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The Great American Clean-up



Daytuan Antonetti - Young Heroes Program Director at The Belle Center chopping down overgrown weeds at a vacant Buffalo property.

With summer in full swing, it's the perfect time for local volunteers to "hit the streets" of Buffalo for a twoday Great American Clean Up! Volunteers from The will take place from 10:00

clubs will spruce up a community garden and vacant lots on the Lower West Side of Buffalo.

This two-day clean-up Belle Center and local block a.m. - 1:00 p.m. June 21

st & 22nd, 2012 with three stations on both days (1 Community Garden on 7th and Pennsylvania Streets) and (2 Vacant Lots on 7th & Hudson Streets and 7th & (con't on page 6)

Allentown Art Festival This Weekend



Allentown Village Society, Inc. (AVS) is proud to present the 55th Annual Allentown Art Festival in the historic district of Allentown in downtown Buffalo, NY on Saturday, June 9th and Sunday, June 10th, 2012. Taking place daily from 11AM until 6PM on both days, the festival celebrates visual arts, the beauty of Buffalo's weather in June, the charm and uniqueness of the Allentown area, and quality arts and crafts presented by approx 400 juried artists and exhibitors.

The 2012 Allentown Art Festival is dedicated to the memory of Dolores Mildred Leon, member and former Vice President of the Allentown Village Society. Ms. Leon's devotion as an active member for 30 years and her leadership as Vice President for 11 years will forever be appreciated and recognized by the organization, and AVS has renamed the 1st place award for glass/acrylic to the "Dolores Leon glass/acrylic 1st place award" in her honor.

INBBA Monthly Meeting: June 12th

The Hertel North Buffalo on Tuesday, June 12th, place in their new office Business Association will 2012 beginning at 6PM. at 1510 Hertel Avenue.

hold its monthly meeting The meeting will take All are welcome to attend.

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Shop, Rock & Stroll 2012

Shop, Rock & Stroll is a free summer event which takes place on Friday, June 22nd from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Located in the historic North Park Theatre Block between Norwalk and North Park you will be delighted and enticed while strolling down Hertel Avenue listening to great music performed live and shopping the unique boutiques and specialty shops, which are some of the best Buffalo has to offer. We encourage all ages to come

and experience the sights and sounds only Hertel Avenue can offer!

There will be extended boutique hours, live music and giveaways. There are many new additions to this block such as Mes Que Soccer Pub and Globe to Go, which will be offering tastings off their new menu. Vitamin Water will be handing out free samples and playing games. This is a great event that you don't want to miss!

Find us on Facebook for more information Shop, Rock & Stroll.



Boys & Girls Club 2012 Youth of the Year Winner

The Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo awarded Jamersin Redfern with the 2012 Youth of the Year at last night's AkidEMY Awards.

Jamerson received a \$1,000 scholarship for continuing his education;

he will be attending Buffalo State College in the fall. He will also compete regionally for a chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship.

"Despite growing up on Buffalo's lower west side, (con't on page 4)



Jamersin Redfern has been a member of the Butler Mitchell Clubhouse for 5 years and has made a great impact on the Clubhouse and specifically teen programming.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

MONDAY, JUNE 11

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

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'Prisoner of 2nd Avenue'

While Neil Simon's comedy "Prisoner of Second Avenue" opened 40 years ago, its premise prevails in the Towne Players' revival under the direction of Mark DiPasquale.

U.S. unemployment hit 8.2 per cent on opening night last Friday. In Simon's script it's 6.7. (Why is Nixon never around when you need him?) Protesters are making the world safe for today's Occupiers. And the nightly news has nothing good to say on any of four channels.

Simon's captive Mel Edison goes out of his way for trouble, ear to the wall of the stewardess' apartment ("Go to Europe, keep somebody else awake!"), nose to the porch for the aroma of garbage. His indulgent Edna admits, "If you really want to smell it, you have to stand here."

Even his shrink done him wrong. He died.

In his comedy of exaggeration (a sister insists she

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never saw Mel swallow), Simon finds the lighter side of a character Arthur Miller would have driven to suicide. This salesman instead paces, "around the edges of the rooms so I have a longer walk," while Edna gets a job and learns a little of the agonies of the workplace.

They'd love to jailbreak and open a summer camp for kids in the country. But this takes support and three sisters and a brother, while sympathetic, rationalize their refusal: When Mel no longer needs help he can have it.

Except for its commonality it's an odd sort of comedy, briskly directed, effectively set by Mike Bell and Don Hertel and acted by

Tom Fraterrigo and Melanie Merrill with a growing understanding of Simon's rhythms.

Fraterrigo convincingly projects Mel's desperation, Merrill evokes Edna's alarm. The siblings – Tom Turici, Joyce Siegel, Michaelene LaNave, Cathy Reade - are delicious cast as apples who fell from the tree in different directions, although their varying accents bespeak the rarity of dialect coaches in non-professional theater.

The master of ceremonies ought to mention the play's time period, as the program, which is otherwise excellent, doesn't.

Rocket Man wrote a review of this play by this troupe appeared in 1975. "A sure cure for hard times at bargain prices," it concluded, and that hasn't changed, either. The run wraps up Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at 169 Sheridan Parkside, Tonawanda.

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North Buffalo

May 31, 2012

Hertel Ave - Defendant, along with co-defendant, was found to be in possession of approximately 2 ounces of marijuana while vehicle was stopped for passing a red light.

June 1, 2012

Hertel Ave- Complainant reports the unknown person (s) did break driver's side door window and entered vehicles trunk and took complainant's purse which contained \$300 cash, various credit cards, prescription glasses, cell phone and personal paperwork. Credit card was used at carwash on Bailey ave.

June 3, 2012

Hertel ave - Defendant did take without permission \$67.49 worth of merchandise from discount store . Officers did pull over defendant vehicle, finding the defendant, the merchandise and 21 bags of marijuana.

Parkside Ave - Complainant reports that an unknown male entered open garage and took without permission an old huffy bike. Complainant chased suspect down and recovered the bike. Suspect fled with an unknown male west on Parkside.

West Side

May 30, 2012

Grant St. - Complainant reports that suspect did attempt to get two prescriptions filled. Complainant called doctor's office and was told the scripts were forged. Suspect did show identifica-

tion to complainant and left location without meds.

June 1, 2012

Elmwood/Bidwell - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) entered her friend's vehicle by unknown means and took her wallet. Wallet contained driver's licenses, \$65 cash, various credit cards, health insurance card and personal papers.

June 3, 2012

West Ave - Complainant reports that a male entered her home uninvited when her son opened the door for him. Suspect walked into her bedroom and called her an obscenity stole two beers from refrigerator and left scene. Suspect than called complainant four times after leaving premises and called her more obscenities.

June 3, 2012

Highland Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown black males did display silver handgun and demand all of the money. \$5 in cash was taken.

Riverside

May 30, 2012

Ontario St. - Complainant reports that suspect entered his store with a small black handgun and a mask over the bottom of his face and demanded all the money from the register. Victim did attempt to call 911 when suspect ordered him to drop the phone or he would kill him, complainant did and broke the phone. Suspect did return to store one hour later without the mask as if nothing happened.

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June 1, 2012

Newfield St.- Defendant was found to be in possession of 81 bags of heroin, 3.6 grams of crack, 43.8 grams of marijuana and two live marijuana plants.

June 2, 2012

Tonawanda St. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did gain entry into residence and once inside took, without permission, one crock pot, value at \$120, 27" TV, value \$100 miscellaneous pots and pans, \$50 and DVDs, valued \$300.

June 3, 2012

Amherst St. - Complainant reports that unknown persons did enter his apartment and take his bus pass.

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Corasanti **Trial**

Happened to be listening to one of the talk show hosts after the Crosanti trial verdict came in. He, of course, had his opinion and said talk show hosts are opinionated and not really newscasters. So in his case he was entitled to his opinion. So are columnists in a newspaper. This means I am also entitled to an opinion, so here goes.

The daily newspaper had an article about death threats to the defense lawyers. I read a blog where the jurors were called morons. In the aftermath of one of the most widely followed trials in this area in

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decades, we find people trying to find a reason for the very unpopular decision. Why find the defense lawyers the bad guys, they did what they were supposed to. They got him acquitted. Why blame the jury, they did what they were supposed to, agree or not. If you are unhappy with the verdict, you have to say the ones who did not do their job was the prosecution.

It appeared, to almost everyone, that this was an open and shut case. A slam dunk for the prosecution. I heard on the radio that they were offered outside help from three different source but said it was not

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fell on it and let all the air out. They were not able to convince one person on the jury that this fellow was guilty of anything except DWI. If one of the twelve had said he was guilty, it would have been a hung jury and a re-trial. Maybe if that happened, the prosecutors would have been better prepared a second time.

The night after the verdict was announced the DA said he was shocked. I think a better word would have been embarrassed. It is over and done with now and all we have left is discussions and opinions. I read, with interest, in Sunday's paper the one jury member who was explaining his reason for coming up with an acquittal. Made sense, somewhat, but like anything, there were holes.

His feeling is that Corasanti was a law abiding citizen who had a tragic accident. Law abiding is a stretch, as we are all law abiding, as long as we are not caught. He was convicted of DWI, that we know and it probably was not the first time he was driving under the influence but not caught. Driving while under the influence is against the law and he knew that. Amherst police said he was going 45-55 miles an hour in a 35 mile speed limit zone. The defence admitted to 40, but that is still speeding. The limit is 35 miles an hour, that means if you are going 36 MPH you are speeding. Years ago I was

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stopped on the I-390 for going 70 MPH

in a 65 mile an hour zone. He said I was speeding and gave me a ticket. As much as I protested, he was right, I was going over the limit and breaking the law. Speed limits are designed to decide how fast a vehicle should be traveling in this area, safelv.

So this fellow is driving while intoxicated and speeding, knowing he is breaking the law, and more than likely, not for the first time. Add texting which is another violation, together do you not have a non law abiding citizen? Now we all speed sometimes, in some cases it is almost necessary. If you do go the speed limit, you have some bozo a foot away from your rear bumper. Personally, I never text while driving as I think that is totally dumb. I find it difficult to just look at the phone to see who is calling when I am driving. I am a firm believer that if you want to drink, you do not drive. And if you know you have to drive, you do not drink. To me the penalties for driving while intoxicated are not stiff enough. I personally am aware of too many cases where a drunk driver either killed or injured people I know.

Anyway, guess not too many questioned the DA's handling of this case, as right after the verdict he was given the GOP endorsement. What does that say for the GOP in this area?

2012 Youth Of The Year Winner

(con't from front page) Jamersin was able to overcome obstacles through engaging in several extracurricular activities and achieving high academic standards," said Diane Rowe, chief professional officer. "Instead of making poor choices, he maintains an overall positive attitude and has become a true leader in the club and an inspiration for so many others."

As the highest honor, The Youth of Year award is given to a Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo member who achieves, despite a difficult background, in the areas of leadership, academics, service and/or arts. This awards ceremony is held each year to shed light on the developmental progress their youth make throughout the vear to become strong, intelligent young adults while overcoming enormous odds.

The AkidEMY Awards included performances from Youth of the Year finalists, basket raffle, dinner and testimonials from members and their parents.

For additional information please contact Katie Trask at 716-825-1016 or email ktrask@bgcbuffalo.org.

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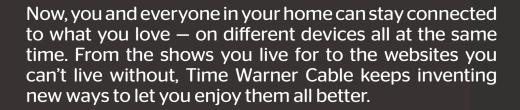






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The old-fashioned boat launch will include actors from the Theodore Roosevelt Site dressed in vintage attire, old-time concessions, a boat launching ceremony and Flag Day inspired concert performed by the PS #64 Frederick Law Olmsted School 3rd grade chorus.

The Buffalo Maritime Center will manage the 2012 boat rental season running on Hoyt Lake through Labor Day. Row boats will be available weekends at \$10 per half-hour, with expanded hours in July and August. Members of the Olmsted Parks Buffalo Conservancy boat for free. Visit http://www.bfloparks. org for more information.

A Healing Mass in honor of St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer, will take place on Monday, June 11th at 7:00PM at All Saints Church, Esser Ave. & Henrietta St, Buffalo. Fr. David A. Bellittiere and the friends of St. Peregrine cordially invite those who are afflicted with cancer or need special healing, who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick to attend this special healing mass. For more information call 283-0011.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

in Buffalo & Erie County Monthly Educational Meeting for families with mentally ill loved ones will meet on Thursday, June 14th at 7:00PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4007 Main Street Amherst. The speaker will be Sammy Violante, who will speak on his recent recovery from mental illness.

The NAMI Family support group meets Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00PM. Call 832-4035 for further information.

The Historical Society is seeking individuals with an enthusiasm for history, a willingness to learn, and a passion for sharing knowledge with people of all ages. A commitment of three weekly sessions and continued reading and research will be required. No prior knowledge of the History of Buffalo is required.

The summer docent training course will take place on Saturdays, from 12:00PM to 2:00PM on the following dates: June 16th (Pioneer Gallery and Native American), June 23rd (Neighbors and Street of Shops) and June 30th (History of the Buildings and Origins). Please contact Michael Reichmuth, Education Assistant, at 716-873-9644 ext. 304 or at bechstours@ gmail.com.

The Erie County Board of Elections announced that their office would be open for absentee voting for the June 26th, 2012 Federal Primary Election from 9:00AM until 5:00PM each working day up until and including June 25th.

In addition, the office will be open for absentee voting: Tuesday, June 12th until 7:00PM, Thursday, June 14th until 7:00PM, Saturday, June 16th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM, Tuesday June 19th until 7:00PM, Thursday, June 21st until 7:00PM and Saturday, June 23rd from 9:00AM until 12:00PM.

The last day to apply in person for an absentee ballot is Monday, June 25th. Please be advised, the Federal Primary Election pertains only to those registered voters who are enrolled in the Republican Party. Any questions, please call the Absentee Department at 858-7819.

The Albright Knox Art Gallery - Due to the inclement weather this past weekend, Art Alive 2012 was postponed to June 9th, 2012. The exhibition will come alive on the Gallery Grounds across from Delaware Park. Art Alive is free, and open to the public, and will include music and activities for families.

Students from over 20 schools and local groups will be recreating famous works of art. For more information go to www.albrightknox.

Music In the Air - On Sunday, June 10th, 2012 at 3:00PM, the combined choirs of Blessed Trinity, St. Louis, and St. Joseph University Churches will present a choral "Extrava-Gala" at Blessed Trinity Church, 317 Leroy Ave. You can look forward to well-chosen favorites from each choir's repertoire, with Nick Del-Bello, Frank Scinta and Roland Martin weilding their batons. A suggested donation of \$10 will benefit the restoration of Blessed Trinitv's Teller-Kent Organ. Call 833-0301 for information.

Great American Clean-up

(con't from front page) Jersey Streets) Buffalo, NY 14201. The purpose of this event is to unite the community while reclaiming and beautifying abandoned gardens and vacant lots on the Lower West Side of Buffalo.

This event is sponsored by The Belle Center- Young Heroes and Buffalo Ameri-Corps programs, Keep America Beautiful, various block clubs and other local volunteers. Daytuan Antonetti- the organizer of this event and program director of the Young Heroes stated, "Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen. So today I ask which one are you? Come join us as we work to beautify our community, eliminate blight, and rejuvenate the spirits of others through a day of service."

We are inviting volunteers to join us for this impactful two-day service project; those interested in volunteering or donating gardening supplies can contact Brittany Powell-Buffalo AmeriCorps volunteer coordinator by calling 716-845-0485 ext. 205 or emailing: bpowell.americorps@thebellecenter.org.

The Belle Center is a nonprofit community center that bridges the gaps to success for youth and families. Headquartered on the Lower West Side of Buffalo, NY The Belle Center has over three decades of service to the community. It provides over 15 premier programs and services to the citizens of Western New York. Our vision is to: "improve lives, create opportunities and foster self-sufficiency" for the hundreds of youth & families who frequent The Center on a daily basis. Our Center offers services with the flexibility to grow along with our children and youth. For more information join us for one of our bi-weekly tours, visit: www. thebellecenter.org/tours.

Allentown Art Festival

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Since 1958, AVS has brought art and celebration and support of art education to city of Buffalo streets. The organization supports artists and craftsmen through the festival's yearly cash prize awards, provides art scholarships to talented students pursuing a career in fine arts, supports local arts and cultual organizations, and helps fund local art projects with grants to art teachers in the Buffalo Public Schools. As a nonprofit organization, AVS earns its money from diverse art and crafts exhibitors showing in the festival each year, and returns funds into the local community. From 1991

through 2011 just under \$400,000 worth of donations have been made to organizations including the American Cancer Society, Boys & Girls Club, Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, Buffalo Olmsted Parks, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Fine Arts League, Impact Artists Gallery, Locust Street neighborhood art classes, Salvation Army Toy Fund and Western New York Artists groups among many others. Scholarships totaling just under \$300,000 have also been awarded to talented students since 1991 as well.

AVS is also proud to promote the Buffalo Public Schools Student Art Exhibit and Chalk Walk, taking place once again this year at their tent at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Edward Street within the festival. This is a unique opportunity for student artists to show off their work, much of which has been funded by AVS grants, and interact with patrons as they walk and explore the show.



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projects in the City of Buffalo. Through

this program, activities have been un-

dertaken to enhance ongoing neigh-

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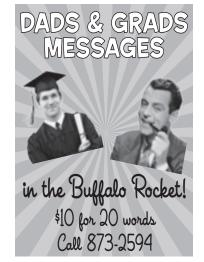
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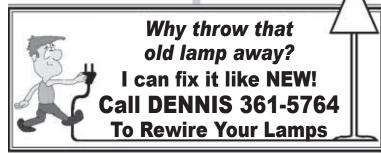
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