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Viva San Giuseppe!



The 41st Annual St. Joseph's Table was celebrated at Holy Spirit recently with 200 people in attendance. Many volunteers from the church assisted in preparing and serving the rich ethnic traditions of Sicily.

Earth Smart Squad To Host Electronics Recycling Event

The collection will take place on Saturday, April 5th from 8 am until 1 pm in the Zoo's main parking lot off of Parkside Ave.

The Earth Smart Squad wants you to keep the planet in mind while you're doing your spring cleaning. Electronic

waste shouldn't be thrown out with household trash. Some items may contain materials that are harmful to the environment, and most items can actually be recycled. Electronics recycling facilities are able to dispose of electronic waste in an environmentally responsible way.

Items that will NOT be accepted include batteries, and large appliances.

A list of acceptable items can be found online at www.SunnKing.com. Anyone who brings their unwanted electronics to the Zoo on April 5th will receive a coupon for \$1 off Zoo admission.

Welcoming The NCAA Tournament Back To Buffalo

Buffalo is ready to roll out the red carpet for college basketball fans this week.

First Niagara Center will host rounds two and three of the NCAA tournament, and Buffalo is pulling out

all the stops to ensure fans have the best experience

possible. Nearly 100 volunteers are ready to help visitors find their way through the Queen City

on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A \$50,000 grant secured by Sens. Patrick Gallivan and

Mark Grisanti helped ensure visitors have a great time in Buffalo. The grant

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\$170,000 In Funding To Support Neighborhoods

Congressman Brian Higgins joined Linda Chiarenza, Executive Director of West Side & Black Rock Riverside Neighborhood Housing Services to announce \$169,445 in federal funding, through NeighborWorks (R) America, to support programs and projects aimed at improving residential opportunities and enhancing Buffalo neighborhoods."

Stable neighborhoods and targeted reinvestment leads to stronger communities," said Congressman Brian Higgins.

"Through leadership and creative partnerships West Side & Black Rock-Riverside Neighborhood Housing Services delivers a big return on these federal investments in Buffalo benefiting residents, neighborhoods and the City as a whole."

"The board, staff and residents of the City of Buffalo are grateful to NeighborWorks (R) America and Congressman Higgins for entrusting us with the funds to help promote and retain homeowners, and to offer safe and affordable housing to all," added Linda Chiarenza, Executive Director of West Side and Black Rock Riverside NHS.

The grant supports the agency's traditional homeowner services as well as critical capital invest-

ment and neighborhood improvement initiatives.

In 2013 West Side & Black Rock-Riverside NHS was one of only 26 agencies in the nation to earn the NeighborWorks "Green" designation for their work on energy smart and environmentally friendly projects that promote healthy homes and communities.

Over \$77,000 of this grant will assist with the organization's operation of first-time homebuyer, home repair and mortgage counseling programs.

West Side & Black Rock-Riverside NHS will use \$85,000 toward capital investment projects that invest in redevelopment within local neighborhoods to create and preserve affordable housing and rental units in the area.

Most recently, the organization served as project sponsor on the \$3.4 million White's Livery Apartment project.

With the support of city, state and federal resources, an 1889 historic structure was redeveloped into 14 Energy Star apartment units available to residents at nearly half of the market rate cost.

Finally, \$2,000 of this grant will support a community-led effort in the Riverside neighborhood.

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Come One, Come All!

Family and Friends Day, March 30th at the FaithGood Shepherd

Church, 1237 Hertel Avenue at 12:00 pm. Dinner to follow.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, MARCH 20



Snow Showers
High 37°
Low 26°

FRIDAY, MARCH 21



Mostly Sunny
High 42°
Low 34°

SATURDAY, MARCH 22



Rain/Snow
High 39°
Low 23°

SUNDAY, MARCH 23



Snow Showers
High 26°
Low 16°

MONDAY, MARCH 24



Partly Cloudy
High 25°
Low 21°

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

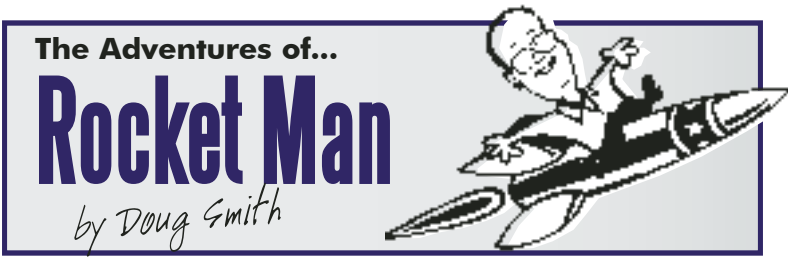


Snow Showers
High 31°
Low 20°

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26



Clouds/Sun
High 29°
Low 17°



Rich Relationship

Rocket Man’s favorite thing about baseball is the people he meets at the park. One March day in the late 80s he met Bill Rich in the pressbox at Florida International University.

Bill was broadcasting, scorekeeping and operating the scoreboard. He had a voice that would make sandpaper cry, more opinions than Gallup, stood about four feet tall and navigated poorly.

He was also scorekeeper for the National League Florida Marlins, shuffling painfully from the parking lot to the gate. Rocket Man asked why he didn’t use a handicap spot. “Naaaah,” Bill gasped unsteadily. “Those are for sick people. I’m fine.”

Bill hailed from Chicago. His parents were long gone. First Mate and the Costly Daughter (then working in Miami) took Bill to dinner one night, at a restaurant of his choosing. Bill complained about everything. They paid.

Bill migrated to Arizona.

na. Employment avoided him. He claimed prejudice but he was abrasive as Carborundum. He boycotted the Hall of Fame because he understood that somebody there once had said something derogatory about short people.

He had excruciating difficulty with his legs and an artificial foot. He came to visit once and wanted to see all the local arenas. Baseball hadn’t opened yet and hockey was on strike but Sabres great Joe Crozier gave him a royal tour of HSBC Arena. Bill almost smiled.

We posed him in front of Rich Products, Rich Stadium, Rich Marina, you name it, if it said “Rich” we took him there. Then we drove to him Oakville, ON, for a train to Toronto. He wanted to swing by Ivor Wynne, home of Canadian Football’s Hamilton Tiger-Cats. We told him no, it was out of the way, congested, difficult to locate.

And as we passed by the “Thanks for visiting

Hamilton” sign on the QEW, he growled, “Well, I guess we’re not going to see Ivor Wynne after all.” He had never thought it wouldn’t happen. That was Bill all the way. He wrote a romantic novel, had a play produced in Los Angeles (“House of Finnegan”) and in 2009 threw himself a 60th birthday party in a Phoenix Coyotes luxury box, treating pen pals from all over, including Rocket Man.

Bill’s condition deteriorated. He moved into a convalescent home. Rocket Man sent him a Black Hawks shirt for Christmas and then, as Wednesday’s blizzard howled, decided to radio him. He always budgeted an hour for calls to Bill Rich.

The sweet drawl who answered the phone told us that shortly after his 65th birthday, Jan. 24, Bill had up and left, returned to his home, and within a week had died. Rocket Man, seldom sentimental, felt a tear well up in his eye. With the determination which was his signature, Bill had reached the finish line. How he had suffered, what he had done. We have no one to share it with but you. Thanks. Over and out.

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36 It was "white as snow"

37 More than sufficient

38 Hamstrings

39 Leading man?

40 "Awesome!"

41 Actor Chaney

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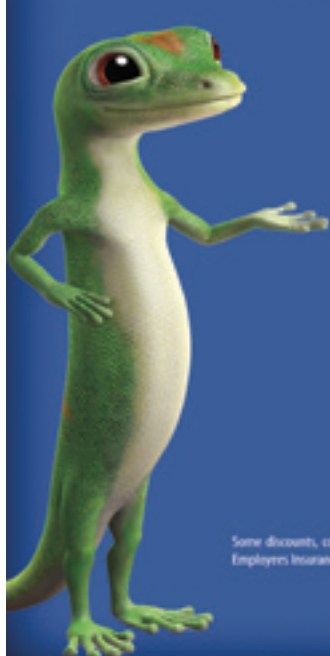


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Tournament

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The volunteers will be deployed near the arena and armed with "Ask Me!" signs. They will distribute restaurant maps, an NFTA transportation tournament guide, and other visitor information about Buffalo to the thousands of college hoops fans.

Information tables specific for tournament visitors will be at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport visitors center and several partner hotels.

Street pole banners arranged by Buffalo Place will welcome visitors on Main and Washington Streets and near the First Niagara Center. Visit Buffalo Niagara's Tweet

team of nearly two dozen members will monitor the hashtag #Buffhoops on Twitter to answer questions visitors may Tweet out; they will also engage with fans on social media.

"I was pleased to secure this funding," said State Senator Mark Grisanti. "It will help provide basketball fans with the best experience possible in Buffalo this week. Buffalo has emerged as a premier venue for collegiate sports competitions, and this grant will help ensure the Queen City remains an attractive option for future tournaments."

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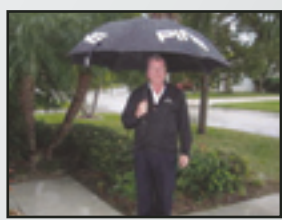
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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Worst Winter, Ever?

Being in Florida the word I get from Buffalo is that this has been the worst winter most local residents can recall. My cousin called me the other day and was saying how I missed the worst winter. All the snow and really constantly cold weather. I told him I did not miss it at all. In fact it is so hard to believe, and often I forget, that there can be such a drastic difference in weather. Here I am sitting out on my lanai, the sun shining brightly, watching all those terrible weather conditions up north on TV. Snow blowing in peoples' faces with them dressed like Eskimos. Not just the Buffalo region but the Midwest and the whole eastern seaboard. Even the Deep South has experienced new horizons in weather. Horrible conditions with it being necessary to shut everything down. Hear even the schools have had too many "snow" days and may have

to extend the year to make up for it.

I recall a few years back being in Washington, DC, I was in a restaurant having some broiled crabs, and I mentioned to the owner that I was from Buffalo. He went on about how can anyone live in place with weather like that? All that snow, cold, ice and having to shovel the driveway and sidewalk. That was not for him. Guess what? Washington has had to shut down a number of times, due to bad weather. Hope that fellow has a snow shovel. Like to meet up with him again and give him a "see" in the face. How do you like it buddy, having to wear boots, gloves, and scarves and layer clothing? Actually if you are from Buffalo and you travel, you know we are nationally famous for being the bad weather city. Funny part is we gained that distinction with the blizzard of 77 and it still has not gone away.

That was 37 years ago. Thanks to a media that has the privilege of slanting the news to their benefit. Even though many cities have worst winter weather than we do, the stigma remains. Syracuse usually has more average snow each year than we do. As far as temperatures have you seen were it has been in the Midwest and in Chicago? They would have to come to Buffalo to warm up!

No question about it, there is two completely different worlds between Florida and good old Buffalo. You wonder some times if we are on the same planet. It is good to be down here in the winter. Period. Four months in enough. By the middle of April I am ready, willing and able to return to the city by the lake. There is no place I would rather be than in Western New York

in the spring, summer, and fall. The summer temperatures have never reached 100 degrees in WNY. Last year in Arizona I think it hit 120 degrees. Dry heat they say but I have been there when it was over 100 and it is hot. In Buffalo the summer sun is not tropical and it is warm, but not hot. Lake Erie is fresh water and clean and very pleasant to be near, in or on. The warm summer breezes are just a complete joy to be experiencing. This is the time to sit out on the patio with a cold drink, relax and know this is living at its best. In comparison, in the summer in Florida, you cannot be outside for any length of time. It is too unbearably hot. Like living in a sauna. You sprint from your air condition car to another air conditioned place to escape the scorching heat.

It was Super Bowl XXV, 1991 in Tampa, Florida that changed my life. Got on a plane in Buffalo and it was nine degrees. Deplaned in Tampa airport in winter outfits, the whole bit. Other people in the airport were in their shorts and sandals. The temperature there was in the eighties, a difference of some 75 degrees. I really liked that, plus all the flowers, palm trees, and no snow. It was like walking into paradise. With that, I bought a single plot of land and had an inexpensive house built on it in 94. Went for a week or two in the beginning as it was where I wanted to be in the winter. Hate to say it but I have the better of the two worlds now. Four winter months in Florida and the rest of the year in beautiful Western New York.

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2. What is the longest street in Buffalo?

Art Deco was the first widely popular style in the United States to break with the revivalist tradition.

3. There are many Art Deco Buildings in Buffalo built during 1925-19404. Name the three most prominent.

4. There are many Frank Lloyd Wright structures in WNY Name three constructed in the city of Buffalo

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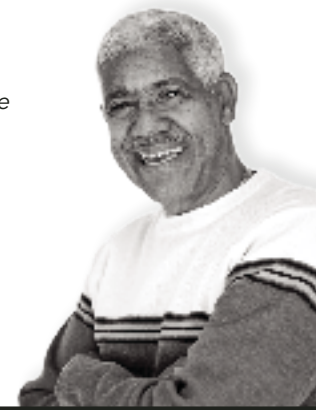
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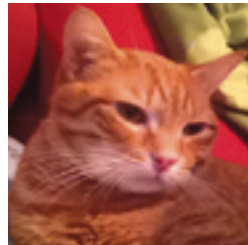
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