



Annie's Back in Town

Town of Greece Supervisor, Donald J. Riley discusses show business with Ann Short, who portrays Annie Oakley in Cardinal Mooney High School production of Annie Get Your Gun which will be performed April 26, 27 and May 3, 4. Supervisor Riley took the opportunity to proclaim the week of April 22 to be Annie Get Your Gun Week in the town.

THE SLOT MAN

Cosell Update

Speaking strictly as a non-expert in the field of team athletics, I feel that it is high time that each and every American interested in the welfare of the country should pay some kind of homage to professional basketball.

That sport has its faults, on and off the court — its sky-high salaries just one of them. Nevertheless it has emerged as the only contemporary team sport (if I may steal a Howard Cosell term) in the good ole United States today.

Baseball, the erstwhile national pastime, pales by comparison and professional football barely reaches its midriff.

Let's concentrate on baseball. It has spread its talent thin in trying to reach every nook and cranny in the nation where enough people have the price of admission to support a team. It has no problem finding players of mediocre talent to staff a multitude of "nines" but when it comes to finding just one black manager perfection is suddenly a requirement. Almost 30 years since Branch Rickey had the guts

Panel to Discuss Women's Options

Opportunities for women will be discussed Friday, May 3, at a meeting sponsored by Church Women United at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Jackie Belcher will be moderator of a panel consisting of Ruth Metz of the Continuing Education Department, Rochester Institute of Technology; Betty Allinger, family service director for Rochester Neighbors; Ellie Barnett of the Childhood Education Association; Sister Patricia Frisk, a teacher at Nazareth Academy; and Shelly Carter, a young mother who holds a part-time job.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Child care will be provided and dessert and beverages will be available at lunchtime.

to hire the majors, first black player there is not one team, not one executive, with the common decency to hire a black manager.

Their excuses are wild — the most inane being that not one black in this sports-conscious country has the experience or the know-how. They say this despite the fact that more than half the players are black, that many blacks manage major leaguers in winter baseball outside of the good ole U.S. of A., that there are many respected blacks seeking such positions, etc., etc.

Another excuse is that many players, whites that is, suh, would not follow a black leader. Howard Cosell (there's that name again) inquired about this queer argument to Bobby Murcer of the New York Yankees and Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds, both said bushwah, or words to that effect.

Another ludicrous reason spread about by those who control baseball is that hiring a black manager isn't the problem, the real nut is when it will become necessary to fire one. Insurrection, at least. Professional football diagrams its system similarly which leads me back to professional basketball which unceremoniously has had black coaches for years. And, yes, kiddies, believe it or not, some have been dismissed without race wars.

At its annual All-Star game this year, the National Basketball Association held a moment of reverence for Martin Luther King and played a tape of one of his inspirational speeches. The national anthem was sung by Dionne Warwick. Most of the players appeared in their basic black. And guess what? A packed house enjoyed every minute of it. Heavens to Betsy!

Baseball may have noticed for it sprinkled a multitude of black talents on its tribute to Henry Aaron last week in Atlanta. Still that is only the icing. "The game" will not be off the hook until it names its first black manager. How long will we wait?

RACL Marriage Encounter

Church, Society, Sexuality To Be May 1 Lecture Topic

The Rochester Association of Catholic Laity and Marriage Encounter of the Rochester Catholic Diocese will co-sponsor a lecture on "Church, Society and Sexuality", Wednesday May 1, 8 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 410 Chili Ave.

The speaker will be Ms. Barbara McNeel, member of the faculty at Colgate-Rochester

Divinity School, and a candidate for the doctor of educational psychology degree at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. Professor McNeel is well known for her work in the field of her topic, and the public is invited to attend. The talk will be part of a liturgy co-celebrated by the pastors, Father Miller and Father McCabe.

Dick and Marianne Voekl of Marriage Encounter and Peter Kress and Marian Koller of the Rochester Association of Catholic Laity, are in charge of arrangements.

Career Scenerama Scheduled in Elmira

Elmira — Representatives from 20 religious congregations will participate in the Scenerama of Church Careers here Thursday and Friday, April 25-26.

Transportation of pupils from the various schools to Elmira will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Sponsored by the Southern Tier Association of Catholic School Administrators to increase religious vocations, 37 parishes, including 14 elementary schools and Notre Dame High School will be involved. The schools are in five Southern Tier counties — Chemung, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins and Schuyler.

On Thursday, priests, Brothers and Sisters will visit the schools and speak to children on the work and history of their congregations. Thirteen orders of men and seven of women will participate.

Friday students from the schools and from CCD programs along with parents and the general public will view displays set up by the congregations at St. Mary's Southside.

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