

Healing priest coming to Pittsford Nov. 4-5

PITTSFORD — Father Richard McAlear, a priest noted for his reported gift of healing, will visit St. Louis Church, 60 S. Main St., on Nov. 4-5.

Father McAlear will celebrate a Healing Mass on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Then on Saturday, Nov. 5, Father McAlear will hold a Day of Spiritual Renewal and Teaching on the Ministry of Healing in the parish's gymnasium.

The daylong renewal will include teaching and sharing from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon (bring brown-bag lunch, beverages will be provided); teaching, sharing and prayer from 1:30 to 4 p.m.; and a 4:30 p.m. Mass.

All events are free and open to the public. For information, call 716/586-5675.

Nurse sent to jail 60 days; gets three years probation

ROCHESTER — Jacqueline L. Dennis, a registered nurse formerly employed at St. Ann's Home, 1500 Portland Ave., has been sentenced to 60 days in jail and three years probation for unlawfully neglecting three elderly residents at the facility in 1993, and then falsifying medical records to cover up her conduct.

In addition to her sentencing, City Court Judge Gary E. Smith ordered Dennis to pay a \$500 fine and an \$80 surcharge when she appeared for sentencing Oct. 24.

Dennis had been convicted on four counts of willful violation of health laws, and three counts of falsifying business records in the second degree, following a three-day jury trial last September.

The sentence was welcomed by Jerry

M. Solomon, special assistant attorney general-in-charge of the regional office of the New York State Special Prosecutor for Medicaid Fraud Control.

"I would say this sentence is appropriate," Solomon said. "It sent a strong message that would effectively deter patient abuse by other health-care providers similarly inclined."

But James E. Brown, Dennis' attorney, noted that an appeal had already been filed in Monroe County Court, and that his client still maintained her innocence of all charges. He added that he was stunned by the sentence.

"I thought the case was of such dubious evidential proof that I didn't believe she could have been convicted," Brown said.

— Rob Cullivan

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was deliberately misreading the article's point and attempting to paint a picture of McCormick as the very type of character he himself was mocking, Speranza argued.

"It was a college boy's spoof," Speranza said, adding that Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Buscaglia wanted to prejudice the jury against his client by introducing the article as evidence.

Judge Larimer seemed inclined to agree with Speranza's assessment of the article when he quoted one of its passages as stating: "If I ever saw a poor person taking my stuff I'd shoot him in the back, outside the house, not on the

carpet."

Larimer remarked that if the passage was not meant satirically, it was "disturbing."

"The article certainly shows (McCormick) would protect his money," Buscaglia stated. "I think that shows the depth of his feeling."

But Speranza claimed that McCormick had written a follow-up piece titled "Tongue in Cheek," which appeared two weeks after the first article was published, and which explained the first article's satirical intent.

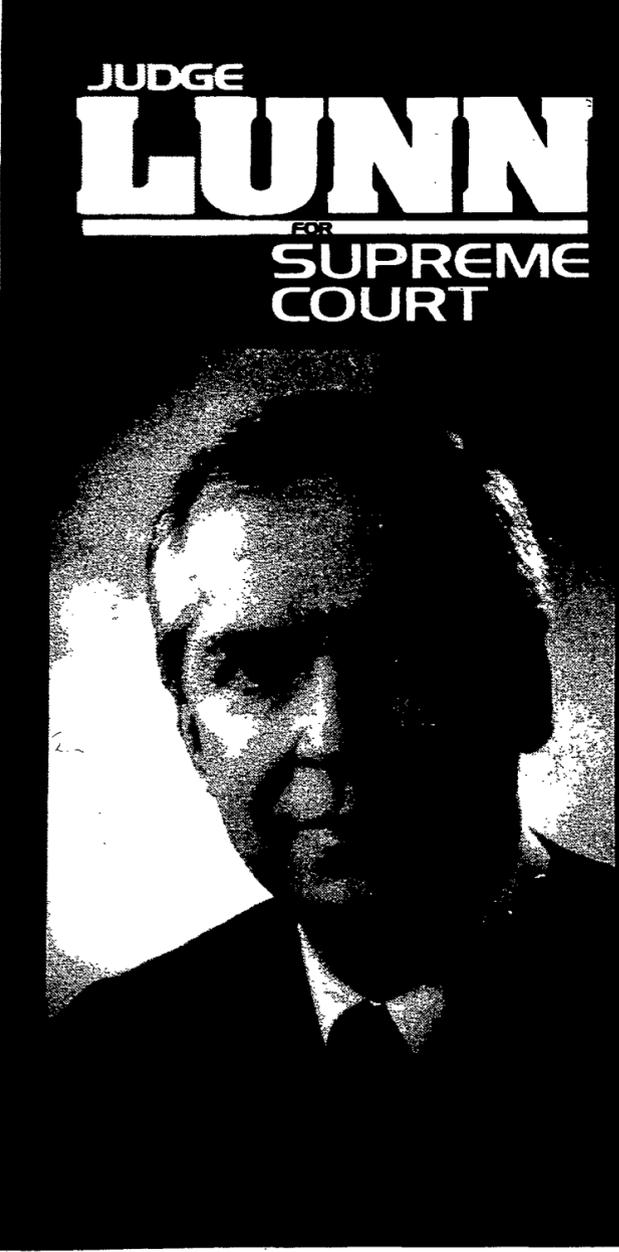
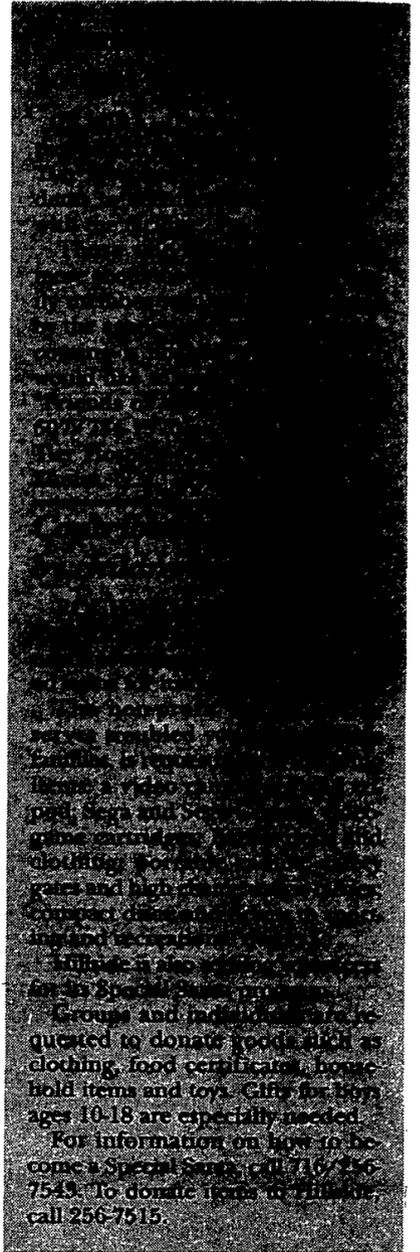
Later in the proceedings, Speranza also objected to the introduction of a four-year-old letter from McCormick to a former schoolteacher, and photocopies of a notebook's pages written by Mc-

Cormick.

Once again, Buscaglia said the letter, which McCormick had signed "alias Jesus Christ Millionaire," and the notebook pages — which contained such figures as "7.2 million" — could point to greedy tendencies, and McCormick's knowledge of the Brink's robbery.

Speranza dismissed Buscaglia's contentions as absurd, pointing out that the letter could also indicate McCormick had delusions of being "Jesus Christ incarnate." He added that the notebook contained the figures it did simply because McCormick had used it for an accounting class while attending college.

Indicating a desire to study all the materials further, Larimer Oct. 31 reserved ruling on the admissibility of all three pieces of evidence.



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