

The Champions!



Major Boys Champions NY Mets. Kneeling (L-R): Joe Persico; Dylan Speck; Steve Purpora; Aidan Ballotin; Matthew Cambria; Dylan Cash. Standing (L-R): Christoher Price; Nathan Bailey; Andrew Arsulo; Aiden Dobo; Salvatore Genco; Kenneth Pitts, Jr.

By Bill Snyder

“Amazing!” That’s the word Dylan Speck used to describe his feelings after his team, the Mets, won the Championship of the Major Boys division over the Cardinals, 10-9 on August 7th in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League in Shoshone Park.

After trailing 9-5 after four innings, the Mets rallied to score five runs in the fifth, capped off by the game winning single by teammate Nate Bailey, scoring Aidan

Ballotin from third base for the win. Then Bailey took the mound in the last two innings to secure the victory.

The Cardinals had jumped out to an early 4-0 lead to start the game, but the hitting of Drew Arsulo, Matt Cambria, Steve Purpora and Ballotin combined to bring the Mets back into the game. Cambria, Ballotin and Arsulo each had 3 hits and Speck added two more hits en route to victory.

“This feels great! We had a great season and now we are the champions.” said



Minor Pony Girls Champions NY Yankees. 1st Row: Micky Mic Holt; 2nd Row: Jane Reilly, Evie Gardner, Sam Horne, Molly Sheehan, Lizzy Kooshoian, Tاليا Mogavero; 3rd row: Jordyn Williams, Tori Hatch; Standing (L-R): Coach Joe Hatch, Jayda Perry, Coach Trey Gardner.

Festival Celebrates Sculpture Gardens in University District








One of the two vacant lots that has been converted into a sculpture garden in the University District.

Two overgrown, vacant lots have been converted into community sculpture gardens in the University District of Buffalo. More than one hundred artists, writers, filmmakers, musicians, dancers, crafters,

and businesses will gather to celebrate their arrival with an integrated arts festival. The festival, which is produced and managed by the University Heights Arts Association, will take place on Saturday, August

15th, from noon until 8:00 pm. The gardens are part of an art partnering initiative that has placed art in almost thirty businesses and vacant spaces across Western New York.

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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



'Go Set a Watchman'

Rocket Man first set his "Watchman" on the very train Scout took home to Maycomb Junction. Having borrowed the momentary literary sensation from his Firstborn and sleeping-car roommate, he found its principal character rattling along this very right-of-way. Spooky.

Speaking of Firstborns, it seems "To Kill a Mockingbird," the 20th Century's signature work of literature, was not author Harper Lee's first issue, but rather the afterbirth of a manuscript titled "Go Set a Watchman."

Somehow, a mid-50s editing genius detected within "Watchman" a better, more marketable story. In barely three of its pages, it told of the vividly unjust trial of a black man for rape. In "Watchman," attorney Atticus Finch achieves an unprecedented acquittal, unprecedented. In "Mockingbird," as told through the

eyes and inquiring mind of a girl named Scout, about 9 or 10, at least he kept the jury out past sunset.

Now, through whatever means or whatever purposes, "Watchman" is set. The reaction has been furious. One prominent local editor felt it should have been forever archived. The comic-panel Bliss depicted a person beginning a letter: "Dear Harper Lee - What the @#%!?" But there've been some thoughtful perspectives, including one in the local News by the too-seldom-published Bruce Andriatch.

Rocket Man has a good hunch what has caused so many of the self-appointed literati to get their Haneses in a half-hitch. Written around 1955, "Watchman" makes a lot of sensible, well-considered arguments against the then-recent Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court ruling against separate-but-equal segregation.

It doesn't defend them, just states them, casting many of The South as thoughtful and rationalized. No raving no-necks or bug-eyed bigots, just a citizenry shackled by its history. Can't have that. They're all cave-dwellers, didn't ya' know?

Jean Louise, the once and current Scout, has trained home from New York to Maycomb for a periodic two-week visit with old 'mates and idolized father Atticus. It's a nauseating fall when she discovers him at a meeting of the Citizen's Council, sort of the public-relations arm of the Ku Klux Klan. The vicious awakening even evokes a bit of physical bullying which Rocket Man found distasteful.

Pleasanter reveries include the time when, as an unblossomed teen, her figure-enhancers came to obscure a bit of a patriotic billboard. The resolution is even the more hysterical, worthy of another of Rocket Man's cherished authors, Canisius College's Mick Cochrane.

Attorney Atticus has a brother, a physician; Rocket Man doesn't recall him from "bird." It is he who makes the moral cases for both sides with clinical dispassion. Later, Rocket Man has to confess, some of the dialogue goes on as if George Bernard Shaw had been born Southern, but Dr. Finch sums it up succinctly, classical literary references notwithstanding.

"Watchman" is its own voice. Without its predecessor, it might not sell 20,000 copies but Rocket Man's sure glad he went along for the ride.

Fire back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com



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The Father Joe Moreno Memorial Foundation, Inc. is holding their 3rd Annual Raffle, sponsored by St. Philomena Parish. The prize is two tickets to each of four Buffalo Bills home games. Tickets are \$5.00 each and only 600 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held when all tickets are sold or not later than August 30th. For more information call 572-2119.



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Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Bus Tour will be hosted by the West Side Community Services Center on Friday, September 4th, 10 am to 3 pm. The bus

will leave from 161 Vermont Street (it will make other stops if necessary). You can attend the mass at 11:00 am, stroll the lovely garden, have lunch in the cafeteria and visit the gift shop. Bus will return by approximately 3 pm. Cost is \$10. For more information and reservations call 882-2442 x 30 or 882-6469.



The Steel Plant Museum will be hosting a Rosie the Riveter Rally, to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II, on Saturday, August 15th from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Steel Plant Museum, 100 Lee St., Buffalo. Tea and light refreshments will be served to all guests. Visitors are asked to wear their best Rosie outfits.

The Railroad and Steel Plant Museums will be open before, during, and after the Tea Party. Admission is \$3 at the door; additional donations gratefully accepted!

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BUFFALO TRIVIA
by Joe Bortz

Can you find the answers?

1. When was Watchman written?

2. What is Elegance Optique's phone number?

3. What is the goal of Linkon's Last Chance Animal Rescue?

4. How many Holy Cross Head Start locations are in Buffalo?

5. What is Personal Touch Tiles phone number?

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Marilyn Witek of Summer St.

How to enter: Send in your answers to the Buffalo Rocket by email: editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com or mail to **Buffalo Rocket**, 1249 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216.

Last Week's Answers:

1. Wingate's office is located at 481 Connecticut Street

2. Garfield was the Pet of the Week.

3. The St. Margaret's 3-hour cruise is on August 22nd.

4. Thursday, August 6th's high temp forecast was 79 degrees.

5. North Buffalo won the trophy for the Buffalo Cup Tournament.



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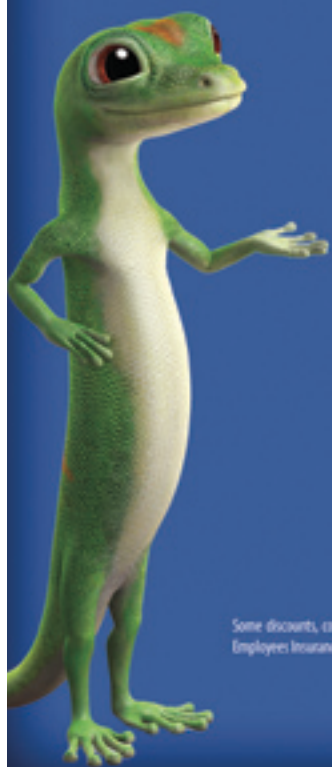


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Baseball Champions

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der girls. With teammates like Tori Hatch, Samantha Horne, Talia Mogavero and Jane Reilly, a potent offense brought the Yanks back to life with victories over the Athletics, Orioles and Blue Jays before the pair of wins over San Francisco.

The Yanks grabbed an early 3-0 lead against the Giants going into the top of the sixth but the orange and black staged a comeback. Singles to Bella Nieves and Molly Gallivan put them at second and third before Reilly made a great play on Emi Perez, Jordyn Williams kept a Tatiana Boyd blast to a double before Evie Gardner struck out Ellie Perez for the final out.

This is the second team Championship for the Yankees in three years. Two years ago, this same nucleus of Yanks helped manager Trey Gardner win a Championship in this same division after winning a Championship in Rookie Pony the previous year.

In another very competitive division, the Athletics won the Championship in First Minors with a 12-1 win over the Tigers. Kendall Donovan received the game

ball from manager Chris Thomas after he watched the abilities of Donovan as well as Nathaniel Gilbert, Hunter Potts and Bryce Thomas exceed all expectations for the green and gold team this season. Gilbert, Potts and Thomas were stellar on the mound for the Athletics all season but in this the final game, each struck out three Tigers over two innings apiece. Thomas helped his own cause, going two for three at the plate with a big triple.

The A's defeated the Yankees and Twins in the first two rounds of the playoffs before an 8-7 win over the Tigers July 28th in an exciting game. Thomas struck out four while teammates Potts had three hits and Gilbert had two. All three have been the Three Amigo's all season long. In Major Pony, Ilaray Gutierrez hit the game winning RBI for the Cardinals in the bottom of the fourth inning and the team hung on to win the first game of the Finals over the Rockies, 4-3 last Wednesday night. It's a best two out three game series. Congratulations to all the coaches and players.

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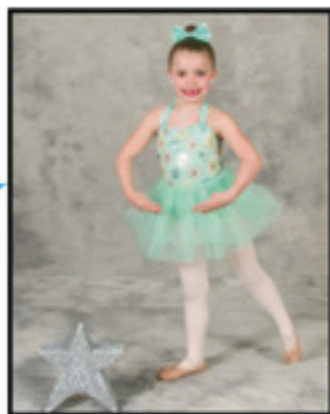
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Sculpture Gardens

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Among the highlights of this year's festival is the University Heights Arts Association-St. Andrew Sculpture Garden, which opened for the first time in July. The garden will also host acoustic guitar performances throughout the day. Main Street businesses from St. Andrew's Church on the corner of Lisbon Ave. to Winspear Avenue will complement the art they host on their walls throughout the year with music, crafts, and store specials. Visitors who patronize Main Street businesses will be offered free tickets toward prizes to be raffled.



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THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$53,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of ERIE on August 25, 1998, in BOOK NUMBER 12802 PAGENUMBER 6735, covering premises known as 153 Highland Parkway, Tonawanda, New York 14223, SBL #: 66.56-3-9. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendant Bruce Cummings, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Dennis E. Ward, JSC of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated July 16, 2015.

Dated: New Rochelle, NY

July 29, 2015

MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.

/s/ _____

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