

## Chalkfest 2013 to be held in Downtown Buffalo



3-D Chalk Artist Michael Macaylay will present the Alice in Wonderland Story in chalk on Main Street during this year's Chalkfest 2013.

Last year's inaugural Chalkfest was beyond the expectation of the event's organizers and attracted thousands of visitors to Main Street for a weekend of art, dance and fun!

Chalkfest 2013 will be held on August 3rd and 4th and promises to be bigger and better. It expects to attract even more visitors as artists of all ages will transform Main Street into a colorful chalk tapestry.

Chalkfest welcomes world renowned 3-D chalk artist Michael Macaulay, who wowed visitors with his Sabres artwork last year, and will be sure to delight those who visit this year.

This year's theme is Alice in Wonderland. The story will be illustrated on the sidewalk by local artists using chalk as their medium.

This theme will continue with Alice's tea party, where children can receive a bal-

loon hat and have "tea" and cake with the Mad Hatter.

Other activities will be a hat making session where children will craft their own

paper hats and decorate them as they like and will also have a chalk making session, and will make a stick of chalk. There

will be Hopscotch, and life size tic-tac-toe boards will

be drawn on the sidewalk for play, while break dancers, street entertainers and food trucks round out the daytime entertainment. There will also be a beer tent available, to those 21 and over, to quench your summer thirst.

The 500 Block Association of Main Street intends to see that their part of downtown finds it's niche as a creative hub for all of the arts, including music, dance, and design. The association hopes to attract people to this downtown corridor not just for work, but to live and play as well.



The 500 block of Main Street will be transformed into a colorful chalk tapestry.

York, an organization that helps make the arts a part of young people's lives and encourages creativity, and The SPCA.

For more information or to register for any of the activities, please visit [www.chalkfestbuffalo.com](http://www.chalkfestbuffalo.com).

## Burstein Buzzing About Increased Mosquito Awareness

Erie County Health Commissioner Dr. Gale Burstein today reminded Erie County residents about the dangers of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus ("WNV"), both of which can be reduced through homeowners' attention to potential mosquito breeding sites on their property and through other preventative measures.

**"Fight Mosquitoes One Yard at a Time."**

To date, no residents have tested positive for WNV in either Erie County or New York State in 2013. "Summer is here, and with more people outdoors there is an increased chance of contact with mosquitoes," said Burstein. "We can all work to minimize mosquito contact with our skin by using insect repellent containing 30-50% DEET for adults and 10-30% DEET for children over 2 months of age when we can, and also by wearing a long sleeve shirt and long pants during the evening hours, when we

should be most aware of the presence of mosquitoes.

Parents should remember to ensure that their children are protected, too.

To help in eliminating the mosquito burden in your immediate area, dump out standing water, clean clogged gutters, and change the water in birdbaths and planter bases every 2 days." The Erie County Department of Health ("ECDOH") recommends



several other strategies to "Fight Mosquitoes One Yard at a Time", including maintaining swimming pools by chlorinating and filtering; keeping pool covers drained; maintaining ornamental ponds by stocking them with fish and using bubblers and fountains, which prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs; turning over containers, buckets, and wading pools to eliminate stagnant water; removing used tires from property; and repairing window and door screens as

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## PCA To Host Mayoral Debate

The Parkside Community Association is proud to announce that they will be hosting a candidates forum for the three declared candidates for the office of the Mayor of the City of Buffalo. This debate style forum will be held on Thursday night, August 22nd, at the St. Mary's School for the Deaf, 2253 Main Street, from 7:00-8:30pm.

Don't miss this chance

to meet the candidates in person, and hear from them directly on any number of matters that concern you.

The forum will be moderated by local reporter and friend of the PCA, Brian Meyer, formerly of the Buffalo News. If you have suggestions for topics or questions to be presented to any or all of the candidates, please submit them online before Friday, August 16th.

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FRIDAY, JULY 19



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SUNDAY, JULY 21



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The Adventures of...

# Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



## ‘The Destroyer’ Meets

As the pigskin reached its peak, a career choice was made. West Side scatback Carl LaMancuso, whose father had told him “break an arm playing football and I’ll break your other one,” poised as the punt descended during a scrimmage at Seneca Vocational High. Then he spied “the fire in the eye” of the oncoming defender. In a move that would assure the future beauty of maids and maidens, he let the ball hit behind him and roll out of bounds.

“It was at that moment,” Carl said last Monday, “that I decided I really didn’t want to play football after all.”

The oncoming line-man was Richard Beyer, later to play for Syracuse in the Orange Bowl, then to be known as “Dick the Destroyer,” World Wrestling Association champion.

Giving new meaning to the phrase “fair catch,” LaMancuso became a hairdresser on Grand Island, raising a loving family.

Carl’s still clipping but as for Beyer, professional wrestling takes its toll and some years ago he wriggled free of its grip.

Last week, 66 years later, they met again. The weapons: golf sticks at 60 paces.

“I can’t believe it’s the same guy,” said LaMancuso as they exchanged handshakes, hugs and homeroom reveries. “What did you take?” LaMancuso asked; Seneca was largely vocational. “Electrical engineering,” grinned the grappler. He would later achieve a masters in education and remains in demand as a speaker.

Even if every professional wrestling bout was a “shooting match” (in which the opponents legitimately strive to defeat each other), there would be an element of showmanship – that is, that the man who steps into the ring would not be the same chap you might encounter in a clubhouse.

And for “The Destroyer,” when the match ended, so did the destruction. Some years after


he retired, he encountered an old colleague down on his luck. “The Destroyer,” then “came back” to promote and stage a grudge match, involving each of their peculiar icons.


It put his old pal back on his feet. Beyer remembers the words: “I need a payday.”

On an estate in Akron, the only payday Beyer needs comes in the reunions and reveries with such folks as Carl LaMancuso. Beyer runs a golf course now, a modified take on the game called “Japanese Park Golf,” shorter distances, larger holes, a larger ball and a single club to be utilized as both driver and putter. It’s about 90 per cent golf, 10 per cent croquet and, with Beyer following in his cart, LaMancuso body-slammed Doug by 10 strokes.

Now another rematch is in the works – “The Destroyer” vs. “The Clipper,” in the five-acre ring at 7065 Sandhill Rd., Akron. This time, Carl LaMancuso plans to keep the ball in bounds.

Fire back to Rocket Man via [pollyndoug@hotmail.com](mailto:pollyndoug@hotmail.com)





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## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

### Credit Card Information, Online

If you use your computer to buy items or pay bills, you must have at one time or another paid with a credit card, online. Most of us are now very careful who we do this with and we have good reason. Once someone has your credit card number and information, they can and will use it to their advantage. Not to claim you bought something you did not, but to add small charges onto the purchase you made. Once they have that number in their possession, I have found different companies add after the fact small amounts which would not be questioned. Let me give you some examples.

I use to do a lot of shipping through LTL (less than a load) carriers. They require you pay ahead with a credit card. So it being the policy I did up until they added charges after the original price. In both cases they said the item weighed more than we had claimed. So they added extra freight charges. After it hap-

pened once I made sure the weight was 100% accurate. They still did the same thing and added extra weight charges. Why not? They have your card and even if you protest which I have with them all, you lose.

Another example is an auto rental agency. I rented a car and added the insurance, which was ok at the time. I was told I did not need to do that so the next time I rented a car from the same agency I declined the insurance, emphatically. They still charged me for the insurance which was more than the car rental. I protested and again I lost.

This is not exclusive of smaller companies. How about Verizon? Now this is a huge company but once they have the number. Watch out.. I bought a new phone and added a lot of stuff and bells and whistles. After the dust settled and I am still not sure of all I got, they claimed I owed like \$44.00. I asked for an explanation which was vague so I did not pay it. Finally they said

they were going to start charging late fees. So I said under protest I would pay it but they had to waive the late fees, and they agreed. Ha, once they have the numbers on your card, it is open season. They tacked on the late fees after telling me they would waive them. I could go on with numerous horror stories about Verizon, but even as bad as they are they are still the best around.

How about Capital One credit cards? I found the business had an old credit card with them under my name. Still had a healthy balance at 29.99 % so we paid it off. Had like 60 thousand reward points so I thought I would redeem them. Looked through all they had to offer and it was no where near what you could get with

other credit cards. The best deal was a gift certificate for Best Buy, so I redeemed 25,000 for a \$250 gift certificate. Got it in a couple of days and used it without a problem. So decided to do the same thing and redeem 25,000 for another \$250 gift certificate. Did that back on June 14th. They said it takes two to three weeks to receive it, so after a couple of weeks I checked to see the status of my request. They told me at that time it was shipped. So I waited another couple of weeks and contacted them again.

Now this is what bothers me. They said it was shipped back in June but he said he would send another. My question was can anyone use it? The answer was yes. Second question was what if I receive two?

His answer was it was highly unlikely and for someone else to use it was "highly unlikely". It sounded to me like they never sent the card in the first place.

Tweaking my curiosity I went to Best Buy to see if I can purchase something and pay for it later with the Capital One redemption card. He was emphatic that I should wait till I got the gift card. But isn't it like the same as cash? No, company policy says you have up to 15 days to use the gift card. After that the card cannot be used to pay for the purchase.

I guess what I am trying to say. Do not be passive and let them get away with things like this. Stand your ground, so to speak, just don't shoot anyone.

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## The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

### West Side

**July 9, 2013**

Elmwood Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) entered vehicle by breaking window and did take book bag out of vehicle.

### North Buffalo

**July 10, 2013**

Delaware Ave. - Complainant states that defendant had a black and silver bb gun and did threaten to shoot him if he didn't make him a cup of tea.

**July 10, 2013**

Great Arrow Ave. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) gained

access to his vehicle by breaking the lock on the door. Taken was various tools, keys and property valued over \$1,000.

**July 10, 2013**

Elmwood Ave. - Complainant states that she was making a left turn into the parking lot when the defendant was walking across the street. The complainant honked her horn and words were exchanged. The defendant then approached the car and began to kick it in the driver's side front door. The defendant then follow her in the parking lot and began to kick it again. The defendant caused damage to the drive's side front door of her 2011 Chevy Im-

pala. The complainant's boyfriend was following her in his car. The boyfriend and the defendant began to fight. There was no injuries.

**July 12, 2013**

Chatham Ave. - Complainant states that unknown person did enter her unlocked house and stole \$200 worth of silverware.

### Riverside

**July 9, 2-012**

Page St. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) did enter garage by unknown means. Once inside they did take, without permission,, 2 bicycles.

**July 9, 2013**

Saybrook Pl. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) entered unlawfully and did take 2 laptop computers.

**July 12, 2013**

Grove St. - Complainant reports that unknown person did kick in the rear door and entered. Nothing was missing from the house, just damaged to the door.

**July 12, 2013**

Hertel Ave. - Complainant states that unknown person entered his apartment through a window and did take 2 televisions sets, 2 laptop.

### Mosquitos

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necessary. Burstein continued, "People at higher risk from mosquito bites are the immune-compromised, the elderly, and the very young. When residents are outside, they should use common sense and be aware of the environments that mosquitoes thrive in: stagnant, standing water and weeds and tall

grass and shrubbery, which provide protection for them. Please remember to dress appropriately, use insect repellent, and stay away from mosquito-prone areas whenever possible."

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## Do You Remember When You Played?

As I write this, a note comes to my mailbox, letting me know of scheduled games set for Saturday that had been cancelled earlier this 2013 season. Unfortunately, over the last several weeks, HNPY-BL fans are upset not with a bad call from an umpire, or from a team's blow out loss that their son or daughter was involved in.

Parents of some boys and girls are breathing down the necks of their coaches to find out when make up games will be rescheduled or when the playoffs will start. They wish to know why an empty diamond in Shoshone Park on a

given night or on a Saturday, can't be used to play a make up game.

"Why are there so many breaks in the schedule? How come my son or daughter is having to wait almost two weeks before his next game is scheduled?" These are the types of questions league officials are presented with right around this time of year. Parents wish to take their families on vacation during the summer months and it almost always seems like a little league game is blown off by some people, regardless of how much they have spent to register their child.

League officials are used to these issues and try to address them when needed. but not surprisingly, they are occurring more and more. Unfortunately, some have remembered these types of problems over the last year and have made it a point not to sign their child up again in the league.

This is such a sad thing. A thriving baseball and fast pitch softball league in the City with a long history of preparing young people the game using sportsmanship, teamwork and helping build self confidence, is not immune to frustration over a positive community endeavor and how sometimes it conflicts with personal lives.

As we wrote in last weeks column, we don't know if games will all be played when originally scheduled because of our weather forecasts from May through August. There are some tournaments that the league plays in each year

as well as an extensive travel team program. This is the result of a countless number of years where we, as officials of the league will tell you, have worked hard to open up opportunities for North Buffalo boys and girls to take their abilities to other fields and play against other areas of WNY.

Hertel North Park has been lucky this year in regards to not having a lot of games to make up. There have been years when opening day was cancelled and the season didn't officially get started until May 25th. Every child has a right to play a full season of scheduled games if their parent has paid for it. Then post season playoffs can start and kids have a chance to win a championship trophy. Do you remember when you played?

So we use a bit of space here to remind us of the basic beginnings of how a sport began in this

country, how it became America's Pastime and how it takes a break during the season for an All Star Game. Is there anything wrong with this, I ask you?

We are literally hit over the head by ticket price increases for a football or hockey team that results in mediocre play year after year. Another sport or game struggles for attention locally because the powers that be in the media decide a story other than Ralph Wilson or Terry Pegula hurts the pocketbook.

Sports may not be the best thing for our children to pay attention to anymore. However, baseball or soccer or lacrosse, or rugby gets them out of house in the summertime. Here in North Buffalo, Shoshone Park is still the place to be to watch your child make their own memories in a sport, possibly just like you did not that long ago.

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