

# Lansing School District News



**TEACHER PRO-TEM** Assemblyman Marty Luster answers Lansing Middle School Student Council members' questions about state government on the steps of the Legislative Office Building in Albany.

## Middle School Student Council Observes State Gov't In Albany

By Carrie Davenport

Despite the blizzard on March 31st, the Lansing Middle School Student Council traveled to Albany to experience a close look at how our state government functions.

The highlight of the trip was meeting with our very own District Assemblyman, Marty Luster. The students really appreciated that he took time out of his busy schedule to answer some of our questions. When talking to us, he created a friendly atmosphere where we felt comfortable inquiring about various topics.

Some interesting things that we learned about Marty Luster is that he doesn't believe in the death penalty and he is able to admit that the welfare situation could use some help.

Before parting with Marty Luster, he reminded us of two things. Number one, that **Nursing Career Day At TC-3 Next Monday**

Students, current nursing professionals or anyone potentially interested in a nursing career is invited to attend TC-3's Nursing Career Day next Monday, April 21 from 10:30am to 2:00pm in the Forum on the Dryden campus.

The 4 1/2 hour session will let interested folks meet with local agencies that employ nurses, representatives from 10 four-year nursing programs from around New York State as well as to hear a panel of TC-3 nursing alumnae.

For information on Nursing Career Day, contact TC-3's Office of Counseling and Career Services at 844-8211, ext. 4246.

he is only one person who represents many and Number two, that the key to a successful government is communication. He encourages everyone to write to him or attend the town meetings he holds periodically.

"I thought it was intriguing to speak to our Assemblyman," Scott Cowles said eagerly. "I never expected to speak to anyone of Marty Luster's importance," added Ben Bruno.

Our trip also included a tour of the state Capitol and we were permitted to visit the Senate and Assembly Chambers, though neither was in session.

While at the Capitol, we received a very pleasant surprise when we met an Assemblywoman's intern, Mrs. Maslow, who had been a former student teacher of ours. She explained to us how assembly committees are run and how a senator or assemblyman runs his office.

Before returning home on April 1st, we had time to visit the New York State Museum where we learned a little bit about taxidermy and about New York City's history. We had a very entertaining tour guide who, at one time or another, managed to bring a smile to everyone's face.

"I felt that I could have listened to him for hours," Erika Eddy commented as we exited the museum.

As we loaded the bus to head on home to Lansing, one thing was for sure - the trip had been an experience with a positive effect on everyone and is one that many will look forward to once again next year.

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Original Fiction:

## "Two Bit"

A Short Story By Ben Hardie

(Mrs. Wendy Celeveland's 10th grade class)  
9-10 grade 2nd Place Short Story Winner,  
T-S-T BOCES Creative Writing Contest, 1997

Feudalistic values dictated the game at hand. Alliances were born, nurtured, and slaughtered quickly around the worn felt-topped table. For some it was more than just a game of Blackjack, it was a chance to make enough money to leave, never to look back on the dusty frontier town. Hard earned dollars were lost in one hand, only for the dejected loser to win it back in the next. These were hard men during hard times, they cared for naught save their three loves: hard liquor, cheap cigars, and high stakes Blackjack. Blue smoke clung to the low ceiling of the saloon's dark back room like death to a leper. Flat, gray light struggled to penetrate the haze of determination that hung suspended in thick air. The only sounds were those of the cards being shuffled and the chips being stacked and stacked again. Occasionally a large man would shift his massive bulk into a more comfortable position in the small chair, ever concentrating on the game at hand. Words were kept to a minimum by silent agreement.

Ben Hardie, the one they called Two-Bit, was famous for turning two Indian head pennies into a hundred dollars in little over an hour, and it was now his turn to deal. He liked what he saw. Swiftly, and without mercy, he dealt the rugged men around him their cards, one up and one down, the game had begun.

Two-Bit Hardie was a known hustler and a suspected cheat at the game of Blackjack. However, none could prove it and those that had tried learned their lesson the hard way. It was observed that Two-Bit had etched a mark into the pommel of his saddle every time he had given an accuser a broken nose. Two-Bit Hardie had a lot of marks on the pommel of his saddle, and most finger pointers had learned their lesson.

Stoneface Johnson was the only con-

tender left in the Blackjack game, and he didn't like what he saw. Two-Bit had the Ace of Spades up and Johnson knew that the complimentary Jack lay underneath. His own pair of Queens couldn't match it, yet he tried to bluff Two-Bit.

The stakes rose higher and higher, each man straining against the other in a contest of wills that rivaled that of the gods. Johnson's brow was beaded with perspiration, yet Two-Bit's only move was to raise his wager and signal for another whiskey. When they had run out of chips they wrote IOUs for land. When they had run out of land they began to bet their horses. After each had laid all that they owned on the table, Two-Bit Hardie laid out his final stake. He slowly removed a pearl handled, silver barreled, Colt Limited Edition revolver from his belt and laid it between the two men.

Ben "Two-Bit" Hardie laid the terms on the line for Johnson in a voice so cold that Johnson visibly shivered. If Stoneface Johnson had won then he was going to have to kill him then and there. If he couldn't match Two-Bit's cards then Two-Bit would shoot him. To emphasize his last statement Two-Bit placed a singled golden bullet on the table next to the ornate pistol.

A lone rider rode out of town that evening \$583, 157 acres, 3 horses, and a mule richer than he had entered that morning. Minus, of course, one golden bullet. No one bluffed Two-Bit Hardie.

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