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Letters to the Editor

Thu, Mar 11, 2004

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The Bible is the word of God

Isaac Bailey's Feb. 2 column, while castigating Christians opposed to homosexuality, states, "They all seem absolutely sure of themselves, as though God himself stood before them and said homosexuality is indeed a sin, etc."

Bailey has identified himself with what's the basic problem of the apostate churches today. They don't believe the Bible is God's word. If he did, he would know full well that homosexuality is sinful in the eyes of the Lord; as are adultery, lying, stealing, murder, rape or dozens of other immoral behaviors man is prone to do. Why? Because we all have sinful natures, thus needing to be born again as Jesus says in Chapter Three of John.

Also, please read Romans 1, the last three verses.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR Sr.

Remsen

Momentum gaining for Bush impeachment

I am formerly from New Hartford, and have joined more than 250,000 people who have called

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for the impeachment of George W. Bush.

This campaign, initiated by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, has drafted articles of impeachment for introduction in Congress and is gaining great momentum.

President Bush lied about weapons of mass destruction and the purported "grave and imminent" threat Iraq posed.

The Bush administration and Attorney General John Ashcroft have treated the Bill of Rights with contempt, and have sought to rollback decades of hard-won civil rights and rights for working people.

This president has claimed the authority to jail citizens and U.S. residents indefinitely, without any charges, without a trial and/or access to a lawyer.

The unilateral actions of the Bush administration in waging and threatening wars do not serve Americans' interests. The billions being spent on war, taken from the working people, are being funneled to big oil and corporate elite -- Bush's true constituents.

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Ilion residents proved democracy works

Congratulations to the people of Ilion. You have shown that democracy and the power of the people are alive and well! You influenced your mayor and village board to do the right thing and remove Police Chief Licari from day-to-day operations, and restore integrity back to Ilion's law enforcement. Your phone calls to the mayor and district attorney's offices had immediate results.

Ilion residents need to continue to exercise this power and demand the DA's office investigate all matters concerning wrongdoing by appointed and elected officials in the village with the same fervor.

No more secret meetings or unaccountability. Waste, fraud, misappropriation, misallocation, discrepancies in cash and receipts, conflicts of interest, as well as insurance fraud, are all crimes and need to be investigated and prosecuted.

Now that we know our voices will be heard, we need to hold wrongdoers accountable and restore Ilion back to the people.

DAVID W. MURRAY

Ilion

Spokesperson, All County Taxpayers Association

Kobryn's life should serve as an inspiration

I recall Nancy Kobryn living life to the fullest. She exemplified ideals that are worthy for all of us to pursue at any age.

Nancy graciously showed kindness, compassion and encouragement to all people and in doing so shared her wisdom -- at times in humorous ways -- to pass on a torch filled with hope to future generations.

Nancy was like a gardener providing nourishment so others would bloom and blossom like the flowers.

I fondly recall Nancy's cheerful and youthful smile, her positive attitude and joy of living, which inspire me to remind us all to share and spend time with those we love and to appreciate our blessings each and every day.

People like Nancy Kobryn dedicate their lives to making the world a better place. Let us keep the torch lit, and proudly pass it on to all mankind in a quest toward a more peaceful world.

SHARON LEE KELLEY

New Hartford

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