

# Taylor reaches unemployment line before Grunseth

■ Tamara Taylor's and Jon Grunseth's career curves took similar dips last week. On Tuesday it was announced that Grunseth was leaving Ecolab Inc. He was upstaged (again) by Taylor, who was laid off from her job Monday. Taylor, a sales rep for a telephone equipment manufacturer, says, "It had nothing to do with performance at all. They cut back to one sales person in each (regional office). And I'd only been there for six months. So if you know anyone who's looking for an extremely high-profile sales person..."



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Taylor says the company, Mitel Systems, lost \$6 million in the last quarter of last year. She was thinking of quitting anyhow, because she didn't feel that the company was a good fit for her. ... Could it be that a contributing factor in the layoff was that Mitel didn't enjoy having a well-known sales rep who was continuing to publicly discuss her role in bringing down a gubernatorial candidate, after reportedly being asked to cool it? "They didn't care for that much at all, but it had nothing to do with it, really," Taylor says. She got the bad word at work, just about the time Twin Cities were tuning in to watch Taylor and husband, Skip, on KARE-TV's "Between Friends." ... "Maybe I'll get a job in government," she said. Much laughter.

■ South African playwright Athol Fugard was in the Guthrie's opening night audience of "Medea," checking out the work of his colleague and friend Susan Hilferty. Hilferty, who works all over and designed Fugard's "A Lesson from Aloys," "My Children, My Africa," and other productions, is the costume designer for "Medea." ... Fugard loves to fish. But Fugard was uninterested in an invitation to go ice fishing after being told that the sport was a lot like watching test patterns on TV.

■ Because of the departure of two band members who are traveling to Brazil with Prince, and other factors, the Steeles had to cancel some gigs. Word in the music biz was that Sonny T nee Sonny Thompson and Tommy Barbarella nee Tommy Elm left J.D. Steele on short notice. But since the guitarist and key-boardist have been working with the Purple Pint for some time now, the departures couldn't have been that unexpected.

■ The Fine Line has hung out a sign, with purple letters, that says, "Jon Bream Welcome."

■ Explorer Ann Bancroft's teammates on her next polar expedition are deciding what they want done with their bodies, if it comes to that. Bancroft already went through this kind of decision making for her last trip to the North Pole. Her advice to the four women who are joining her on a 1,700-mile ski expedition in Antarctica has been that they discuss the possibility of death and what they want done with their remains with their next-of-kin. "Each member is going to their own family and making that decision," says Bancroft's agent, Rhonda Grider. One of Bancroft's Will Steger expedition teammates ordered that his remains be turned over to the dogs in the event of death. That's not an option on this trek, because no

dogs are going with the Bancroft group. Word from Bancroft is that "No one is allowed to die." ... She is leading the team of Kellie Erwin-Rhoads of Idaho, Sue Giller and Anne Dal Vera, both of Colorado, and Lucy Smith of Wyoming.

■ A superfluous cooking tip for restaurants throughout the metro: Adam Platt prefers large, overcooked pieces of red meat. Why should chefs care about such a self-evident fact? Because the Twin Cities Reader's snarky media critic is adding restaurant reviewing to his duties, once the laid-off Carla Waldemar had written her last Gourmand.

■ Who's minding the baby, some people wondered last week at the opening-night reception for the Ordway's "The Heidi Chronicles." We wrote that the actress Stephanie Dunnam's dad was traveling as a nanny to take care of his baby granddaughter, Elena. But granddad, retired Navy Cmdr. William Dunnam, was in the audience and at the reception along with Dunnam's husband, actor Don Nardini. Seems Twin Star Limousine chauffeur Steve Bellow volunteered to take care of Elena. It was a family affair, with Tracey Bellow and their baby Seth, 3½ months, all sitting with 6-month-old Elena. ... Today's shows are "Heidi's" closing performances.

■ Minneapolis Police Deputy Chief Dave Dobrotka and Lt. Greg Hestness are going to the Super Bowl in Tampa at taxpayers' expense. It looks like a totally bogus junket, until you consider the fact that because the Twin Cities will host the event in 1992, it might be a good idea to see how security shakes down. Considering the vantage point these coppers hope to have for this stake-out, it may not be very much fun at all. "We'll try to climb in their back pocket and see how they do it," Dobrotka says. ... Instead of city employees being miffed about the junket being paid for with public money, maybe they should ask the 1992 Super Bowl task force how it failed to budget for this expense. "The Super Bowl committee does not have a budget for that (trip)," Dobrotka says.

■ Five-second pause "... Oh, Sweetheart," says the lady on the Tipteline, "I was just reading your little message and the number. I just wanted to see if the phone number was for real." ... Reality checks and tips are our business at 332-TIPS.

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## Jury finds that search violated Carlton County couple's rights

Associated Press

Duluth, Minn. A federal jury has ruled that authorities violated the rights of a Carlton County couple when deputies with a search warrant continued to search the couple's home after finding what they sought.

Leon and Marie Line of rural Wrenshall were awarded \$2,400 in punitive damages for an unreasonable search by three deputies.

Jurors, who deliberated 11 hours, said little tangible damage was incurred and awarded the Lines only \$1 in damages for trespassing and \$1 for the improper search.

Jurors concluded that Sgt. Marvin Durkee and deputy Eldon Jensen of the Carlton County Sheriff's Department and deputy John McKenzie of the Douglas County Sheriff's Depart-

ment acted improperly and imposed \$800 in damages on each.

The Lines had asked for more than \$45,000 in damages but said they offered to settle out of court for \$10,000.

Jury forewoman Shirley Bredman said, "We felt (the award) was a reasonable amount for what was done."

In December 1988, Douglas and Carlton County deputies got a warrant to look for and seize two rifles and a shotgun from the Lines' property, but Jensen testified he was told to look for stolen goods.

When officers arrived, Leon Line, 74, gave them the guns and other items he said were bought from the same man. The Lines say they didn't know the items were stolen. The Lines were not arrested or charged in connection with the incident.

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### A \$20 million collection

A collection of antique silver and Old Masters paintings acquired by Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos fetched \$20.3 million at auction, Christie's said. The total was well above the high estimate — \$14 million — for the two-day auction, said Susan Britman, a spokeswoman for the New York auction house.

"The Coronation of the Virgin," an oval oil painting by El Greco, brought the most money — \$2.3 million. It was sold to an anonymous bidder. Its high estimate had been \$400,000, Britman said.

The Philippine government, which sold the silver and 74 of the 98 paintings, came away with \$14.4 million; it plans to use much of that for agrarian reforms and to help earthquake victims. It seized the art after the late Philippine president was driven from power in 1986. He fled to Hawaii, where he died in 1989.



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### Hot stars

Actor Joe Mantegna, left, and rap star Vanilla Ice appeared on "Saturday Night Live." Vanilla Ice was nominated for a Grammy last week; Mantegna is starring in "The Godfather Part III" and in Woody Allen's "Alice." In an appearance on ABC's "Good

Morning America" on Friday, Vanilla Ice denied spicing up his background to attract a black audience. He has been accused of embellishing his streetwise ways, including claims that he lived in Miami with black gang members. "My life is true," he said.



### New guy in the Ole Opry

Singer Clint Black, whose No. 1 country music hits include "A Better Man," "Killin' Time" and "Nothing's News," has become a regular cast member of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. Black's induction into the cast was taped during a CBS-TV special, "The Grand Ole Opry 65th Anniversary Celebration," that will be shown Saturday, Jan. 19.

### Too big a tab for TV

Sweden's King Carl Gustaf wants to install satellite TV at his home to watch global news and entertainment programs, but the price is too steep, a Stockholm newspaper reported. The king and his family live at the 18th century Drottningholm Castle, where they can watch only Sweden's two noncommercial public TV channels.

Cultural authorities have denied the king permission to set up a satellite dish on the roof of the building. The castle is a tourist attraction, and authorities say a dish would spoil its appearance. The Aftonbladet newspaper said that the king could install an underground cable, but that would cost about \$175,000. The king's spokeswoman said such a cost was "not realistic."

### Peace video

Rock stars Peter Gabriel, Paula Abdul, Bonnie Raitt, Iggy Pop and M.C. Hammer are making a new version of John Lennon's anti-war song "Give Peace a Chance" with lyrics updated for the Persian Gulf crisis.

A video of the new song is set to debut Tuesday, the U.N. deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait, said organizers for the video.

The video is being produced by rocker Lenny Kravitz, who organized the celebrity remake with the permission of Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono. Other scheduled participants are Lennon's son Sean, Cyndi Lauper, L.L. Cool J and Michael McDonald.

### Dysart ailing

Actor Richard Dysart, who plays

the paternal Leland McKenzie on NBC's "L.A. Law," missed a week of work because he's suffering from pneumonia.

"He suffering from a touch of pneumonia, but he should be back to work next week," said the show's publicist, Janet Katleman.

The show has worked around the 61-year-old actor's absence, she said.

### Trivia puzzler

Joe Mantegna costarred with an Academy Award-winning actor in the movie "Things Change." Who is it?

Answer: Don Ameche, who earned an Oscar for best supporting actor in "Joie in Cocoon."

## Surplus stores are providing gear government can't

By Sharon Schmickle Staff Writer

Ed Chargo isn't sure why he sold out on gas masks at his G.I. Joe's Surplus store in Crystal after Iraq invaded Kuwait. But he's had plenty of explanations for the steady sales of desert camouflage clothing, canteens and sunglasses.

People called to active duty can't get all of the basic gear they need. That's what Chargo hears from parents and other relatives of Minnesotans who've been sent to the Persian Gulf. Their families are outfitting them with packages from home.

"This is a surprise, because you'd think this stuff should be available to people over there," Chargo said Saturday.

That's what Linda Mackey, Cloquet, thought when her husband, Sgt. Richard Mackey, left Fort McCoy, Wis., in November in green woodland camouflage instead of the tan that should be worn in the desert.

"I was concerned that he was going to stand out in the desert in green,"

Linda Mackey said.

She assumed that he and other members of Duluth's 109th Light Equipment Maintenance Company would get what they needed once they reached Saudi Arabia. But as of late December, when Richard wrote the latest letter to reach home, he still lacked a full uniform.

It isn't just Minnesota families who are learning that their relatives were sent to duty without essential gear. Hastily assembled U.S. forces have turned to stores to buy items they say the government can't supply, according to military surplus stores around the nation.

Ellen Evans of Oregon, Wis., said she telephoned Fort McCoy and clothing stores on the base when she learned her husband hadn't received a desert uniform. She was told Fort McCoy never had the proper clothing for the troops. She said Lt. Col. Robert G. Evans, with the Madison-based 467th Medical Detachment, sent home videotapes showing other soldiers in green rather than tan clothing. He also said items such as small electrical tools were in short supply,

and that relatives of unit members were furnishing them.

Evans bought what her husband needed at a surplus store and mailed it to him.

"There is a possibility they may go to the border, and I don't want him to be a target," she said.

Surplus store owners said yesterday that they are running out of many items. A budding new desert-camo chic also is to blame for runaway sales that are rapidly depleting supplies of tan camouflage fabric, they said. The hottest items are BDUs (For the uninitiated: Battle Dress Uniform, which comes in shirts and pants with big dropped pockets) and Boonies (flatfish, floppy hats).

What's going on at Chargo's store is nothing compared with the G.I. Joe's in San Diego, where Eddie Gibson said customers are scooping up "bunches and bunches" of gear.

"It's become a big fad here," said Gibson, a business partner of the owner who was minding the store.

But in a military town such as San

Diego, most customers have more than fashion in mind. People are buying gas masks, he said, "expecting terrorists are going to hit military bases around here."

Military personnel from the bases are coming in, buying what they need, then turning in their receipts to the government to get their money back, said Gibson.

Ditto for Detroit, where Joe's Army Navy Surplus Inc. has trouble keeping clothing in stock and has booming sales in items such as Israeli desert boots.

"We're hearing they can get them from the military, but it takes a while. The system just hasn't caught up," said owner Jeff Goldsmith.

A spokeswoman at Fort McCoy confirmed that many reservists have headed for the Middle East without camouflage uniforms because the Army has a shortage.

"It's an Army-wide problem," said Mary Binder. "There are individuals and units that left Fort McCoy and other mobilization stations without such battle-dress uniforms."

## 2 Minnesotans investigated in slayings

Authorities in Florida are investigating whether two women from Austin, Minn., may have been involved in a series of eight killings of middle-aged men in 1989 and 1990.

Sgt. Robert Douglas, a spokesman for the Marion County Sheriff's Department in Florida, said law enforcement officials in Mower County, Minn., believe they may have recognized composite sketches of two suspects.

But Douglas said the information from Austin is one of about 900 leads being investigated.

A dispatcher for the Mower County Sheriff's Department said Sheriff

Wayne Goodnature is referring all calls about the case to Marion County officials. She said Goodnature is cooperating in the investigation.

Douglas said investigators believe that the eight killings may be related. All eight men were traveling on interstate highways in Florida and Georgia when their cars were stolen and they were shot to death.

The sketches are based on eyewitness identifications made of two women in a car believed stolen from a man traveling on an interstate in July. The man has not been heard from since, Douglas said.

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