

# Bridge Completed



The completion of the new Shoreline Trail bicycle and pedestrian bridge features a Niagara River scenic overlook and an improved Riverwalk connection.

Congressman Brian Higgins marked completion of the new Shoreline Trail bicycle and pedestrian bridge featuring a Niagara River scenic overlook and an improved Riverwalk connection along the water's edge. This \$5.2 million project is a component of a larger \$60 million Peace Bridge gateway project which includes more than \$15 million in federal funding secured by Congressman Higgins.

"Federal investments are improving public access and the waterfront experience

along the Niagara River, Buffalo River and Lake Erie," said Congressman Brian Higgins. "Completion of the Shoreline Trail bridge is the latest opportunity for Western New Yorkers and all who visit to get up close and take in one of our greatest regional assets – our water."

The 25-foot-tall Shoreline Trail bridge spans 186 feet crossing NYS Interstate 190 and a railroad right-of-way. The pedestrian bridge's truss superstructure echoes the near-

by, larger, historic truss structure that carries the Peace Bridge over the Black Rock channel.

The project realigns the Shoreline Trail adding 700 feet of new path directly adjacent to the waterfront. The reconfigured design enhances the trail's safety and provides sweeping panoramic views from the water's edge.

The Riverwalk extends 6.5 miles from Erie Basin Marina in Buffalo up along the Niagara River into the City of Tonawanda.

# Zoo Names New President

The Zoological Society of Buffalo Inc. today named Norah B. Fletchall, COO and senior vice president of the Indianapolis Zoological Society, to succeed Donna Fernandes as the Buffalo Zoo's next president and CEO.

"I am honored to be asked to lead the Buffalo Zoo and I see this as the culmination of my career work to bring people – especially children – together

with animals they normally would never see in their lifetimes," Fletchall said. "I know too that Buffalo is growing on all fronts, and I'm looking forward to moving here and being a part of that. I'm also thrilled to



work at an institution dating to 1875 that has many more great years ahead."

Animals, Ecystation, Otter Creek, Sea Lion Cove, M&T Bank Rainforest Falls, Delta Sonic Heritage Farm, and most recently the Garman Family Arctic Edge. In all, the Buffalo Zoo now has a collection of more than 1,000 animals representing 500 species.

Fletchall officially starts her new position May 22nd.

# Final Sign Off

Doug Smith signed off for the last time on Thursday of last week with his wife Polly, his son Joe and daughter Holly at his side. Smith was a weekly contributor to this paper for decades with his "Cheap Gourmet," "That's Entertainment," "Between the Lines," and "Base Paths" columns.

Doug loved to write his April Fools column each year. One particular favorite was the speculation that Nik Wallenda would be performing a tightrope walk high above Hertel Avenue. That column garnered endless phone calls to the Buffalo Rocket office from curious readers. Doug also enjoyed writing his version of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" using Rocket advertisers in that column ("His reindeer had all pranced in from the North Pole, 'cause Santa had promised them Johnny's Brasciole"). Doug would work on A Year in Review, his end of the year wrap up, all year long,



Doug Smith (1936-2017)

making rhymes of current events and then joining them all seamlessly for a look back at the year that was.

Doug was Born in Glen Ridge, N.J., he moved to Jamestown with his family as a boy and, as a teenage baseball scorekeeper in Roseland Park, was offered a job writing stories for the Jamestown Sun. Soon the rival paper, the Post-Journal, hired him to write sports for 75 cents an hour. Doug went on to work as a sportswriter and editor at a newspaper in Maryland

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# Healthy Kids Day

YMCA Buffalo Niagara will host its annual Healthy Kids Day® event on Saturday, April 29th to inspire children to stay physically and intellectually active all summer long. This free event is open to the community and includes fun activities such as family fitness classes, healthy snacks, arts and crafts, bounce houses, sports and games,

face painting, and much more. Children and parents throughout Western New York are encouraged to stop by any of YMCA Buffalo Niagara's eight branches from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and take part in Healthy Kids Day.

For more information about the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day or summer camp, stop by or call 565-6000, or visit [YMCABN.org](http://YMCABN.org).



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# Sabres Hockey SPORTS

by George Kuhn

## Sabres Clean House: Fire Murray and Bylsma

by George Kuhn

It was stunning and it was swift. Questions had been swirling about Coach Dan Bylsma's future for most of the season. Some players, Jack Eichel in particular, bristled under the rigid positional play required by their coach. Bylsma had similar issues in Pittsburgh with his star players Sydney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin and it contributed to his firing there. Those same problems had resurfaced here.

At practice the free thinking players went along with their coach. But when the games began they implement their own plan, did things their own way. In essence the teacher had lost his classroom. The result was a last place finish in the Eastern Conference and a league worst 34.1 shots against per game.

Many also put the blame for a season performance below expectations on General Manager Tim Murray for assembling a roster largely devoid of quality defensemen and also short on depth of quality forward. The farm team in Rochester was also a disappointment, finishing 26th out of 30 teams in the American League.

Apparently Sabres owner agreed with both points of view as he relieved both Murray and Bylsma of

their responsibilities. In post season meetings Pegula reportedly asked Murray why he didn't make moves this season to improve the team. It's not hard to imagine Pegula wondering why he was paying a manager who wasn't able to do something to fix a bad situation.

Murray also had issues berating league officials about referees' calls in the hallway outside the referees' dressing room. Observers who saw blatant penalties go uncalled against Buffalo, like a late season corkscrew takedown of Eichel, can only speculate if some of those missed called were a reaction to Murray's verbal tirades.

As to Bylsma, Murray had mentioned in his post season media conference that he wanted his coaches

to spend more time coaching the players and less time coaching systems. That comment seems to relate to the fact that Jack Eichel had hired a private coach, former NHL star Adam Oates, to tutor him on the nuances of the game. For some reason this situation has not been widely reported on by the local media except for this column.

Eichel's improved play over the second half of the season coincided with his retention of Oates who has quietly assembled a client list of 50 or so active players. To be fair to Bylsma, with all the responsibilities of coaching an NHL team, each player will not receive a tremendous amount of individual attention. But Eichel's retention of Oates and his subsequent epiphany as a player couldn't possibly reflect well of Bylsma and his staff. Again it's not hard to imagine Pegula wondering why he's paying Bylsma if his star player has to hire a private tutor?

During his time as General Manager of the Sabres, Tim Murray has been know as a man of few words. When he was notified of his termination, he reportedly responded with a one word text message: "Thanks."



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## Felonies

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**April 19, 2017**  
Bush St. - Complainant reports being approached from behind and assault-  
**April 20, 2017**  
Skillen St. - Complainant

ed. Suspect took wallet and cell phone from complainant.

reports leaving his unlocked vehicle parked on the street overnight. Unknown person(s) gained entry and took, without permission, his wallet containing driver's license, credit cards, debit card and personal papers.

**April 20, 2017**  
Grote St. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entry through an unlocked door. Taken, without permission, complainant's purse and contents including wallet with driver's license, credit cards, debit cards, personal papers and \$1,000 in cash.

out permission. Missing were several candy bars, leaving wrappers behind. Also, suspect turned on fan and was listening to music. Possible suspect in complainant's homeless daughter.

**April 19, 2017**  
Niagara St. - Complainant reports for business he managed that unknown person(s) gained entry to the building overnight by breaking a rear window. Taken, without permission, several power tools valued over \$5,000.

phone.  
**April 15, 2017**  
North Park Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person gained access to his vehicle while it was parked on the street overnight. Taken, without permission, sunglasses and loose change.

**April 19, 2017**  
Hertel Ave. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) gained entry into store overnight by forcing the lock on the back door. Taken, without permission was \$500 in assorted tools.

North Buffalo

**April 14, 2017**  
Hertel Ave. - Complainant reports that leaving a tavern he was approached from behind and assaulted. Taken from complainant, without permission, a wallet and cell

**April 21, 2017**  
Hertel Ave. - Complainant reports for variety store he manages the defendant concealed \$23.32 worth of merchandise on his person and passed all points of purchase without paying.

West Side

**April 10, 2017**  
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**ACROSS**

1 From one end to t'other

5 Egg

9 Potential syrup

12 Vast time period

13 Water barrier

14 Biz deg.

15 Fast

17 Foreman foe

18 Diamond round- trip-pers

19 Stair part

21 Qua

22 Weak soup

24 Present

27 Island garland

28 Buy stuff

31 Lubricate

32 Past

33 Rage

34 Use an old phone

36 DIY buy

37 Leftovers

38 Lucky number

40 Accomplish

41 California-Nevada lake

43 Propels

47 That guy

48 Landfill, essentially

51 Commotion

52 Swindles

53 Pond organ-ism

12

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54 Symbol of intrigue

55 Ardor

56 Despot

**DOWN**

1 Rotation gauge, for short

2 Villain's adversary

3 Wander

4 Oust from office

5 Likelihood

6 See 38-Across

7 Guitar's cousin

8 Paris subway

9 Big success

10 Competent

11 Twosome

16 Storefront sign abbr.

20 "Monty Python" opener

22 Start

23 Laugh-a-minute

24 Deity

25 "Richard —"

26 Sudden assembly that some find entertaining

27 Michigan, for one

29 Raw rock

30 Church seat

35 Writer Buscaglia

37 "Who cares?"

39 Fodder plant

40 Simpson's interjection

41 Dissolve

42 Assistant

43 "Hey, you!"

44 Congers

45 Sitarist's rendition

46 Mast

49 Fish eggs

50 Literary collection

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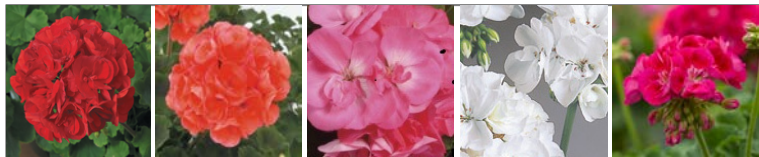
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The Tonawanda Erie Canal Gateway Lions Club will be holding a hot dog sale on Saturday May 6th, - rain or shine.

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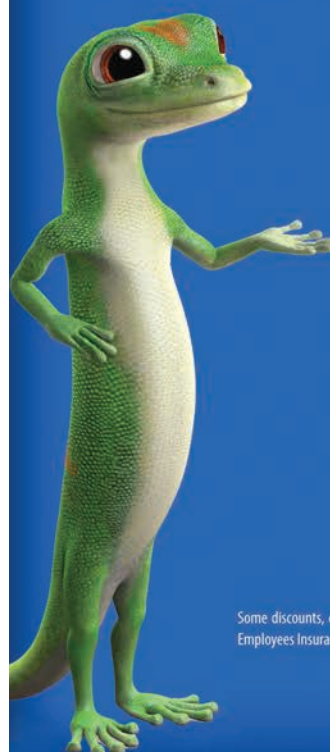
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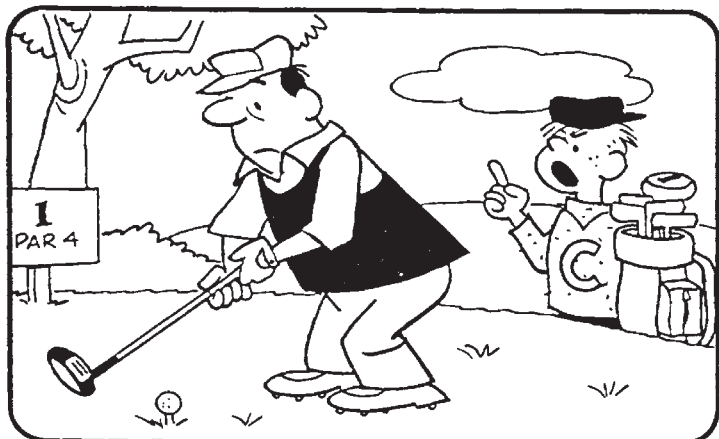
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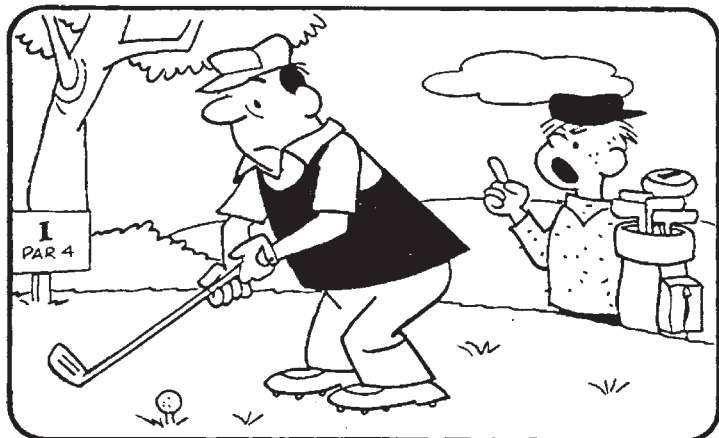
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## Final Sign Off

From page one.

and papers in Bloomsburg, Pa., Warren, Pa., and Erie, Pa. In the Bloomsburg newsroom, he met his wife, Polly Young, who was a typesetter. They were married in 1959.

While living in Erie, the Smiths often took in shows at Melody Fair in North Tonawanda and decided to move to Grand Island in 1967. Mr. Smith became a copy editor at The Buffalo Evening News, then was night city editor for three

years, coordinating the coverage of the Attica Prison Uprising in 1971. The following year he took a job as Sunday arts editor at the Courier-Express.

He began a busy freelance career after the Courier closed in 1982. He and Polly teamed for Cheap Gourmet reviews of restaurants, which were compiled in two books. He appeared regularly on WIVB-TV newscasts.

Recently, while speaking

with Doug, he had said that he was glad that he lived long enough to be inducted in the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame and was proud to be wearing his "Hall of Fame" ring.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Holly Smith Jaquith; a son, Joe; a brother, Robert; and four grandchildren.

"Rocket Man" is orbiting the heavens. God Speed Doug Smith, you will be missed by many.

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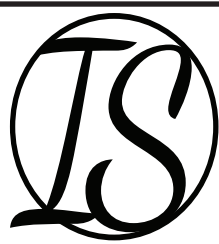
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