

# Spotlite

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## TO DO

The following is a list of upcoming local entertainment events. The Times Observer welcomes additions to the list that are of community interest. Club meetings and closed gatherings are not included. To add an event, call features editor Diana Paddock in the newsroom at 723-8200 by

Through April 27: Toddler Time each Monday, 10:30 a.m., Warren Public Library Children's Department. Geared towards ages 1-4, but everyone welcome. Stories, songs, crafts and creative play. Preregistration not required.

April 7: Open read night for writers and poets, Authors Books & Music, 227 Liberty St., Warren, 6-8 p.m.

April 11: Dinner and Murder Mystery, "Death Stalks the Historical Society-One More Time," cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner, 6 p.m., Warren Holiday Inn, 210 Ludlow St., cash bar, auctions, live music. Tickets available at Warren County Historical Society, 210 Fourth Ave., Warren, or at

www.warrenhistory.org

April 11: Rouse 5K Run/Walk, Rouse Estate Campus in Youngsville, registration, 7:30 a.m.; race, 9 a.m. (www.Rouse.org)

April 11: Family Night "Dive In Movie," Warren County YMCA, 212 Lexington Ave., Warren, 6-9 p.m. (726-0110).

April 11: 8 p.m., at the Struthers Library Theatre, Warren, Yankee Bush Productions Presents Hollywood Nights' Tribute to Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band. Call 489-3110 for tickets.

April 11-May 2: Satirical portraits of cultural icons by Steven Justice, painter from Rochester, N.Y., AND "The Unfinished Portrait," alla prima portraits by painter Luis Alvarez Roure from Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. Public closing reception, Saturday, May 2, 6-8 p.m. Meet the artists, artists introduction begins, 7 p.m.

April 17-18: Usable Discards, Woman's Club of Warren ballroom, 310 Market St., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

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**Youngsville American Legion Post #658**  
10 N. Main St., Youngsville, PA  
563-4412

**Wing Night**  
Monday Nite: 5pm - 8:30pm

**Mexican Night**  
Wednesday: 5pm - 8:30pm

**Bar Bingo**  
Thursday: 6pm - 8pm  
Special Menu: 5pm - 8:30pm

**Fish Fry**  
Friday: 5pm - 8pm

**Breakfast**  
Saturday & Sunday: 8am - 11am

**Lunch**  
Mon, Tues, Weds: 11am - 1:30pm

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May 2

## FOCUS

# At The Crary

## Divergent portrait philosophy

By **ROB ANDERSEN**

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A juxtaposition of the work of two artists with widely divergent philosophies of portraiture will be shown at the Crary Art Gallery from April 11 to May 2.

Thomas Paquette, a board member at Crary said, "You could hardly find two more opposite ways to approach portrait paintings than these two artists. That's why we decided to show them side by side. Alvarez Roure takes pains to match his visual perceptions to what he shows on the canvas, depicting people just as they are seen."

"Justice uses a sort of comic-strip style loaded with symbols to play with ideas about important cultural figures based on their quotes. Visual versus conceptual art."

There will be two receptions for the artists, one on Saturday, April 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Steven Justice; and one on Saturday May 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., both at the gallery. The gallery is free and open to the public.

Justice, of Rochester, N.Y., said he creates his portraits of historical figures in a cartoon style of satirical portraiture, with "collisions of cultures and sly references," Justice said. Many of his works are also quite large, some at four feet by five feet, and a few even larger. Additionally, each painting is

accompanied by a quote from the subject. His show is titled "Metaphors, Betaphors and Zetaphors - and why they matter."

He said, "Symphony-size is easier to see, affords more color and detail, and has more impact than quartet-size. Impress from afar and intrigue from 'aclose,' I say."

He also likes to paint a positive picture.

"My paintings are multi-layered and there is a lot to consider, but if you wish to read destruction into my work, go back to square one."

"As every other Hollywood movie tells us, with great power comes great responsibility, so let's be mindful of our legacies. I like to hit that sweet spot between fact and fiction, between stasis and motion, and between line and color. What I want to do is entertain, enlighten and educate, in any order, and this is how the magic happens," he said.

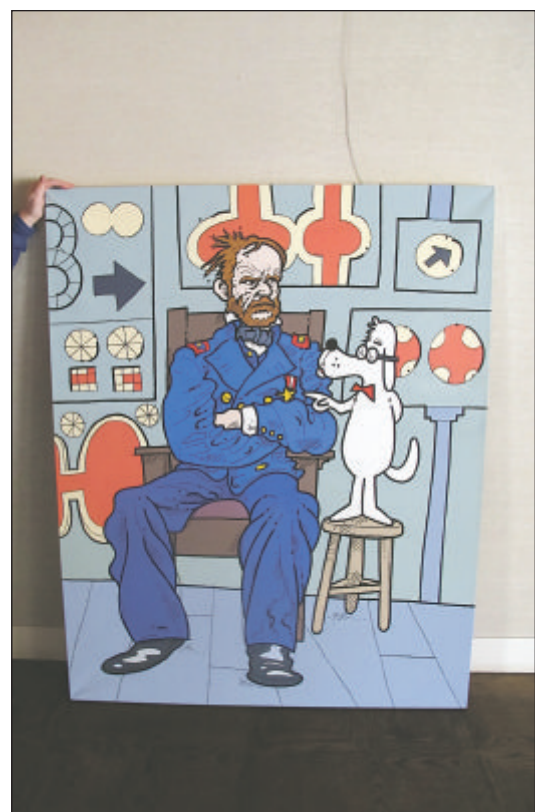
"You can safely assume that my subjects are to me something like a pantheon of heroes, geniuses, creators, crackpots and hangers-on, and I share what I know and how I feel about them to show you how they might inspire you as well," he said.

Justice studied at the Carnegie Institute under Joseph C. Fitzpatrick, who had also taught Andy Warhol, and was employed for many years designing many products including the iconic Coke glass.

On the other side of the spectrum is Luis Alvarez Roure, who paints classical portraits, beginning with "alla prima," or all at once. His initial portrait work is a study of the subject, which he then uses to paint his final work. His show is titled, "The Unfinished Portrait."

Paquette said, "Besides being a highly skilled painter, Luis is also a classical pianist. You could almost guess that from his attention to detail that really shows in his close observations paintings, even when it is gestural as in his alla prima paintings."

"The completed, finished,



Times Observer photo by Rob Andersen

### Very punny

Older viewers will appreciate the connection between General William Tecumseh Sherman and Mr. Peabody, from the Rocky and Bullwinkle Show.



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### Public figures

Justice's paintings of entertainers and sports figures are included in the show, like the former Pittsburgh Pirate Roberto Clemente and musician Neil Young. Included in all of the paintings are background details about the subject. The two portraits are entitled "Rust Belt Hero: Portrait of Roberto Clemente," and "The Color of Smoke: Portrait of Neil Young."



Grandmother, left, and Pablo, by Alvarez Roure



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### Local connection

"Seneca Sutra: Portrait of Cornplanter" is Justice's rendition of the difficult life of Cornplanter, his mixed ancestry, and his decisions to bring the Seneca Nation to a more European lifestyle.

not alla prima, painting of Judge Morgan will be on display in the show alongside the study for it," he said.

"He also just finished a portrait of former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker."

Alvarez Roure will hold workshops on how to paint "alla prima" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1 at the War-

ren County Career Center. Participants must register at Hi Ed in North Warren. For more details, visit that Crary website.

Hours for the gallery during the showing are noon to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, noon to 8 p.m. on Fridays, noon to 6 p.m. open Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The gallery is located at 511 Market St., Warren.



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### O'Keefe Magic

Steven Justice includes a quote from each of his subjects to display with the paintings. For the portrait of Georgia O'Keefe, "I long ago came to the conclusion that even if I could put down accurately the thing I saw and enjoyed, it would not give the observer the kind of feeling it gave me. I had to create an equivalent for what I felt about what I was looking at - not copy it."

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**Next Friday Night** Members & Guests **4/10** 8:00 PM - 11:30 PM **West**

**Next Saturday Night** **4/11** 9:00 PM - 1:30 AM **CONDITION CRITICAL** Members & Guests

**Friday 4/3** **Touch of Gold** 8:00 PM - 11:30 PM

**Polka Bands** **4/12** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Members & Guests