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St. Patrick's Day Parade This Sunday



The downtown Buffalo St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at 2:00 pm in Niagara Square and travels down Delaware Avenue to North Street.

Sunday, March 17th bring the family Downtown and celebrate the luck of the Irish at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The United Irish American Association of Erie County (UIAA) has elected Mark R. O'Neill of Hamburg, to be Grand Marshal of the 2013 Saint Patrick's Day Parade. His contributions to the UIAA and Saint Patrick's Day Parade started before joining the Executive Com-

mittee. He has been a long time parade marshal including assistance with crowd control and parade line up. In addition, he has taken on the task of announcing at the reviewing stand. In recent years, Mr. O'Neill has developed and maintained the website for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

The 2013 parade is dedicated to the memory of former Buffalo Police officer Lt. Thomas Masterson Sr. Tom

was a police officer in the City of Buffalo for 46 years. Lt. Masterson was a member of the UIAA Executive Committee for many years and served as Sergeant at Arms. He brought humor and level headed reasoning to meetings. Even before being elected to serve on the Executive Committee, he served many years as the advisor on traffic issues and the parade route. His friends, working on the Saint

Patrick's Day Parade, sadly miss Tom. Tom's wife Kathy along with their children and a large group of family and friends will march in his honor.

The parade kicks-off in Niagara Square at 2:00 pm and travels north on Delaware Avenue to North Street...don't forget to wear green! See you there!

Keep The Luck Of The Irish Alive, Don't Drink & Drive

Erie County Sheriff Tim Howard, Liberty Cab's Bill Yuhnke /Taxi Magic; Mark Croce and several other Chippewa area bar owners announced a Saint Patrick's weekend campaign in which patrons who have drank too much are encouraged to take advantage of a free ride home (within a 25 mile radius).

The campaign works like this: From Friday, March

15th at 9:00 pm- through Noon Monday, March 18th, if a bar patron is at one of the establishments that

have teamed up with the Sheriff's Office and Liberty Cab and they feel they are too intoxicated to drive home, they are encouraged to ask the bartender for a yellow voucher.

Once the customer is given a voucher (con't on page 6)



City of Buffalo Snow Removal Director Wins Award

The New York State Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) recently informed Henry Jackson, Street Cleaning and Snow Removal Director for the City of Buffalo, that he is

the 2012 recipient of the Excellence in Snow & Ice Control Award for the New York State Chapter.

Recognition of Director Jackson's outstanding performance and effective leadership is well de-

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Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts Presents Musical Production of Aida

The Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts will present the school edition of the Broadway musical production of Aida, Thursday-Friday, March 21st -22nd at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm, Main Stage Theatre, 450 Masten Ave. Tickets are \$6.00/adults and \$3.00/students & senior citizens.

The celebrated Lorna Hill, directs this classic tale of forbidden love, set against a backdrop of warring nations and cultural differences. This modern day, version of Aida is scripted for young performers and is set to the contemporary, pop-rock score and lyrics of Elton John & Tim Rice, with musical direction by Karen Williams

and choreography by Rebecca Bateson-Brown.

The Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts, now in its 35th year, has been a proven training ground for Buffalo's emerging young talent in the performing, visual and media arts, as well as providing a full academic program.

For tickets & information call : 816-4220.

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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



‘Smilin’ Irish Eyes’

Rocket Man’s maternal grandparents, one Protestant, the other Catholic, left Ireland more than a century ago to be married in the US. Their daughter, Rocket Man’s Mom, married HER man, on St. Patrick’s Day. And, recently, Rocket Man unearthed a Civil War document revealing another of his ancestors had, in the 1860’s, worked for someone named Gallagher.

Therefore, he begs your leave, at this season, to re-spin his three favorite Irish yarns:

The Sodality of St. Bridgid’s and the B’nai B’rith of Temple Solomon decided that they could better serve the community by merging. The Sodality had 51 members, the Temple group three.

First order of business was an election. Kitty O’Toole ran for president against Sadie Goldman.

When the votes were counted, Mrs. O’Toole was declared the winner, 51 to 3.

Mrs. Murphy congratulated Mrs. O’Toole: “Congratulations, I’m so glad you won, but isn’t it disgraceful the way those Jewish women stick together?”

In the fervor of a rousing hymn during services at St. Michael’s, a comely Irish alto tumbled out of the choir loft, her heel catching on the protective railing, her flowing robe now hanging downward over her head.

Father Pat called out: “Any man who looks toward that loft shall be struck blind!”

From the back row, Shamus turned to Paddy and ventured, “I think I’ll risk one eye.”

On the back streets of a divided neighborhood in Northern Ireland, McGinty and McGonigle decided to take revenge on the British constable who patrolled their area at night. They considered him a brute, and so decided to ambush him, seize him, beat him, tie him up, set him afire and throw him into the river to drown.

The constable walked his beat with precision, always passing one particular corner at 2 a.m. They waited in the shadows with their chains and sticks. The clock struck 2, then 2:15. No patrolman.

“I wonder where he is?” asked McGinty.

“Oh, dear,” said McGonigle, “I certainly hope he’s not ill.”

It’s the irony that makes these jokes work if, in fact, they do – in the first, the misdirected accusation; in the second, the skeptical respect for authority; in the third, the compulsive compassion. Rocket Man actually knew of an Irish woman with a fearsome grudge against another, who would then be the first in line to tend her in misfortune.

Happy day.

One word more: Those with longer memories and grayer hair may remember that “One Day at a Time” actress Bonnie Franklin, whose days ended at 69 March 1, flew as Peter Pan at Buffalo’s Studio Arena shortly before TV beckoned. She charmed in every way and distributed commemorative thimbles to critics. It was a privilege.

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

"Hablas Español"

One of the things prominent in Florida that you do not see much of in the Buffalo area is Mexican workers. Not only Mexicans, but Hispanics from all over. Lots of Cubans and people from South America. Needless to say they do most of the work here for the wealthy.

Someone told me they made a movie about when the Mexicans went on strike for a day. I cannot imagine that happening, as they do everything. Construction, Landscaping, Hospitality. They are bank tellers, waitresses, check out people at the super market, the list goes on and on. If they decided to not work, even for a day, there would be complete chaos. I found few that are not hard workers. Willing to work long hours as they receive a decent pay.

There was a crew of Mexican immigrants working out back of my house here in Florida. It was raining very hard, as it does in Florida, but they kept on working as they are paid by the hour and if they stop they do not get paid. We asked the lead man, who spoke English, if they could take a break and come into our lanai until it let up a bit. He agreed and we gave them some drinks and cookies. They make \$10 an hour and send most of it back to their families. Usually in a crew like that, if you speak English, you are the boss. Most of the workers who do physical labor do not speak English at all. Friendly and smiley, but good morning is about the limit.

Sometimes not being able to speak English could be not so good. I recall when they were putting the roof on my house here. A couple of hard working Mexicans were doing the roof. Unfortunately, it was the wrong color and they did not speak English. I tried frantically to make them understand so they could stop, but to no avail. The fellow on the roof just smiled and waved and gave me the "need dental work" grin. Nice ear to ear smile but exposed the last time, if ever, he had been to a dentist. By the time I reached someone who could stop it, the roof was complete. It had to be taken off and re-done.

One of the things I do like most is going to the Mexican flea market in Ft Myers on Sunday. The buyers are in their Sunday best and coming from church. Not all the vendors are Hispanic but most are. I like to buy fruits and vegetable as they are fresh, cheap, and home grown. The farmers are very good and knowledgeable, I also buy my plants and flowers for the same reason, cheap and home grown. Usually they have their children there to interpret for them if you have questions about the plants. I have orange, grapefruit, lemon, and avocado trees. All bought at this flea market and doing very well.

We usually have fresh grapefruit off our tree all the while we are down here. All the lemons we want, but unfortunately, the orange tree does not bear fruit until the

summer so we miss out. My fig tree is not doing as well as the others. I need to go Sunday and talk to my farmer friend.

It would be a different world in Florida if there were no immigrants to do the work. Restaurants would have to close, along with hotels and golf courses, construction would come to a stand still. Now you may say and some feel this way, they are taking away jobs from Americans. Unless you just fell off of a turnip truck, you are aware that Americans are taken care of, just by being American. Yes, there are some that are willing to put roofs on in 90 degree heat. Some that are willing to work long hours to accomplish a goal. I am one of them and did at one time feel immigrants did take away jobs. After witnessing the effort and time spent by these people working very hard, my feelings have changed. I cannot picture today's American worker doing what some of these immigrants have to endure.

Just one thing I do have to add. I talk about the majority that I see. Like any other ethnic group, there are bad ones. Along with the hard working, family oriented, happy to be here, there is also an element of not especially good people. Those are the ones that make the news. It is good they are a small minority. It does not bother me to walk through a group of teen age Mexican boys as most are gracious and nod politely. How many other ethnic groups would do that? That is usually on the way to have a boiled corn on the cob on a stick. After walking around the flea market, with the fragrance of them cooking, it becomes almost impossible to resist. And they are good, if you have good teeth.

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Timothy Bohen, Bulger Communications Center West - Date: March 19, 2013, 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Timothy Bohen, a first-time Buffalo author, has written a comprehensive history of Buffalo's First Ward and its colorful characters. Various members of his paternal family (the Bohens, Driscolls, Roches, Brinkworths, and Coughlins) lived in the First Ward of Buffalo from 1849 to 1949. Copies of *Against the Grain* will be available for purchase and for the author to sign.

This is a Free event. For more information call (716) 878-4000 or visit <http://www.theyearofthecity.com>.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) in Buffalo & Erie County monthly educational meeting for families with mentally ill loved ones will be Thursday Apr 11th, 2013 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St., Amherst, 14226. The DVD "The Released" a PBS Documentary about what happens when a mentally ill prisoner is released will be shown.

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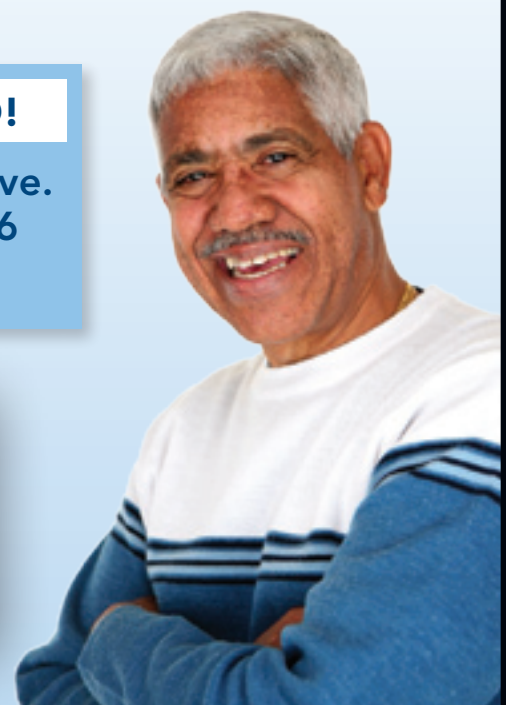
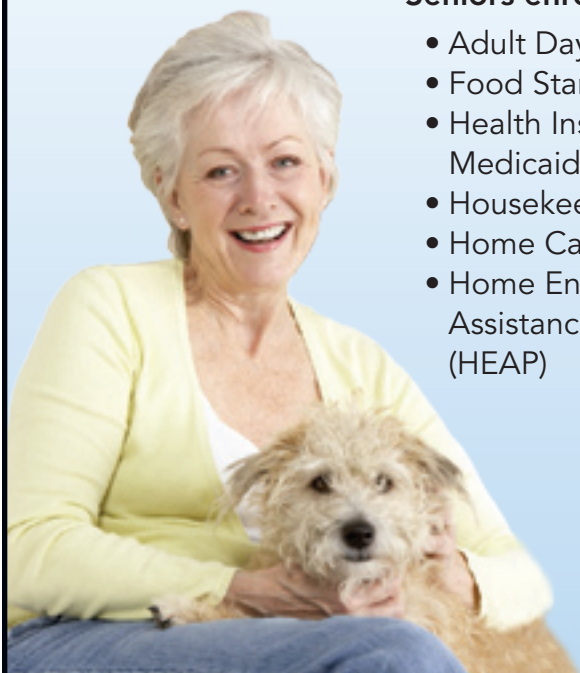
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From "D" District

North Buffalo

March 7, 2013
Crescent Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) entered by breaking his window in his rear door, taken was a guitar and some alcohol.

March 7, 2013
Delaware Ave. - Manager for store states that suspect was outside in vehicle for an extended amount of time, apparently under the influence. When police arrived they asked suspect if he was, and he said yes. Offices got suspect out of car and suspect became

violent and resisted arrest. Officers had to use force to apply cuffs. Defendant did steal merchandise totaling \$13.37.

March 9, 2013
Huntington Ave. - Complainant states that persons unknown did break into her home and did take loose change and a reader devise.

March 11, 2013
Hertel Ave. - The defendant did break glass out of the outside door to the hallway of his apartment. When officers arrived, defendant became aggressive and be-

gan fighting with them and spit blood at them. Defendant was taken to hospital for the cut on his arm and a mental exam.

March 10, 2013
Delaware Ave. - Complainant reports that he dropped his wallet with New York State Driver's License, Marriott rewards card and \$15 cash in restaurant and a white male between 30 and 40 years of age, with dirty clothes did pick up wallet and left scene with a white female 30 -40 years of age with dirty clothes.

West Side

March 8, 2013
Hoyt Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) did break out window of his front door and did enter house without permission and did take flat screen television and \$1,500 cash.

March 11, 2013
West Ave. - Complainant reports that the defendant

did force her way into the apartment breaking the locks on the door and damaging walls in the process putting holes in them. Suspect did also punch and shove complainant.

March 9, 2013
Barton St. - Complainant states that person unknown did make two purchases in the amount of \$1,000 each to her check card belonging to her place of employment.

Riverside

March 8, 2013
Progressive Ave. - Defendant was found to be in possession of several crack pipes with residue and marijuana with an outstanding warrant while officers were investigating an incident at said location.

March 9, 2013
Howell Ave. - Defendant was found to be in possession of crack pipe and a white powder substance.

March 10, 2013

Austin Ave. - Co-defendants were arrested after officers responded to a call of a loud party by neighbors. Co-defendants did engage in making unreasonable noise.

March 10, 2013
Ontario St. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) used unknown object to break front passenger window of vehicle to gain entry. Once inside suspect did steal purse which contained 5 dresses, makeup and vehicle registration.

March 10, 2013
Austin/Kail - Defendant was with group engaging in tumultuous behavior and making unreasonable noise. Defendant was apprehended.

March 11, 2013
Belmont St. - Victim reports that person unknown entered her apartment with a key and opened the window allowing birds to enter the apartment and damage property, opened cupboard doors and moved furniture and took \$2,700 from under victim's mattress.

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Parker Pharmacy.....	1388 Hertel Avenue	Boys & Girls Club.....
Parkside Community Center.....	2318 Main St	Gambino's Liquor.....
Plaka Restaurant.....	2904 Delaware Avenue	First Niagara.....
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Shadow Lounge.....	1504 Hertel Avenue	Riverside Marketplace.....
TC Jr's.....	2941 Delaware Ave., Ken	Roland Cannizzaro Insurance Agency.....
Terries Workout Center.....	1473 Hertel Ave	West Hertel Liquor.....

Keep The Luck Of The Irish Alive, Don't Drink & Drive

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er, the bartender or patron can call 716-877-7111 or download the free Taxi Magic App on their I phone

and Liberty Cab will pick the customer up from the bar and take them home. A voucher must be presented to the cab driver to receive a free ride home (within a 25 mile radius of the bar).

"As a community we all must work together to help combat drunk driving", said Erie County Sheriff Tim Howard. "We owe that to everyone on our roadways. Whether you choose to participate in this campaign or not, please, I encourage you to have a designated driver".

Howard added: "We will have dedicated patrols through the county specifically looking for drunk drivers St. Patrick's Day Week-

end. It costs between \$8,000 and \$10,000.00 for a DWI. That is a steep price to pay but there is an even steeper price to pay should you maim or hurt someone while driving drunk. I commend Liberty Cab/Taxi Magic and the bar's owners for recognizing that drunk driving is dangerous and for their role in helping to be a part of the solution in combatting it".

Bars participating in the St. Patrick's Day weekend anti-drunk driving campaign include the following: Laughlins, Sky Bar, Darcy McGees, Soho Bar, City Tavern, Bada Bing, Buckin' Buffalo, Indulge Bar & Noir Bar. Other establishments are expected to join in.

City of Buffalo Snow Removal Director Wins Award

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served.

Each year, the APWA recognition is awarded to a professional that, in the view of the Award Selection Committee, has demonstrated excellence in the performance of snow and ice control.

Director Jackson commented, "...Buffalo's snow fighting operation is among

the most effective in the nation, with 72 pieces of state-of-the-art equipment. I am also proud of our skilled professionals who are committed to keeping the citizens of Buffalo safe by making sure our roadways are clear of snow and ice during the winter months. This award is testimony to our department's hard work and many accomplishments."

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LEGAL NOTICES



SECTION# 206 - FOR FORMAT OF AFFIDAVIT.
SithSathDine LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/12. Office location: Erie County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Babu Dinesababu, 90 Huntington Ave., Apt. #2, Buffalo, NY 14214. General Purposes.

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Paul McDonnell, AIA
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EMPLOYMENT

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