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Practicing basic safety precautions at most workplaces is meant to keep employees and consumers safe.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However you should follow these everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory vi-

Wash your hands often

and correctly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

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Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

See the CDC Checklist for "Individuals and Families."

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



You would have to be a senior citizen to remember the Channel 17 TV auctions. Items would be shown on TV and people would call in their bids. There were hundreds of items. Popular show presented on a local TV station then located on Barton Street on the West Side of Buffalo.

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during these uncertain times

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Any place of business or public accommodation, and any gathering or event for which attendance is anticipated to be fewer than five hundred people, shall operate at no greater than fifty percent oc-cupancy, and no greater than fifty percent of seating capacity, for thirty days effective on Friday, March 13, 2020, except that any theater seating five hundred or more attendees for a live performance located in a city of one million or more shall not

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Sabres Hockey by George Kuhn

Hockey History

This day in hockey history, March 10, 1980, the Buffalo Sabres traded Richard "Rico" Martin to the Los Angeles Kings. The Sabres received a pair of draft picks, a 1981 3rd round pick which turned out to be the 60th overall pick which Buffalo used to draft Colin Chisholm and a 1983 1st round pick, 5th overall where Buffalo chose future Calder and Vezina Trophy winner and Stanley Cup champion Tom Barrasso.

Sabres The also traded Don Luce to the Kings on that day for a 1982 sixth round draft pick which Buffalo used to draft Jeff Parker 111th overall.

Rico had been the premier left NHL's wing of the 1970's with two first team and two second team selections and appeared in seven consecutive all star

On March 2nd 1981, with only 15 games re- Martin Rick LA Kings. maining in the season,

LA Kings left winger Charlie Simmer broke his leg. He had scored 56 goals in 65 games to that point and was part of the record breaking "Triple Crown Line" with Marcel Dionne and Dave Tay-

The Kings were tied with Buffalo for 5th overall in the NHL with 79 points with a 35-21-9 record. with the "expansion" adding four former WHA franchises in 1979, the NHL playoffs were seeded based on total points and not Division or Conference placement.

The Kings leading goal scorers in the 1980-1981 season were Dionne, Simmer and Taylor with 58, 56 tively. Nobody else on ter ice face off. the Kings would score

more than 20 goals that season. Losing Charlie Simmer for the rest of the season and the playoffs would be a crippling blow to the top line of a franchise that relied almost exclusively on that top line.

Don Luce was an 11 year veteran and considered one of the top penalty killers in the NHL But Rick Martin was the prize acquisition that

Martin had played youth hockey with Mar-



cel Dionne in Quebec and the two had discussed the possibility of him one day playing for the Kings. Martin was only 29 years old and was a two time 50 goal scorer with 45 goals



and 47 goals respec- Rick Martin Buffalo Sabres cen- He would play 3 reg-

in the 1979-1980 season. At the time of the trade he had one of the highest all time Goals Per Game averages and currently sits in 11th place on the

In Buffalo he was part of the now legendary French Connection Line. While perhaps not as statistically productive as the Triple Crown Line in Los Angeles, The French Connection would ultimately be honored with their own statue. The problem for the Kings was that Rick Martin was injured.

Martin had undergone surgery on February 9th and wasn't playing for the Sabres. Kings General Manager George Maguire made the trade without consulting Martin, instead relying on the word of doctor's in

both Buffalo and Los Angeles that Martin was able to play. If the Kings felt Martin wouldn't be able to contribute they had the option of returning him to the Sabres and retaining their 1st round draft pick. They had to make the decision by April 1st. The season would end April 12th.

The trade became even more toxic when Maguire encouraged the press to tell Rick Martin to "go f ### himself" immediately following the trade after he learned Martin was damaged goods, it seemed likely that the Kings would exercise their option to return him to Buffalo. Unfortunately Martin had also made a number of comments about Scotty Bow-

man that complicated

things.

On March 31st, Kings General Manager George Maguire announced that Martin would stay with the Kings but the compensation sent to Buffalo would now be a 3rd round draft pick in the 1981 Draft and a 1st round pick in the 1983 Draft.

After all that Rick Martin would only play 1 regular season game and 1 playoff game for the Kings in the 1980-1981 season. ular season games for them in the 1981-1982

season before retiring from the NHL.

He never looked right in that Kings jersey.

Read a copy of current or past editions of the **BUFFALO ROCKET online at www.buffalorocket.com** victim in the face with



The Blotter **Felonies**

From "D" District

North Buffalo March 13, 2020

Delaware Avenue - Complainant states that he went to Delta Sonic for a wash and interior cleaning. Employee of Delta Sonic did drop her rag that was drying off the complainant's vehicle with and when she picked up the rag it had rocks/stones on it and the employee did continue to dry the hood with the rag with stones on it causing circular motion scratches on the hood.

March 13, 2020

Delaware Avenue - Complainant reports for victim, Duncan Motors, that person(s) unknown, possibly the defendant whose ID was found underneath the vehicle in lot, did cause damage to exceed \$250.00.

March 13, 2020

Delaware Avenue - Victim states while he was making coffee an unknown suspect entered store and displayed a black pistol and told victim to fill a duffle bag with money from the register and cigarettes. He then pointed the pistol at victim the entire time. Suspect did flee scene southbound down Delaware towards Hertel Avenue. After suspect left store the victim pushed panic alarm and called 911 immediately. Trackdevice recovered. ing Video surveillance is available when manager arrives. Supporting deposition taken from cashier.

March 13, 2020

Hertel Avenue - Officers observed vehicle with an passenger inadequate side brake light. Operator was also found to be driving with a suspended license. Upon pat down of defendant needles were felt in his left coat pocket. Defendant then admitted to having heroin in hi left arm coat pocket. Defendant then pulled out approximately 5 grams of heroin from his left arm coat pocket and 3 needless and 2 caps containing heroin residue from left coat pocket. All evidence submitted.

Riverside March 14, 2020

Roesch Avenue - Victim stated unknown person(s) did break driver side door of her vehicle and did take radio out of car.

March 13, 2020

Hinman Avenue - Complainant reports that an unknown suspect(s) did steal a book bag with miscellaneous items valued at \$1,000.00 and a radar detector valued at \$700.00 from his vehicle while parked and unoccupied. No camera footage available.

West Side March 14, 2020

Elmwood Avenue - The victim repots that an unknown suspect(s) did intentionally cause damage to his vehicle parked and unoccupied by smashing the right rear window. The suspect(s) then did steal (2) video games valued at \$50.00 from his vehicle. Amount of damage exceeding \$250.00. Camera footage may be available.

March 14, 2020

Auburn Avenue – Officers observed vehicle parked over 12" from curb with a male at the driver side window on a bicycle. Officers approached vehicle and observed marijuana roach in plain view. A further search of vehicle uncovered 1 bag of crack cocaine and 5 bags of marijuana. Parking ticket issued to driver. All evidence recovered was submitted. Both defendants were arrested and charged.

March 13, 2020

Niagara Street - Victim states that her and the defender were having a verbal argument that quickly escalated to becoming physical when the offender did slam the victim into a wall and knocked her to the floor. The offender then got on top of the victim and struck her in the face causing pain. The offender then threatened the

a semi-automatic handgun cocking the hammer back while poking the victim in the face with the gun and trying to put the gun in her mouth all while making threats. This incident occurred in a common hallway and not within the offender's home or workplace. The victim attempted to call 911 but the offender took her cell phone and threw it to prevent her from getting help. The victim was able to escape, and she fled in her vehicle where she then contacted police. Officers met the victim to discuss what happened prior. The victim then returned with officers back where she was able to positively ID the offender. The offender was the placed into custody and brought down to headquarters to meet with a detective. The victim also state she was attacked by the girlfriend of the offender. This additional offender (2) did jump on the victim and began to strike her and chocking her by placing her hands on her throat restricting her airway. Officers also placed the second offender under arrest after she admitted in her statement to the detective of the attacking victim. The detective was able to obtain a search warrant where a .45 caliber handgun loaded with 1 round in the chamber and seven in the magazine was recovered in a black box then made safe and clear. Both offenders were arrested and charged.

March 13, 2020

Grant at Forest Avenue -While at Grant and Forest the defendant did have 2 outstanding warrants. During investigation defendant did repeatedly give officers false names after being advised of consequences to prevent officers from confirming outstanding warrants. Inside defendant's purse in plain view, officers recovered a small baggie of cocaine.



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Northwest Buffalo Beat by Joe Bortz

Coronavirus

Last week Monday, here in Florida, played golf during the day and did Wii bowling in the evening. Wii bowling is a formed league and has 70 teams of 4 members. That is a total of 280 people. Tuesday Bocce has 13 teams with 24 on a team over 300 players. Wednesday golfing, 60 men, and my wife played cards with a group of 50 women. Thursday went shopping at Publix, huge food chain here in Florida. No problem at all getting anything, including toilet paper. Friday was another golf day and Bocce in the afternoon. That was last week.

It is amazing how fast things can change. All of the above mentioned functions are done for the year. Just about everything is cancelled. There was an abrupt end to the life we were living. The bowling league was first

to get cancelled much to the surprise of the players. The announcement was last Monday. The rest of the events continued for the week, golf, cards, and Bocce. That was last week, this week it is advised no one leave their homes. All gatherings of over 10 people are cancelled. Banquets, meetings, parties, even the club house restaurant is closed.

We live in a community that is almost all senior citizens. Probably most have pre-existing health problems. This makes us the most likely to have dire results if we are to contract the Coronavirus. Hence, the drastic change in lifestyles. Pretty much everything here has been discontinued, as I hear the same is true in New York State. Not real anxious to return as things there are not much better. The thing about this is the suddenness of it all. In Florida they worry about hurricanes and they are bad. This is far worse. Hurricanes you can prepare for and live through as some of my neighbors did. This virus leaves you with no place to hide and no place to go for shelter. You just have to hope you don't come in contact with it.

Went to Wal-Mart on Saturday, something I never, ever do. This was my first look at empty shelves. Almost an oddity as usually there is plenty of everything in all the stores. The isle that was the emptiest was the paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, and napkins. Wondered then why is that? What does that do to correct this particular situation? Water I can see, as to run out of that can be harmful, but toilet paper? Yesterday had to go to the Super Market, only to see with sparse or empty shelves in every aisle. Meat was gone completely, wanted rice, gone, butter, gone, milk, gone. Hope this is just temporary as we can live through it. We can live without if we have to, and we will.

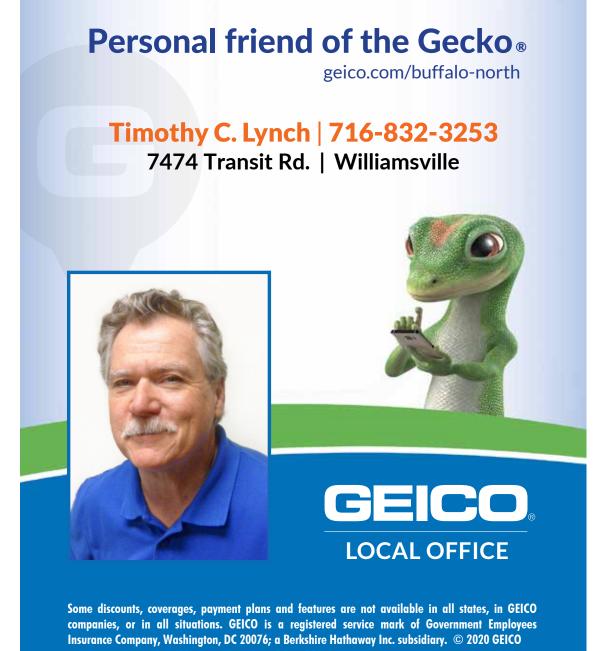
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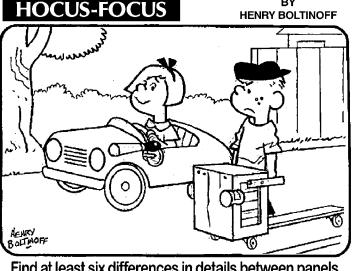


It is common to see the general public wearing face masks while performing their day to day tasks.

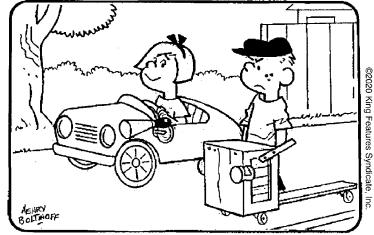
War II and have seen empty shelves in the Super markets before. Food was scarce and certain items like meat were rationed. You were only allowed so much a week. We had to cut back and adjust to a life with restrictions in order to make it through that four year crisis. Even then there was still no immediate life threatening fear. In recent years the thought of again seeing food supplies diminish in days seemed unheard of. Yet here we are again wondering if we are going

to get through this. The thing is this is definitely life threatening. With modern technology, this will most likely be over in a matter of months, not vears. And when it ends. we will have learned another lesson. No matter what nature cast upon us, we will do what is necessary to survive. The stock market will rebound. Things will return to normal again and we will look back and admire our ability to fight anything that may come along to threaten us. That is the America strong, way.





Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Girl's collar is missing, 2. Horn is bigger. 3. Wheel spokes are added. 4. Go-carl handle is turned. 5. Hat is turned. 6. Headlights are different.



Ask Rusty - Using IRA instead of Claiming SS; Disability Appeal

Dear Rusty: I am currently unemployed and drawing funds from my IRA. I am 62 years old. My financial adviser instructed me to not take Social Security because once I do that the percentage of increase would stop. He said to wait until the benefits increased to the point where I could then take Social Security and leave my IRA alone. Does that seem right? Also, I have applied for SS Disability benefits and have been rejected, but I am currently appealing that decision. Is my next step a lawyer? If so do you have any recommendations? Signed: Befuddled

Dear Befuddled: If you take your Social Security (SS) benefits at age 62, your payment will be cut by about 27.5% from

what it would be at your full retirement age of 66 ½. If you wait, your SS payment when you claim it will have grown for each month you delay. You only get 100% of the SS benefit you have earned from a lifetime of working when you reach your full retirement age (FRA). The rate of benefit growth before you reach your FRA is a bit more than 6% for each year you wait, so I expect that your financial advisor compared that guaranteed growth to the interest you are receiving on your IRA and concluded that waiting to claim a higher SS benefit for the rest of your life is a better deal. Provided you are in good health, that seems like a prudent suggestion. And just so you are aware, if you delay claiming SS

beyond your FRA, you'll earn an additional 8% for each year you further delay, up to age 70 when your SS benefit would be about 75% more than it will be if you take it now.

Regarding your disability appeal, I cannot recommend a specific attorney, but I suggest you seek one who specializes in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) claims. SSDI attorneys must adhere to Federal law and they are limited in what they can charge you. Usually that limit is 25% of whatever back SSDI benefits they can secure for you (paid from those back benefits) to a maximum of \$6000. There should be no charge for an initial consultation, and you shouldn't be required to pay anything unless they win your case for you. The easiest way to find someone to assist you is to do a search for "SSDI attorneys near me" and then do some initial research on your search results before selecting. You'll be able to judge the strength of your SSDI appeal by whether the SSDI attorney accepts your case - they'll only accept your case if they believe

they can win and be compensated for their efforts. Only you can judge if engaging an attorney is a wise idea at this point.

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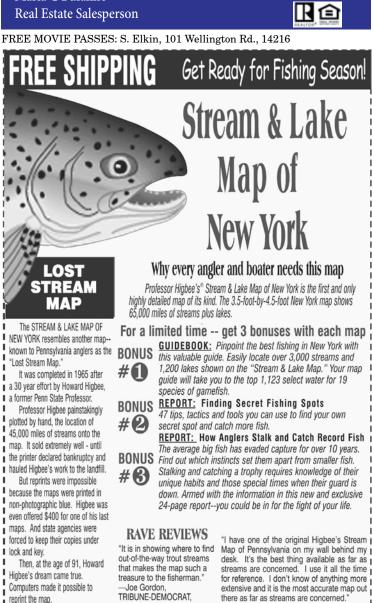
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HNPYBL Registration

By Bill Snyder

In the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic affecting Western New York and the Country, the executive committee of the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League has decided to follow the recommendations of our elected officials and suspend all activities for the next two weeks. The live, in person registration for new or returning boys and girls for the 2020 season, originally scheduled for Monday, March 23rd at the North Buffalo Community Center has been postponed to a future date pending decisions made in the coming weeks. The board of directors appreciates your patience in this unfortunate situation and will address ways to begin their season together with you for the health and safety of all children

interested in playing in Shoshone Park. No further decisions have been made at this time. Opening Day for the 2020 baseball and softball season is scheduled for Saturday. May 9 with its annual parade and first pitch ceremonies in the Park, located near the corner of Hertel and Main Street, the home of Hertel North Youth Baseball Park since 1957.

Red Cross Faces Serious Threat

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed now to donate to help patients counting on lifesaving blood.

To date, nearly 2,700

Red Cross blood drives have been canceled across the country due to concerns about congregating at workplaces, college campuses and schools amidst the coronavirus outbreak. These cancellations have resulted in some 86,000 fewer blood donations. More than 80% of the blood the Red Cross collects

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The bill also includes the permanent comprehensive paid sick leave policy. Governor Cuomo signed an executive order directing all schools in New York to close by Wednesday, March 18 for two weeks ending April 1.Casinos, gyms, theaters are closed until further notice. Bars and restaurants are closed, but takeout can be ordered

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— **King** Crossword —

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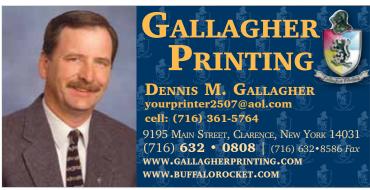
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