



Mardi Gras!

"Laissez les bons temps rouler"



photo: Rose Mattrey

Buffalo's own Mardi Gras is set to take place on Fat Tuesday, February 12th, and will benefit Buffalo's cultural institutions.

The 18th annual Mardi Gras Parade and Festival will be on Fat Tuesday (February 12th), Historic Allentown and surrounding areas will become Buffalo's own French Quarter. Start partying at 5pm when the parade takes an all new route down Allen Street.

You can design a float, dress in costume, bring your parade puppets and march

along in the parade.

All funds raised by \$5 bracelet sales benefit Give for Greatness, a not-for-profit organization that raises funding and awareness for Western New York's beloved arts and cultural institutions.

Allentown Venues include: The Bend, Cathode Ray, Colter Bay, Dukes, Fat Bobs, Frizzys, Fugazi, Hardware

Cafe, Mulligans, Neitzsches, Q, Essex St Pub, Funky Monkey, Underground Club Marcella, 223 Allen St, plus downtown venues of Purple Monkey, Noir, Tap House, Privato, Bottoms Up, 67 West, D'Arcy McGees, City Tavern, Indulge, SOHO.

It's Buffalo's biggest party night of the year... so come out and party for a great cultural cause!

Fit Family Fridays

On Monday January 21st, 2013, The Black Rock/Assumption Boys & Girls Club hosted a two hour Zumbathon in honor of Martin Luther King Day of Service.

Our goal was to engage as many people as possible in physical fitness activities and kick off our 10 week "Fit Family Fridays" program. We had a total of 38 participants who ranged from ages 4-35. Many of our parents have been inquiring about regular Zumba classes within the Club. As a result, our unit will implement Fit Fam-

ily Fridays featuring one hour of dance aerobics, with Zumba inspired dance moves.

Over the course of 10 weeks, the children and their parents will learn over 50 routines. They will then pick their top 15 routines to be featured in a DVD recording that will take place during Global Youth Service Day Weekend. This DVD will be copied and sold amongst Club families to help raise awareness of Childhood Obesity.

Our intentions are to motivate our Club mem-

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The Black Rock/Assumption Boys & Girls Club hosted a two hour Zumbathon to kick off the "Fit Family Fridays" program.

Albright Knox Art Gallery Launches Teen Mentoring Program

The Albright-Knox Art Gallery announced the launch of its newest program for young Western New Yorkers today. The new AK Teens, presented by First Niagara Bank, is a dynamic mentoring program that will serve teens from across Western New York and Southern Ontario. Designed to mentor young adults seeking to pursue careers in creativity and the arts, AK Teens will provide a platform for young artists

to exhibit their work, and to prepare portfolios, which are vital for admission to college arts programs. The program offers workshops and mentoring on subjects ranging from making art to working in the arts, and even public speaking.

AK Teens will expand the participation of young Western New Yorkers at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, and provide mentoring to those seeking to pursue

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Grants To Help Buffalo Residents Own A Home

Premium Mortgage-funded grants of up to \$2,500 per home buyer will stimulate home ownership in Erie and Niagara counties by helping home buyers meet FHA mortgage down-payment requirements.

Additional incentives available for those who purchase a home within the city limits of Buffalo

through WSNHS and the City of Buffalo.

In an effort to help first-time Buffalo-area homebuyers realize the dream of home ownership, Premium Mortgage Corporation – working with West Side Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. and its new First Choice Buffalo program – will fund up to \$2,500 in individual

grants to help homebuyers meet Federal Housing Administration requirements for the down payment and purchase of a home.

West Side Neighborhood Housing Services, a local non-profit housing agency, will administer the First Choice Buffalo program and award the funds to

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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith

‘Make Way for Baseball’

“Hockey’s starting tomorrow and everyone’s talking baseball.”

That was Blue Jays CEO Paul Beeston speaking a fortnight ago of the game that isn’t even his own country’s national pastime.

Close to 500 fans gathered at the downtown Adam’s Mark for the Bisons’ Hot Stove Luncheon welcoming the Blue Jays into the fold. “For years,” said Beeston, “we’ve felt that we SHOULD be here.”

Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos reminded the multitude of the first words he heard from Bison owner Bob Rich: “Winning is what it’s all about.” That’s basically why the hapless Mets, despite family connections, were sent packing after four years of a few great memories (notably pitcher R. L. Dickey) and no playoffs.

A big trade recently sent away several Jays prospects, players who almost surely would have opened the season here. He spun it this way:

“With the higher payroll (translated: better, contending ballplayers) we have in Toronto now, we can look for the next wave of stars to spend more time here” in Buffalo.

One of that wave, outfielder Anthony Gose, came along for the ride and although he played more than 50 games with the Jays last summer, claimed he was ready to report to Buffalo for the opener April 4. Anthopoulos compared him favorably with ex Bison and Cleveland star Grady Sizemore. “You may not see a better defensive centerfielder anywhere,” he said.

Gose smiled at the “convenient” distance between Buffalo and the parent Jays. “I gotta hit the ball,” he said. “People make a spot for you when you’re hitting.”

Long after you’ve stopped hitting, too. Retired slugger George Bell did the first on-stage interview, referring to the old War Memorial

Stadium (he played there at age 19) as the worst ballpark he ever saw. The crowd applauded. Buffalo fans know not to defend the indefensible.

The Bisons introduced their new uniforms as scarlet, ice and legend. They looked suspiciously like red, white and blue, suggesting that anybody who still had gear from Pilot Field’s 1988 opening was back in style. “No old gear allowed in the ballpark,” said Bison GM Mike Buczkowski, kidding, mostly.

Fans seem to favor the new affiliation. Jim Williams, son of the late legendary scout Cy Williams, said “it’s a good thing at the right time.” So did broadcaster Jerry Reo while warning, “but no parent club is any different from any other, when it comes down to the crunch in August, if they need your best player, they’re going to call him up.”

Buczkowski foresaw a benefit in Toronto fans trekking to Buffalo to watch their prospect. Rocket Man sees that as giddily optimistic, unless a player such as Dickey is here on rehab assignment, but as Anthopoulos put it, “we’re going to be here for a long time.”

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The Blotter Felonies

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January 17, 2013

Amherst St. - Complainants report that while they were in a vehicle, an unknown black male opened fire on them with a black hand gun. The driver received superficial gun shot wounds to head and arm. The shooter then apologized and said it was a case of "mistaken identity". Rear passenger received superficial gunshot wounds as well. Vehicle incurred damage from multiple gunshot holes to driver's side door, rear and front bumper and windshield.

January 22, 2013

Amherst St. - Defendant did steal ice tea.

January 23, 2012

Hertel Ave. - Complainant states that person(s) unknown did take, without permission, thirty cartons of Newports, valued at \$4,855.

January 23, 2013

Delaware Ave. - Complainant states that while doing laundry person(s) unknown did take, without permission, her wallet out of her purse. Wallet contained bank card, benefits card, \$400 cash, health cards and many other personal papers.

January 27, 2013

Hertel Ave. - Officers responding to a suspicious vehicle call did find a ladder next to a window. Upon entry officers did see that the premises had been damaged and ransacked. Officers recovered assault weapons with an unloaded banana clip and a dozen loose rounds recovered in close proximity. Also recovered, were two 9mm, one glock and three scales with cocaine residue along with more than 1/8 oz. of crack cocaine.

West Side

January 15, 2013

West Ave. - At an unknown time of the night on November 29th, suspects did conspire together to commit a robbery at said address. Suspects then conspired with, and enlisted another person, and at least one other individual to then

commit the following robbery: suspects entered unlawfully, at gunpoint and did forcibly take, without permission, cash, game consoles, computers and other items. While in the commission of said robbery, suspect did strike complainants 1, 2 and 3 in the head with a handgun causing physical injury. During the robbery suspect, who pretended to be a victim, handed the assailants stolen items. After the crime, suspect told victims to not call the police in an attempt to cover up the crimes. Suspects then met and collected a portion of the proceeds of the crime.

January 22, 2013

Grant St. - Complainant reports that person(s) unknown did kick in his apartment door, damaging the frame and lock. They did take 2 television sets, various games and the food from the refrigerator.

January 24, 2013

Richmond St. - Defendant was observed operating a vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign. Upon further investigation, strong odor of marijuana was coming from the vehicle. Defendant's license was found to be suspended. Officers found marijuana and mushrooms in car.

January 27, 2013

Grant/Auburn Sts. - Complainant reports that while driving, defendant did pull up behind her and did "rev" his engine numerous times, causing complainant and passenger to fear for their lives. Defendant did this multiple times as he followed complainant up and down city streets, accelerating up to her bumper and stopping just short of contact. Defendant did also make gestures with his finger to shoot complainant.

January 28, 2013

Herkimer St. - Complainant states that 3 unknown Hispanic males entered his apartment by means of unlocked door. All three were armed with pistols, they did hit complainant on the head causing lacerations. Complainant was taken to hospital for stitches. Taken, without permission, was \$700 cash, cell phone and

two pairs of sneakers.

Riverside

January 15, 2013

Royal Ave. - Complainant states that when he arrived home from work his door was kicked in and his home was entered by unknown person(s). Taken from the residence was a television, 2 gold chains and 3 play stations.

January 18, 2013

Tonawanda St. - Defendant told officers he was sitting in his house and heard someone hit his car, stating it was a hit and run. Upon further investigation, he later admitted he hit another vehicle and left the scene.

January 20, 2013

Condon Ave. /Vulcan St. - Complainant states that unknown person(s) took his motorized wheelchair that was parked outside of bar on the corner. Wheelchair is valued at \$7,500.



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Operation PETS Receives \$92,000 Grant from ASPCA

Operation PETS The Spay/Neuter Clinic of Western New York, Inc, announced the receipt of a \$92,000.00 grant from the ASPCA®(American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ®), which will assist income-qualified pet owners get their pets spayed/neutered as part of their On Target Spay/Neuter Project. The project provides low co-pays for individuals who meet the income guidelines and reside in Erie, Niagara, Wyoming or Cattaraugus Counties.

"Operation PETS is grateful to the ASPCA for this generous grant, which will help our On Target Spay/Neuter Project make a positive impact in our community," said Linda Robinson, Executive Director of Operation PETS. "Spaying and neutering our animals is a vital step in combating the pet overpopulation problem in local shelters. Unaltered animals have more health problems and are more likely to stray and

run away. To be a responsible pet owner you must spay and neuter your animals."

Edie Offhaus, Co-founder and President of Operation PETS added "I am thrilled that the ASPCA continues to support high quality, high volume spay/neuter concepts by providing funding for spay/neuter programs. I am very proud of our clinic and staff."

"The ASPCA is glad to assist Operation PETS with this significant grant," said Jill Van Tuyl, community initiatives director at the ASPCA. "Spay/neuter is the only way to effectively prevent unplanned litters, keeping more animals out of the shelter system and in loving homes."

The New York State Animal Population Control Program (APCP) is a low-cost spay/neuter granting program managed by the ASPCA on behalf of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Funds are garnered from

pet licensing fees collected by towns, which are then sent to the state. Quarterly, the state sends these funds to the ASPCA to be granted out specifically toward low-cost spay/neuter programming.

Operation PETS opened in July 2008 in an effort to curb the growing issue of pet overpopulation in WNY. Operation PETS provides high-quality, high-volume, low-cost sterilization services for companion animals in target populations such as low-income pet owners who fall within set income guidelines, pit bulls and feral/free-roaming community cats. Since we started Operation PETS four and a half years ago, over 30,000 sterilization surgeries have been accomplished.

Operation PETS is located at 3443 South Park Avenue, Blasdell, NY 14219. To learn more about Operation PETS programs and services, visit www.operationpets.org or call 716-783-8998.

Grants To Help Buffalo Residents Own A Home

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homebuyers who put at least 1% of the purchase price toward a down payment. Additional requirements for the homebuyer include the completion of a course on home purchase and ownership through WSNHS, a personal credit score of at least 660, and the ability to actually qualify for a mortgage.

Upon meeting these requirements, eligible homebuyers could pursue purchase of a 1-2-3-4 unit family home, condominium

or townhouse. The home could be in Erie or Niagara counties.

How the Program Works; First-time home buyers are eligible for the First Choice Buffalo program. There are no income requirements or restrictions.

Upon acceptance into the program, the prospective homebuyer attends classes taught by WSNHS on the ins and outs of successful home purchase and ownership.

The qualified homebuyer

will be given a list of approved real estate agents to help find a suitable property; the homebuyer will work with Premium Mortgage Corporation for the mortgage. Further, the homebuyer must qualify for a mortgage.

Anyone interested in pursuing the First Choice Buffalo program can contact West Side Neighborhood Housing Services at 716.885.2344. More information is available on-line at www.wsnhs.org.

Fit Family Fridays

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bers to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. There is a high possibility that if our Club members have a DVD of their peers performing a fitness routine, they will follow suit.

Club members and their families are welcomed to attend. The dates and times are as follows: 1/25, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/22, 3/29, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26 (4:30p-5:30p). The DVD

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To register or for more information, please email or call Robert Shaffer, flotilla-33education@hotmail.com, 716-901-0722.

The Holistic Alliance of WNY invites you to attend our monthly meeting on February 8th, 2013.

The topic for this meeting will be "Infinite Possibilities- The Art of Living Your Dream". Open your heart and mind to all of the possibilities while learning specific steps to creating all you desire in your life. Register at nancyweil@roadrunner.com by Jan.25th to receive your free book, "Infinite Possibilities", as well as a free DVD, "The Secret".

The meeting is held the second Friday of each month at Sister of Charity Hospital - St. Joseph Campus, 2605, Harlem Road, Cheektowaga beginning at 7PM in the Community Room. The meeting is open to the public, and free of charge.

Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Inc. Announces 2013 Season Auditions - Auditions for Shakespeare in Delaware Park's 38th season will be held on February 16th, 17th, 18th:

Saturday February 16th - 9am to 2pm, OPEN CALL.
Sunday February 17th 9am to 1pm, CALL BACKS.
Monday February 18th 5pm to 9pm, CALL BACKS.

Auditions will be held at The Market Arcade Building --617 Main Street Buffalo 14203 (this is NOT the Market Arcade "Movie" Complex).

OPEN CALL AUDITIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Everyone interested in being considered for the 2013 season must make an audition appointment. To arrange an ap-

pointment, please call (716) 856-4533, on or after February 4th (NO audition appointments will be accepted before February 4th).

For more information please contact Lisa Ludwig 716-856-4533.

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2/20/2013, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Canisius College - Palisano Pavilion, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY,

14208.

2/20/2013, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Kenmore Mercy Hospital - Community Room, 2950 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore, NY, 14217.

2/21/2013, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Erie Community College City - Auditorium, 121 Ellicott St, Buffalo, NY, 14203.

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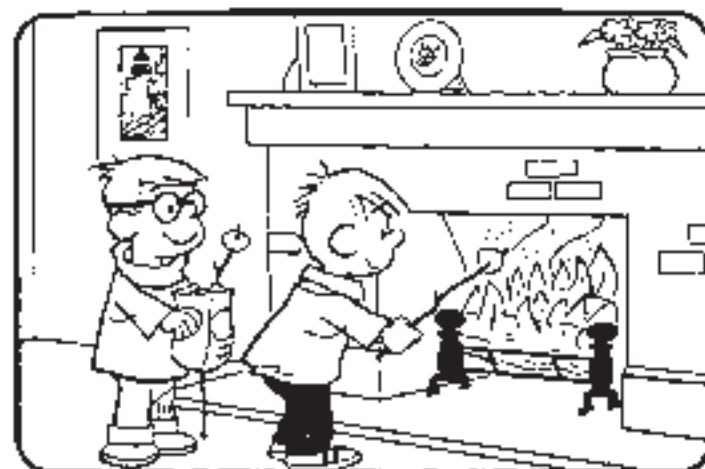
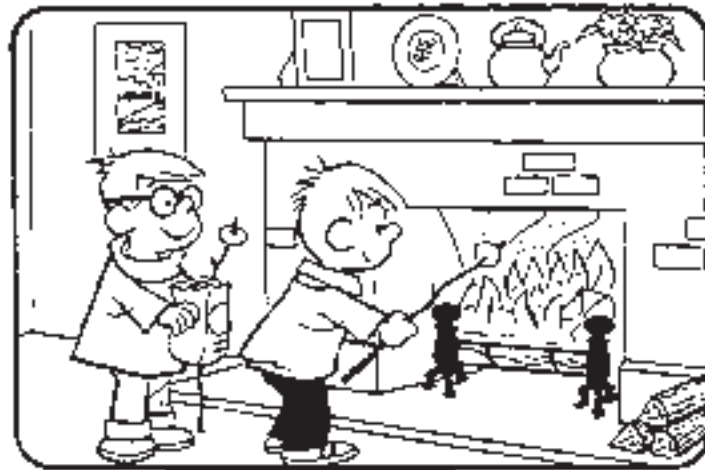
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careers in creativity and the arts by offering a growing range of workshops and programming. AK Teens builds on the success of the museum's Future Curators program, which allows young men and women to work alongside Gallery staff to plan, organize, and install an art exhibition. This year, AK Teens will provide a number of new initiatives, including Portfolio Review, a Museum and Studio Workshop series, and Speak Out, a public-speaking course that will be taught around works in the Gallery's world-renowned Collection.

For additional information, please visit www.albrightknox.org.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Susan B's Clothes For Kids LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on December 18, 2012. Office location is Erie County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon who process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to Susan Justinger, 3600 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14217. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. 4-9

CITY OF BUFFALO
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Former School #63 - 91 Lisbon Avenue, Buffalo, NY
The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning (OSP), Division of Real Estate is soliciting proposals for the sale and redevelopment of former School #63 located at 91 Lisbon Avenue Buffalo, New York. The former school is a 2 story structure, zoned R-2 site encompassing approximately 68,594 square feet.
Proposals are due no later than Friday March 01, 2013 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, 920 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202. The proposal package is also available on the City of Buffalo's website at: http://city-buffalo.com/Home/City_Departments/RealEstate/RequestsForProposals. 5-5

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Director of Plant Services 5-5

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