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Hundreds from CNY to see pope

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spokesman for the Rochester Diocese said of Clark.

"The bishop has said Yankee Stadium has long been considered the cathedral for baseball. He says it will be wonderful to experience it as a cathedral for Catholics," Mandelaro said.

Michael Biata, 10, of Auburn, will attend the Yankee Stadium Mass with his parents, Laurel and Tony.

"Michael is a huge Yankees fan," his mother said. "He does not understand why we are going to see some German guy and not Jeter. He's like, 'Can I bring my glove?'"

Laurel Biata, who attends Holy Family Church in Auburn, said the trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"We really believed that it would show him (Michael) there's a lot of ceremony and celebration and joy in seeing the pontiff," she said. "You get a feeling of comfort and your body kind of tingles, people told us."

The Rev. Joseph O'Connor, director of Vocation Promotion for the Syracuse Diocese and parochial vicar at St. James, Johnson City, will accompany nine prospective seminarians.

"It lets our young people know the church is universal,"

he said. "Even though the church is so big, we're going to pray the Mass the same way we do in Syracuse and the same way the pope does in Rome."

Like so many others, O'Connor is curious about what issues Pope Benedict will address.

"I would say his itinerary is already speaking," he said. "He has very few appointments and two of them are big celebrations of the Eucharist. Without speaking a word, I know what he's saying, and a lot of that is about praying."

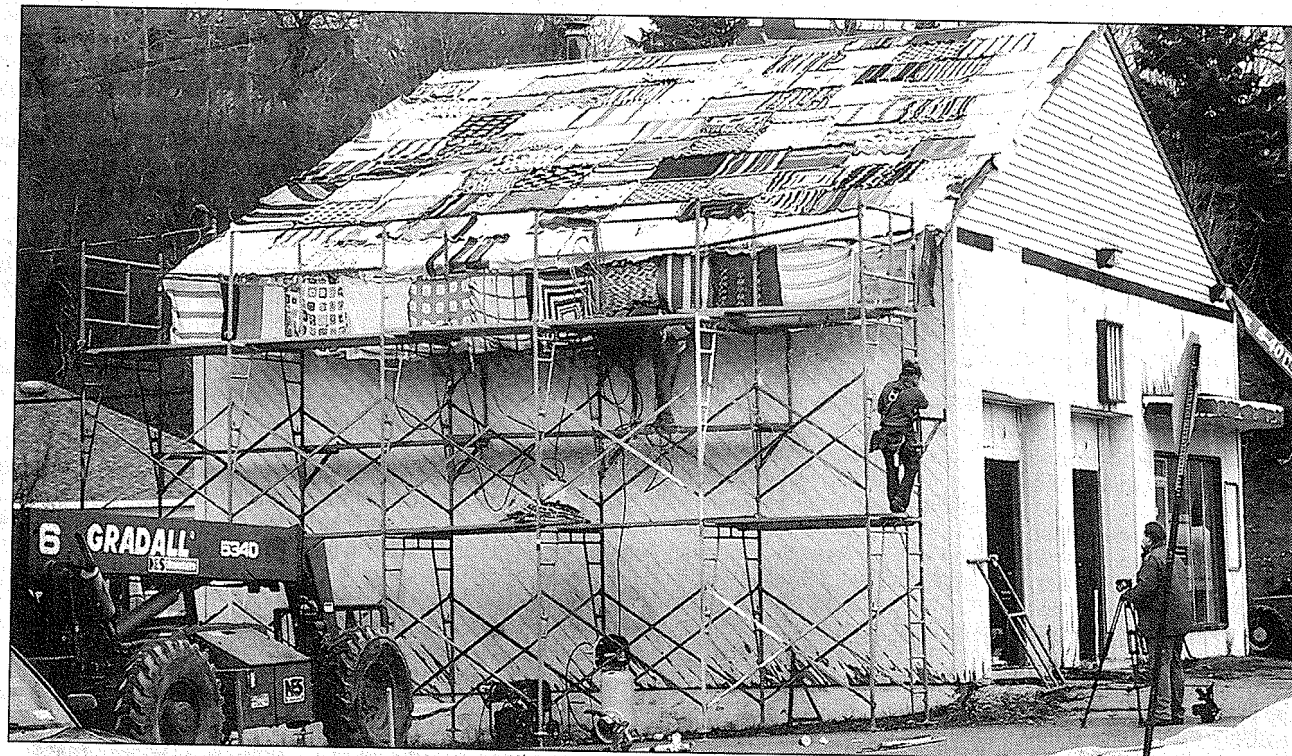
Terzolo said his past experiences seeing the pope were powerful.

"The last 40 years have seen rapid change in the church," he said. "John Paul and Benedict have taken that radical change and restored a sense of Christianity. There is a beauty to this Catholic faith."

Terzolo, who founded a Knights of Columbus chapter at Syracuse University, is one of five Central New York knights who will participate in the Mass.

"I don't know exactly how it's going to take place," he said. "The only thing I can say is I'm so honored by this chance to see the Holy Father."

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THE ROOF OF an empty gas station at East Colvin Street and Nottingham Road is covered with fabric as part of World Reclamation Art Project (WRAP), the idea of Syracuse University graduate student Jennifer Marsh. Jennifer Meyers / The Post-Standard

LOOKING BACK AT THIS WEEK

April 13-19



Gloria Wright / The Post-Standard, 2007
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY students attend a vigil at Hendricks Chapel for Virginia Tech students.

2007 (one year ago)

▲ **Virginia Tech:** Central New Yorkers contacted friends and relatives at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, in Blacksburg, Va., as news of shootings there reached them. Seung-Hui Lho killed 27 students and five faculty members and injured 24 others before killing himself.

■ **Turkey calls:** The calling contest of the New York chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was held at Bass Pro Shops, at Fingerlakes Mall, Aurelius. Some 40 people yelped, cackled and purred but did not gobble. Bad weather — a foot of snow — kept away 40 more who had been scheduled to compete.

■ **Robinson celebration:** Baseball celebrated the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the major league color barrier on April 15, 1947, with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Many players and coaches wore jerseys with Robinson's number, 42.



1998 (10 years ago)

◀ **Concerts:** The Rolling Stones finally performed their concert at the Carrier Dome before 27,000 fans. The concert was scheduled in January, but it was canceled due to Mick Jagger's laryngitis. Also

All WRAPped Up in Art

By Christina Clarkson
Contributing writer

Cherrie Brunner, of North Syracuse, worked on the beginning of her flower garden at an empty gas station Saturday in DeWitt. Green plastic table cloths, garbage bags and plastic flowers replaced the space formerly reserved for advertising gas prices.

"When I'm done, I'm going to have a sign saying 'Can you identify these plastic products?'" Brunner said. She used everything from plastic butter bowls to Styrofoam from meat packaging for the garden.

The garden was part of the World Reclamation Art Project started by Jennifer Marsh, an SU graduate student who collected 3,400 fabric panels to cover a vacant gas station at Nottingham Road and East Colvin Street.

Marsh's goals for WRAP were to highlight people's oil dependency, educate the community on recycling and create a community around art.

Marsh and Steve Ginsburg, a technician at SU, began covering one side of the gas station's roof Saturday with two 31-foot-wide fabric panels. The panels were waterproofed and wooden plates were screwed in between the seams of the fabric to keep it secure. Marsh hopes to complete the project today.



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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY student Jennifer Marsh (left) and technician Steve Ginsburg attach fabric panels to the roof of a DeWitt gas station Saturday.



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VOLUNTEERS (from left) Sherry Lewis, of DeWitt, and Inga Hamilton, from Northern Ireland, assemble fabric panels to cover gas pumps Saturday.

Sherry Lewis, of DeWitt, sewed the edges of fabric panels together to cover the station's gas pumps. "This was an eyesore for so long, and it's using fiber in a way you don't think of," Lewis said.

Marsh collected the panels from people around the world, publicizing her project through the Internet, community groups and schools.

Ron DeRutte, an adjunct professor of sculpture at SU, watched Marsh and Ginsburg attach the fabric to the roof. "This (location) is kind of like a crossroads, and you can see it from all sides," he said.

Man aids SU basketball players, then is stabbed

By Hart Seely
Staff writer

A Syracuse man was stabbed four times in his back early Saturday, apparently because he helped several Syracuse University basketball players escape a dispute in a downtown dance club.

"I was just trying to help out," said Woshua U. Kushkituah, 24, of the early morning incident at Trexx Night Club, 323 N. Clinton St. "And I'm the one that got jumped."

City police say they responded to a 3:08 a.m. fight complaint at Trexx, where Officer Shawn Mehlek encountered "a group of approximately 20 people running from the area in different directions."

The police found Kushkituah struggling to his feet, bleeding

from his nose and back. They found knife slashes across his back, wounds that Kushkituah didn't even realize he had.

Kushkituah told police that while inside the bar, he saw several SU basketball players being crowded and harassed by a group of males. He recognized the players because of their high community profile.

He feared it would escalate into a fight. "It was one of those things where I saw it happening before it happened," he said.

Kushkituah told the players they needed to leave, and he helped guide them out the door. "I'm not sure what it was, maybe a jealousy type of thing," he said Saturday. "I just said, 'Get to your car, because these guys are wanting a fight.'"

Kushkituah declined to identify

the players to the police or publicly Saturday.

He said he walked them to their vehicle, which was parked on Herald Place, and they drove away. That's when he noticed that several men had followed them outside.

Kushkituah told police he heard somebody ask why he helped them. When he turned around, he was punched in the face. He fell to the ground and was kicked repeatedly.

"I tried to kind of defend myself and get away, but it was just 10-to-one," Kushkituah said Saturday, recovering at his home. "Honest, I didn't even know I got stabbed. Four times in the back . . . I guess they were mad that I helped them out."

He said he did not know any of the attackers.

Kushkituah was rushed to the University Hospital emergency room and received stitches for the wounds, which were superficial. A police search found no weapons.

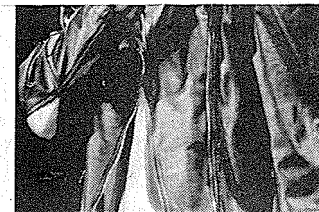
What was the dispute about? "I wish I knew," Kushkituah said, with a sigh.

Friday night, the club was the site of a fundraising party sponsored by an SU fraternity, Trexx co-owner Al Salotti said Saturday.

The bar's Web site advertised a party from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. sponsored by Lambda Sigma Upsilon, a Latino fraternity founded in 1979 at Rutgers University.

"I can't say for certain that SU players were here," Salotti said.

Staff writer Robert A. Baker contributed to this report.



performing that week was Harry Connick Jr., at the Landmark Theatre before a crowd of 2,300.

Also that week:

■ **Hotel sold:** The Oneida Hotel was sold for \$41,000 at auction to a Sylvan Beach club owner who had no immediate plans for it. The 75-year old hotel's restaurants had been closed for six years, but rooms had been rented up until the year before.

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■ **Fossil find:** A new species of insect fossil was christened the "Kennacryphaeus Harrisae" after a 245-million-year-old trilobite was discovered at Pratt's Falls by Onondaga Community College professor Meg Harris and her geology class.

1983 (25 years ago)

■ **Basketball boost:** The NCAA basketball regional tournament brought \$1.6 million to the area's economy during its March 25-27 run. About 46,000 tickets at \$12.50 each were sold over the two days. The tournament also drew 179 members of the press.

Also that week:

■ **Veal quarantine lifted:** The Food and Drug Administration lifted the quarantine from three of four veal farms quarantined for suspected drug contamination. The three farms were in Chaumont, in Jefferson County; Marcy, in Oneida County; and Lansing, in Tompkins County. The one still under quarantine was in New Hartford, in Oneida County.

■ **Fairgrounds fire:** Fanned by 25-mile-an-hour winds, fire destroyed a half-century-old building at the state fairgrounds used as a Youth Activities Building during the fair and as a flea market during winter and spring.



1968 (40 years ago)

■ **Killer sought:** The FBI identified the person wanted for the killing of Martin Luther King Jr. as a 40-year-old drifter and ex-convict named James Earl Ray, who also used the name Eric Starvo Galt. In April 1967, he had escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, at Jefferson City, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

Also that week:

■ **Bombs away:** The annual water fight involving Syracuse University students saw up to 1,000 students with water

bags and the occasional rock dousing passing motorists with water, defying about 30 policemen armed with tear gas. Police used the tear gas once. No arrests were made, and no injuries reported.

■ **College protest:** Students and faculty members at Colgate University declared victory in the protest of fraternity discrimination as they ended their occupation of the university's administration building. Upwards of 600 persons at times sealed off the building for four days. The sit-in ended when the university revoked the charter of Phi Delta Theta due to its discriminatory membership practices.

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