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Happy Father's Day !



Father's Day for the year 2020 is celebrated/ observed on Sunday, June 21st.

Father's Day is observed on the third Sunday of June. It honors all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and father figures for their contribution. The Day was created to complement Mother's Day.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the

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first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

According to the United States Census 60% of all men are Dads in the United States, with 8% of kids being born to men under the age of 20, 60% of kids born to men between the ages of 20 to 29, and 32% of kids born to men over the age of 30.

President Nixon on April 24, 1972 signed P.L. 92-278 into law officially making Father's Day a federal holiday celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

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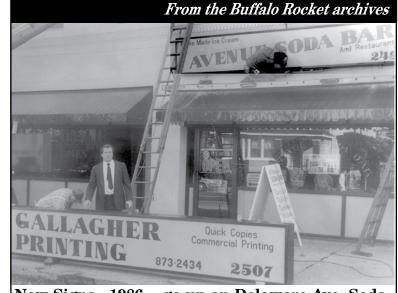


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Memories



New Signs - 1986 - go up on Delaware Ave. Soda Bar, Gallagher Printing.

Erie County Auto Bureau Reopens

On June 17, 2020 the Erie County Auto Bureau will be reopening to limited in-person transactions and all visits are by

Appointment Only. We have received guidance from New York State about how the reopening should appear.

Key points of the guidance are:

• Both State and County DMV offices are authorized and are recommended to utilize a reservation system. Make your reservation at www.erie.gov/clerk/ autobureau

Both State and County DMV offices are authorized to limit transactions to up to 3 per visit.

• CDL permit tests will resume in the coming days and will be by ap-Continued on page three.

COVID-19 Everyday Prevention Actions

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Thunderstorms

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working to help keep you and your community safe from the threat of novel, or new coronavirus. Take the following everyday steps to help avoid the spread of all respiratory viruses:

• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

 Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue,

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throw the tissue away, and then wash your hands.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces such as remote controls and doorknobs. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

• Stay home if you are sick. Call your doctor if you develop fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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Memorable Sabres Moments

On June 13th 1987, the Sabres drafted Pierre Turgeon with the first overall selection in the NHL entry draft. The Sabres were awarded the first overall pick for having the worst record during the 1986-87 season. The debate over who should be the top pick was between Pierre Turgeon of the Quebec leagues Granby Bisons and Brendan Shanahan of the Ontario Leagues London Knights.

Turgeon put up an incredible 69 goals and 85 assists for 154 points with only 8 penalty minutes, while Shanahan scored a respectable but hardly spectacular 39 goals and 92 points along with 128 penalty minutes. Turgeon's

higher point totals were seductive, showing potential for the NHL bound junior Shanahan's star. much higher penalty minute totals could represent a comparative measure of that players physicality and level of competitiveness. The higher the penalty totals, the more physical and competitive the player. The question was, whose game would transfer better to the NHL?

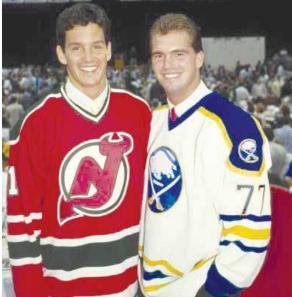
Turgeons low pen-

to fit the prevailing stereotype of the Quebec league as a scorers league inferior to the tougher Ontario league which produced players more attuned to the physical style of play in the professional leagues.

Scotty Bowman had recently been fired by the Sabres for presiding over the team's descent into the league basement. Bowman apparently held no grudge over his dismissal when he warned the Sabres not to draft Turgeon because Bowman felt he was too soft. Bowman has proven to be the most brilliant mind in hockey, but he was in a career lull at that point. Maybe that's why the Sabres ignored his advice and drafted Turgeon, In doing so, the Sabres lost an opportunity to build around Shanahan who would become one of the best leaders, goal scorers, and champions the NHL has ever seen.

Drafting Turgeon was the worst decision ever made in franchise history. Turgeon's presence in the lineup created a false hope for success which never materialized as the franchise endured a ten year stretch without a single victory in a best of seven playoff series. Turgeon did prove to be a valuable asset to the Sabres organization when he was traded to the New York Islanders as part of a package deal for Pat Lafontaine.

The general manager responsible for the 1987 draft selections was former Sabres captain Gerry Meehan. Meehan had been a capable player who earned his way into the NHL by rising through the minor professional leagues. After retiring from hockey, Meehan earned



alty minutes seemed Shanahan and Turgeon on draft day.

an undergraduate degree from Canisius College and a law degree from the University of Buffalo. He was considered a rising star among NHL team executives. How he erred so tremendously at the 1987 draft provides a cautionary tale of evaluating the potential in young athletes.

Meehan was a skilled forward who could fairly be called a soft player (non physical). During his junior career in the rough and tumble Ontario Hockey Association's Jr. A circuit, Meehan was assessed exactly zero penalty minutes over 68 games played over the 1963-64 and 1964-65 seasons combined. During his NHL career Meehan was assessed only 111 minutes in penalties in 670 games.

Perhaps Meehan felt a connection to the skilled Turgeon and his low penalty minute totals, maybe he felt that Pierre was "his kind of player". Maybe he felt Shanahan was like a schoolyard bully with all those penalty minutes and thus didn't fit his vision of the type of player to become the star of his team. Perhaps he saw Turgeon as the heir apparent to the recently retired Gilbert Perreault, another former Quebec league scoring star drafted first overall by Buffalo in 1970. Perreault had dazzled Sabres fans and the entire league for 17 years with his skating and stick-handling moves.

But Perreault had failed to deliver a championship to Buffalo and except for a trip to the finals in 1975, failed to help make the Sabres a contending team, as Punch Imlach pointed out in his book "Heaven and Hell in the NHL" where he recounted his years with the Sabres. Imlach felt that Perreault lacked the fire necessary to be considered one of the games great players like Gretzky or the Rocket. The Sabres team which Meehan had been a part of from 1971-1974 had become regarded in the NHL as a soft

team (again see Heaven

and Hell in the NHL). With no "schoolyard bullies" of their own for opponents to fear, the gentlemanly Perreault was regularly defeated in the playoffs by stronger physical two way players who could score as well as he did and also play well defensively, like Bobby Clarke and Bryan Trottier. Quarterfinal round eliminations were common for the Sabres in the Perreault era and Sports Illusignominiously trated named them Professional Sports Choke team of the 1970's. So if Meehan thought the Perreault

model was the way to rebuild with Turgeon, based on that history it was a flawed vision.

What the Sabres got with Turgeon was a good player who put up good point totals but failed to deliver when it mattered, in the playoffs. From 1988 to 1990 the Turgeon led Sabres mmade the playoffs but were eliminated in the first round, twice by Cam Neely and the Boston Bruins. Neely was the epitomy of the NHL power forward, the first of his kind. He could run you over to score the winning goal, set up another and beat up your tough guy all in a nights work. Neely would routinely play a big role in the Bruins playoff victories over Buffalo and the Sabres could not stop him. In a nod to his Irish lineage, Don Cherry called Neely "A fine broth of a lad."

In 1988 as the Bruins made their way to the Stanley Cup finals after eliminating the Sabres, one of their players told me that they *Continued on page six.*



North Buffalo June 14, 2020

Villa Avenue - Officers responded to Villa for reports of an overdose. Upon arrival the defendant was in the driveway unconscious. Narcan was administered by BFD. When the defendant awoke he did become combative with BFD and paramedics. The defendant did intentionally obstruct by means of physical force and officers did have to physically restrain the defendant and OC spray was deployed.

June 14, 2020

Euclid Avenue – Victim reports that the suspect did take his vehicle without permission and is refusing to return vehicle.

June 14, 2020

Kenmore Avenue – Complainant states during a domestic incident, suspect did spit in complainant's face, did punch complainant multiple times about the head and face causing pain and swelling of the head and jaw and did strike complainant twice in the right side of the forehead. Complainant also stated during argument preceding assault suspect did display a silver handgun. Complainant transported via AMR to Sister's Hospital for medical treatment. DGTS 3221 completed and issued to complainant.

June 14, 2020

Tacoma Avenue – Victim reported while neighbor was involved in a fight with another male. Unknown suspect did damage her side door breaking the door and glass panel inside. Single window pane to rear shed was also damaged. Victim wanted report for incident only. Did not want to press charges at this time.

June 13, 2020

Crescent Avenue – Victim reports known suspect did enter her apartment unlawfully by cutting the screen on the side window and crawling in. While inside suspect did ransack apartment throwing around personal property and maliciously cutting TV cords. Suspect did take

without permission an Amazon stick. Suspect did send via snapchat to victim a vide of himself and another female lying in victim's bed. Suspect continued to send victim threatening text messages stating he will not stop until he gets his stuff back placing victim in fear and fearful for her child. Box cutters (evidence) and suspects keys (property) P10 by patrol officers. Dir was completed. P-1136 referral issued to victim.

Riverside

June 14, 2020 Main Street - Complainant states for "International Wine & Spirits" that an unknown male used a hammer to break the glass of his store doors that shattered allowing him to gain entry into the business. The male then took multiple bottles of liquor off the shelf behind the counter. Unknown exact count of value at the time. The male then left back out the front door with the liquor and fled eastbound towards Fillmore Avenue. Complainant (store owner) has full video footage of incident. He believes the male is a frequent customer.

June 15, 2020

 $Blum \, Street - Complainant$

reports that while she was out of her home, unknown person or persons entered home by breaking locked rear door and damaged items owned by victim.

June 14, 2020

Claredon Place - Victim states that unknown suspect did enter his vehicle without permission by means of unlocked door. Once inside suspect did take without permission 1 Cannon, 5D Mark 4 camera and lens valued at \$5,000.00 and 4 American Express cards. Suspect then did go to multiple stores and did use credit card to make purchases. Complainant does have video footage.

June 14, 2020

St. Florian Street – Victim state unknown suspect(s) did take without permission his vehicle. Vehicle was parked in driveway on

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St. Florian. No cameras.

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West Side June 15, 2020

Auburn Street – Victim stated while he was working on the east side of his residence, unknown suspect(s) did enter dwelling without permission by means of unlocked door on the west side of residence. Once inside suspect(s) did take without permission keys to residence and vehicle (unknown if anything else was taken.) Suspect(s) then did take vehicle without permission by means of keys.

June 13, 2020

Bidwell Parkway – Complainant reports that defendant did take her key from her without her permission and did also take her cell phone out of her purse preventing her from leaving and did lunge at her while she sat in the chair during the dispute.

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Erie County Auto Bureau Reopens

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pointment only.

• Class D (new drivers, motorcycle) permit tests will begin at a later date in alignment with the State's reopening.

• Staff is required to wear the appropriate PPE when interacting with each other and the public.

• Proper social distancing at all times and use of PPE by all customers.

• Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of all areas accessible to the public and employees.

• Compliance with NY Forward, CDC, and the NY Department of Health guidelines.

• Please bring your own pen to complete any required documents.

• Only those conducting personal DMV business will be allowed entry.

• No children under the age of 16.

Starting June 17, 2020 the Erie County Auto Bureau will start Step 1 of our in-person re-opening plan. With ALL transactions available by appointmemnt only:

• Replace a title

• Replace lost registration documentation • Replace lost registration renewal

• Registering a vehicle, trailer, or boat

• Plate surrenders (please utilize drop box at each office. Place in surrender envelope available onsite and FS6T will be mailed to you for you to submit to insurance carrier)

Address change to license or registration
 Pay civil penalties

• Pay suspension termi-

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• CDL license renewal

• Replacement of peeling license plates

• Registration amendments other than address change

• License amendment

• Exchange out of state for New York State license

• Real ID/ EDL, Standard Driver license or non-Driver ID

At this time we are unable to conduct the following transactions:

• CDL permit testing

• No class D (new driver, or motorcycle) permit testing at this time Step 2 To be announced

• CDL permit testing • No class D (new driver, motorcycle) permit testing

Starting June 17, 2020 the Erie County Auto Bureau will start taking calls on our dedicated appointment hot line for those without computer or internet access and for those applying for CDL permit and/ or amendment testing at (716) 858-7450.

Appointment hours are 8:30-3:30 Monday-Friday. Please have a pen and paper to write down any information that is given to you while setting up your appointment.

Please do not call the appointment line to ask DMV questions. Please contact the NYS DMV directly at (315) 376-5331 for all DMV questions.

We ask all customers to arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to your appointment, and we reserve the right to cancel your appointment if you arrive 15 minutes late.

Please be advised that appointment schedule, appointment hours, and reopening steps may change as we adapt to business conditions.





Killed In The Line Of Duty

With all the recent controversy over the defunding of the police and the defending of the police I will tell a story that is what I hope, not taking sides. It is a true story and did happen right here in North Buffalo many years ago. Actually I have two stories involving the local policemen. I will start with this one.

Let me start by saying that we did have Precinct 17 located on Colvin near Linden. Back then the neighborhoods had their own precincts, 5 and 10 on the west side and 17 here. These are the ones I am familiar with and had dealings with some twenty, thirty years ago. I knew most of the officers by name and had many meetings with the local police captains. In fact, one of the captains at Precinct 17 challenged me in a 5K race held on Hertel and Delaware Park. Loser was supposed to wheel the winner down Hertel in a wheel barrow. I won but he reneged. Point is, the local law enforcement agents were part of the community. There was a liaison officer assigned and attended all our business association meetings, most of the events that were held and the luncheons. In other words a visual part of the area, not so much as a force but as a fellow citizen.

I stated that the captain became a friend and we did have many lunches together and meetings on issues pertaining to North Buffalo. Besides being the editor of the local paper, I was also the president of the Business Association and involved in other local organizations. We did address some of the minor things that made the area a better place to live. It was at one of these meetings that he related the following story.

I was aware that a police officer from Precinct 17 was killed in the line of duty as there was a plaque in the front entrance in his honor. I did not know the

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full story of how he died and one day I asked the captain. Happened that he was there and involved. He shuddered as he told the story as it still bothered him.

There was a call about an armed robbery. Two officers responded at first. They went to the location of the robbery and found that the perpetrator had left footprints in the snow so it was easy to follow where he went. He ended up in a corner bar with the two officers, this police captain who was only a patrolman at the time and his part-ner. He said the perpetrator was sitting quietly at the end of the bar. Suddenly and without warning he pulled out a gun and started firing at the officers. He said he still can't believe no one was hit. The man then ran out the back door with the two officers plus some back up in pursuit.

As they ran across an open field the perpetra-tor reloaded his gun and started firing back over his shoulder as he was running. One of his bullets hit one of the officers in the forehead killing him instantly. Still in a hail of bullets the remaining officers were able to put down the perpetrator by shooting him in the back. The officer was dead but the perpetrator seemed

to still be alive so an ambulance was called. That was the right thing to do at the time. Even though there was so much hate for this fellow who had just killed a buddy.

He said that the emotions that he felt as he had to ride in the ambulance to make sure the perpetrator did not recover and do more damage. He and another officer sat there with guns drawn and pointed to the robber but still petrified of the man. The captain went on to say that they requested the ambulance driver take his time getting to the hospital. In fact asked him to drive around the block a couple of times to make sure he did not receive immediate medical care. Whether

he was dead before, or died on the way is not known. He was dead on arrival. It is hard to imagine how one feels after such a brush so close to death. To have lived through a gun battle knowing that someone is

trying to end your life. This did happen and what I recall of the story is true. I know the officer was killed in the line of duty and had five children. I did meet his widow at one point a while after the incident. She was never the same. Precinct 17 is no longer there, neither is Precinct five or ten. The closing happened years ago with the construction of the D District building and combining the Buffalo Police Department.

Answers to Senior Trivia Buffalo Rocket Issue 24 **JUNE 11, 2020**

Trivia Questions

- 1) Pennsylvania 2) Missouri Louis Armstrong (Satchmo) 8) Atlantic
- 4) Girl Scouts
- 5) Coke

3)

- 6) Water, Malt, Hops, Yeast 7) Peaches
- 9) Cassius Clay
 - 10) Vatican City



How well do know your trivia? Test your knowledge of with these questions that will make you think.

1) What item did the Lone Ranger leave behind to identify himself? _

2) When the Beatles came to the US in 1966 what show did they appear on?

3) Get you licks on ____ ____.

4) The story you are about to see is true the names have been changed _____?

- 5) In the jungle the mighty jungle _____?
- 6) Nestles make the very best _____
- 7) What takes a licking and still keeps on ticking?
- 8) Hey kids, what time is it? ______.

9) Who knows what secret lies in the heart of men? The _____ knows.

10) That cute little car with the truck in the front and the engine in back was the VW what other names did it have?

11) Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their .

12) Red Skeletons Hobo character was named _____ and he ended his show by saying Good Night and

The answers will be in next week's Rocket OR you can find them on our Facebook page.

Do not use parks or Share the trail and warn tralls if you are other trail users of your xhibiting symptoms presence and as you pass. Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains. Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 5' from other persons at all times.

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Ask Rusty – SSDI Denied; Will Claiming Early Hurt Spouse or Survivor Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I applied for Social Security Disabil-ity Insurance (SSDI) benefits and was denied. So, because I turn 62 this month, I plan to file for my early SS retirement benefits. Since I've not worked a lot due to health issues I won't get much and I realize my benefit will be reduced by about 30% from my full retirement age amount, but we need the extra income to help with my medical bills. My husband is 57 and still works. Social Security will be our only retirement so he will be working for as long as he can. My ques-tion is, how will my ear-ly retirement affect any spousal benefits I might qualify for in the future? Or my widow's benefits if he should die before I do? Signed: Worried Spouse Dear Worried: Claim-

ing your own SS benefit at age 62 will cause your spousal benefit to be less when your spouse benefit starts (when your husband claims). That's because your spousal benefit will be in the form of a "spousal boost" which will be added to the reduced SS benefit you will get by filing at age 62. The amount of your spousal boost will depend upon how old you are when your husband claims (which is when your spousal benefit kicks in). If you've reached your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and 8 months, your spousal boost will be the difference between 1) your SS retirement benefit amount at your FRA (regardless of when you claimed) and 2) half (50%)of the benefit your husband is entitled to at his

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FRA (regardless of when he claims). At your FRA you get the full amount of the spousal boost; but taken before your FRA the spousal boost will be actuarially reduced according to the number of months prior to FRA it is taken. Since the spousal boost is added to the benefit you are already receiving, you claiming your reduced ben-efits at age 62 means your spousal benefit will also be reduced. But your spousal benefit (while your hus-band is living) is entirely different from your survivor benefit if your husband dies before you.

As your husband's widow, provided you have reached your FRA you will get 100% of the amount he was receiving (or entitled to receive) at his death, instead of your smaller benefit from claiming at age 62. In other words, that you claimed your own benefit at 62 doesn't affect your survivor benefit. But if the survivor benefit is claimed before you reach your full retirement age it will be reduced due to claiming it early (the reduction is about 4.75% for each year early). Note that you do not have to claim the survivor benefit immediately; you may wait to claim until it

reaches maximum at your FRA.

One final point: Statistically, about 2/3rds of all initial SSDI disability applications are denied. If you believe strongly that you've been unfairly denied, you can appeal that denial, even if you go ahead and claim your own SS benefit at age 62. To appeal the SSDI denial you should submit form SSA-561 – Request for Reconsideration, which you can find at this link: www.ssa.gov/forms/ ssa-561.html.







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Memorable Sabres Moments

From page two. didn't consider Buffalo to be a serious rival like Montreal as the Bruins knew that they could beat Buffalo because the Sabres hadn't learned to do all the things that were necessary to win in the playoffs. That statement was hardly a compliment to team captain and team leader Pierre Turgeon. In comparison to the Bruins Neely, Turgeon was nicknamed "The Tin Man", perhaps unfairly, by the Bufflo media. This nickname was attached to him for the remainder of his stay in Buffalo.

Drafting Shanahan instead of Turgeon may have altered the destiny of the franchise. A Neely-like power forward himself, Shanahan as a Sabre playing against Neely in those playoffs would have made for epic showdowns with the Bruins star instead of a prelude to golf season. In the Turgeon era, Mike Foligno was one of a few Sabres with the ability and attitude to do whatever it took to win. Imagine Shanahan and Foligno together, their attributes may have been enough to infect their teammates and turn the Sabres into a playoff opponent to be feared rather than an automatic bye into the next round. Even Don Cherry would have found it difficult to favor his beloved Neely over Shanahan since each was a "Fine broth of a lad."

In his 1524 game NHL career, Shanahan scored 656 goals and 698 assist for 1354 points with 2489 penalty minutes. But stats alone are inadequate to tell his story. Shanahan was a player who evolved and improved his game. Playing with Brett Hull in St. Louis he learned the secrets of shooting and became a better goal scorer netting back to back 50 goal season in 1992-93 and 1993-94. His previous best had been 33.

Proving to be a man of his convictions, when Scotty Bowman sought the missing link to turn his Detroit Red Wings into champions, he acquired the player he had advised the Sabres to

draft, Brendan Shanahan. While Steve Yzerman's hockey skills and leadership are properly credited for Detroit's success, it wasn't until the arrival of Shanahan that the Wings became champions. In fact Shanahan helped make the Red Wings the most successful team since the Edmonton Oilers dynasty with Wayne Gretzky. Bowman certainly didn't reach out for Turgeon to build his champion team nor did any other contender.

Shanahan's playoff career was far brighter than Turgeon whose teams missed the playoffs seven times, were eliminated in the first round eleven times and four times in the second. Conversely, Shanny missed the playoffs only twice, in his second year with the Devils and once with Hartford. With three Stanley Cups his teams made the playoffs 17 times with eight first round and six second round losses.

Shanahn's leadership abilities transcended the arena when during the 2004 lockout he called a summit meeting of the games players and executives. His vision was to reinvent hockey by removing obstruction from the game and reinvent the game giving the fans a better product coming out of the work stoppage.

This was a selfless exercise since Shanahan was a physical clutch and grab style of player whose own career would hardly be enhanced by these changes. But Shanahan's vision transcended his playing career and focused on making the game better. The players and the league jumped on board with this plan and the celebrated "new rules" were little more than calling the rules that had always been there but were selectively enforced. As a result of his efforts, Shanahan can properly be credited as the architect of the modern game.

Failing to draft Shanahan was a once in a generation opportunity lost for the Sabres who have had only two opportunities to draft first for available amateurs. They hit a home run with Perreault and missed terribly with Turgeon. Brendan Shanahan was precisely the type of player the Sabres have been searching for the last 25 years, a power forward who can score goals and be a leader. In short, our own Cam Neely. How could they have let him get away?

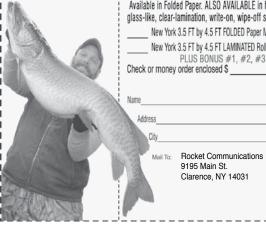
In a recent discussion. Meehan told this writer that the Sabres needed a number one center and that's what drove the decision to take Turgeon.

That being the case, Joe Sakic was a true franchise player at center whose career was . superior to Turgeon who somehow slipped to 15th overall in that draft. Sakic was the best player drafted in 1987 with 625goals and 1641 points in 1378 games.

Sakic was a three time first team all star, and won the Hart trophy as NHL MVP in 2001 when he was also voted the best player in the NHL by the Player Association winning the Lester B. Pearson trophy. He also won the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP in 1996. Sakic played on two Stanley Cup champion teams in 1996 and 2001 and was the leading scorer in the playoffs in those seasons. But to be fair, Sakic was not a candidate at the time for the top pick.

Gerry Meehan, the rising star as an NHL executive, was promoted to Sr. Vice President of business and legal affairs and replaced as general manager by John Muckler in 1993. Meehan never worked in hockey operations at the NHL level again.

In 2010 Meehan and Shanahan were both inducted into the Etobicoke, Ontario Sports Hall of Fame. Meehan told the crowd that choosing between the slick playmaking Turgeon and power forward Shanahan was the toughest decision he ever made. The crowd chuckled later when Shanahan told Meehan "Growing up in Toronto I hated the Buffalo Sabres. You made the right choice.'





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The 19th annual Capen Garden Walk will be Saturday, July 11, 2020, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. This is a free self-guided tour of about 60 private gardens and carefully nurtured public spaces in the neighborhoods surrounding the University at Buffalo South campus. In addition, some of the private gardens will be open for Capen by Night from 8:00-10:00 pm.

The Capen Garden Walk is designed to encourage neighborhood beautification and collaboration as well as to build strong communities. It is named for Samuel P. Capen, the first full-time, salaried Chancellor at the University at Buffalo. The Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk began in 2002 with 24 gardens, in an effort to showcase the neighborhoods near the University at Buffalo, including University Heights, Eggertsville, Amherst, and the Town of Tonawanda.

Maps for the July 11 walk will be available at the UB Anderson Gallery, 1 Martha Jackson Place, (between Mon-Buffalo trose and Englewood Avenues) until 4:00 pm. Free parking is available at the gallery. Maps can also be downloaded at uhartsgroup.com/map.pdf.

This year, we ask visitors to wear a face mask and respect social distancing expectations at each garden you visit.

The Capen Garden Walk will be held rain or shine. For more information, visit http://ourheights.org/GardenWalk/.



Cardinal O'Ha-The ra High School Bingo Team are sponsoring a virtual Online Basket **Raffle and Hidden Trea**sures sale and auction. The event will take place June 25 to 7 p.m. June 27.

Pick-up will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30. For details and the link, go to the Event Page at www.cardinalohara.com or or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

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Downtown Country Market opens on Thursday, June 18, 2020. M&T Bank will serve as Presenting Sponsor of the 38th Anniversary Season of the Downtown Coun-try Market. The Market takes place on Thursdays on Main Street between Court and Church Streets through October 22, 2020 from 10am through 2:30pm each day.

The Market provides a delightful shopping experience for residents, workers, and visitors, and features an eclectic mix of fresh goods and fine wares. The Downtown Country Market is a proud participant in the Pride of New York Program, Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, Field & Fork Network Double Up Food Bucks Program, and the Farmers' Market Federation of New York.

Due to the COVID-19

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ew and cousins.

Pandemic, Buffalo Place Inc. has established a Health Safety Plan for the 2020 Downtown Country Market season. Adjust-ments for vendors and guests include: requiring customers and vendors to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth; vendors properly spaced to

Camilleri - John S. Jr. -

of Grand Island, died un-

expectedly in an airplane

accident in Carlinville, IL,

and Gail L. Stutzman Ca-

milleri. Beloved brother of

Anthony (Sue) and Samuel

(Emilie) Camilleri. Close

friend of Tierney Smith.

Also survived by loving

aunts, uncles, niece, neph-

event and social distancing

guidelines a private church

Because of the Covid-19

Dear son of John S.

May 31, 2020.

maintain social distancing; and handwashing stations/ hand sanitizer made available to vendors and customers. Buffalo Place looks forward to welcoming vendors back to Downtown to provide residents, workers, and visitors with the best in local produce and products.



Obituary

funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo.

Final resting place Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Tonawanda. Arrangements by D. Lawrence Ginnane Funeral Home, Kenmore.

Memorials to the Erie County SPCA 300 Harlem Rd. Buffalo, NY 14224 are preferred. John was an employee of Fresenius Kabi.

Condolences may be made at www.ginnanefuneralhome.com.

Answers

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): DEL 570 X, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on May 13, 2020. Office location is Erie County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon who process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to Shaun Jackson, Esq., 570 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.29

Name of LLC: JRB Insights, LLC.; Date of Filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State, May 19, 2020; Office of the LLC: Erie County; The New York Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served; NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 1 South Street, Apt. 419, Buffalo, New York 14204. 27

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Tivvy LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 15th, 2020. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 173 Prospect Ave, Buffalo NY 14201. Purpose: Any lawful pur-29 pose.

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Jorge Luis Ruiz González Hernandez has changed his name to Jorge Luis González.

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Van Heusen men's watch, stainless steel with 3 dials on the face of watch which has blue background. Value \$1,000. Selling for \$100.00 or BO. Needs battery - does run 533-8382.

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