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## Sidewalk Patios



Sidewalk patios are popping up all over Western New York with the re-opening of restaurants in phase three of the coronavirus shutdown order. The patio pictured above stretches across the whole sidewalk. This patio is a temporary structure and for this year only.

Buffalo restaurants can provide more outdoor seating to serve patrons safely and within New York State guidelines.

The Buffalo Common Council unanimously approved an ordinance amendment that allows restaurants to establish or expand outdoor seating like in parking lots once they reopen under phase

three from the coronavirus shutdown order.

Under normal circumstances, small businesses and restaurants would have to apply for a special-use permit, which could take months to process. The ordinance is for temporary approval and for this year only.

The City of Buffalo will consider three types of pro-

posals for outdoor space use plans, including the use of private property, such as restaurant owned parking lots that are adjacent to the restaurant or business; the use of city sidewalks; and street closures. The city also will waive all application and license fees until September 30 for those restaurants and small business.

## Buffalo History Museum Welcomes Guests Back



The Buffalo History Museum takes the safety, well-being, preserving, and advancement of our community to be of the utmost priority.

The Buffalo History Museum will reopen to the public with new operational and safety procedures on Saturday, Aug. 1. Members will be invited back for exclusive Member Days beginning July 29 - 31. Guests will be able to experience Buffalo's unique history with free admission for the remainder of 2020.

"We are happy to be able to re-open for on-site experiences and welcome guests back," said Melissa Brown, Executive Director of The Buffalo History Museum.

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## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



Police Precinct #5, W. Ferry and Grant

## Who's Your Hero?

The word "hero" means something very different this year. Throughout the seemingly endless challenges 2020 has dealt time and time again, a new type of hero has risen to the forefront: The nurses and doctors, working on the frontlines of Covid-19. The researchers, spending endless hours testing potential vaccines. The teachers, learning new methods to connect and teach their students. The parents, juggling work, home school, parenting and

more. The kids, who had their entire lives up-ended and are trying to adapt as best their little bodies can. The essential workers, showing up every day and facing risks. The small business owners, making choices that affect their families, staff and community. During our 40th anniversary year, EPIC is celebrating every kind of hero. Nominate yours by visiting our web site at [www.epicforchildren.org/news/who-s-your-hero](http://www.epicforchildren.org/news/who-s-your-hero). We've got some special ways to honor them.



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## NHL Season Set To Resume

The NHL season is set to resume on Saturday August first. Hockey junkies will get their fix with games scheduled all day long. At noon the New York Rangers play the Caroline Hurricanes. At 3:00 PM the Chicago Blackhawks play the Edmonton Oilers with Patrick Kane going up against Connor MacDavid and MVP candidate Leon Draisaitl. At 4:00 PM the Carolina Hurricanes take on the Florida Panther. The days action closes out with an 8:00 match up featuring the Montreal Canadiens battling against the Pittsburgh Penguins. The games are being played in Toronto and Edmonton in empty arenas. Be prepared for lame attempts to create background noise simulating fans cheering and booing. MLB exhibition games using this simulated crowd noise have been unimpressive.

The Buffalo Sabres players will be watching these games on television just like their fans because only the leagues top 24 teams are included and the Sabres missed the cut at

number 25th. This marks the teams eight consecutive season without a play-off game. In contrast the Pittsburgh Penguins have been in the postseason for 11 straight seasons and the Chicago Blackhawks for eight seasons in a row.

Such a streak of playoff ineptitude is difficult to accomplish because the NHL rewards the weak teams with the highest draft choices. These top picks allow the weakest teams to acquire top talent and become more competitive. The Sabres have certainly benefited from high draft picks with Jack Eichel selected second overall in 2015 and Rasmus Dahlin first overall in 2018. Eichel is one of the top players ranked fifth best in a poll by the NHL players and ranked as the sixth best center by the NHL Network. And while Dahlin has struggled defensively his skills are off the chart and a bright future as a top player seems assured.

While Eichel, Dahlin and Sam Reinhart represent their top drafted talent, the Sabres have failed

to fill out the rest of their roster. The team does not have a viable staring goaltender and lacks a second line center. The draft history outside of those top picks is unimpressive. Casey Mittlestadt taken eighth in the 2017 draft was overwhelmed playing against experienced talented second line centers and disappointed with only 17 goals in 114 NHL games. After being sent to Rochester for development he posted nine goals and 25 points in 36 games with a -15. These numbers do not suggest that he will become a viable NHL scoring center. In the 2016 draft Buffalo selected Alex Nylander eighth overall. He was another disappointment with 13 goals in 84 NHL games.

Selecting eighth overall in this years draft will not provide the Sabres with what they need which is immediate help. Top pick Dylan Cozens drafted in 2019 is expected to make the team at 19 years of age but expecting him to make an immediate impact as a second line player is a big stretch. The team is woefully lacking in depth throughout the lineup and needs immediate help. They need to package that number eight pick with a player, maybe Rasmus Ristlainen, and trade for an experienced second line center. They need to do this to get better now. And do it for the fans.



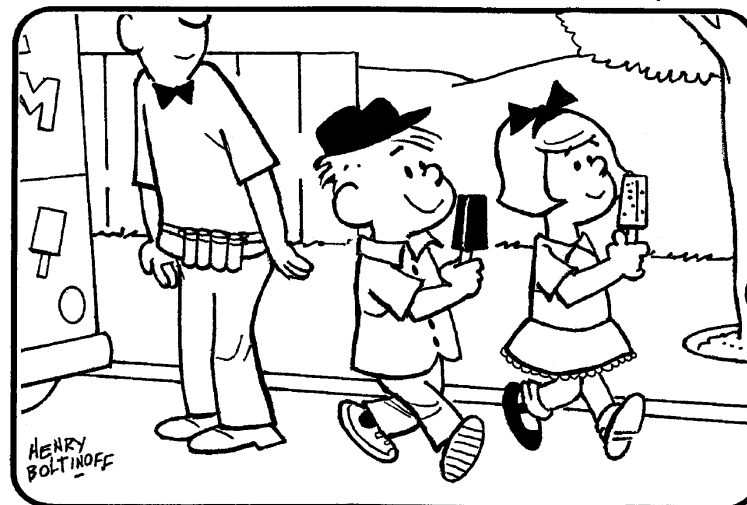
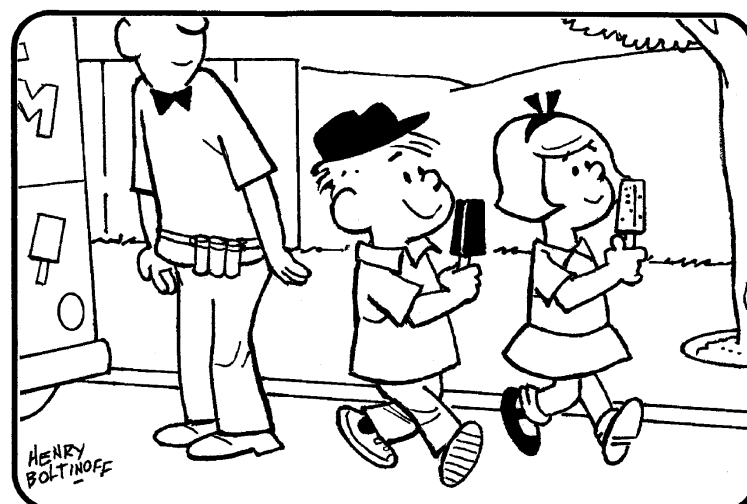
The matchup between Patrick Kane and Connor MacDavid hilight the NHL's return to play on Saturday August first.

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# Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

## Forgetaboutit, It's taken care of, mob style.

The movie “The Godfather” is among the top movies of all time. The series on HBO called the Sopranos was on for 6 seasons, 86 episodes and extremely popular. Other movies like “Good Fellows” and “Casino” were also highly successful. What do they all have in common? They are all mobster related. The public for some reason is fascinated with gangsters and organized crime. You cannot swear in front of my wife but she loves this type of “entertainment”. The language they use is the same as I used to hear in the truck driver’s lunch room. Once in a while a real word pops up between the nasty swear words. You wonder if it is even English and what they are saying.

In most of these productions you sometimes find yourself on the side of the bad guys. Even though the characters portrayed are murderers, vicious, nasty people. Then why does the public like to see these characters and some even admire them. Bonnie and Clyde actually had a following in real life and they were killers. You think maybe they would like to be like them but do not have the mitzvah. We found it as related to being raised on the West Side of Buffalo. They spoke the language there. The Mafia originated they say in Sicily so organized crime is associated with Italy. The mafia is a takeoff of the “Black Hand” which goes way back. The “Black Hand” was an extortion organization that would send a letter stating that if you did not pay so much a week, you, your wife, your home, your children

and even your dog, could be subject to harm. Like an insurance policy, difference is if you do not pay the premium, more than your policy is terminated. In the movies and series, they even spoke a little Italian. I liked it as my mother spoke fluent Italian and some of the same words she used, they used. Italian swear words.

So the Mafia or La Costa Nostra came to America with some Italian-American immigrants. Familias or families formed and began to organize into different mobs and the members were called mobsters. Some of us can remember when the different mobs did not get along so well and the history of territorial gang warfare. There was a shooting and killing at a restaurant not too far from where I lived. A popular Italian restaurant called Roseland’s on Chenango. Got one of the head guys coming out the front door. This was not that uncommon. Seldom or never were any civilians or non gang members terminated. A beating maybe or harassment to make a point, but not mortally. Unless of course you happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. A fellow I played foot ball with in High School suddenly disappeared. They found him in a field executed Mafia style with another fellow. Found out years later he just happened to be with the wrong guy who had been designated to be “whacked”.

Most private citizens like myself were aware of who the “godfathers” or family heads were but seldom ever saw any of

them. Even if you did they were surrounded by good size “friends”. One day I was golfing at the Audubon Golf Course on Maple and about to hit over the water. I heard a greeting come from the adjoining woods, “Hi Joe”. There in the woods, having a meeting, were about ten men in silk suits. Among them was a fellow known as being associated with the local Mafia. In fact, the suspected head man. It was me he was greeting as I did know him. I quickly took my shot and not only cleared the water, but hit the furthest I had ever gone. Got in the cart and sped over the bridge. I just wanted to get away from that spot before I overheard something I did not want to know.

Sometimes it helps to know “somebody”. An incident years ago was my first encounter. My son was assaulted on Elmwood and Allen while delivering the West Side Times by two men. We did address the issue at the time but later on I was relating the story to a “friend”. He asked if I got the names or addresses as he would take care of it. I told him it was already “taken care of”. Wanted no part of his way of taking care of things. Still he was a nice guy.

Another time my wife and I were crossing Delaware Avenue on the way to Kelly’s for a roast beef. We were in the middle of the street and only one car was coming. He looked like he was slowing to let us cross and then sped and almost hit us. I was angry and projected a little saliva on his windshield. He did not take kindly to that and did a U turn on Delaware. We were in Kelly’s as he pulled onto the sidewalk almost into the door. He got out to pursue me into the bar only to be met by some “friends” who had been in the establishment. He was quickly placed back into his vehicle. Later on I related the story to another “friend” and he asked “did you get the license plate number”?

He would take care of it. Lastly, I was in the Elmwood Movie theatre watching the movie “Troy” with my wife. Sitting not too far away were some roudy teen agers making lots of noise. I asked them to be quite and they did not like that. They proceeded to somehow go out and turn on the lights in the theatre and then address me. These were four big kids and I was 70 years old at the time. Not in my prime fighting condition. So I said, “Do you know who I am”? I told them all I had

to do was make one phone call and not to the police. They backed down and turned off the lights and sat quietly the rest of the movie. “Phew”. With all the riots and looting going on in New York City I wonder how that would go over in Little Italy. Do not know how it is now but back then the looter would be “sleeping with the fishes in the Hudson river”.  
*July Birthdays:*  
*July 18 - Rimas Musteikis*  
*July 29 - Pamela Zepp Moore*



The Godfather is an American film series that consists of three crime films directed by Francis Ford Coppola inspired by the 1969 novel of the same name.

**Answers to Senior Trivia Buffalo Rocket Issue 29**  
**JULY 16, 2020**  
*Trivia Questions*

1) Cooperstown, NY  
2) 1967  
3) Mercury  
4) America  
5) Rocket Man

6) Baking Soda  
7) Uniform Resource Locator  
8) Ellis Island  
9) Niagara River  
10) Five

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## Ask Rusty - About Working While Collecting Social Security

**Dear Rusty:** In 2019 I was out of work for an extended period. I was eligible to begin receiving retirement benefits (at age 63) and started to do so in August. My part time job was limited so it did not conflict with my Social Security amount, but in October through the end of 2019 I went back to my old industry at four times the pay rate. My understanding is that I will need to pay Social Security back about \$1.40 for every benefit dollar they have paid me while I worked at the higher wage. When and how is that paid? Signed: Part Time Again

**Dear Part Time Again:** If you started your Social Security benefits in August of last year at age 63, for the remainder of 2019 you were subject to the "first year rule" which means you had a monthly earnings limit of \$1,470 af-

ter your benefit started. If you exceeded that monthly limit starting in October of 2019 and for the rest of the year, you won't be entitled to benefits for the months of October, November and December. Social Security will consider that an overpayment, and they will want you to repay all those benefits to them. However, if it would be to your advantage to do so, you can request that Social Security use the annual earnings limit for 2019, instead of the monthly limit. For example, if using the 2019 annual earnings limit (\$17,640) would result in a smaller impact to your benefits, Social Security may accommodate your request to use the annual limit. Depending upon your total earnings in 2019, you may want to consider asking that the annual earnings limit be used, instead of the monthly limit, when deter-

mining your 2019 impact for exceeding the earnings limit.

Starting in 2020 you'll be subject to an annual limit of \$18,240 (limit changes yearly). If you exceed the annual limit, SS will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you've again stopped working at the higher amount, and now only working part-time and won't earn more than \$18,240 for this year, you'll not be subject to the annual limit. But exceeding the 2019 monthly limit last year will still affect you.

You will receive a form from Social Security asking you to specify your 2019 income month by month for the months you were receiving benefits. Since you exceeded the monthly limit from October through December, they'll be asking you to repay all of the benefits you received for those months. They will give you the option of either repaying them in full in a lump sum, or they will recover what you owe by withholding your monthly benefits until the overpayment is satisfied. That will mean you'll go some months without benefits, the number of months dependent upon your monthly benefit amount and how much you

owe them. Remember, you have the option to request the annual limit if it will benefit you.

Though you'll lose benefits for some number of months now, when you reach your full retirement age (66 years and 4 months) they will automatically give you time credit for the number of months they withheld benefits and move your SS claim date forward. That will increase your month-

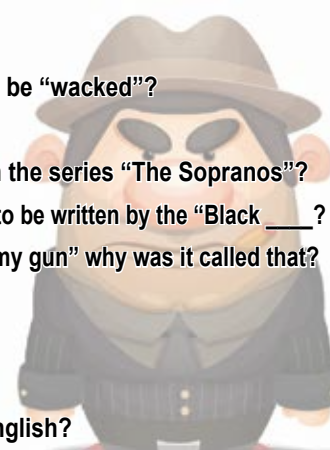
ly benefit amount slightly, and you'll get that slightly higher benefit for the rest of your life.

One final point: In the year you reach your full retirement age the annual earnings limit will go up by about 2.5 times and the penalty for exceeding it will be less (\$1 for every \$3 over the limit). And when you reach your full retirement age the earnings limit goes away entirely.

## Senior TRIVIA

### The Mob Trivia

- 1) What actor played the Godfather in the movie "The Godfather"?
- 2) What city was Al Capone territory?
- 3) What is a "rat" in mob terms?
- 4) What does it mean in mob terms to be "wacked"?
- 5) Where did the Mafia originate?
- 6) What actor played Tony Soprano in the series "The Sopranos"?
- 7) The mafia extortion letters were said to be written by the "Black \_\_\_"?
- 8) Favorite mob weapon was the "Tommy gun" why was it called that?
- 9) Who is a "Wiseguy"?
- 10) Who is a "Moll"?
- 11) The term "packed"?
- 12) What does Cosa Nostra mean in English?



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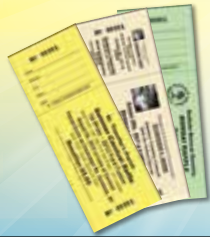
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**The Herschell Carousel Factory Museum** will be celebrating National Carousel Day on Saturday July 25th. The museum will be offering unlimited carousel rides with the purchase of regular admission and 10%

off all Herschell Carousel Museum logo merchandise. In addition, there will be docent lead tours of the museum at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and STEM activities in the Children's Gallery throughout the day.

The museum will be reopening its Kiddieland Testing Park exhibit beginning on Friday July 24th. Visitors who would like visit Kiddieland during their trip will be required to reserve a time lot. To accommodate these changes and increased staffing and cleaning measures, Kiddieland is no longer included in our general admission for the 2020 season and can be purchased in addition to museum admission. Admission to Kiddieland will be \$5.00 per child/\$4 per child for members for a 30 Min-

ute Time slot (allows for 4-5 rides). Adult chaperones or older siblings will be complimentary with the admission of a child. Visitors can call (716)693-1885 to make a reservation in advance or can make their reservation the day-of when purchasing admission. Please remember that children must be between 34 and 52 inches tall are able to ride the Kiddie Cars, Pony Carts, and Wet Boats. Kiddieland will be open on Friday and Saturdays during museum hours, weather permitting.

**Submit Your Community Event to**

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## Buffalo History Museum Welcomes Guests Back

From page one.

"Our team has been studying and implementing best practices for the safety of our staff and visitors, and we stand ready to once again engage and explore our local history using resources on our campus."

The Museum's public hours will be Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission will be free. Daily reservations are available in advance through the Museum website: [buffalohistory.org/covid-19-guest-information/](http://buffalohistory.org/covid-19-guest-information/)

"From our Chronicling COVID-19 collecting initiative to our emphasis on digitally preserved collections, we prioritized access and connection while facing the pandemic's cascading impacts," Brown said. "It's in that same spirit, the Museum will offer free admission for remainder of 2020. The community will be able to experience the Museum's many exhibits including Emblem of Equality:

Woman Suffrage in Western New York, which tells of the region's battle for equality at the ballot box, and visitors can look inside Icons: The Makers and Moments of Buffalo Sports, and so much more."

The Museum's Resource Center at 459 Forest Ave., which features the Spirit of the City exhibit, will be open every Friday in August from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with free admission. The Research Library will be accessible by appointment only. New procedures that abide by all Phase 4 requirements and best practices set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and New York State Department of Health are in place to ensure the safety of guests and staff. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advance, online registration to plan your Museum visit
- Accommodating a safe and limited number of guests

- Mandatory face coverings for all staff and guests while inside the Museum

- Updated approach to guest reception and new signage to minimize contact and promote social distancing

- Exhibits and frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected four times per day during public hours

- Hand sanitizing stations at Guest Services and throughout the Museum

The Museum's full reopening plan with Pandemic Aware Procedures is available online.

The Buffalo History Museum is dedicated to discovering and safekeeping the stories of our community. Held within its collections and entrusted to its care are stories of hardship, loss, challenge, and perseverance. As we navigate through these difficult times, the Museum continues to collect and ensure that the experiences of our community are preserved for later generations.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE REBEL CHRISTIAN PUBLISHING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Department of State on June 11, 2020 Office of the LLC: Erie County. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is Valicity Garris, 141 Sidway Street Buffalo, NY 14210. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act.33

NOTICE OF FORMATION - Dawning of a New Day LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on June 8th 2020. Its office located in Erie County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process shall be mailed to Dawning of New Day LLC c/o Dawn Washington 342 Crestwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14216. 35

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