

Pope To Visit Buffalo



Pope Francis I plans to travel through the city of Buffalo.

Thousands are expected to get a glimpse of Pope Francis I as he travels through the Buffalo area. In a historic occasion, the Pope is expected to pass through the Buffalo streets on his journey to New York City.

Officials from the Vatican are saying that Pope Francis I will be arriving in Toronto, ON and then motorcade will transport him through Buffalo and then on to New York.

Pope Francis I insisted that the motorcade pass through populated cities such as Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany on his way to the big city.

His route through Buffalo includes a tour around Niagara Square, then North on Delaware Avenue to Hertel Avenue, then to Main Street and then up to Interstate 90 where he will continue his journey to the other stated cities.

“Our phone hasn’t stopped ringing since the announcement,” said Father Sloof Lirpa from the Diocese, “people are so

excited to just get a peek at the Pope. A sitting Pope has never been in the Buffalo area before.”

While in Buffalo, the Pontiff may make unexpected stops along the way. He may stop at Johnny’s Meats and take advantage of their delicious sausage for \$3.89 a pound or Bob & John’s La Hacienda and enjoy “all the spaghetti you can eat” for \$2.99 per person.

What ever streets Pope Francis I will travel through, traffic will be an issue. The visit will be brief and road closures along the route may be in effect between 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Monday, April 1st.

Although the actual route may change, keep an eye out for the motorcade and you may get a change to see the Pope.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up is Announced

The City of Buffalo will continue its annual curbside collection of large bulk trash. The following is the schedule of the spring and fall pick-ups by Council Districts:

2013 Bulk Trash Schedule

DISTRICT:	SPRING COLLECTION:	FALL COLLECTION:
ELLCOTT	APRIL 7TH	JULY 28TH
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NIAGARA	APRIL 21ST	AUGUST 11TH
MASTEN	APRIL 28TH	AUGUST 18TH
LOVEJOY	MAY 5TH	AUGUST 25TH
SOUTH	MAY 12TH	SEPTEMBER 8TH
DELAWARE	MAY 19TH	SEPTEMBER 15TH
FILLMORE	JUNE 2ND	SEPTEMBER 22ND
UNIVERSITY	JUNE 9TH	SEPTEMBER 29TH

Trash must be put out on Sunday of each bulk trash week. Each property is limited to putting out trash that is 12 feet long, 3 feet high and 3 feet wide. Any trash that exceeds these specifications is subject to a fine. Solvents, paints and tires will not be accepted. If you do not know which Council District you live in, or if you have any questions about your trash, call the 311 Call and Resolution Center.

Boys and Girls Clubs Receives Award



"Triple Play Thursdays," a social recreation program, received the 1st place award of \$2,500.

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ally for their social recreation program “Triple Play Thursdays” and awarded \$2,500. Staples, in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America annually recognize outstanding local Torch Clubs for their service programs designed to benefit the community and Torch Club members.

Torch Clubs are a service and leadership oriented club for members aged 11 to 13.

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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



'The Nightshift Strikes Back'

It's going to be a nightmare, literally, starting Monday for most motorists using – or trying to use – the South Bridge to and across Grand Island.

Thanks to a class-action lawsuit, traffic-snarling bridgework will be done during the daytime, but only on certain days, of which Monday will be the first.

The State Thruway Authority thought it had this repaving thing all figured out. Last Sunday it started closing the southbound South Bridge – that is, the one coming off the Island into the Tonawandas and Northwest Buffalo – for repairs, but only at night.

At 8 p.m. or thereabouts, barriers are placed restricting Islanders' access to the bridge. About 6 in the morning, they're removed. Following night, up again.

Supposedly, that keeps the bridges clearest when there's the most traffic, such as rush hour.

But the activist group NI-

TEOWL (Never Ignore The Efforts Of We Late-Shifters), which advocates equal rights for people working unconventional hours, has obtained a restraining order forcing the Authority to do at least some of the work during the daytime.

NITEOWL leader Dawn Shirley Light called it a breakthrough for those who eschew the 9-to-5 lifestyle. While she said her own profession is "none of anybody's business but my clients," Rocket Man believes he did see her getting out of a car in the employee's lot at Tiffany's on Sawyer Street, as he passed by taking a shortcut to the Bridge.

"The needs of late-shift workers are never considered" in highway closures, she said. "Everything's done for the convenience of those boring old nerds who work days. Why, we even had to fight our way through the legislative process to win the right to marry."

Representing NITEOWL was traffic attorney Reed Ikulous (best known for his ads: "Hurt on a Bus? Call Reed Ikulous, 999-9999"). He pleaded that in any road closures, "the constitutionally-guaranteed right to work nights is overlooked," and that late-shifters suffer "emotional pain and suffering" from being stuck in traffic while day-shifters sail right through.

Judge Brad Lee Dunn ruled in NITEOWL's favor, but only proportionately. "Inasmuch as night-shifters comprise about 15 per cent of the population, I think it's fair to open the bridge for them 15 per cent of the time, which would be one day out of seven," he said. Monday's will be the first day-shift closure, with one-way traffic on the bridge from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., probably greatly inconveniencing Dyngus Day celebrants. Pleas for a "pussy-willow pass" were doused.

Other daytime closures will be announced "usually the day before," the judge ruled.

He urged travelers to check their calendars – beginning with Monday's date.

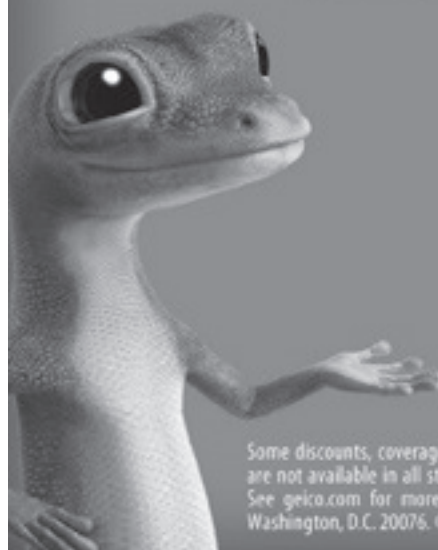
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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

"FGCU"

Back in 1994 when I had my first house built in LaBelle, Florida, there was talk about the start of a college on the Gulf Coast. In fact the planning had begun and there were trailers on the location of what everyone believed would be a rather small University. Construction began and soon students were starting to pop up in the area. The other major higher learning institution was Edison College, named after the famous inventor who had a winter home in the Ft Myers area. As a matter of fact he inspired me to do the same.

In 2001 we sold LaBelle and moved into a community called Country Creek in Estero, Florida off Corkscrew road. Corkscrew was

a two lane highway and the closest intersection was Three Oaks. Both have been made into four lane divided roadways along with Ben Griffin Parkway, the next intersection off Corkscrew. It happens that is the road this new University was on and with the increased traffic, modifications had to be made to keep up with the flow. Traffic lights, stop signs, identification markers and all that goes with keeping it moving.

So after building across the road from our little city of Estero, we find ourselves in a growing college community. Not only is there an increase in the roads but in order to keep up with the growing population, three huge shopping areas with representatives

from all the major franchises, retailers, restaurants, wholesalers and whatever else your little heart desires.

I recall when this college was first initiated, there was an issue with funding and with the name. The name being one they messed with for quite a while. It was originally going to be called Florida University, on the Coast. Those initials did not work right.

Then it was Florida University, Golf Coast. Imagine the basketball team with the Initials on their backs, "FUGC"! So some bright person decided it would be called Florida Golf Coast University. FGCU. That worked and so here we are.

The area at this time is dominated by the students of this what is now becoming a famous little University. They are the waitresses, and waiters in the restaurants, the check out people in the super markets and even the ones who wheel your groceries to your car. Yes they do that here. It was not unusual to see one of the now big name basketball players in the stores or in the restaurants. You can

tell by the size.

Needless to say, the basketball players are the darling of this community. Yes I know they keep saying Ft Myers but let me tell you the University is less than five minutes from my house here. Even though we are snow birds, we feel like we are part of sports history. As of this writing, the Eagles of FGCU have become the first 15th seed basketball entry to make it to the final 16 in the NCAA. As of this writing they play Florida on Friday the 29th. I do not have the results of that game as it has not been played yet. No matter the outcome of that contest, whether they win or lose, it has been fun.

Takes me back to the days when the Buffalo Bills

went to four straight Super Bowls. The excitement and fun we had as a city in the National spotlight because of our team and not our snow. That was a wonderful time and I so enjoyed going to three of the four, even though we lost. We were there and that is all that counted.

My adopted team here is now savoring that same National sports spotlight. It is a surprise to us all here but what a wonderful surprise. To again be cheering for a winning team. Been a while in Buffalo since we had this much cheering to do. Like up home in Buffalo, we are going to enjoy and ride the crest as long as we can.

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