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# School 81 Principal Clemens To Retire



Principal Robert Clemens will retire from his illustrious career at the end of this school year.

After fourteen years of dedicated service, Robert Clemens is retiring as Principal of Buffalo Public School 81, located on Tacoma Avenue in Buffalo. Mr. Clemens was dedi-

cated to making School 81 a place where children could not only learn, but feel safe every day. He encouraged his staff to put forth their best efforts to ensure that their students received the educational experience they deserve.

There have been enormous changes since he first arrived here in July 2000. There were 520 students assigned to School 81 at that time and only 8 daily buses to transport children. Today the school serve 830 students and 27 buses are assigned. Six different Superintendents Continued on page 6

## **BPS Adult Education** Teacher of the Year

The New York Association for Continuing/Community Education (NY-ACCE) presented Doreen Regan, a BPS Adult Education Division Coordinator, with its annual Teach-

er t h e Year Award for her work with immigrants a n d

L-R: Mark Leinung, NYSED Director; t h e Robert Purga, NYSED Supervisor; world, around Doreen Regan, NYACCE Teacher of the she has t h e Year; Les Leopold, BPS Director of Adult b e e n world. and Continuing Education.

May at NYACCE's annual conference.

Regan has worked in the field of English as a Second Language (ESL)

instruction for over 25 years. Among with her peers at the Adult Education Division, Regan is viewed as an educator, community leader, and mentor.

> I n addition to teachi n g English to students from all over

a vital

Regan was honored in connection for refugees and immigrants in need of community services. She helped establish partnerships with Catholic Continued on page 6

# St. Mark's Students **Win Athletic Awards**

By Bill Snyder

Students from St. Mark's School, located at 401 Woodward Avenue in Buffalo, gathered to honor their own in Sports with their 43rd annual Banquet.

Four stu-



From L-R: Matt Connolly, Lily Lamattina, dents took home Anna Flaherty, and Kellan Daley.

two of the school's top prizwhich have been presentes: the Hempem Award ed to students who have and the O'Grady Award, achieved athletic success in three major sports categories.

Anna Flaherty and Kellan Daley won the Hempem Award as Athletes of the Year 2013-14. Flaherty was a three sport star in basketball, hockey

and softball while Daley excelled in basketball, baseball and track.

# **Buffalo Celebrates** World Refugee Day 2014

Buffalo and Refugee Empowerment Coalition (BIREC) in collaboration with YWCA of WNY and Delaware Soccer Club were the hosts of the 5th Annual World Refugee Day Celebration June 21 -22, 2014.

This tournament features teams from all over the world whose members have resettled here in Buffalo. This event provides our community an opportunity to have fun and share their cul-

Immigrant tural heritage while engaging Buffalonians in both local and global humanitarian issues.

World Refugee Day honors the courage, strength, and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under the threat of persecution, conflict and violence. This locally organized event strives to celebrate the refugees living in WNY and the diversity of cultures, they bring to our community.

### **Local Weather**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26** 

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28** 

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

MONDAY, JUNE 30

**TUESDAY, JULY 1** 

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

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Partly Cloudy High 82° Low 59°



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# "Saving Grace"

A star is born in "Saving Grace" at Desiderio's Dinner Theater. Leading lady Katherine Parker swears she never uttered a solo line on stage before but that story seemed as incredible as the play's plot after a dazzling and delightful performance as the romantically frustrated insurance secretary in this fast-paced comedy of misperceptions.

Mind you, this ain't Shakespeare. It isn't even Neil Simon, with its ominous undertones beneath the old-age comedy of "Sunshine Boys." It's the late Jack Sharkey (1931-92), mass producer of marketable farces. Entertain people? How dare he!

The plot contrives two unlikely romantics desperately in need of a dating service. In fact, they may have put one or two out of business. Grace is a mistress of malaprops, terminally bubbly. Clunky Walter, mid-management in the insurance industry, visits her apartment, proposing to her a Hawaiian getaway at company expense.

There's no extra-marital mischief here, merely two adults almost too awkward to consent, although he HAS gifted her with a garment.

"You want me to wear THAT?" she exclaims. It's nothing more than you'd see on Hawaiian Night in your local church basement, but for her it's a considerable step up from the humdrum, particularly when he breaks out his Super-8 Camera. (Yes, the play is dated, which is more than we can say for her.)

They've put away a volume of vodka sufficient to paralyze Putin when a telephone repairman enters through a window. Grace, at heart a movie-inspired romantic quite remindful of Woody Allen, mistakes him for a burglar, which profession she finds oh-so-charming. Matters madly deteriorate, setting the stage for Grace's belligerently prissy sister, who barges in at the moment involving the camera, the grass skirt and the lineman in his skivvies.

The laughs are pretty much non-stop, on the or-

der of "Put your hands when I say" (at gunpoint, to the phoneman)... "I'll try" (from the suitor, on the other side of the door.) Everybody sees things differently from everybody else.

Angular, disheveled and with a low-level eye roll that would give Atwal the vapors, Parker sets the pace under the usual swift direction of Jay Desiderio. It's an enormously sacrificial performance by an actress with a future.

Desiderio's keen eye for characters gives us Rob Dziechciarz as the insurance executive; ruggedly handsome Rob Zahm as the repairman; wide-eyed, Egyptian-walking ley Griffin as the visiting Buckeye and, too briefly, Jay Wollin as her squeeze Gregor. Only Sharkey could get away with writing a part for a Bible-thumping evangelist who sounds like the mad dance captain from "You Can't Take It with You."

Rocket Man loved the musical interludes, seldom-heard Sinatra, and the meal again contended for his top-10-ever list. "Saving Grace" blesses patrons at 5827 Broadway, Lancaster, through mid-August, reservations at 683-7767. EIGHT ROCK-ETS (out of 10).

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# What to Be or Not to Be

I actually got a response to my column about dance recitals. Just in case you missed it, my comment was that I was retiring from attending this venue. Been doing it for many years and feel I paid my dues and it was time to end this part of my life. The person who wrote agreed with me.

Seems recitals are getting longer with more performers and in some cases, it seems like some kids are doing something they do not want to do. This last one I went to I would say a better percentage of the boys on stage had no interest in being dancers. A smaller percentage of the girls, but still there were some. Recitals, dancing, musical or any other kind, are really supposed to be a way of displaying what the children have learned over the past year. The lessons parents are paying good money for in hopes they are pointing their children in the right direction. My question is and has always been, is it the direction the kid wants to go or the parents?

Like I stated there were boys on the stage that I felt were there, not because they chose to be, but were told it was best for them. Now should children growing up and in their early stages of life be almost forced to do the things that they prefer not to do? As I have stated before in my writing I had eight children and it was a dilemma to try to determine how to pick the right course. When they get older it is easy as they seem to be more inclined to know their own minds and the careers they want. It is the early years and the time wasted on doing things that are in no way going to contribute to the well being of the child.

Over the years I have seen parents so proud at seeing their children perform both on stage and in sports. I wonder if they feel what they chose is right for the child or what they want them to become? Do they feel they can become professional dancers or professional athletes? Not really, I guess it is a way to see what talent they do possess by enrolling them in these classes or lessons or team and see what sticks. I say that knowing that some kids spend a lot of their non-school hours at some kind of lessons. Oddly enough sometimes it is both musical and sports.

The question is, how far do you push and for how long? If you do recognize a talent in a child, do you continue to pursue the course, even if the child is reluctant, or do you back off? In my particular case, two of my three daughters took dance lessons. In either case did I expect them to become anything other than grown women? They did enjoy the lessons but things were different back then. It was not so money oriented as it is now. Were the lessons helpful in their careers? One became a professional model and the other works in Washington with her mind. Maybe it helped in some way to mold them into becoming better people as they both seem to be well liked.

My five boys? Oldest insisted on becoming a professional drummer. He wanted to quit school as that was his goal. I did force him to finish high school as I felt education is a must. Just in case he did not make it as a drummer. He did not make it but still drums on occasion as he likes it. The next boy I insisted on him taking piano lessons as I thought the talent was there. I actually made him practice and go to lessons far beyond his desires. After that I thought that I would no longer push like I did with him. The next boy was very scholarly from the beginning so there was no question as to his direction. He now owns a bunch of computer companies.

Having learned my lesson about choosing a career from the older boys, the next one, the only thing I insisted on was taking a martial arts course at the YMCA. In fact three of the

boys went for that. We lived in a tough neighborhood. This one went on to become a black belt in Judo. The youngest was a big boy and it was natural for him to get into sports, football and wrestling. Again not pushing but supportive in whatever they chose. He did well in both sports and received a football scholarship to college.

Still the question remains, how far does a parent push and do they chose the direction the child goes in? I think the dance recitals are necessary, not only to show the talent some possess, but the desire some have to not want to be there.

Let me close with this story. I was watching a little league football game at Shoshone Park some years ago. I was standing next to the parents of the quarterback who was pretty good. The kid came out with his arm hanging and in pain. His father told him to suck it up and get back in there, which he did for a while. Kid had a broken arm!

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### **BUFFALO TRIVIA**

by Joe Bortz

This week we will try the Presidents of the US. See how many you answer without outside help.

- 1) To penetrate
- 2) Hedge
- 3) Jab
- J) Jai
- 4) Fog
- 5) Government give away
- 6) Valley between two mountains
- 7) Half are empty
- 8) Hauls things
- 9) Say no to
- 10) Automobile
- 11) Suit maker
- 12) Vacuum cleaner
- 13) Not soft anymore
- 14) Capital of Mississippi
- 15) Star wars weapon
- 16) Local Elmwood High school
- 17) Hans Solo, Indy Jones
- 18) Capital of Missouri
- 19) Loyal husband
- 20) Capital of Nebraska

Last Weeks Answers:

Small sweet drink – Minnesota, Weed in garden – Idaho, Phone messages – Texas, Busiest street – Maine, Clean 2000 lbs – Washington, Christmas gift – New Jersey, Sandwich shop utensils – Delaware, Unhappy state of mind – Missouri, Greeting in the middle – Ohio, In debt – Iowa, Blocked straw – Mississippi, Happy place – Maryland, Bowling pins with eyes – Tennessee, Dye your hair – Colorado, Large pile of carmel pairs – Massachusetts.

Check next week's ROCKET for the answers.

# Grisanti Introduces Bill to Allow Plea Bargains for Traffic Tickets

The New York State Senate passed legislation sponsored by Senator Mark Grisanti that would allow the City of Buffalo to adjudicate traffic violations with the option of having a plea bargain.

New York State currently handles traffic tickets within the city and does not allow plea bargaining, a major contrast to the plea bargaining system that is made available to all other municipalities throughout the state, including all other

cities, towns and villages in Western New York.

Under the proposed law, drivers would be allowed to argue if the fine should be reduced. Drivers that commit serious violations could go to driving school to make sure points are not added to their record and that their insurance rates do not increase.

The bill is supported by the mayor as well as the Buffalo Common Council, who recently passed a home rule in support of this. Similar legislation was passed in 2011. The bill will now be sent to the State Assembly.

"The lack of plea bargaining in Buffalo raises insurance rates and is a detriment to city residents and anyone who works or visits the city," said Senator Grisanti. "I am glad to have the support of our city officials and remain hopeful that the members of the Assembly will support this measure and help to introduce it into law."

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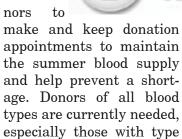
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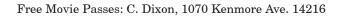




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Riders and non-riders are welcome to participate. The cost per person is \$25. Sign-up for the event starts at 8:45 am and the run leaves at 10:00 am, rain or shine. The benefit, which includes a Chinese Auction and 50/50 drawing, begins at the Legion Hall at 2:00 pm. Call Sandv Chortie for more information at 471-4797.

The North Buffalo Community Center will be having a Summer Fun Club Program for children ages 5 to 12 years old, beginning June 30th and ending August 22nd. The program runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and costs \$50.00 per week, per child for the eight week program. Additional hours for before and after child care will be available for a minimal fee.

Arts & Crafts, cooking, gym games, gameroom activities, movies and much more are all part of the program, which is limited to 75 children. Program applications may be picked up at the North Buffalo Community Center, located at 203 Sanders Rd., or call (716) 874-6133, Ext. 18 for more information.

The Buffalo Museum of Science (BMS) invites active and retired military to experience Mummies of the World: The Exhibition free of charge on Friday, July 4th.

The museum is located at 1020 Humboldt Parkway in Buffalo and will be open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Friday, July 4th with the last admission to Mummies of the World at 8:00 pm. Mummies of the World admission also includes access to the Museum's permanent galleries and interactive exhibits.

Mummies of the World is premiering a never-before-seen collection in Buffalo and will be at the BMS through the summer. Military admission to the exhibition is normally \$18.

For more information on the Buffalo Museum of Science and Mummies of the World, visit www. sciencebuff.org or call 716.896.5200.

Party for the People A Cookout to Serve 90,000 is the perfect stop following a long day at work for a happy hour. The event features music by Mc-Carthyizm, food, drinks, basket raffle. Proceeds to benefit Friends of Night People. Tickets \$20. The event is from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15 at Buffalo Iron Works, 49 Illinois St. Info: www.partyforthepeople2014.org

YWCA of WNY will host a 7 week Summer Camp for girls at the School House Commons at 1005 Grant street. The camp will run July 7th -August 21st, from 12 noon until 4 pm. All girls welcome to register ages 9-13 (grades 3-6). There is no cost and a free lunch is served every day. Girls will participate in handson experiments, gain new friendships, have a safe and fun environment to interact and learn, and enjoy fun and exciting field trips! To register email info@ywca-wny.org, 716-852-6120 ext 0, or go to www.ywca-wny.org

A five day program designed for high school students who are interested in politics, history, or international relations is open to any incoming 9th Grader through exiting high school senior, the program provides its participants with the opportunity to hear human rights experts, historians, and advocates.

Held between Monday, July 28th through Saturday, August 2nd from 9 am-3 pm at the Erie 1 BOCES Center, 355 Harlem Road in West Seneca, the theme of this year's program is "Not on Our Watch: Meeting the Challenge of Genocide"

For application materials and information, go www.summerinstituteofbuffalo.org or call 525-6058. The deadline to register is Friday, July 11th.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness

(NAMI) in Buffalo & Erie County monthly educational meeting for families of people living with mental illness will held on Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St., Amherst.

Our speaker/topic is Paul White, RN; published poet with first-hand personal experience, and a wonderfully positive outlook on "Surviving Schizophrenia in My own Life."

NAMI Family Support Groups, Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 pm, offered at two locations: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St., Amherst and Lake Shore Behavioral Health, 3176 Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Call the NAMI office at 716-226-6264 for further information.





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# By Bill Snyder

The Hertel North Park Youth League this season is holding a Baseball Camp from July 14th-17th at Shoshone Park from 9:00 am to 12:00 for boys ages six to nine years old on diamond six. Instruction will be given by guest high school coaches on the fundamentals of the game such as batting, fielding and base running. There will be daily skills competitions for all participants and each camper will receive a free T-Shirt once enrolled however they must wear gray baseball pants and bring their own glove, bat, and baseball cleats or sneakers. The deadline for signing up is Friday, July 11th. For more information, contact Coach Jim Daley at 432-0760.

Register now for the 2015 HNPYBL season at the same prices you paid back in February and March. Be assured of your child playing with all his friends on the same team again. And be on the look out for Fall Ball. It's coming again in late August and September for six weeks of continued play.

Inquire at the League headquarters or find out more by going to www. eteamz.com/hnpybl.

The season is moving right along for all the boys and girls. Some divisions have wrapped up the regular season and are waiting on Playoffs. Most rain out dates still have to be rescheduled but this is happening as we write this column. The Baseball Gods have been good to Hertel North Park this year. June is almost behind us, let's hope July doesn't go so fast.

The Reds suffered just one loss during the regular season to the Cubs back on June 7th, a 3-1 decision but clinched first place in the division with a 13-1 record. They defeated the Twins last Tuesday, while the A's won two in a row over Cubs and Dodgers and Yankees topped the Tigers. In First Minor, Denver and Newark are the class of the division, sitting one and two atop Louisville, Cooperstown, Columbus, San Jose and Montreal. While I've just mentioned seven different teams, allow me to share some helpful understanding of how HNP is set up to teach all players the game of baseball.

Let's take the above mentioned Reds team as an example. They play in a 12 and under division on diamond 1. But they are considered the "big league" team to younger boys on teams named Columbus, Charleston and Chattanooga. Notice the "C" for each name ? It's just like the pros where a City like Buffalo is triple A to the Blue Jays, and athletes progress through a system based on age and ability. Yankees are Newark instead of Scranton/Wilkes Barre in the League and their appropriate double A and single A rookie teams.

Besides First Minors, lower divisions for boys are named Second Minors, Rookie and T-Ball in descending order. Girls teams are in Pony(Tail) softball divisions named Major, Minors, Rookie and T-Ball. Except for T-Ball, all boys and girls compete to win a regular season and/or championship trophy at seasons end. There will be a Banquet held where trophies will be presented to winning teams.

Whether you have "A Million Dollar Arm" or are "A Natural " baseball and softball are alive and well in Shoshone Park.

### **Clemens Retires**

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have been in charge of the Buffalo District during Mr. Clemens 14 year tenure at School 81. School buildings have opened, closed, been restructured or renamed. Through all of these changes one thing has remained constant, that being that every year School 81 has been designated as a New York State School In Good Standing.

On June 30th of this school year Mr. Clemens will be retiring from the Buffalo School District after 36 years in education, with the past 14 being at School 81.

# Teacher of the Year

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Charities, International Institute of Buffalo, Jewish Family Services, Journey's End and The Erie County Department of Social Services. She has also been instrumental in connecting students with agencies that offer employment services.

In her role as an Adult Education Division Coordinator, Regan inspires and motivates ESL teachers by facilitating culturally relevant trainings and sharing personal goal setting techniques for exemplary instruction.

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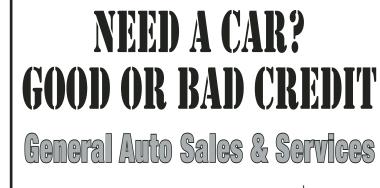
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John Glascott Commissioner of Central Police Services

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Title to the property is currently held by the City of Buffalo.

Proposals are due no later than Friday July 18th at 4:00pm. Proposals should include all information specified in the Request for Proposal which is available in the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning, Division of Real Estate 905 City Hall Buffalo, NY 14202. The proposal package is also available on http://city-buffalo.com/Home/City\_Departments/RealEstate/RequestsForProposals

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