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# St. Patrick's Parade Sunday



The Buffalo Saint Patrick's Day Parade will start at the McKinley Monument and proceed up Delaware Avenue to North Street on Sunday, March 20th.

Jennifer Letina of Buffalo was elected Grand Marshal of the 2016 Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The Parade is on Sunday, March 20th at 2 pm in the City of Buffalo. The day will start with Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard J. Malone

and Fr. David Richards at Saint Joseph's Cathedral at 10:30 am. Parade participants will line up near the McKinley Monument and proceed north on Delaware Avenue to North Street.

Jennifer has selected her parents, her sisters,

and her boyfriend to be her deputy marshals for this once in a lifetime honor. Miss Letina grew up in Buffalo, graduated from Mount Mercy Academy and Saint Bonaventure University. She is the Accounts Pay-Continued on page 5

## Stay Safe on St. Patrick's Day

With fun parades, a large Irish community and no shortage of pubs in which to celebrate, St. Patrick's Day is a huge event in Buffalo. But when excessive alcohol becomes part of the equation, St. Patrick's Day can quickly turn tragic.

As one of the country's most popular holidays, St. Patrick's Day has long celebrated the roots of 34.2 million Americans with Irish ancestry, and many more who just want to partake in the festivities. This year, if you'll be drinking alcohol, remember: Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving!

"We are greatly encouraged by the downward trendin fatalities," said Monica Farrar, program director of The Resource Training Center 4255 Harlem Road, Amherst. "However, we still want to encourage ev-

eryone to make a plan before heading out to the festivities. Designate a sober driver before you and your friends go out to celebrate St. Patrick's Dav. Remember that even one drink is dangerous if you are behind the wheel of a car.

While we want everyone to enjoy St. Patrick's Day, please consider doing so without the assistance of Continued on page 5

### West Side Little League **Holding Pitching Clinic**

The West Side Little League is looking for current or former pitchers to instruct young players at a Pitching Clinic for young Baseball/Softball Youth on the West Side.

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> To volunteer call Tovie Asarese at 885-7692 or email Royal-Printingco@aol. com.

> Gloves, bats and any outgrown baseball equipment is also

# Saint Joseph's Day Celebrated

St. Joseph's Day is a Roman Catholic feast day. generally observed annually on March 19th, to commemorate the life of St. Joseph and his work feeding the less fortunate. The custom of the St. Joseph's Day table was cel-

ebrated last Monday as hundreds were treated to the traditional feast. Frank's Sunny Italy celebrated by offering the customary St. Joseph's Day table and donated 100% of the proceeds to The St. Luke's Mission.



Father Joe Wolfe, from Holy Spirit and St. Margaret parishes in North Buffalo, joins the Sclafani family and blesses the St. Joseph's Day table at Frank's Sunny Italy this past Monday.

#### **Local Weather**

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 Cloudy/Wind High 51° Low 33°

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 AM Snow Showers High 38° Low 22°



Partly Cloudy High 36° Low 23°



Clouds/Sun High 42° Low 29°



PM Snow Showers High 40° Low 26°

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## 'Fully Committed'

In the basement beneath platefuls of pretention, hopeful actor Sam subsists in a wild-country buffet, beset by the clueless clientele and surly staff of Manhattan's trendiest trattoria. It's so full of itself that it is never merely sold out, but "Fully Committed."

And some 15 years after its local debut it returns, with the full commitment of Brian Mysliwy, nearest thing to theatrical genius hereabouts since the late Chris O'Neill. Some plays challenge actors but author Becky Mode torments them. Word around the Irish Classical Theatre at last Wednesday's preview was that Mysliwy had started mumbling the lines way last September.

"Fully Committed" has a cast of 40, from Bob to Zagat, an dialectical smorgasbord of the fey, the fierce and the frog in the throat. Mysliwy

plays them all, sometimes just for a few seconds, requiring in Irish Classical's four-sided hall that he whirl like a blender to leave no patron behind. Even on preview night, the audience curtain-called him with a mixture of laughter, tears and actual sighs of relief.

"Committed" has more plot than Rocket Man remembers at the Kavinoky, a tribute to the actor, his proximity and the direction of Fortunato Pezzimenti, with foundation all the way down the line. While many of the characters – notably the minimally bi-lingual screecher Mrs. Wantanabe - are in it as appetizers, the main course is Sam's frustrated quest for respect as actor, manager and dutiful son who wants to get home to Indiana for Christmas.

Amid the "Reservations, can you hold, please," Sam learns that it's a "failure to

project 'self-entitlement" that's impeding his acting career. Although required at one point to the right the results of a ladies room mis-direction, Sam spices up his personal recipe and things do indeed get better. At least a few of his tormentors get their just desserts, so to speak.

Behind almost every twist of the tale are the twists and trappings of power, who gets to commandeer the coveted Table 31 and who's lucky just to catch the table scraps near the kitchen door. Carollann Rosenstein-Fishburn and Mrs. Sebag (pronounced "Seabag," the playbill reports with a straight face) are particularly representative of this nauseating societal element, although their attitudes might to qualify them as presidential contenders.

The modest Mysliwy would be the first to hail the vital role of sound designer Tom Makar in serving up "Fully Committed." There are far more sound cues than there are characters, and even at preview there was nary a slip. Lobby photos by Brandi Bruggman give faces to the names, a unique visual aid for this production, running through April 3.

That same day, Rocket Man and First Mate were treated to lunch at the elegant Oliver's on Delaware, which seems the diametrical opposite of the ghastly gastronomics of "Fully Committed." Still, we had to wonder – does anyone subsist in Oliver's basement?

Fire back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com

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The Buffalo Police Department will hold four community Narcan training sessions. The sessions, which are free and open to the public, will focus on how to administer the life-saving overdose antidote. Attendees will receive a free Narcan kit, containing two doses of Narcan, upon completion of the training session.

"As the epidemic of heroin and opioid drug overdose deaths continues in our city, our region and cities across the country, we believe it's time to train and equip community members to aid in the rescue effort. While having our police officers carry Narcan is making a difference and saving lives, we need the help of our community to further address this important health issue," said Buffalo Police Department Commissioner Daniel Derenda.

The free Narcan training sessions will be held at the following locations:

> Wednesday, March



16th 6 pm – 8 pm at True Bethel Baptist Church, 907 E. Ferry St.

Saturday, April 2nd, 2 pm - 3 pm at New Testament Cathedral, 987 Kensington Ave.

Saturday, April 2nd, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm at Valley Community Center. 93 Leddy St.

Thursday, April 21st, 6 pm - 8 pm at St. Joseph University Parish, 3269 Main St.

In the first 10 days of March, there were 10 overdose deaths in the City of Buffalo, with

> at least 25 deaths in the city since the beginning of the year.

The drug naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, temporarily reverses the effects of opioids, allowing someone who has suffered an overdose to resume breathing. Administration of Narcan to an overdose victim increases the life-saving window of time for treatment by first responders.

The Free Community Narcan Training Sessions are part of Mayor Byron Brown's continued commitment to addressing the growing epidemic of prescription opioid drug and heroin abuse in our community.

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For the first time in years, New York State has a \$5.4 billion budget surplus, instead of a deficit.

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Moreover, the flawed tax cap law has worsened the funding problem. Because the tax cap is near zero, school districts across the state are unable to raise the revenue needed to provide the academic and support services our kids need and deserve. In fact, more than ten percent of school districts will be forced to cut their school budgets, inflicting even more pain on students.

#### NYSUT is calling for:

- a school aid increase of \$2.5 billion and,
- a \$1 billion increase in state funding for SUNY, CUNY and New York's community colleges.



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Our kids and college students deserve more. Increase state aid to public education.







Medaille College's Vet Tech Club will host a free dog wash this Saturday, March 19th, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Medaille College Main Building, 18 Agassiz Circle, Buffalo.

For more information email MedailleVetTech-Club@gmail.com.



Second Chance Sheltering Network's Fish Fry & Chinese Auction will be held Good Friday, March 25th, from 4 pm to 6 pm at Main/Transit Fire Hall, 6777 Main Street in Williamsville.

Chinese Auction Drawings start at 6 pm. Food by BW's Barbecue. Fish dinner includes beer battered haddock, coleslaw, potato salad, tartar sauce, rye bread and beverage for \$10.00. Chicken finger dinner includes two large chicken fingers, french fries, blue cheese, carrots, and beverage for \$8.00. Take out available, desserts available for purchase.

Donate a case of wet cat food & receive 25 auction tickets. For more info go

to www.secondchanceshelteringnetwork.com.



**Buffalo State Col**lege offers a number of distinctive graduate programs as well as programs in the fields of science and mathematics. The Graduate School will be hosting the Distinctive Graduate Programs Information Session at the Buffalo History Museum, One Museum Court in Buffalo on March 29th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. For more information, call 878-5601 or visit graduateschool. buffalostate.edu/information-sessions.



The Buffalo Zoo is inviting the community to help choose a name for the new baby gorilla.

The baby was born on Sunday, January 10th at 11:04 pm to mother, 18-year-old Sydney, and father, 28-year-old Koga. Sydney has displayed strong maternal instincts and is taking great care of the troop's latest addition.

Last week, the Zoo's gorilla keepers were able to determine that the baby is a boy. They have narrowed a long list of possible names down to their top three choices, and are now

asking the Western New York community to assist with the final decision!

To participate, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/zoogorilla, or the Zoo's Facebook page. The Zoo will announce the winning name during their "APEril" Zooper Saturday event on April 2nd.

You can visit the newest baby along with the rest of the gorilla troop every day in the Zoo's gorilla house.



The Breast Cancer Network of WNY will hold their monthly educational meeting at Bella Moglie building, 3297 Walden Ave., Depew, at 6 pm on Tuesday, April 12th. Light refreshments are served at 6 pm followed by a guest speaker at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker Cheryl L. Nosek, DNS, RN Daemen College Nursing Dept., will present the topic, "Depression and Managing Your Emotions".

All interested individuals are welcome to attend the meetings. A peer led support group for cancer survivors begins at 8 pm.

For meeting reservations call 706-0060. For more information about the organization, visit www.bcnwny.org.



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## Saint Patrick's Day Parade

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able Supervisor for Ellicott Development and is a realtor with Metro Roberts.

The 2016 Saint Patrick's Day Parade is dedicated to the memory of James Speyer. He was in the printing industry and worked his way up to become the respected president of Local 261 of the Graphic Communications International Union. Jim was a past President of the UIAA Executive Committee and Grand Marshal of the 1989 Parade. He was a trustee of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (St. Martha Parish) for more than 25 years. Under his leadership the Parish entered an entire division in the Parade annually.



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local police when it is safe to do so. You could save a life.

For more information on The Resource Training Center, call 983-2258 or visit wnyresourcetraining.org.

## **World Water Day**

Western New York is home to one of the most important sources of freshwater in North America, the Niagara River. The public is invited to celebrate the Niagara River on World Water Day, Tuesday March 22nd, from 7 - 8:30 pm at the Atrium@ Rich's on Niagara and West Ferry in Buffalo. The

presentation will focus on an effort to recognize the Niagara River with a Ramsar Site nomination, an honor given to the most important water bodies in the world. This event will be hosted by the Niagara River Greenway Commission and the Niagara Corridor Ramsar Site Steering Committee.



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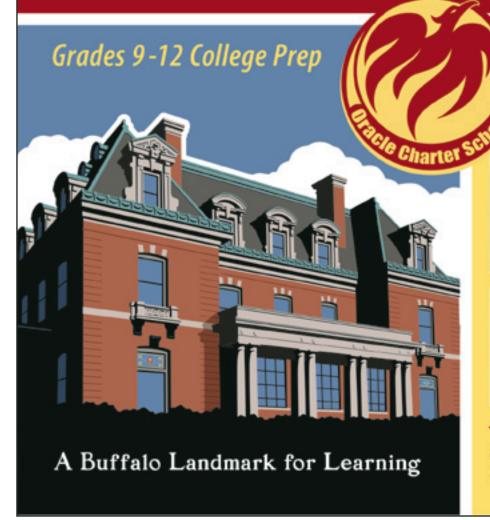


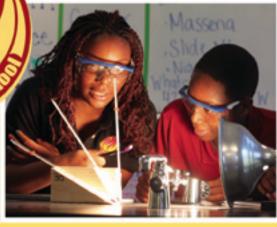


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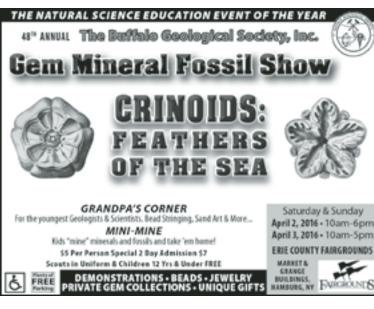
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#### **PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

(Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3X). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must then be published after the favor is granted. R.J.C.

HARRINGTON - Nancy H. (nee Dickman) Of Tonawanda, entered into rest March 11, 2016. Beloved wife; devoted mother; cherished grandmother; loving daughter; dear sister; fond sister-in-law; dearest niece; survived by several nieces, nephews and greatnieces and nephews. Arrangements by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/ Sheridan Dr.

CHAMBERLIN - William D. Of Tonawanda, entered into rest March 10, 2016. Devoted father; cherished grandfather; loving son; beloved brother; fond uncle; former husband and friend; also survived by dear cousins, relatives and friends. Arrangements LOMBARDO FÜNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/ Sheridan Dr.

TRENDOFF - Mary (nee Parisi) Of Buffalo, entered into rest March 9. 2016. Beloved wife; loving daughter; dear sister; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by JOSEPH SPANO & SONS FUNERAL HOME, INC., 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr. (same location as Lombardo Funeral Home).

WEEK OF THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

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#### **This Week's Featured Friend:**

Say hello to Benii!!! Benii has been with us at the shelter for Say hello to Benji!!! Benji has been will us at the shorter to quite a few months now and the volunteers that have worked why He really is a handsome fellow with him can't understand why. He really is a handsome fellow and has come a long way since the day he showed up at the shelter. He is quite lovable, enthusiastic, happy and enjoys outings. He has been to quite a few adoption events and has been great. He knows his basic commands, enjoys walking, and loves the toys in the yard. He is a bit overwhelmed in his kennel when you go by, so if you see him a little vocal when you come in, don't let that stop you from meeting him. He is st letting you know that he wa to be out, and bonding time. He likes his treats, and takes those very nicely,

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and he did great recently when he had a bath! Benji is a smart lad and he is very eager to please the humans he is with. Benji has had a meet and greets with other dogs, and he did very well but if you have a resident can At one point, he seemed very curious about smaller dogs, so perhaps a dog close to his size, or larger would be the best fit. You never know though, odd couples have resulted in the past!! Benji does have moments of energy "spurts" but as always, once he is settled in a home and had some training, he will be fine. In, fact, one of the volunteers that is a runner, has taken Benji or running outlines and he said that Benji is wonderful. Listens to commands, stays by his side, and is a joy to have with him. He will be a loyal companion for many years to come. Here is a great little segment where Benji had his shining moment on Channel 2's Adopt a Pet Segment . Take a look! http://www.wgrz.com/life/adopt-a-pet-benji/25763782

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**LEGAL NOTICE** 

IN THE ROCKET!

Any lawful purpose.

Board of Education Buffalo, New York Division of Purchase 716-816-3585

\*\*Sealed proposals will be received in Room 816 City Hall

On: Wednesday, April 4, 2016 at 11:30 A.M. for BID #15-16-085 Delivery Service for Summer Meal Program

On: Wednesday, April 4, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. for BID #15-16-086 Milk & Juice for Summer Meal Program

On: Wednesday, April 4, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. for BID #15-16-087 Deli Meats & Snack Items for Summer Meal Program

On: Wednesday, April 4, 2016 at 2:30 P.M. for BID #15-16-088 Packaging Materials for Prepared Foods for Summer Meal Program

On: Friday, April 8, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. for RFP #15-16-089 Internal Auditing Services

On: Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. for BID #15-16-090 Food Service Equipment Repair & Maintenance

Specifications and bid forms are available at www.buffaloschools.org/PurchaseDept.cfm

Michael S. Yeates Director of Purchase

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## PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3X). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must then be published after the favor is granted.

J.M.R.

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