

I Am Thankful For...



I am thankful for my loving family because they are nice and they love me. They want the best for me and I want the best for them. -Lanice

The Buffalo Rocket asked the students at School 81 what they are most thankful for this year. Here is a sampling of what they shared with us:

Grade 1

I am thankful my dad is coming back on Thanksgiving. - Haadivah

I am thankful for my grand-

father because he takes me to the park. - Jayana

I am thankful my dad makes me play a game. - Sean

I am thankful for my uncle because he helps me with spelling. - Anthony

I am thankful for my house because I am going to have a new bed. - Kimaya

I am thankful for my friends because they play with me. - Mekhi

I am thankful for the army because they protect us. - Loguen

I am thankful for I am reading better. - Nashyan

I am thankful for food be-

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It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

The time to register for Kindergarten is NOW! Many families in Buffalo do not know that to be eligible for school choice, their children's Buffalo Public Schools Application must be submitted by Friday, December 5th. On top of that, Kindergarten will be mandatory in Buffalo beginning in 2015.

There will be an event Monday, November 24th at 2:00 pm at United Way

of Buffalo and Erie County, 742 Delaware Avenue, where Dr. Mark Frazier, Acting Director of Central Registration, will present to the community on how to register your child for Buffalo Public Schools and answer families' questions about the application process.

For more information, contact Nicole Bycina at nbycina@e1b.org or 821-7560.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans



Thanksgiving dinner will be served to homeless and other needy Veterans and their families, Sunday, November 23rd from 11:00 am to 1 pm at VA Western New York Healthcare System, 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo.

This event occurs annually on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day in order to provide a hot meal to Veterans in need. This marks the 14th year the dinner has been held by the VA. Turkey dinner

with all the trimmings will be served by staff in the VA Food Court located in the hospital's lower level.

"This dinner is one small way to say thank you to those who have served our country," said Judith A. Kaczmarek, coordinator of the event.

Those interested in attending can contact the Homeless Program at 862-8885 for further information or transportation.

Tips for Safe Winter Driving

Winter weather is here and it's arrived with a fury! Be prepared and stay safe during winter driving months. Successfully navigate the frigid temperatures and potentially dangerous and rapidly changing road conditions by following a few common sense precautions.

Winter car care – prevention and maintenance is key to keeping your car moving in harsh weather.

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Turn on your headlights. In inclement weather, visibility is oftentimes less than perfect. Turning on your lights allows you to see, and just as important, to be seen by others. Remember this general rule: Wipers On - Lights On.

Keep a full tank of gas in your vehicle at all times.

Before pulling onto the road, be sure to completely clear snow and ice from

your car windows, mirrors, lights, hood and roof.

Keep a roadside emergency kit and necessary supplies in your vehicle during the winter months such as:

- Hand/feet warmers
- A stocking cap and a blanket
- LED flashers/flares
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- Food/snacks

Being prepared is the best offense against winter driving. Take it slow, be safe, and buckle up.

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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



Going Public

The very day that Rocket Man reported that he couldn't find hide nor hair of the new weekly The Public, he tripped over a pile of them at the entrance to Tops.

For those who skipped class last week, here's a refresher. Many key staffers of the influential and seemingly prosperous Artvoice – writers, editors, designers, administrators – defected to form their own paper called The Public. While newspapers demand transparency of others, they guard their own internal workings like the Secret Service. Better, probably.

Speculation on the breakup ranges through ethics, politics and even marital discord. Rocket Man finds this latter the most plausible.

The first issue shed no light, eschewing any declaration of “here we are,” save for a cartoon and a

crossword. Rocket Man's 15-paper rap sheet includes two startups; both debuted with trumpets blaring, searching out advertising and emotional support. (For the record, they went 1-for-2. One eventually bought out its competitor; the other folded after three years.)

The first Public featured long essays by Artvoice regulars. Bruce Jackson exposed doctored photos from the Attica prison riots. Michael Niman railed against recent elections, which he basically blames on Republicans being allowed to vote. Bruce Fisher had a thoroughgoing critique of waterfront development. Michael (“M.”) Faust reviewed a movie. Anthony Chase thoughtfully criticized MusicalFare's “Ain't Misbehavin'.”

Chase, though, will continue to write for Artvoice, as well. Wow. You can be sure nobody ever wrote for the Courier-Express and Buffalo Evening News at the same time. This would seem to assure the future of the “Arties,” the region's signature recognition of live-theater excellence.

A clever two-page cartoon tracked the rise and fall of a Madoffesque 19th

Century Buffalo swindler. Best of show: a locally-oriented crossword puzzle (25 Across, UB footballer, four letters) by Donna Hoke. Her September “Curtain Up” crossword for Artvoice was a classic, almost every clue pertaining to the week's events (11 Down, Subversive Theater offering, 16 letters).

Artvoice has survived several previous challenges. The publishers of the Niagara Falls and (doomed) Tonawanda papers, essayed a tabloid called Current, conceived as Artvoice OD'd on testosterone. It lasted a year, lost nearly a million. The Beast, sort of a Wayne's World kind of paper, has abandoned newsprint and retreated to internet only.

Papers survive on advertising. The first Public had just four revenue pages out of 24. This surely will increase, but how many entrepreneurs think their products or services will be snapped up by those lusty for details of a 1971 prison insurrection, or for a sorehead's response to Nov. 2?

Maybe more than Rocket Man thinks. Hoke's clever clues will keep many a reader on a page. Answers, by the way: 25 across, BULL; 11 down GRAPES OF WRATH. But three years hence, will “Buffalo's biggest weekly” be five letters starting with “P,” or eight starting with “A?”

Fire back to Rocket Man at pollyndoug@hotmail.com

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Chapter Three: West Side Gangs

I will continue my trilogy of encounters with gangs on the West Side of Buffalo. The incidents happened back in the sixties while trying to raise my family of eight children. Let me say that I was born and raised on the West Side and loved growing up there. I bought the house and expected the same for my kids as it was full of ever so friendly neighbors. Up to a point that is as in any neighborhood there is always change with new people moving in and older people either passing or moving out.

I still thought it was worth sticking it out as most of the neighbors were good and a joy to talk and associate with. Even with a lot of the new ethnic groups moving in. In my first column I told about my confrontation with the leader of an ethic gang about a remark made toward a member of my family. That, although somewhat scary at the moment, turned out ok. The second I was actually on the side of this same gang as they seemed in my mind to be trying to do some good for the area. Of course if you read the column you know that turned into a disaster. It resulted in a riot with riot police confronting a crowd of mostly just ordinary people. If you missed either column and are interested you can find them online at Buffalo-Rocket.com.

This week I will tell about the scariest of all the

encounters. This one I was a little worried about as I thought my family was in danger. It started with our normal supper at the dining room table. This was an event in itself as there were ten of us. Without warning we suddenly heard someone calling me out from in front of our house. "Hey Mister, come on out as the (ethnic group by name, not Italian) are here to see you. My wife and children immediately told me to ignore it as they knew what my reaction would be. I did ignore it for about five minutes as they continued to call me out.

I peeked out the front window and saw about ten young men and a few women waiting to see me. Now for the life of me I had no idea at the time what this was all about. Obviously this group was upset with something I did. My first thought was to go out and confront them and see what the problem was. I was pleaded with by the family to first call the police. So I did call and explained that a gang was calling me out in front of my house. There were about ten of them and seemed upset about something. Now you would think that would warrant some kind of response from the men in blue.

So after waiting about ten minutes and this group still mingling in front of my house, I went out to put an end to it, or me, one way or the other. I walked out into

the middle of this assemblage of young people, some wearing Karate shirts. Fortunately, I stood almost a foot taller than the tallest member. I think this may have influenced what happened next. I will admit that I was apprehensive and maybe a little scared. Again, I did not wet myself. I figured the police should arrive soon, or so I thought.

The leader then came face to face with me and said, "I hear you do not like our people and do not want us in the neighborhood". So I asked were this came from? Seemed earlier in the day the young girl next door had one of her frequent male visitors. I had constructed a fence in front between that side of my house and the house next door. It was rental property and I found a fence was necessary. In any case one of these male visitors leaned against the fence and pushed it in. I was not too happy about this and made it clear I was upset.

My comment was taken the wrong way as I told him I did not want his kind around my house. He promptly went back and told his ethnic group I was unhappy with their influx into the neighborhood. The leader of this group repeated what he had heard I said. I confirmed that I did say that and did not want anyone who is going to destroy my property, no matter who they are, near my house. He turned and glared at the fellow who had broken the fence and said, "Why did you not tell me you did damage to this man's house?" The question was followed with a slap. He turned and apologized to me for the inconvenience to me and my family and left. Whew!!!

About a half hour later the doorbell rang. It was the police responding to my call. I explained what had happened and said that it was possible I would have been hamburger by now. They said they answer calls of priority first. Guess they knew I could handle myself.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Sea bird
5 Trail behind
8 Not hit
12 Neighborhood
13 Melody
14 Concept
15 Iris' cousin
17 Forsaken
18 — and don'ts
19 Sentimental song
21 Colorado ski mecca
24 Competent
25 Equipment
26 1970s music genre
30 Rowing need
31 Boasts
32 Fish eggs
33 Arctic sights
35 Recording
36 Detail
37 Sea anemone, e.g.
38 "Jeopardy!" emcee
41 Witnessed
42 Medal earner
43 Gorbachev's policy
48 Bar
49 Luminox
50 Press
51 Radius neighbor

DOWN

1 Joke
2 Web address
3 Meadow
4 Firetruck need
5 Asian nation
6 Have a bug
7 Miscellaneous collections
8 "Death of a Salesman" writer
9 "American
52 Coloring agent
53 Right on the map?
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9 "American

10 Antitoxins
11 Beach stuff
16 Charged bit
20 Donations to the needy
21 Enthusiastic, plus
22 Close up tightly
23 Prefix with legal or normal
24 Startle
26 Zeus, for one
27 Exam format
28 Imitate
29 Retain
31 Chomp
34 Treasure site

35 Permanent resident
37 — de deux end to the other
39 Actual
40 Green land
41 Secure
44 Put (down)
45 Man-mouse link
46 "Help!"
47 Stick with a kick

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BUFFALO TRIVIA

by Joe Bortz

How many streets in Buffalo are named after fruits? Can you name them all?

Last Week's Answers:

How many streets in Buffalo are named after U.S. Presidents? (Last name only). Did you name them all?

1. Washington	7. Harrison	13. Hayes	19. Taft
2. Adams	8. Tyler	14. Garfield	20. Wilson
3. Jefferson	9. Fillmore	15. Arthur	21. Harding
4. Madison	10. Pierce	16. Cleveland	22. Coolidge
5. Monroe	11. Lincoln	17. McKinley	23. Johnson
6. Jackson	12. Grant	18. Roosevelt	



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cause we can eat it. - Elise
I am thankful for my baby cousin because I love him. - Alexandra
I am thankful for trees because trees give oxygen. - Gisel
I am thankful for a car because we can go places. - Ian
I am thankful for my brother and sister because they help me with homework. - Nia

I am thankful for my brother because he lets me play with his games. - Michael
I am thankful for helping people if they're hurt because if they're hurt they won't be able to help themselves. - Ogechi
I am thankful for taking my dog outside because he needs air. - Sophia
I am thankful for friends because we can play. - Keyarah

I am thankful for recycling because it keeps the world clean. - Biagio
I am thankful for dad's truck because it has three seats in the front. - Jordan
I am thankful for animals because a lot are extinct. - Masarrt
I am thankful for laws because the world would be in chaos without them. - Angel

I am thankful for the universe because they universe gives us friends and family. - Natalie
I am thankful for God because He made us and He made the world. - Harold
I am thankful for my Leapfrog because my Wii is broken. -Toby
I am thankful for my family because they make me feel safe. -Trinity
I am thankful for the world because the world has toys. -Dylan
I am thankful for my sister because she makes me feel safe. -Haley

spell. It would not be good if no one could learn to read or write. -Chanel
I am thankful for School 81 because I can learn and spell and add. -Walter
I am thankful for my dad because he got me a new toy that I wanted and it was cool. -Anthony
I am thankful for my dog because he gives me love and plays with me and he is like a friend to me. -Lolla
I am thankful for my loving family because they are nice and they love me. They want the best for me and I want the best for them. -Lanice
I am thankful for soldiers because they help people and families. -Ehgels
I am thankful for my family because my life is perfect with my family. They care for me and help me when I am down. My family is nice. They feed me, buy food for me, and buy me jewelry and clothes. -Alina

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I am thankful for my family. My mom cooks me food. My sisters Ruby and Sofie help me clean my room. My dad helps me swim. I am lucky to have my family in my life. -Lily

I am thankful for my family because they help me when I am hurt in a sport. I am thankful for my grandma's dog because when I am sad it cheers me up. -Justin

I am thankful for my pet rat Memo. She makes me happy and glad. I am thankful for my life. If I did not have one I would not be here now. I am thankful for food. It helps me stay alive. -Sararose

I am thankful for my teachers because they teach me how to read and write. -Caleb

I am thankful for my family because I love them. I am thankful for my mom because she helps me

with my homework. I am thankful for my dad because my dad has fun with me. -Angel

I am thankful for my family because they help me with my homework. They buy me things and they help me read a book. I am happy I have them. -Alex

I am thankful for my mommy and my daddy. My mommy helps me when I am hurt. My daddy hugs me when I am sad. I love my mommy and my daddy. Another thing I am thankful for is my uncle Brian. He keeps the whole world safe from bad people. My uncle Brian is the best in the world. -Vanessa

I am thankful for my family. Without them I would not survive. I am thankful for my community too. If I had the flu I could get help from the doctors in my community. -Jaden

I am thankful for my mom. She helps me with my homework. My mom gives me food. She bathes

me and irons my clothes. I love her with all my heart. We love you moms everywhere. -Jeneson

I am thankful for my family and friends because they help me and I help them too. My family helps me with homework and my stuff. -Oliver

I am thankful for my mom. I help her and I watch a movie in bed with her. I am also thankful for my dad because he helps me with my train set. -Noah

I am thankful for the army because they help keep our country safe. The army is busy doing hard work. They go to war for their country. -Eugene

I am thankful for my family because my mom takes care of me. My mom makes me food and plays with me a lot. My family is the best and my family is beautiful too. Me and my family are a happy family. I love my family so much. I am thankful for School 81. It is the best school for me. -Arielis

mom and dad, my sisters, my teachers, my life, and my heart. My dog is good and kind. My mom and dad are hard workers. -Eva

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you live. I am thankful for my school because schools help you learn and you will be smart. I am thankful for my family because they help me take care of myself. I am thankful for God because He helps us live. -Gina

Grade 3

I am thankful for my house, and for my family, and for my school. I am thankful for everything I have. -Richard

I am thankful for my family, my friends, my house and my food, my school, and my life, for everything I have, and my teacher. -Lakina

I am thankful for my family and friends. I'm also thankful for school and for me and my teacher and the food we have. I'm also thankful for learning and for you making me and that Thanksgiving was made. -Genesis

I am thankful for my mom, my grandma, my life, my house, and my Playstation 3. -Zachary

I am thankful for my family, house, my school, and

my teacher. -Lucille

I am thankful for my family because I care about so much. My mom I love her so much because she cooks, cleans, is sweet. My dad helps me with my homework and he loves to take me to the movies. I have three sisters - Kayla, Jordan, and Jordan Jr. Sometimes they like to get on my last nerves, but I love them so much. I got one more and it is my dog Jones. Well, that was everybody in my house, and that is what I am thankful for. -Joelle

I am thankful for my family, cat and dogs, food, my friends, my school 81, my life, and my cars. -Caitlen

I am thankful for my life, my family, my house, the food and drinks that I have, the school that I am in, and more. I am thankful for a lot of stuff that I have right now. Thanksgiving is a holiday that was made from a long time ago. Thanksgiving is a very special holiday. Thanksgiving is not just based on turkey, macaroni and cheese, and mashed potatoes or a special meal. You can watch TV or something else you do. Enjoy your Thanksgiving very much. -Jason

I am thankful for my family and my grace to all my family and my dog because I just got my dog last weekend. I am thankful for helping my mom with dinner and before we eat we do our prayers then we wrap up our gifts and we eat dessert and when we are done and we digest our food after everybody gives each other our gifts. -Deanna

I am thankful for my family. I am also thankful for food and clothes on my body, me not being poor or living on the street, and for God and His angels watching over me, and I am also thankful for my parents raising me right and for them loving and caring for me. -Draeana

I am thankful for having every day a good day. And getting to see my dad some days! -Nevaeh

I am thankful for my family because if my mom and dad did not marry, I would not be alive and I love my family so much. -Jackson

I am thankful for mom, dad, Hannah, Elijah, Elizabeth, Grandma, Grandpa, and Mrs. McAuley. -Rachel

The Grapevine

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NFL FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS		
BY JOE BORTZ		
My record so far is 13 wins, 12 losses.		
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KC @ Oakland +7	KC	
Atlanta vs Cleveland +3	Atlanta	
Phil vs Tenn +11	Tenn	
New Eng vs Detroit +7	Detriot	
Green Bay vs Minn +9.5	Minn	
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New Orleans vs Balt. +3.5	N.O.	

LEGAL

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