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# Shakespeare in Delaware Park



Audiences flock during the summer to enjoy Shakespeare in Delaware Park, one of the largest free outdoor Shakespeare festivals in the country.

Shakespeare in Delaware Park returns again this year for its 39th season of free professional outdoor theater.

This summer's exciting season will begin June

19th when Henry V hits the stage. Patrick Moltane takes on the title role in this history play along with SDP veterans, Tim Newell, Tom Loughlin, Adam Rath and Gerry Maher with direction by SDP founder Saul Elkin. Comedy of Errors, which is know as Shakespeare's most farcical comedies will be the second offering of the summer starring SDP Continued on page 4

## 57th Annual Allentown Art Festival

The 57th Annual Allentown Art Festival will take place on Saturday, June 14th and Sunday, June 15th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm in the Historic Preservation District of Buffalo. Tens of thousands of art patrons are expected to travel from around the world to visit the festival and enjoy the beauty of Buffalo's weather in June.

The charm and uniqueness of the Allentown area are points of pride as residence greet art patrons of



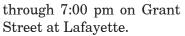
all ages from near and far. The 57th Annual Festival features about 450 juried exhibitors and their art and crafts on display for you to view or purchase.

Nearly every state, as well as Canada and Europe, has been represented in the Festival's history.

More information on the Allentown Art festival can be obtained by visiting the official website at www.allentownartfestival. com or by calling (716) 881-4269.

## 12th Annual West Side Diversity Festival

Buffalo's 12th annual Taste of Diversity Festival will take place on Saturday, June 28th from 11:00 am



The festival showcases restaurants, vendors, musicians and dancers from around the world, repre-



senting the cultural heritage of Buffalo's West Side. Festival-goers can enjoy live music and performances

and sample delicious food from local vendors.

This year will feature over a dozen food vendors and live music on two stages all day.

# Seafood Event a Success!

If you like seafood this was the place to be. The Kiwanis Club of Clarence sponsored a "Seafood Extravaganza" on Sunday, May 25th, to benefit Autism Services, Inc. Held on Bryant & Stratton Road behind the Eastern Hills Mall in Clarence, the event turned out to be a huge success.

If you chose the seafood dinner you received a full lobster, a pound of steamed clams, and a pound of mussels as your seafood entree. It came with sides of corn





on the cob and macaroni salad, a generous dinner for any size eater.

If you were not into seafood, the other offerings were burgers, barbeque ribs and hot dogs. All reasonably priced, with all the proceeds going to aid in the treatment of Autism.

This was the first year the Kiwanis Club of Clarence sponsored this type of project and by the response, it looks like it could be an annual event.

## **Local Weather**

THURSDAY, MAY 29

FRIDAY, MAY 30

SATURDAY, MAY 31

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

MONDAY, JUNE 2

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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## **Cashing Out**

From time to time one of those magazines that starts with "F" (Fortune? Forbes?) publishes one of those lists of what it perceives as the world's richest people, at least in terms of money.

This year it's Bill Gates, who invented some sort of electronic gadgetry which has brought him the sum of 76 billion dollars. Warren Buffett, who is at least partially responsible for the shortage of daily newspapers around here, counts out fourth at \$58.2 billion. Terry Pegula struggled into the top 500 with \$3.3 billion, including the 50 bucks his hockey team is worth.

These figures are almost comprehension, rather like the number of chores Rocket Mate has for Rocket Man once he finishes this column or the number of times he will go back to correct it.

Rocket Man will make it easy for you, based on something familiar, such as how quickly one can retrieve money from an ATM. He's clocked it a couple of times at the reasonably responsive terminal at his nearby First Niagara (except for the time it ate a \$6 cash deposit because the bills were too crinkly). Once the card goes in, you've picked a language and remembered your password, you can get \$100 in three

That's \$33.33 per second, \$2000 a minute, \$120,000 an hour, and so forth, on up to a little more than a billion a year -- \$1,051,776,000, actually, figuring in an extra quarter-day for Leap Year.

Therefore, it would take

Bill Gates 72 years and three months to withdraw all his money from an ATM. (With Rocket Man's luck, he'd be behind him in line). That's if it were drawing no interest. If he were earning even two per cent, the account would be accruing interest faster than it could spit it out.

Warren Buffett, 55 years, four months, but we'd still rather have the Courier back.

Terry Pegula, three years, six weeks, and the Sabres would still be in last place.

Well, we'd love to calculate more, but we've got bottles to return. Come visit. Or go figure.

SUNSET - Thanks to all the Rocket readers who've come to visit Rocket Man in "Sunshine Boys" at Desiderio's Dinner Theater, 5827 Broadway, Lancaster. Three shows remain - tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. and 1 p.m. It's been a trip.

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## Family Business

Let me start with saying that I am part of a family business. Having had five sons my dream back then was that someday in the future I would own a business and be able to work everyday with at least one of them. So, I started the printing business and founded the Rocket. I still work everyday with two of my sons and have for many years now. The business has had its ups and downs but we have made a living and the tenure has been a good one. I do believe it is a blessing to be able to do that and the ride has been great. North Buffalo has been good to us and a lot is attributed to the family businesses located in the area.

I have to go back a few years when the area was loaded with family business people. I did not do business with all so I do not know all but I do recall the ones I came in contact with.

You would have to live in the area a while to remember the Sample shop. A dress shop started by Mrs. Bunis at 1631 Hertel and later grew into one of the largest retail stores around This was done by her husband Louis Bunis and their two sons Maer and David. Not too far down the street was S

Hertel and Parkside. Now the site of Walgreens. Joe Sunshine and his two sons Mel and Seymour. Across the street was the Van Slyke Pharmacy with the Van Slykes, Ernie and Richard. I remember going into Jimmie's shoe repair and seeing Joe working with his father. Joe is still there.

We go across the street and two brothers, Bob and John Hazelet would be making pizza with their wives waiting tables. It is now owned by one of John's sons, Tom. Hector's hardware was run by Jim and his wife Mary and they were always in there.

Down the street a little further was Sammy's market. Father and two sons. On the corner of Hertel and Colvin, Bill Blatner's gas station with his three sons. Martino's appliance was three brothers. Barone furniture at Hertel and Lovering was two brothers. Passinisi's Market was the whole family, father, sons and daughter. Frank's Sunny Italy is the whole family, Father, mother, sons and daughters.

Like I mentioned there are probably a lot more, like Setel Wallpaper and others that I had little or no direct contact with so cannot mention. Even the

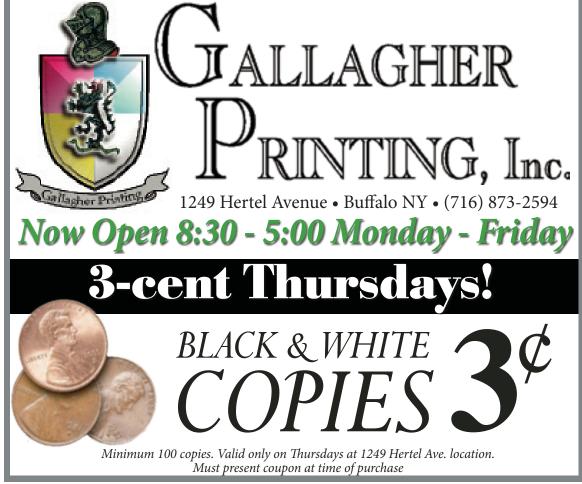
ing by memory and forgot some of the names. Forgive me for that. Happens when you get older I guess. Just wanted to say it was always good to see families working together and when you stop in being able to say hello to the different members.

Having had eight children and having my own business, all eight worked at the shop at one time or another. Some just delivering the Rocket door to door

but the contribution was there. There were times when the whole family would be collating a job on the dinning room table. It was good times and lots of laughs. Like I said, I was blessed to have had that.

Was happy to hear I have another reader. Must make at least an even dozen. On Sunday at the seafood extravaganza, I met a woman named Nancy from the Parkside area. Nancy mentioned to me she has a neighbor, Vince, who enjoys reading my column. So she is kind enough to pick up a Rocket at the library for him. Knowing that, I wrote this column on his behalf, hoping he remembers the names and places I mentioned.

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by Joe Bortz

This week we will go with women's nicknames, mostly. Some are just the names so bear with me as it was kind of tough. Like always, some are a stretch, but then again, what fun would it be if they were too easy?

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Too easy you say? I am allowed what is called writer's freedom. Which means the names do not have to match the spelling correctly. If you got all 15 right, you think like me. Half right you are smarter than me. Less than five, you are too educated to do my trivia. Want to have some fun? Go to the Rocket web page and cut and paste this trivia. Email it to your friends or put it on Facebook and see if there are any "likes." If you do not get them all, the answers will be in next week's Rocket. Let me know. JB

Last Weeks Answers: 1) Kind of horse - Charlie, 2) Kind of cat - Tom, 3) Put this in a hole – Phil, 4) Facility – John, 5) Up and down – Bob, 6) Rembrandt – Art, 7) Goat – Billy, 8) To pry open – Jimmy, 9) Water temperature – Luke, 10) Back exercise – Arch, 11) To make the hole – Doug, 12) Kind of moss – Pete, 13) A drop of golden sun – Ray, 14) Scratch or small dent - Nick, 15) Detective - Dick, 16) Leg parts -Tony, 17) Big clock - Ben, 18) Put in the hole - Barry, 19) Blemish - Mark, 20) Put your shirt on - Don.

Check next week's ROCKET for the answers.



to my furever home. I am gentle, sweet,

playful and I totally love to lay by your side or anyone that will let me. I have been in a few playgroups in the yard and enjoy some fun-loving play time with some of my shelter pals. Of course, if you have a resident canine in your home already, it is best for us to meet to make sure we are on the same play page! I enjoy walking and have been complimented on how good I have been doing. I know how to me. I have been in a few playgroups in the yard and enjoy some funsit, stay, lie down and one of my favorite pastimes is soaking up some sun! Please consider checking me out at the shelter when you're looking for your new best friend. Remember the name ADDISON. Wags & Licks~ Addison...

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# Grapevine

Floral Explorations will host a book signing on May 30th during Shop, Rock and Stroll between 7-9 pm, with author Roseanne Higgins and her new book Orphans and Inmates, a novel of historical fiction about the Erie County Poorhouse and the Buffalo Orphan Asylum. The paperback retails on Amazon for \$12.99 but for this evening will be selling it at Floral Explorations for \$9.99.

Plant Sale - Master Gardeners of Erie County will offer a quality selection of sun and shade perennials, native plants, herbs, annuals, and shrubs direct from their gardens. 1071 Amherst Street, Buffalo, NY. Friday, May 30th, 9 am - 5 pm, Saturday, May 31st, 9 am - 3 pm. Sally Cunningham will be on hand Friday from 10-noon to answer your gardening questions. Master Gardeners will be present throughout the event to answer your questions about plants and plant care.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Buffalo & Erie County monthly educational meeting for families of people living with mental illness will be held on Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 4007

Main Street in Amherst.

NAMI Family Support Groups will be held Wednesday, June 18th at 7:00 pm at two locations - St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St., Amherst, and at Lake Shore Behavioral Health, 3176 Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Meetings are open to everyone and free of charge. Call the NAMI office at 716-226-6264 for further information.

GObike Buffalo is proud to host the First Annual SkyRide on Saturday, May 31st at 10 am. The SkyRide is a 29-mile bicycle tour of historic locations, new bicycle infra-

structure, and a scenic ride over the Buffalo Skyway.

The ride will start and end at Canalside; a post-ride celebration for riders, their families, and friends will include food and a beer tent. Registration for the ride will be from 8 am-9:30 am.

The Skyway will be shut down for two hours only to allow cyclists to safely pass along it heading South to the outer harbor.

The support of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) was vital in getting access to the Skyway. Without their willingness to allow us all to experience the Skyway differently, this event would not be possible.

To register, see route maps, or learn more about the event please visit: http://gobikebuffalo.org/skyride.

## Shakespeare in the Park

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alumni, Adriano Gatto, Lisa Ludwig and Norman Sham. Director Steve Vaughan will

bring this humorous tale of mistaken identities to life on July 24th.

Shakespeare in Delaware Park reaches over 40,000 audience members each season and is pleased to be celebrating 39 incredible years of

high-quality professional theatre. SDP is proud to remain as one of the largest free outdoor Shakespeare festivals in the country.

Henry V runs June 19th through July 13th with Comedy of Errors on stage July 24th through August 17th. Performances are held every evening (except Mon-

days) at 7:30 pm. Shows take place on Shakespeare Hill in Delaware Park, next to Hoyt Lake behind the Rose Garden, off Lincoln Parkway near the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

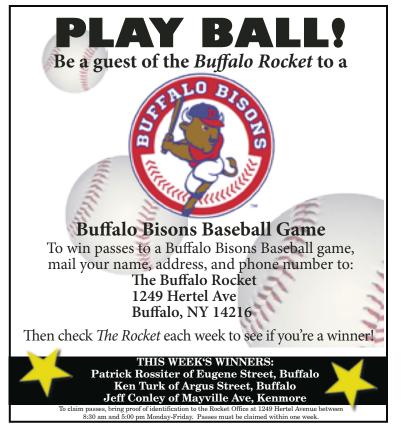
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## The Blotter **Felonies**

From "D" District

## Riverside

#### May 10, 2014

Gorton St. - Officers responding to a call about a man with a gun found the defendant to be in possession of a semi-automatic rifle with serial number defaced and a home made silencer. Also recovered were 2 additional weapons, a bulletproof vest and 40 grams of marijuana.

#### May 15, 2014

Newfield St. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) gained access to her residence by breaking a window and climbing through it. Missing from the residence are a pair of sneakers.

## West Side

#### May 11, 2014

Grant St. - Officers observed defendant and an unknown female illegally parked for 10 minutes. Upon further investigation the defendant admitted to waiting for a prostitute to get back with crack cocaine. A crack pipe was recovered from beneath the driver's seat.

## May 16, 2014

Elmwood Ave. - Officers responded to a call of a man loitering in the parking lot. The defendant was found to be in possession of marijuana and had several outstanding warrants for his arrest. The defendant needed to be forcibly cuffed to be taken into custody.

## May 16, 2014

Rhode Island St. - Complainant reports that while walking down the street she was approached from behind by an unknown suspect. The suspect slapped her cell phone out of her hand causing cell phone to fall to the ground and break.

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#### May 17, 2014

Kenmore Ave - Unknown person did attempt to remove wiring from a utility pole. Suspect attempted to cut through a charged 630 line causing the line to start on fire. Damage to pole is estimated at \$5,000 and damage to cable is estimated at over \$15,000. Possible suspect walked into local hospital with severe burns over entire body.

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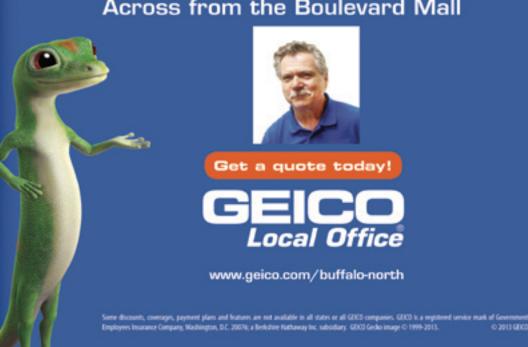
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## **Western New York Has Plenty of Opportunities to Succeed**



A Guest Column by Senator Mark Grisanti

As I continue my work in Albany, I want to share with my constituents in Western New York the reasons why I believe our state is heading in the right direction and why Western New York in particular has plenty of opportunities to succeed. While some of what we have accomplished in Albany received attention during the budget process, I feel it is important to remind everyone about our commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Not only was the 2014-15 state budget passed on time for the fourth consecutive year, it was also the fourth consecutive state spending plan to reduce taxes. More importantly, this fiscal plan is balanced and responsible. The budget will help New York to move in the right direction and give all Western New York residents unique op-

portunities to achieve great success. We delivered property tax relief in the form of \$1.5 billion in property tax rebate checks that will be issued to an estimated 2.8 million homeowners and dedicating approximately \$3.4 billion in funding for the STAR and Enhanced STAR programs. In addition, homeowners' utility bills will also be lowered by accelerating the phaseout of the 18-a energy tax surcharge.

Small business owners will also realize hundreds of millions of dollars in savings due to the accelerated phase-out, one of many actions we took to help improve New York's business climate. We also helped manufacturers by eliminating the corporate tax rate, creating a new property tax credit and addressed that burdensome tax code with important tax reforms, improvements and simplifications. All of this was done with one goal in mind - lowering the cost of doing business in New York.

Each of these tax relief initiatives are aimed to help attract new businesses to locate in Western New York and strengthen and improve existing companies that are already here. I firmly believe New York's private-sector companies

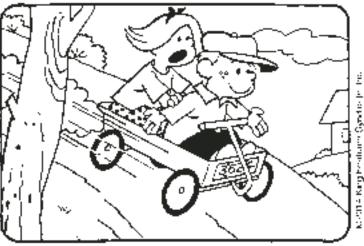
are better positioned now than ever before to invest in their businesses, specifically by creating new jobs that can offer Western New Yorkers fulfilling careers.

There has been much discussion in recent weeks about our schools. I want to remind everyone that the 2014-15 state budget will help assist all of our local school districts by making steady and significant progress in addressing the damage caused by the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

As most of you are aware, the GEA was a controversial budget maneuver that was implemented before I came into office. The fact that billions of dollars were taken away from the education of our children is troubling, but we have made adjustments to prevent that from happening in the future. We voted to provide school districts with more funding to help diminish the GEA's negative impact on our students and I will continue to advocate for further GEA reduction until it is completely abolished.

As always, I encourage you to contact my district office if you have any specific questions by either calling (716) 854-8705, emailing grisanti@nysenate.gov or visiting my website at grisanti.nysenate.gov.

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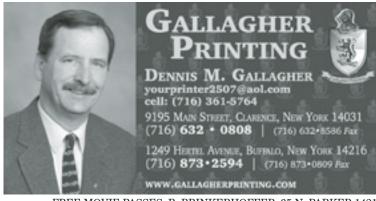
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