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Big Events Planned For 4th Of July At Riverside Park



Spectacular fireworks dispay at Riverside Park on July 3rd and July 4th at dusk.

Independence Day Associa-

This year the 21st Ward events at Riverside Park for the 4th of July celebration. tion has planned some big Once again, for six days the Friendship Festival will be taking place at the park beginning June 29th through

As always the event will host various contests and prizes and are all free to enter. Think you can catch the biggest fish? Then try the Fishing Contest on Saturday morning! No Festival would be complete without a queen, enter to be Miss Friendship Festival. Others include a Beautiful Baby Contest, Kids Day fun games & crafts and the Penny Scramble.

Rides, games and festival favorite foods will be available at conservative prices. Daily pay one price and ride all day Specials, on the midway, supplied by Carol Stream Amusements. One vendor, will again give away 2 bicycles to be awarded Wednesday at 6 pm. A raffle ticket will be given with each ride special purchased. Winner must be present at drawing to claim prize.

There will be two Parades to watch or participate in and this year's music line up includes Crash Cadillac, Hit-n-Run, Blood Money, Power Play, Davey Z, Stealin' and even a few neigh-

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Operation Pets: 25,000 Steps Closer To No More Homeless Pets

On May 15, 2012 Operation PETS: The Spay/Neuter Clinic of Western New York reached a significant milestone when they performed

25,000th their spay-neuter sur-Robinson, Executive Director. "Since opening our 501(c)(3)

not-for-profit spay/neuter clinic on July 21, 2008 we are 25,000 steps closer to no more homeless pets in our community."

"At a time when the economy has caused many pet owners to overlook steril-

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izing their pets, avoiding accidental litters is a key strategy for reducing shelter intake and euthanasia", Robinson continues. We have more and more people calling to ask about our lowcost spay-neuter surgery,

> many of whom had their family income impacted but still want to pet owners. Many

of the pet owners who come to Operation PETS for sur-

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Naturalization Ceremony Aboard the USS Little Rock

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will present 54



to the Honorable Richard J. Arcara, Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of New York , who will administer the Oath of Allegiance at a special ceremony honoring Independence Day. The ceremony will take place aboard the USS Little Rock at the Buffalo & Erie County Naval and (con't on page 3)

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

SUNDAY, JULY 1

MONDAY, JULY 2

TUESDAY, JULY 3

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

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ROCKET Man by Doug Smith

'Strictly Kosher'

When Mastman's ruled the corner of Hertel and Colvin, it broadened Rocket Man's view of the world along with his waistline. Proprietor Jack Shapiro and wife Jackie never lacked the time to describe the precise demands of kosher preparation and to provide counsel, if requested, on ethical dilemmas.

Jack Shapiro was like a second pastor, and when Mastman's closed seven years ago, Rocket Man missed the wisdom even more than he missed the whitefish. Jack died last week, just 64, the passage and arrangements coming so suddenly – as is the protocol of the Jewish faith — that many, including Rocket Man, never got to say good-bye.

This, then, from the Cheap Gourmets' Dining Guide of 1992:

"Here we imbibe the aromatic chicken-and-matzoh-

ball soup, the legendary remedy curing even those who aren't really ill. Sauerkraut and hot-dog-size dills come in limitless supply at lunch. Mrs. C.G. finds a half a corned-beef sandwich lasts the day. The Cheap Gourmet only recently discovered the wonders of Mastman's whitefish salad, creamy, mild and nutritious, and for every tuna salad, Jack and Jackie open a fresh can, then chip in the celery while you wait. Jack insists that's economical, preventing any waste from unused salad, but the truth is they just love to watch the customers' eyes glaze over while the feast comes to life.

"Those customers often include health inspectors – advertising kosher, the Shapiros get double their share, half of them rabbis. The inspectors say nobody else ever seems so happy to see them come in, but Jack and Jackie

shrug it off. They answer to a Higher Inspector."

Jack easily deflected the slings and arrows of outrageous observations. The Buffalo News' "Buzz" once ridiculed Mastman's lack of coffee, particularly its refusal to allow customers to bring in their own. As it would have violated kosher code, the uninformed criticism ignited Rocket Man, who torched the columnist under the headline "Buzz Off."

Rocket Man goes ballistic when outsiders ridicule anybody's article of faith (hence, won't be caught on the same block when "Book of Mormon" opens at Shea's this fall) but Jack quietly cooled his jets. If he was offended, he wasn't going to act it.

ArtVoice sarcastically cited Mastman's closing as an example of what happens to people who didn't advertise there, quite a profit-minded rant for the region's premiere critics of capitalism.

Gentle Jack never jostled to get in the last words. His first were usually good enough: "How's your day going?" Now he has gone to a Higher Inspector, a peaceful passage, we hope. Thanks, and mazel toy, teacher.

Fire back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com

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North Buffalo

June 19, 2012

Villa Ave. - Complainant states that unknown person (s) did enter unlocked garage and did take, without permission, a red electric motor scooter, approximate value \$150.

June 20, 2012

Delaware Ave. - Defendant did take a case of DVDs, a charger, a calculator, an all in one charger and concealed them in his backpack and left store. Defendant was apprehended on a Metro bus in possession of said items.

June 24, 2012

Fordham Dr. - Complainant reports that unknown person did enter house through kitchen window and took the phone, exiting through the rear door.

West Side

June 19, 2012 Bird Ave. - Complainant

reports that during an argument the defendant did display a box cutter, making complainant fear for her safety.

June 20, 2012

West Ferry St. - Complainant reports suspect did break complainant's window and attempted to enter when he was chased away by neighbors.

Niagara St. - Defendant was driving on the wrong side of the double yellow line causing the patrol officer to drive up on the sidewalk to avoid a head-on collision. Defendant was found to be intoxicated, registering a .23 bac. Defendant also had her 8 year old child in the vehicle. Defendant was unlicensed, vehicle was unlicensed and not inspected.

June 23, 2012

When your doctor orders blood work

Normal Ave. - Defendant was found to be intoxicated and operating a vehicle with three children inside. Defendant had a blood alcohol count of .24.

Riverside

June 19, 2012

Military Rd. - While at the defendant's place of employment, defendant did transfer, without permission, a total of \$7,982.60 into an unauthorized, personal account.

June 21, 2012

Ontario St. - Suspect paid for \$10 in gas and drove away without pumping gas. Suspect appeared to be intoxicated. While he was gone, someone else pumped his \$10 in gas. Suspect returned to store and became irate, tearing up the store. Suspect tore down several shelves of candy products, destroying some. Suspect then fled scene.

Skillen Ave. - Complainant reported his vehicle missing, officers recovered it in the driveway of a vacant house.

Isabelle St. - Defendant was questioned while sitting on a plastic chair on top of light pole with open bottle of liquor next to him. When asked by officers if he had any drugs on him, he did produce a small bag of marijuana and after further investigation, officers recovered Loratab pills.



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Naturalization Ceremony Aboard the USS Little Rock

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Military Park in Buffalo, NY on Thursday, June 28, at 9:30 am.

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FRIDAY JUNE 29, 2012

5:00 PM Miss Friendship Festival Contest 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Live Band - River Rocks

SATURDAY JUNE 30, 2012

8:00 AM - Noon Fishing Contest - Pier Fishing Only (Foot of Ontario Street) 1:00 PM o 3:00 PM Patriot's Softball Game 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Petting Farm 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Live Band - Hit-N-Run

SUNDAY JULY 1, 2012

1:00 PM - 11:00 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Beautiful Baby Contest Noon - 5:00 PM Car Show 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Petting Farm 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Live Band - Davey Z 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Live Band - Blood Money

MONDAY JULY 2, 2012

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TUESDAY JULY 3, 2012

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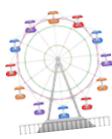
10:00 AM - Noon Kiddie Parade 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM Ride Specials! Pay One Price 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Grand Parade 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Photos with Mickey & Santa 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Live Band - 2 For The Road 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Live Band - Stealin'

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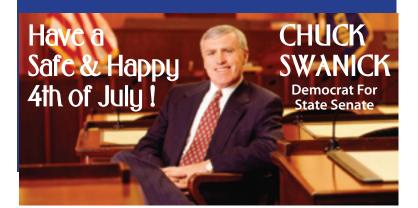






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"Good Reading?"

Recently my son gave me a book to read. "Gangsters and Organized Crime in Buffalo" by Mike Rizzo. Talk about a trip into the past. Having been born and raised on the West Side of Buffalo and doing business in North Buffalo, I knew some of the people mentioned. One wondered if they were mob connected but you just did not ask. It would be uncomfortable to have concrete shoes on the bottom of the Erie Canal.

Actually most of the ones I knew were nice people in public. Good family men who cared deeply for their offspring. You would never guess that in the evening after dinner they would go out and whack someone. Usually other members of the same mob, who have in some way crossed the line. I did recall most of the incidents that made headlines at the time about mob related killings. In front of the old Roseland's on Chenango Street on the Buffalo's West Side. In the middle of Hertel Avenue in front of what was Mulligan's at the time.

At one time it was quite common to read about gang killings. Seems it happened all the time. Especially on the old West Side of Buffalo. In fact a young fellow I played football with at Grover Cleveland High School was found along with another fellow in a field in Lancaster. They were killed gangland style in what was called a West Side necktie. Hands trussed behind them with a rope from their ankles to their neck. As the legs tired, the rope would strangle them. My school mate was 21 years old at the time. An extremely likable fellow and very athletic and it was shocking to read of his demise in such a man-

As the West Siders migrated to North Buffalo. seems that some of the members of the mob moved with them. It was not unusual to see a group of eight or ten members walking and talking as they moved up and down Hertel Avenue. They did this to prevent any kind of wire tapping. Remember this was before cameras and cell phones. As we saw them walk by the window, my barber once said to me, "they must be deciding who gets whacked tonight." We both chuckled but it is possible that was what was happening. Funny thing is, I knew some of the group and they would said hello as I came out of the barber shop.

I even recall one time playing golf at Audubon golf course. My ball went into the woods (as it often does) and I went in to retrieve it. Here in the woods were about seven well dressed men having a meeting. Some of the same group as the Hertel Avenue walkers. It kind of surprised me, but I felt better when they recognized me and said hello. I took a drop with my golf ball as I did not want it to look like I am part of the group. Like I said before, they were generally nice to the public, of which I was one, and I was treated with respect. Not that I was macho or not intimidated, I just minded my own business and tried to keep my nose out of where it does not belong.

So I did find this book interesting and it did shake some memories. Some of the pictures of the mob meeting places were very familiar. Panaro's on Hampshire walked or drove past every time I went to Grant Street. This was the scene of the infamous raid on suspected mob members having a meeting. I believe it was called little Appalachian referring to the big raid in the Appalachian Mountains. Used to go to dinner at Roseland's as it was a great place for Italian food. This was the scene of one of the gangland killings.

If it were not for this book I would not have realized how active the mob was in Buffalo. However, going back over the years, guess it was pretty much around and about. Just hidden in plain sight. Kind of reminds me of the movie.

4th At Riverside

(con't from front page) borhood bands, River Rocks and 2 for the Road.

Fireworks will be displayed on Tuesday July 3rd and Wednesday July 4th at dusk.

See this week's paper for full schedule dates and times or visit the 21st Ward Independence Day Association web site for applications and dates at www.4thatriverside.com.

Operation Pets

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gery do not have a regular vet, which means if they were not able to receive the surgery here, they would probably not be able to afford it elsewhere. Our goal is to make spay/neuter services more affordable to pet owners who might not otherwise be able to sterilize their pets. We can reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats entering our shelters while helping people who are struggling financially to spay or neuter their pets."

"When we started Operation PETS four years ago, we never thought we would reach this milestone in such a short period of time," says Edie Offhaus, President of Operation PETS Board of Directors. "We are very proud of the 25,000 surgery mark, but there is still much work to be done. We are just starting to see an impact on Western New York's pet overpopulation problem, which illustrates how important it is to continue offering this service."

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