoon's festivities were initiated with the tug-of-war, which was won by the students of Chinook

house. Other competitions were a broomball tournament, toboggan races, snowshoe races, and a snow sculpture contest.

After the carnival, the Bayview teachers entertained a full house by attempting to compete with the Harlem Diplomats in a game of basketball. The Diplomats toyed around with the teachers while beating them 75-73 (the teachers were spotted 40

points). The evening was quite entertaining, and was ended with a sock-hop hosted by the "beast" Besley.

Keep watching Cable 10 for Bayview's next television show, it'll be coming up soon.

Now that the first edition of the re-born Gazelle has been distributed, the second is on the way. It should be out in the beginning of February.

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