

# COURIER-CALENDAR

**St. James** — 25th anniversary, Mass, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 5.

**St. Helen** — Garage sale and paper drive, Saturday and Sunday, June 29, 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sale donations — anything but adults' clothing — to be left at school afternoons, Wednesday through Friday, or pickup arranged through 235-2708 or 328-7337, after-noon. Paper drive to be continued on last weekend of each month.

**St. Theodore** — Golden Jubilee Mass, 12:30 p.m.; dinner, 3:30 p.m., Mapledale Party House.

**Southwest Golden Age Group** — Social activities, 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 28, 34, Monica St.

**Bristol Playhouse, Naples** — Bat McGrath, singer, Saturday night, June 29; grounds open for picnicking; reservations, 315/374-6318.

**Chamber Music Festival** — SUC Brockport, through July 5; free recital daily at 7 p.m., room 120, Fine Arts Building. Also, Community Band, 8 tonight, June 26.

**Curbstone Craft Festival** — Downtown Rochester, tomorrow through Saturday, June 27-29; award ceremonies 4 p.m. Friday.

**Folk Festival** — Fourth annual, Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Ave., noon until 6 p.m. Saturday, June 29; dancing, vocal and instrumental music by ethnic groups. Free.

**Living Museum** — Rochester Museum and Science Center, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 30; oriental art, bones and movement, natural science, local history.

**Strasburgh Planetarium** — Skyfire (light phenomena) through July 14; reservations, 716/244-6060.

**Museum Movie** — Since You Went Away, with Claudette Colbert and all-star cast; 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, June 27, Rochester Museum, 627 East Ave. Adults \$1, children and senior citizens, 50 cents.

**Ireland on Film** — Life in the troubled North and a travelogue from the Republic, with singing group, The Immigrants, 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30, Xerox Square Auditorium, adults \$1, children 50 cents, Rovers Junior Soccer benefit.

**Summer Dinner Theatre** — Repertory, College Union ballroom, Geneseo, opening July 5 with Sweetie Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street; curtain time 8 p.m., dinner at 6. 716/245-5433 for information, reservations.

**GeVa Company** — Lunch-hour show, The Feminine Ms. Take, by women of the company, through June 28, 168 S. Clinton.

**Rochester Society of Communicating Arts** — Seventh annual exhibition, Memorial Art Gallery, 490 University Ave., June 28-July 14.

## Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

## THE SLOT MAN

*Carmen Viglicci*

Why are so many so fearful of publications such as this one speaking out about matters which are not rigidly religious in nature?

A recent example, but by no means the only one, involves a story we ran about the availability of blowguns and poison dart information in this area. We editorialized that laws should be effected to ban such weapons.

Because of this article, a reader canceled his subscription, saying it had no business in a Catholic newspaper which should be concerned only with matters of faith and morals.

This line of reasoning raises some pertinent questions.

Does it mean that we are supposed to accept such monstrosities simply because the Church has not pronounced specifically on them as to faith and morals? Perhaps it might be suggested that we merely should turn such information over to proper authorities and presumably to secular publications and hope they will expose such anomalies. This presupposes that secular newspapers are to enjoy prerogatives and responsibilities denied to religious newspapers.

Before printing the story we talked with people involved with state hunting regulations, hunting itself, health regulations and postal laws. None could see any legitimate use for such weapons. Are we to keep such silent as to the accessibility of such weapons? Of course not.

Personally I would consider it highly immoral if someone by accident or otherwise should knock out a child's eye with a blowgun dart. Personally I find it morally objectionable that a company would try to sell such weapons using testimonials extolling the sight of a rabbit running helplessly in place while skewered to a tree by such a dart.

But then that may not be the point of issue. The argument may be that such objections are worthy but still have no place in a religious newspaper.

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This same line of reasoning, that while some may speak on public concerns others may not, was found in the Supreme Court ruling on parochial school aid. It said that Catholics could not use constitutional methods to press for school aid because such action may cause "political division along religious lines."

For heaven's sake! It's hard to accept that any reasonably objective person would deny a class of citizens the right to work within the law for something they consider their right. And school aid is not strictly a matter of "faith and morals" either.

I am just sick and tired of the attitude that people should be kept quite about this or about that, according to someone else's guidelines. That we should not rock the boat. That we are confined to areas that have acceptance. It is the same line of reasoning that tried to keep the press from exposing Watergate and which is still trying to keep the lid on, saying such items as secret police, burglaries, immorality in office are not discussible because of "national security."

What security is left if we cannot criticize and correct obvious injustices?

As God's people are we to keep silent when we think something is wrong? To do so may indeed be a matter of faith and morals — denying the gift of God that made man a step above animal — the power to think and reason.

## St. James Parish Celebrating 25th

Father Francis M. Feeney, founding pastor of St. James Church on Brett Road, will celebrate Mass at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 5, to mark the 25th anniversary of the parish. Refreshments will be served afterward. Present and former parishioners are invited. A series of festivities and liturgical events will be held through July 5, 1975, according to Mary Trötter, chairman of the liturgy committee.


## Spanish Culture Seminar Offered

The Diocesan Spanish Council and the Spanish Apostolate will sponsor a five-day seminar in August "to better equip the parishes to serve the needs of the Spanish speaking."

The seminar will be held at St. Bernard's Seminary Aug. 26-30, with sessions running roughly from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and some evening events. It is called "Unity in Diversity — Cultural and Religious Pluralism Today." A fee of \$25 per person or \$35 per couple will cover printed materials used, lunch each day, a dinner and a Spanish style fiesta. There will be speakers from New York, Trenton, N.Y., and Washington, D.C., as well as Rochester.

A registration fee of \$5 will be applied toward tuition. Checks should be written to Unity in Diversity Seminar, and mailed before July 15 to Sister Annette Truby, 316 Bay St., Rochester, N.Y. 14605.

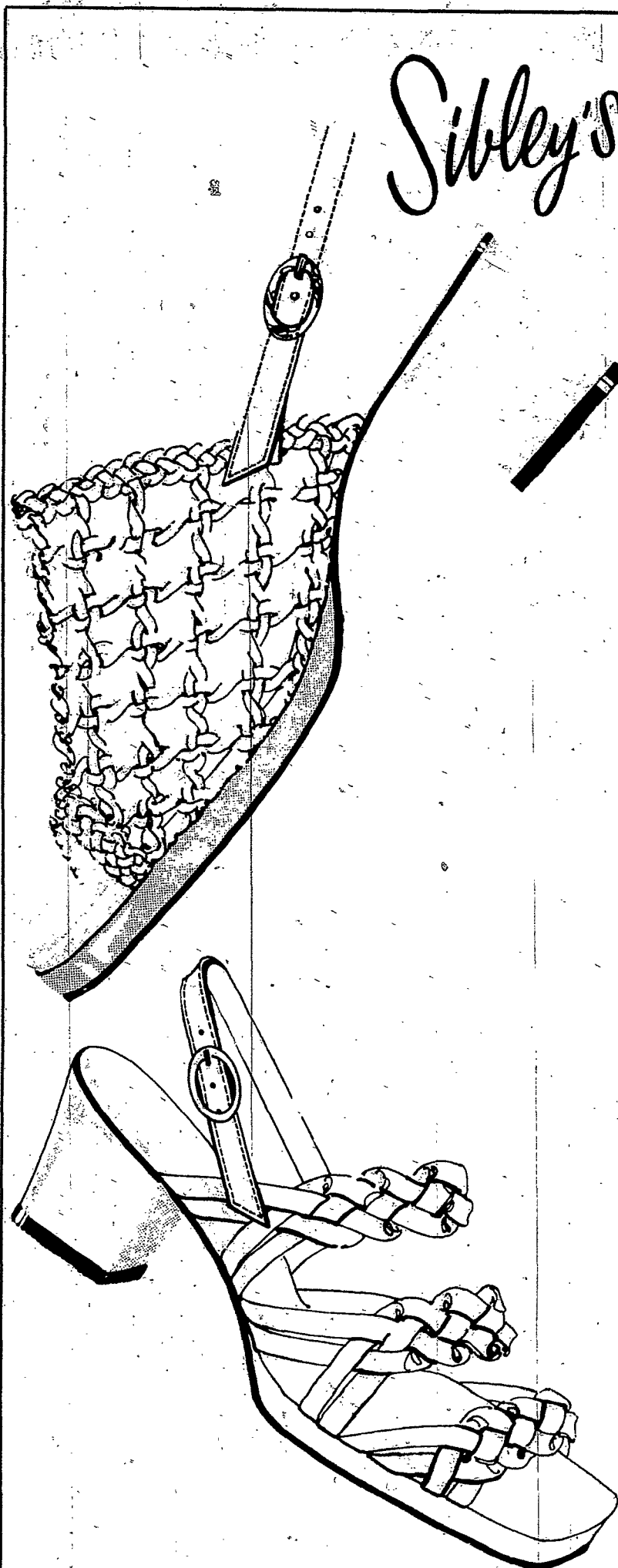
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