

WHAT IS LEAP YEAR?

FEB 29



This is a leap year, and this Monday will be our leap day. Babies born that day, technically speaking, won't be able to celebrate their first birthday for four years. Of, course, they will be 4 years old on that first birthday, regardless of the jokes they are guaranteed to hear the rest of their lives. But why do we have leap years? And are they really every four years? Most everyone knows that leap year is a calendar-balancing act, so our calendars don't get out of

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Good for the Neighborhood Event Brings Health Screenings and More

The Independent Health Foundation is continuing its successful program, "Good for the Neighborhood" with a community event on the West Side. Good for the Neighborhood brings health screenings, educational information and a free farmers market to underserved neighborhoods in our community. The event is scheduled for March 3rd from 6-7:30 pm at West Side Community Services, 161 Vermont Street. The event is free and open to the public. You do not need to be an Independent Health member to attend. Participants will be able to have a free health screening for blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose as well as take part in one-on-one healthy goal setting. Everyone who gets a health screening will receive a prize. To help participants develop healthy eating and shopping habits, the event will also feature a free farmers market with fresh fruits and vegetables. Attendees will receive a voucher they can redeem for a specific amount of the fresh produce of their choice. They will also have the chance to sample healthy food choices. For more information visit www.independent-health.com/foundation or call 635-4959.



YMCA Launches Annual Campaign








YMCA Buffalo Niagara officially announced the kick off of their 2016 Annual Campaign - The Y.™ For a Better Us™ with a campaign goal of \$725,000. "From learning enrichment to disease prevention and safe spaces to summer adventures, the Y's annual campaign opens the doors to life-changing experiences and opportunities that truly change people's lives for the better," said Annual Campaign Chairman, Michael Dolan. Funds raised from the Y's annual campaign give those in our community a place to play, to learn, to be healthy, to eat well, and give back. It gives parent's child care, youth a place to learn new skill sets, and seniors a place to take charge of their health and well being. Last year alone, the Y allocated more than \$1.2 million dollars in financial assistance helping over 3,000 Western New York individuals and families have access to programs and services they otherwise could not afford. The Y is passionate in its quest to help others and devotes its time and attention to this cause, but needs the community's support to achieve its mission and goals. To learn more about how you can support the Y's cause, call 565-6000 or visit YMCABN.org.



Business Association To Hold Meet & Greet

The Hertel Business Association invites everyone in the community to come and meet to their annual spring Meet and Greet that will take place this year at Gramma Mora's Restaurant, 1465 Hertel Avenue on Tuesday, March 8th from 6 until 8 pm. The association invites your neighbors who live and/or work in North Buffalo. This is a great opportunity to exchange ideas, voice your opinion on what is taking place in our neighborhood, and meet new people.



Local Weather							
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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



Your Fill of Ranallo

With the Bills in turmoil, the Sabres snoozing and the Bisons pecked to death by the Blue Jays every August, certain people of a certain age cry, "Phil Ranallo, why are you never around when we need you?"

Now he is, in "What's New Harry?," freshly-printed anthology from perhaps the city's most popular columnist ever.

In a labor of love worthy of his Dad, son Paul Ranallo has picked and published some 100 Courier-Express columns in alphabetical order of sport, then topic (Baseball/Aaron through Wrestling/Teddy Thomas). It's easy navigation in an ocean of prose.

Ranallo's unique Phil-osphy inspired many an imitator (Rocket Man included)

but no equals. But few born after 1970 ever really experienced Ranallo "live." Hence, an introduction.

Producing a column every single working day, Ranallo dominated sports journalism locally for some four decades, even though the C-E consistently sold fewer papers. His feuds with the Buffalo Evening News' erudite Steve Weller were legendary. Weller had the words, Ranallo the music. He would denounce Weller's views as those of "certain people in certain places," although, like Jack Benny and Fred Allen (look them up, too), they were on cordial terms, canny enough to know that their sniping would encourage circulation. They set a tone in civil dispute that the na-

tion would use today.

Phil created "Honest Harry," an Everyman Diogenes with a typewriter as his lantern. His epithet of choice was "Zounds!," that one word doing the work of several paragraphs. He would as likely employ it as commentary on parking fees at Rich Stadium as he would for a bad trade. Ah, what would Harry have said about Carolina quarterback Cam Newton's retreat from a Super Bowl fumble?

While he covered the world, even beyond the sidelines, he took special joy in boxing and horse racing. In 1964, he was the only sportswriter in the nation to call the Kentucky Derby trifecta headed by Northern Dancer. His accounts of the post-time shenanigans involving the likes of Fat Tony and Loose-Lip Louie evoked Ring Lardner, but Ranallo's railbirds talked more like real people.

Some 10 years after Muhammed Ali declared "I ain't got no fight with them Viet Congs," Honest Harry owned up to the likelihood that he had a point and, basically, apologized in print. Check it out.

Actually, "Honest Harry" hit the sidelines before the Courier died Sept. 19, 1982. In some dispute with the same management that trashed that tradition, he was shunted into a desk job. Offered the opportunity for a print farewell "Last Word," he declined.

Until now. "Honest Harry" softly smiles from various signing sites (including the North Park Theater over the holidays) and on e-Bay, which he would find incomprehensible. "Zounds!"

*Fire back to Rocket Man via
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The Blotter

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February 18, 2016
Grant St. - Complainant reports that four males, all in their late 20s, jumped him from behind and took his cash.

February 18, 2016
Glor St. - Complainant reports that a black male displayed a hand gun and took the complainant's wallet. Suspect got away with \$10 cash and personal papers.

February 19, 2016
Tonawanda St. - Complainant reports that unknown

person (s) forced his door open after the store was closed, and took cash from the register.

West Side

February 18, 2016
Complainant reports that unknown person (s) withdrew a large sum of money from his bank account. There is no one else that should have access to this account.

February 18, 2016
Bird Ave. - Complainant reports that he was approached by an unknown person who threatened

him with a knife.

February 19, 2016
Forest Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) did damage his garage door to gain access. Once inside, suspect did more damage, totaled at \$250.

North Buffalo

February 18, 2016
Amherst St. - Complainant reports that an unknown person had been observed hanging around the area and came into shop and was acting suspicious. Suspect left, and has not been seen again since.

February 18, 2016
Tillinghast Dr. - Complainant reports that unknown person (s) gained entry to his garage and took his snow blower.



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Last Week's Answers:

1. Dennis' Lamp Repair (Page 2); 2. Elegance Optique (Page 3); 3. Buffalo Roofing (Page 3); 4. EHP Tickets (Page 4); 5. Imagine Salon (Page 4); 6. Gallagher Printing (Page 5); 7. Letterpress Equipment (Page 7); 8. Personal Touch Tiles (Page 7); 9. Continental Transmission (Page 8); 10. Daddio's (Page 8).



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Leap Year: Did You Know...?

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whack over time.

A year, based on the Earth's orbit, lasts 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. Put another way, that's 365.2422 days long.

A normal calendar year is 365 days. Over four years, that would add up to 1,460 days. But, based on the Earth's orbit, we really have covered nearly 1,461 days.

So, February 29th is

added in leap years to bring us up to 1,461 calendar days.

The math-gifted know that four years on the calendar actually last 1,460.9688 days, not 1,461 days.

A little difference can add up to a big difference over time.

So every 100 years, we don't observe a leap year. There was no leap year in 1800 and no leap year in 1900.

Skipping a leap year every 100 years solves much of the problem, but not all of it.

So every 400 years, there's another twist.

There is a leap day in years ending with 00 if the year is divisible by 400. That made 2000 a leap year and it will be the case again in 2400.

But 2100, 2200 and 2300 will not be leap years.

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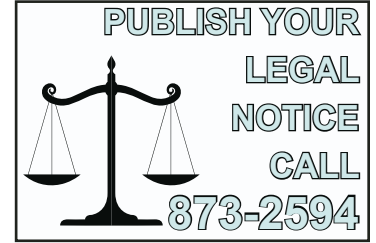
LEGAL

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Bowmansville, NY. The following units will be auctioned: I29: Raymond Abrams; E03: Andrew Berghold; I24: Eugene Brown; E14: Russell Caci; L14: Vincent Chiarenza; I39 and I44: Raymond Denzel; K09: Eric Earthman; N04: Micah Fairbanks; O24: Raymond Fisher; D29: Desiree Gibson;

F05: Christopher Grinsell; I04: Tamica Groomes; O01: Regina Holman; F32: Sherome Hunter; M01: Thomas Kilger; L49: Kathleen Kozlowski; P18: Christopher Loder; I11: Jason Momeny; I19: Mark Ness; K25: Myles Outlaw; A17: Latashia Perry; N02: Jacqueline Puzert; A03: Craig Si-

kut; D03 and E33: Lisa Tores. All units are described as "Contents of storage unit." This list is an incomplete, representative sample only. All items subject to redemption before sale, and are sold "as is, where is." 10% Buyer's Premium. Cash Auctions 885-2200 8-9



**SUMMONS, NOTICE AND BRIEF STATEMENT OF NATURE OF ACTION
CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTION
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ERIE
Index No. 807852/2015**

**M&T BANK,
Plaintiff,**

-against-

**LORIEANN KING IN HER CAPACITY AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF LORNE SERO; MELISSA CONNOR IN HER CAPACITY AS HEIR TO
THE ESTATE OF LORNE SERO;
Defendants.**

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DECEASED LORNE SERO AND ANY OF HIS, HER OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (3) days after service is complete if the Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Trial is desired in the County of Erie. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in the County of Erie State of New York,

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The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Hon. Patrick H. Nemover, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on the 19th day of January, 2016, in Erie, New York and duly entered in the Erie County Clerk's Office, in Onondaga, New York on January 19th, 2016.

The Nature of this action pertains to a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff on real property owned by the above named defendants as specified in the complaint filed in this action. The above named defendants have failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage and said instruments secured by said mortgage, by failing and omitting to pay the balance due and owing and the Plaintiff has commenced a foreclosure action. Plaintiff is seeking a judgment foreclosing its mortgage against the real property and premises which situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York and is commonly known as 167 Florida Street, Buffalo, New York 14208 and all other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

DATED: 1/22/2016

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