

# Decorators’ Show House



**This year’s Decorators’ Show House, presented by the Junior League of Buffalo, is right here in North Buffalo. The Edward H. Webster House, located at 164 Lincoln Parkway, is a 6,600 square foot Arts and Crafts style home built in 1907-08. The house will be on display from April 25th to May 17th.**

The Junior League of Buffalo announces that The Edward H. Webster House has been chosen as the location of the 2015 Decorators’ Show House. The architecturally historic home is located at 164 Lincoln Parkway in Buffalo.

The Edward H. Webster House is a 6,600 square foot Arts and Crafts style home, circa 1907-08. Buffalo architects August Esenwein and James A. Johnson designed the home for

Edward H. Webster. Webster was a Buffalo native, born February 13th, 1852. He and his father were partners in their coal business at a firm named E. Webster, Son & Co.

The main house, site of the 2015 Decorators’ Show House, is located near the Albright Knox Art Gallery and overlooks the Rose Garden at Delaware Park. A beautiful carriage house is located in the back of the meticulously kept property.

The Junior League of Buffalo has raised more than \$3.7 million to benefit the Western New York community through revenue generated by its Decorators’ Show House.

You can view the Decorated House April 25th to May 17th, Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and 6 pm to 8:30 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.jlbuffalo.org](http://www.jlbuffalo.org).

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Get ready to experience works by Frank Lloyd Wright (including the Darwin D. Martin House Complex, the finest example of his Prairie Style), Louis Sullivan’s ornate Guaranty Building, Edward B. Green’s Greek revival

structure that became the permanent home for the Albright Art Gallery, the only permanent building erected for the Pan-American Exposition, the Buffalo Historical Society, the graceful lines of Eliel and Eero Saarinen’s Kleinhans Music Hall, and a system of parks and parkways designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.

All Marathoners will receive an official technical shirt at registration, Finisher Medal for completing the event, keepsake finisher key chain, post race party immediately following, customized age group awards and a Donnelly Pin for completing both the 5k and the Marathon.

Register on line at [www.buffalomarathon.com](http://www.buffalomarathon.com).

# Buffalo Schools to Hold Parent Assembly

The Buffalo Public Schools are planning a district-wide Parent Assembly on May 2nd at the Academy for Visual and Performing Arts from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. There will be informational workshops with topics that include technology tools available to parents, special education resources, and programs available to support multilingual families.








Transportation and childcare will be provided

as well as a light breakfast and lunch.

There will be interactive, fun events for adults and children as well as parent recognition, student performances and resource fair vendors. Please make it a point to attend the Parent Assembly on Saturday May 2nd from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at 450 Masten Street.

Please contact the Buffalo Public Schools’ Office of Parent and Family Engagement at 816-3170 for more information.



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The Adventures of...

## Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



## The Elephant in the Room

Where was PETA when Rocket Man needed them?

When Barnum & Bailey, the elephant of circuses, recently announced that to placate animal activists it would put its performing pachyderms out to pasture, Rocket Man recalled the afternoon he went airborne without a tether.

The precise date has escaped his memory banks, but it was in the mid-80s, during his tenure at WIVB-TV, a/k/a Channel 4. He was more or less the station's stunt man and when the circus came to town, that was his cue. "They want someone to ride the elephant from the freight yard to Memorial Auditorium," an assignment editor trumpeted. "Get us something for 6 o'clock."

It never for one moment seemed like a good idea. Rocket Man has seldom, if ever, been so scared, wobbling along for a half-mile, clutching at the leathery skin with hands that don't even hold a golf club all that well. A handler urged the elephant along, not too kindly. Rocket Man can't recall whether the instrument of motivation was a whip, a prod or a chain, and the bumpy beast was

leaving a slightly bloody footprint, besides.

Self-righteous, self-appointed humanitarians trotted alongside, adding insults to injury, berating circus underlings and even, on occasion, Rocket Man. He was never, ever, so glad to reach a destination. It was only the back door of the Aud, but it looked like the Taj Mahal.

Even when B&B made its no-elephants-allowed announcement, the experience was still mostly and mercifully forgotten until, during an inexplica-

ble fit of housekeeping, he unearthed photographic proof, dutifully dog-eared. And he wondered - all that sympathy for the elephants, none for him.

The following year, the circus anointed Rocket Man with clown make-up and he went flipping flapjacks with his temporary colleagues during a matinee, big-shoeing into the lower rows pretending to offer them for sale. A youngster gave him a dollar. "We've had reporters out doing this for 20 years, and I never saw one actually get money out of the crowd," Beep Beep observed with obvious admiration.

"Thanks," said Rocket Man. "Anything but the elephants."

*Fire back to Rocket Man via  
pollyndoug@hotmail.com.*



**An elephant never forgets, but Rocket Man almost did - until he unearthed this photographic evidence of his brief pachyderm jockey experience.**

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## Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

### Reality Show, Gleaners?

We have all seen or heard of the reality shows, or supposedly reality, Pawn Stars, Storage Wars and American Pickers. Where hidden treasures are uncovered and found worth sometimes lots of money.

The trick is to know the value of the items to be purchased. Then you can determine what you are willing to pay in order to make a profit and purchase the product. In all cases it does include a purchase of something or cash out of pocket. There is one other way of getting items to sell without a purchase of any kind. It is called Gleaning.

I just learned the word myself even though I have been doing it for years. It is a fancy word for "garbage picking". We all know about garbage picking and

it sounds so degrading. However, if you are willing to do it, it is a high profit venture. You pay nothing for the sellable item and your profit is 100% no matter what you sell it for. Yuk, who wants to go through other peoples garbage? You would be amazed at what is found in peoples trash. Especially in the high class neighborhoods were all they want to do is 'get rid of it' Put it out at the curb and it will be gone tomorrow. You have heard the saying, "one man's trash is another man's treasure".

This all started when my boys were younger and with eight children, money was tight. The boys and I would go out on trash night to collect old newspapers. Back then you can take your old newspapers to the scrap

yard and get money for it. So we would go around and fill our station wagon with newspapers put out at the curb. The usual take in papers for a night was about \$20. It was worth it back then as twenty was like \$50 now. In our travels collecting we would see all kinds of valuable items put out for the garbage man. Sometimes you would wonder why they would throw something like that out. But it was there for the taking so in many case we took it. In one case it was jewelry from a Jewelry store. Lots of it that was tossed as it had been in a flood and not sellable to customers. Yet it was perfect in every way.

My younger brother's first job was a trash collector for the City of Buffalo. There were the throwers and the shakers. The throwers would toss the cans into the City dump truck and the shakers would shake the garbage out of them. Lot of hard work but that was the way they did it, back then. Anyway, it was not unusual to find valuable items in the trash and there was a place

on the garbage truck for the G men to store them until the work day was done. To make a long story short, it started my brother into a side career of selling antiques and he still does to this day.

One more story of a gleaner. There was a young fellow out at the flea market in Clarence that everyone called "Beaver". Do not even know his real name or never really did. Anyway, Beaver would rent a truck for a week and spend the nights driving around with his truck and pick up anything he thought would be of any value from the trash people put out. By Sunday morning he would have a truck load and pull into the flea market. He would then sell the items he "picked" at low prices right off the truck. Remember his only cash out was the truck rental and gas. His biggest customers were other vendors as his prices were so low, they could buy and sell and still make a profit. At the end of the day whatever he had left he would sell for a dollar and the rest

he would just leave. He was there every week and everyone knew and liked him, except maybe the flea market people, who had to clean his mess when he left. Everyone was saddened when he died suddenly at a young age.

The boys and I did not go through the trash but if we were able to spot something of interest, we would take it. I still do. Recently when I was looking for frames to put old Rocket photos in, I spotted some nice frames put out at the curb and took them. They now hang in the Rocket office. One day a few years back, while walking in Kenmore there was a wooden antique sled set out at the curb. It was heavy and it was a long way home but I wanted it and took it. I eventually sold it for \$300. I guess I could be called a Gleaner.

Wonder if they would like to do a reality TV series on me called "Gleaning with Bortz."

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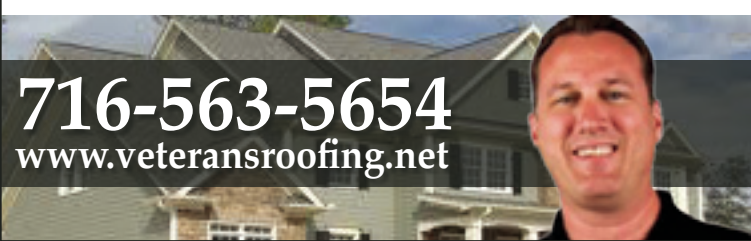
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## The Blotter Felonies

*From "D" District*

### North Buffalo

**April 15, 2015**

Parkside Ave. - Complainant reports that she parked her car while running in Delaware Park. The vehicle was damaged and broken into. Taken, without permission, was the complainant's purse and contents.

**April 16, 2015**

Elmwood Ave. - Complainant reports for grocery store the defendant concealed \$400 worth of meat and seafood on her person, passing all points of purchase, without paying.

**April 17, 2015**

Tacoma Ave. - Complainant reports she was walking eastbound from Camden when three black females approached her from behind and jumped her for her sneakers. She was hit and has scratch marks from them clawing her

necklaces off. Victim was transported to hospital.

**April 19, 2015**

Amherst St. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) gained entry in to his residence. Taken, without permission, rolls of quarters, cigarettes, flip flops, boots and prescription glasses.

### West Side

**April 16, 2015**

Potomac Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained access to her residence by unknown means. Taken, without permission, one television set, complainant's wallet which contained benefits card.

**April 18, 2015**

Grant St. - Complainant reports for grocery store he manages that the suspect was able to take, without permission, over

\$19,000 over a period of one month using a credit card that was not his. He would ring up an order, use the card and take the cash from the drawer.

**April 19, 2015**

Niagara St. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) entered his garage with out permission and took his power washer, valued over \$350.

### Riverside

**April 16, 2015**

Hertel Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) gained access to residence by unknown means. Taken, without permission, a large flat screen television set.

**April 16, 2015**

Amherst St. - Complainant reports for a grocery store he manages that the complainant concealed meat in his pants and passed all points of purchase without paying.

**April 18, 2015**

Crowley St. - Complainant reports he left his vehicle parked on the street overnight and when he returned, it had been vandalized. The driver's door was forced open and the console was ransacked.

**April 18, 2015**

Ross Ave. - Complainant reports that while his vehicle was parked on the street overnight it was vandalized.

**April 18, 2015**

Tonawanda St. - Complainant reports for store which she manages that defendant concealed five bottles of body wash on his person and tried to leave the store without paying.

**April 19, 2015**

Esser Ave. - Defendant is charged with obstructing officers investigation while the officers visited the residence and spoke with the defendant about a warrant. Defendant told them that it had been cleared. When officers returned to the residence the defendant's girlfriend took them to the attic, where the defendant was hiding.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Unpaid tv ad
- 4 Carpet style
- 8 Old portco
- 12 Change of film lure
- 13 Caffeine-rich nut
- 14 Haze
- 15 Make up your mind
- 16 Molecular matter
- 17 Demolish
- 18 Informer
- 21 Gracial
- 22 Highland boy
- 23 Bottom
- 26 Wheel an axle
- 27 Re watch-dog on
- 30 Throat clearer
- 31 Scratch
- 32 Affirmative actions
- 33 Prohibit
- 34 Lustrous black
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- 36 Shokum
- 37 Explanation
- 38 Small flutes
- 45 Vicinity
- 46 Charged bats
- 47 Pub order
- 48 Snaps

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| 50 Upper limit       | 8 New England seafood | 35 Threw                  |
| 51 Egyptian cross    | 9 Melt                | 36 One in a way           |
| 52 Crossword diagram | 10 Leak slowly        | 37 Language of India      |
| 53 Whatever number   | 11 Mimic              | 38 One of the Three Bears |
|                      | 12 Read quickly       | 39 Ms                     |
|                      | 20 Legislation        | 40 Drunk coach            |
|                      | 21 Apprehend          | 41 Bottle                 |
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# The Grapevine

**The Kenmore Village Improvement Society's Big Kenmore Clean Up** will be held on Saturday, April 25th starting at 9:00 am, rain or shine.

Volunteers are needed for the Clean Up, which draws as many as 100 residents and friends of Kenmore to get the village spruced up for the warmer months. This is a great opportunity for student volunteers. Children with adult supervision are welcome. Participants weed Kenmore's many small public gardens, trim shrubs, sweep sidewalks and pick up litter along Delaware Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, the Kenmore side of Military Road and Kenmore Avenue, in Mang Park, and if possible, along Delaware Road.

Participants are asked to meet at 9:00 am at the Village Green at Delaware Road and Delaware Avenue, and to bring brooms, rakes, garden tools, and gloves if possible. Trash bags will be provided.

For more information on KVIS, call 877-0477, email [melissa@villageofkenmore.com](mailto:melissa@villageofkenmore.com), or visit [www.facebook.com/KenmoreVillage](http://www.facebook.com/KenmoreVillage).



**Cradle Beach is now accepting camper applications** for the summer of 2015. Cradle Beach serves economically disadvantaged children ages 8-16 with and without special needs. An Open House will be held Sunday, April 26th from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Come and see what Cradle

Beach is all about; take a tour of camp, register campers, and get questions answered. Open to the public and a bus will be provided if needed. For more information call the admissions office at 549-6307 x205, or visit [www.cradlebeach.org](http://www.cradlebeach.org).



**Dancin' At The Parks**, a dinner and dance party for adults 55 or better, returns to the Gloria J. Parks Community Center, 3242 Main Street, Friday, May 15th from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.

A delicious dinner will be served at 5:00 pm and the live music starts at 5:30 pm, featuring the 8-piece band Odyssey and line dancing supported by a DJ.

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by Joe Bortz

**This Week's Category: 1880s Buffalo**

- What year were the Municipal Court system along with the Buffalo Police Department and a full-time professional Fire Department established?
- Grover Cleveland is elected Mayor of Buffalo for a one-year term. He will resign to become NYS Governor. What year was he elected mayor?
- What year was Soldiers and Sailors Monument erected in Lafayette Square?
- The Buffalo Public Library, on Washington St. opposite Lafayette Sq. was dedicated on February 7th of what year?
- What year was Assumption Parish erected?

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**Last Week's Answers:**

- Grover Cleveland was elected to his second term of office as US President in 1893. He is the only President to serve two non-consecutive terms.
- The Pan-American Exposition started on May 1st, 1901.
- The first electricity was transmitted from Niagara Falls to Buffalo on November 16, 1896 at 12:01 am (so as not to disturb the Sabbath on Sunday November 15th). All of it was allocated to the Buffalo Street Railway Company for streetcar operation, the first streetcar system in a large city to be electrified.
- Dr. Conrad Diehl was elected mayor in 1898, the first mayor to serve a four-year term.
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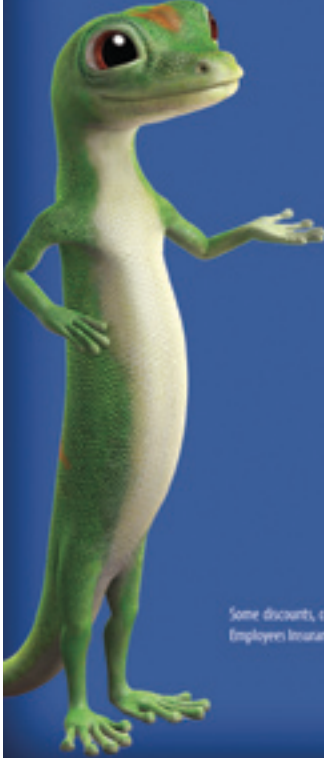
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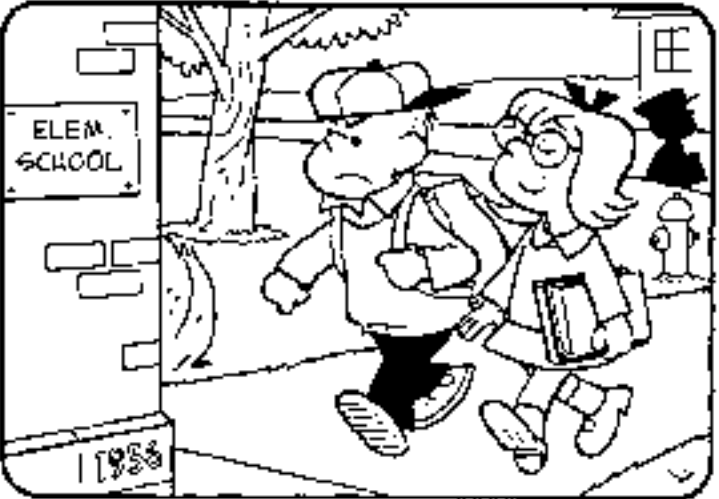
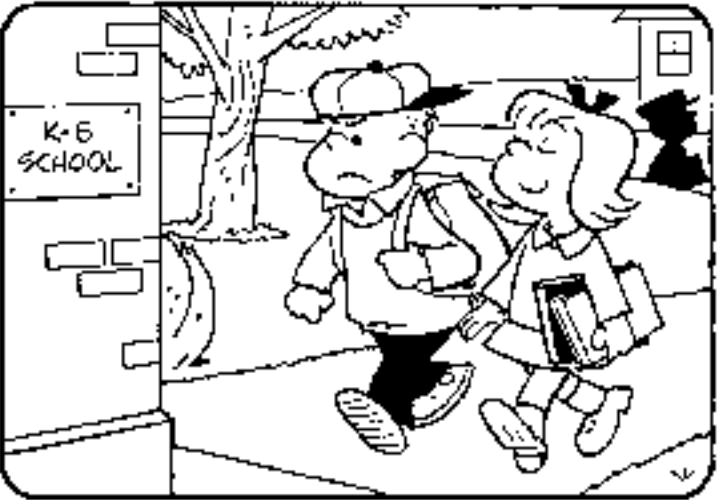
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**DeFIO** - Deanna, Of Amherst, entered into rest April 16, 2015. Beloved daughter; dear sister; loving godmother; cherished granddaughter; fond great-granddaughter; also survived by relatives and many friends. Arrangements made by the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr.

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