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SERGEANT ALJOE TAKES FIRST STEP IN LAWSUIT AGAINST POLICE WHO KILLED HIS DOG IN WRONG HOUSE RAID

On February 15, 2017, a notice of claim was served on Buffalo and Tonawanda Police for the shooting death of a German Shepherd belonging to 37-year military veteran and Riverside homeowner, Sergeant First Class (retired) Gary Aljoe.

The dog, named 'Sarge' was shot and killed by Lieutenant Derek Scott of the Town of Tonawanda Police Department just before Christmas last year during a 'wrong house' drug raid.

Artvoice obtained documents relating to the raid which led to the dog's death.

As ArtVoice reported in our January 5, 2017 edition, the warrant seem suggestive of false information being provided from a confidential informant who may have been seeking to avoid prosecution on other charges.

The warrant and other documents add doubt as to why officers raided Aljoe's quiet Riverside household just before dawn.

A search warrant reveals that a confidential informant went with Buffalo Police Officers before Buffalo City Court Judge Thomas Amodeo and claimed he bought marijuana and heroin on two separate dates from a man at Aljoe's Ullman Street residence in

December last year.

However, the informant was unable to describe the age, ethnicity, height, race or any other distinguishing features of the man he claimed he purchased rugs from. On the search warrant application as well as the warrant itself, the target of such warrant is listed as "first name unknown, last name unknown, male."

The house was raided but officers found no marijuana or heroin in the home.

Police allege there was cocaine residue found in a baggie – with a possible street value of 10 cents.

Aljoe's attorney, Matthew Albert believes small remnants of drugs are planted on fruitless raids to justify invasions that the Buffalo Police execute on 100's of innocent people's homes every year, the vast majority which do not yield any contraband – other than residue.

Furthermore, details as to where Sarge was, where his owners were upon entry, and why Sarge was shot is contradicted by officers at the scene. Tonawanda Lieutenant Scott, who shot the dog claimed the dog was laying on the couch in the living room when Sarge

advanced to the door upon the officers.

Officer Bartolotta, who the dog allegedly was attacking, said he was laying down in the doorway of the home.

The couch is at 10 feet from the doorway, according to Albert.

"It appears that about 20 armed officers stormed the residence of this proud Veteran, his son, and their beautiful German Shepherd as if they were storming the Beaches of Normandy," Albert said. "However, the fact of the matter is Gary Aljoe is 60 plus years old and his son, Garrett Aljoe, weighs about 120 pounds. You could pick twenty random women from a sewing club and they would be able to control the scene without needing to resort to deadly force. Police killed this dog for a Christmas bounty. This was a cowardly act."

The dog was shot twice as police involved in the case said the dog was flailing around in pain after the first shot.

Albert said, "This begs the question why a second shot was needed."

Officers indicated that after the dog was killed they called for animal control, as opposed to having the unit present upon the

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Retired Army Sergeant Gary Aljoe lost his dog Sarge during a 'wrong house' raid last December. Police raided his house looking for drugs sold by a man they could not describe.

execution of the warrant to assist in controlling the dog while he was alive.

Buffalo Police standard policy is to call animal control only after a dog is shot and killed in order to pick up the corpses, as opposed to trying to help at the scene while the animal is still living.

While the first and last name, as well as race, ethnicity, age and any distinguishing features of the target of the warrant was unknown to police, and that no drugs were found at the raid which not only killed a dog but caused immense property damages and trauma to the Aljoe family (picture your own home being raided at 6:00 am one morning on the false word of a snitch) one thing is clear to Aljoe and his attorney: That dog was DOA as soon as the twenty officers raided his residence.

Armed with a ram as well as other weapons which would have been able to incapacitate the dog, police chose to shoot him on sight.

The next step in Aljoe's legal process is for Albert to have the minor possession charges dismissed against Garrett Aljoe (in whose

room the baggie with the 'residue' was found). Albert will argue that the warrant lacking even the race or any thing else about the target lacks relevant probable cause.

The angst is not over for the Aljoes however.

No police officer has ever been charged with animal cruelty for any of the hundreds of shooting deaths of dogs on fruitless wrong house drug raids no matter how compelling the evidence is to support the fact that the kills were unnecessary.

However, men like Garrett Aljoe are always charged for every last shred of residue or plant stem that police could possibly find in the families' residences.

Aljoe returns to Court on Wednesday, March 2 before Judge Fiorella where Albert is attempting to have charges against him dismissed. Upon the Aljoes' being examined by the City Attorney's Office pursuant to the now filed Notices of Claim, it is Albert's intent to file a Federal lawsuit against the relevant parties.



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OFFICER ACCUSED OF BREAKING NURSE'S ANKLE HAD PRIOR COMPLAINTS, ATTY ALBERT CRITICIZES POLICE FOR STONEWALLING



Buffalo lawyer Matt Albert has emerged as the local champion of the underdog – both human and canine as he tackles tough cases of police brutality and wrong house raids that kill dogs during the raids.

On February 2, 2017, Artvoice reported that Buffalo Police Officer Mark Vara was accused in U.S Federal Court to have grabbed a Buffalo woman from inside her home and threw her on the concrete sidewalk after handcuffing her.

The woman, Christine Townsend, 43, of Buffalo, originally called police for help because roaming pit bulls were trying to get into her home.

Vara is accused of pulling Townsend, a registered nurse and animal rescuer, from inside her Riverside home and pushing her down her porch stairs. She fractured her ankle.

Vara, in his deposition in the lawsuit, admitted he had three complaints against him during his nine years as a tenured police officer that did get the attention of Internal Affairs.

On September 29, 2016, in deposition testimony, Townsend's Attorney and Civil Rights specialist Matthew Albert, asked Vara what the nature of those complaints were. Vara responded that they were "usually just like verbal."

Vara chose not to answer questions about the nature of why he was investigated only saying the complaints made my citizens against him were determined as unfounded by Internal Investigations of the Buffalo Police Department.

Albert deposed Officer Kelly Craig, Vara's partner who admitted she had been with him on incidents where he was accused of excessive force and/or misconduct.

When questioned by Albert, Craig said she did not remember any specifics of Vara's conduct.

In fact she was able to recall very little of many events and at one point she swore she could not recall her own phone number.

In addition to complaints by citizens, Vara said

he received scrutiny from Internal Affairs relating to his "time at work".

Albert filed a motion to compel disclosure of Vara's Internal Affair Records.

That motion is pending before the Honorable Magistrate Judge Kenneth Schroeder, Jr. in the Western District of the United States Federal Court.

An Investigative Post story of February 15, reported that officers avoided discipline for 58 out of 62 charges against them for excessive force by civilians during a three-year period leading up to this year.

Townsend is also suing Buffalo Police Chief Daniel Derenda who, as policy maker, is accused of covering up for the misconduct of officers by not investigating complaints of wrongdoing.

Albert issued a subpoena for Derenda to speak about these matters for Friday, March 3, 2017; however, Assistant Corporation Counsel David Lee indicated he seeks to quash the subpoena.

"Efforts by the city's law office to aid city officials to avoid questions of accountability is wrong" said Albert. "The city spends taxpayers' money trying to hide the truth, delay lawsuits, and avoid having politicians and police officers answer questions. It is one thing to defend the case on the merits. However, the city routinely seeks to avoid having police officers answer questions relating to alleged misconduct, which frankly, is fascist and cowardly, and not a transparent or even legal way to operate city government."

In another high profile and ongoing Civil Rights lawsuit, Buffalo Peace Officer Matthew Jaskula was caught on camera severely beating an inmate that was in his care and custody who wasn't resisting. The City of Buffalo fought to keep that video from getting out to the public.

Last week, Judge Bannister sided with the City and stated the video could not be released until Jaskula's criminal case is over.

Albert said he plans to announce every act of police misconduct, including the fact that the city is dishonoring subpoenas and directing officers not to testify and instead seek protective orders and preferential treatment over the rest of the citizenry.

The city has yet to answer Albert's motion to compel in the Vara deposition.

"One thing is certain," Albert says, "the City will not turn over any piece of evidence in accordance with the law unless they are absolutely forced to do so."

CUOMO'S STATE PARK "LODGE" A MOCKERY OF OLMSTED PLAN



Behold the Niagara Lodge (on right). Described as having "breathtaking views of the Falls and State Park" can only mean that the new hotel is slated for Goat Island, not DeVeaux, Whirlpool or Devil's Hole State Parks.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's controversial proposed "lodge" on Goat Island in the Niagara Falls State Park has been scaled up in size, according to design sketches posted by USA Niagara this week.

USA Niagara is a subsidiary of Empire State Development, the state development agency charged with "encouraging growth and renewal of the tourism industry in the City of Niagara Falls," according to its mission statement.

According to www.niagaraexperiencecenter.org, a website maintained by USA Niagara, and updated recently with this new information, "The lodge will feature three stories of guest accommodations, 250 rooms in total, with a wraparound veranda offering breathtaking views of the Falls and State Park... Additional features of the lodge include an elegant main dining hall, smaller private dining rooms and a family health spa with a swimming pool and 'green roof.'"

At 250 rooms, the lodge is far larger than what Governor Cuomo and USA Niagara

president Christopher J. Schoepflin have told the public recently.

Schoepflin said, "The lodge the governor envisions would have 75 to 100 rooms – 'a very boutique property.'"

The news of a 100-room lodge on Goat Island caused an outcry of opposition decrying it as not in keeping with Olmsted's plans.

The first mention of plans for a lodge on Goat Island came in a never-acted-on, 2014 USA Niagara Development Corp. Request for Proposals (RFP) which called for developers to consider proposing retrofitting the small, historic Calvert Vaux Carriage House on Goat Island into a "small inn."

If built on Goat Island, it would be the first overnight accommodations ever developed in the Niagara Falls State Park, and a plan that was specifically opposed by Frederick Law Olmsted who designed the park and whose name is invoked in the state's advertisements for the park.

GOAT ISLAND LODGE'S LONG JOURNEY FROM "SMALL INN" TO HUGE TOURIST RESORT

BY JAMES HUFNAGEL

It started out small, then got bigger, much bigger, thanks to the efforts of USA Niagara.

First brought to light in a largely-overlooked 2014 USA Niagara Development Corp. Request for Proposals (RFP) that called for bids to retrofit a small building on Goat Island in the Niagara Falls State Park as "a signature dining facility, an outdoor recreation outfitting facility, and/or a small inn," Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed "lodge" for the state-owned and operated park has been scaled up to, according to information recently obtained by the Reporter, a sprawling tourist attraction and resort destination in its own right on the former Olmsted preserve. The RFP, titled "Outdoor Recreation Programming and Related Facilities" and available on-line, calls for applications from vendors in a position "to establish, operate, and maintain a program of outdoor recreation activities and associated capital/real estate facilities in New York State Parks... along roughly 11 miles of waterfront on the Upper and Lower Niagara River in Niagara Falls, New York. The intent of the effort is to expand the amount/types of activities and experiences available to tourists and local residents in order to assist in growing visitorship and extending stays in the City of Niagara Falls, as well as to enhance the quality of life here."

Consisting mostly of the standard boilerplate tourism industry promotion language used by government officials in their never-ending attempts to address the perennial problem of the city of Niagara Falls not effectively capitalizing on the eight million tourists who come here every year, the USA Niagara document that calls for the Calvert Vaux Carriage House on Goat Island to be converted into a "small inn" didn't receive any winning bids.

It quite possibly didn't receive any bids at all, since of the nine programmatic activity areas listed in the RFP, ranging from "Trail



Two years ago, the Calvert Vaux Carriage House on Goat Island in Niagara Falls State Park was to be repurposed as a "small inn," according to a USA Niagara RFP document.



Fast Forward: Depicted on USA Niagara's "Niagara Experience Center" website, the Niagara Lodge resort footprint on Goat Island is massively larger and more ambitious, containing numerous amenities such as spa and amphitheater, dining rooms and pool.

Sports" and "Rappelling and Rock Climbing Activities" to "Zip Line Tour," the only activity to be rated "highly controversial" is the "Adaptive Reuse at Niagara Falls State Park: Available Park Buildings" plan which of course comprises the "small inn" concept. All of the others are rated "Non-controversial" to "Moderately controversial."

It's striking that as long as two years ago, USA Niagara intuited that, under the euphemistically-named category "Assumed Complexity," any overnight lodging located in the Olmsted-designed Niagara Falls State Park would prove "highly controversial."

USA Niagara is a subsidiary of Empire State Development, the state development agency,

and as such, is the primary entity charged here with "support and promotion of economic development initiatives in Niagara Falls by leveraging private investment and encouraging growth and renewal of the tourism industry in the City of Niagara Falls," according to its mission statement.

One of USA Niagara's flagship projects intended to enhance tourism and jumpstart the revitalization of Niagara Falls is the Niagara Experience Center, "the primary (heritage) interpretive center for the Falls, and the best place to experience the story of this extraordinary natural wonder," which has been in the works seemingly since the falls were just a trickle over the gorge at Lewiston. In this role, USA Niagara maintains a website for the Niagara Experience Center.

Breathtakingly, the "small inn" from two years ago, buried deep within a USA Niagara RFP, has morphed into a huge hotel/spa/outdoor events center as described on the Experience Center website. The narrative reads:

"The family-oriented Niagara Lodge will raise the bar for visitor accommodations in and around Niagara Falls. It is conceived

of as a "grand lodge" for the 21st century, merging the heartwarming, rustic grandeur of the Old World lodges in America's National Parks with contemporary design updates and state-of-the-art guest amenities. The lodge will feature three stories of guest accommodations, 250 rooms in total, with a wraparound veranda offering breathtaking views of the Falls and State Park. One of the lodge's most impressive interior features is its 'Great Hall,' a multistory atrium with exposed wooden rafters, a dramatic stone fireplace and a floor-to-ceiling wall of windows. Additional features of the lodge include an elegant main dining hall, smaller private dining rooms and a family health spa with a swimming pool and 'green roof.'"

Note that while this USA Niagara-hosted website cites "250 rooms in total," USA Niagara president Christopher J. Schoepflin is quoted in a Buffalo News article of three weeks ago as saying, "The lodge the governor envisions would have 75 to 100 rooms – 'a very boutique property.'"

So from 250 rooms, the lodge has strategically shrunk to 75-100 rooms. Is it to mushroom to 1000 rooms when built on Goat Island in a couple of years?

DELAWARE NORTH ASSURED OF NIAGARA LODGE THANKS TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CUOMO

BY JAMES HUFNAGEL

Eight – by some accounts, nine – million tourists visit Niagara Falls State Park every year.

They access the world-famous attraction from two directions on a dedicated roadway, park on one of 1,500 parking spaces, tour Cave of the Winds and ride Maid of the Mist, dine at Top of the Falls restaurant, pavilion Snack Bar or one of four food booths scattered around the park, purchase souvenirs at one of two gift shops, perhaps thumb some quarters into the coin-operated binoculars perched next to the grand waterfalls, and then get back into their vehicles and leave without any need or reason to enter and spend money in the city of Niagara Falls next door.

Meanwhile, the city of Niagara Falls suffers from some of the highest rates of per capita poverty (US Census), violent crime (FBI) and taxation (The Tax Foundation) in the state.

New York State (read: Albany) has successfully captured the parking, gift and souvenir sales, restaurant and food service and other assorted small fees from operations in Niagara Falls State Park, extracting nearly \$20 million in tourist dollars every year, accruing to the state instead of the local economy.

Now they want more.

With the announced plan by Gov. Cuomo to build a “lodge” on Goat Island in the park, which in reality has been revealed to be a huge hotel with pool, dining rooms, spa/salon and amphitheater, it’s clear that now the state wants to compete with the overnight lodging market that’s just getting a foothold downtown. And you don’t need a crystal ball to know who he has in mind to operate that “lodge”.

Top of the Falls and other amenities in the park are run by multinational casino/sports venue/hotel and restaurant conglomerate Delaware North Companies of Buffalo, NY, pursuant to a \$10.2 million agreement with State Parks, commencing on July 1, 2002, to operate food, beverage and gift shop concessions in the Niagara Falls State Park, with a contract end date of Dec. 31, 2121.

What a tidy little package it would make for



Unlike Frank Zappa, Delaware North actually did “Move to Montana.” The Pine Lodge at Whitefish, Montana.



Kalaloch at Olympic National Park in the state of Washington has 10 lodge rooms, 6 motel rooms, 4 motel suites, 40 cabins and 6 duplex cabins. Wouldn’t this look just grand on Goat Island?

Gov. Cuomo to extend Delaware North’s lease on the park in 2121 just in time for the grand opening of the Niagara Lodge.

Not to mention payback for the \$25,000 a plate private fundraising dinner that Delaware North owner Jeremy Jacobs, Sr., hosted for him at Jacobs’ opulent East Aurora estate on September 10, 2014, the day after his victory in the Democratic primary, and the numerous other campaign contributions that the billionaire hospitality magnate has made over the years.

As it turns out, Delaware North appears to be a perfect fit for running the proposed hotel/resort complex in Niagara Falls State Park, given that they already have extensive interests elsewhere at similar locations. In fact, the “Parks and Resorts” division of Delaware North administers facilities at upwards of 18 national and state parks, including Yellowstone, Sequoia, Grand Canyon, Shenandoah and Kings Canyon National Parks.



In a lawsuit against the United States of America, Delaware North attempted to retain some of the historic place names of Yosemite National Park, after having been booted out of the same. The 302-room Tenaya Lodge is still operated by them, however, located outside the park gates.



The 358-room Yavapai Lodge, operated by Delaware North, overlooking the Grand Canyon, may serve as a model for the proposed Niagara Lodge.

They operate exclusive, upscale resort hotels at Geneva-on-the-Lake (Ohio), Harrison Hot Springs (British Columbia, Canada), something called Peaks of Otter Lodge (Bedford, Virginia) and the swanky Gideon Putnam Resort at Saratoga Springs, NY.

The Gideon Putnam contract was awarded to Delaware North on July 7, 2007 by then-State Parks Commissioner Carol Ash, winning over 20 competing firms.

Six months before that, on Nov. 1, 2006, and one week before election day, Jeremy Jacobs Sr. made his maximum \$2,000 campaign contribution to gubernatorial candidate Eliot Spitzer. On the very same day, with the polls predicting a certain landslide for Spitzer, Alice Jacobs kicked in another \$2,000. Then Charles Jacobs came up with a \$2,000 donation to seal the Spitzer victory. Also on Nov. 1, and not to leave anything to chance, Joan Jacobs chipped in with \$2,000. Kimberly Jacobs, \$2,000 on Nov. 1 to buy even more



The Yellowstone Park Hotel. “By adding the 66-room Yellowstone Park Hotel and the 103 rooms at the Gray Wolf, Delaware North now owns 292 hotel rooms in West Yellowstone.”



The 337-room Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, Canada. Is this what the Niagara Lodge is destined to look like on the once-beautiful and natural Goat Island?

democracy. Lisann Jacobs, \$1,000, maybe she was a little short that day. Back on track with Louis Jacobs, \$2,000. See a pattern yet? Margaret Jacobs, \$2000. Altogether at least \$15,000 that came in as separate donations from eight different members of the Jacobs family on the same day, one week before Spitzer’s certain victory.

According to a Nov. 18, 2014 article in Buffalo weekly The Public, “In the three months prior to his election, (Cuomo) received a series of \$5,000+ contributions not only from Jeremy Sr. and his wife Margaret, but also from every one of their six children (Jeremy Jr., Lisann, Louis, Charles, Margaret Reichenbach, and Katie Robinson), plus five of their children’s spouses (Alice, Bruce Platt, Joan, Kimberly, and John Reichenbach).”

Also, from The Public, “In 2010, the Jacobs family did not bother to bundle smaller contributions to Cuomo — Jeremy and Margaret just cut him twin \$50,000 checks.”

Thanks to powerful billionaires like Jacobs and corrupt politicians like Cuomo, the best the young people of Niagara Falls have to look forward to is flipping burgers at some “Niagara Lodge” in Albany’s park.

USA NIAGARA PROMOTES NIAGARA LODGE WITH IMAGES LINKED TO DELAWARE NORTH



These two images of the controversial Niagara Lodge, appearing on a USA Niagara website, were created by Delaware North partner BRC (note logo on bottom right).

BY JAMES HUFNAGEL

If there were any remaining doubts in anyone's mind that the proposed Niagara Lodge on Goat Island in Niagara Falls State Park is earmarked for Jeremy Jacobs' Delaware North worldwide empire, what follows should dispel them.

Two images portraying the embattled hotel/resort have been posted by local economic development agency USA Niagara at its Niagara Experience Center website.

Several other images depict the Niagara Experience Center, but it's the two hotel images that are most significant.

The images were created by a company called BRC Imagination Arts of Burbank, California.

According to its website, BRC "is an experience design and production agency that 'Turns Brands Into Destinations'. For over three decades, many of the world's most iconic brands and cultural institutions have asked us to bring their stories to life and cre-

ate unforgettable memories for their guests."

Among BRC's dozens of clients are Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Grand 'Ol Opry, the Cirque De Soleil, Abbey Road Studios, the Empire State Building Observatory, Knott's Berry Farm, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Naples Botanical Garden and the Kennedy Space Center.

Clearly, Niagara Falls State Park will soon be added to that list, if USA Niagara, Delaware North and BRC have anything to say about it.

A March 29, 2016 document on the BRC website is titled, "THE SHUTTLE LAUNCH EXPERIENCE – KENNEDY SPACE CENTER," and subtitled "Attraction Concept, Design & Overall Creative Direction by BRC Imagination Arts in association with NASA – Kennedy Space Center and Delaware North Companies, Parks & Resorts."

Members of the 41-person BRC team that collaborated with Delaware North in creating the Kennedy Space Center attraction included the following job titles: Project Manager,

Creative Director/Production Designer, Media Director, Concept & Story, Concept Art Director, Music Composer, Visual Effects Supervisor, Lighting Designer, Concept Artist, Storyboard Artist, Interiors Designer, you get the idea. Twelve Delaware North staffers, 8 of which are identified as either Directors or Managers, are listed. Scores of astronauts are listed as consultants.

To summarize: A subsidiary of a New York State government agency, USA Niagara, has utilized two watermarked images created by a private company, BRC, which has worked previously and closely with Delaware North to establish a major (1.5 million visitors a year) tourist attraction, the Kennedy Space Center, to promote a controversial hotel project in the Niagara Falls State Park long before any official public hearings or comment periods have been held on the matter.

Delaware North, USA Niagara, or both, engaged BRC to create images of the future development in the state park.

Again, USA Niagara, a government agency,

on one of its official websites, slyly adopted and displayed the work of a private company with a direct interest in the outcome of the Niagara Lodge issue.

Forgive us for saying so, but it certainly appears as if BRC and Delaware North are way ahead of us on this game.

Was BRC paid for the two images? What else has BRC, or Delaware North for that matter, done to lock down the Niagara Lodge contract, with the behind-closed-doors cooperation of USA Niagara, that the public is, as yet, unaware of?

Other than make large campaign contributions to Governor Andrew Cuomo, that is.

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LOTS OF MYSTERY SURROUNDS GOAT ISLAND LODGE PLAN



Gov. Cuomo sizes up the share of tourist dollars that will accrue to downtown Niagara Falls businesses after his Niagara Lodge is built in the state park, as his state development honcho, transplanted Brooklynite Howard Zemsky, looks on.

By Tony Farina

What did Sam Hoyt say to Dennis Virtuoso last Tuesday in a phone call to convince the Niagara County legislator from Niagara Falls to pull his resolution opposing Gov. Andrew Cuomo's controversial plan to build a world class lodge on Goat Island?

Well, true to form, Hoyt, regional vice president of super-secretive Empire State Development, could not be reached to give his side of the conversation, but according to Virtuoso, Hoyt asked him to pull his resolution from consideration at the legislature's regular session because the lodge plan was as good as dead and there would be three or four site proposals to come and aggressive public input.

So Virtuoso tabled his resolution and a text to Niagara Falls Council member Kristen Grandinetti from a Cuomo aide, probably Hoyt, quieted opposition at last week's council meeting when she said the governor had backed off a Goat Island lodge and more locations and proposals would be forthcoming.

As everybody now knows, the efforts last week to stifle public opposition were successful to a point, but the next day Hoyt's boss and Cuomo's top economic development chief, Howard Zemsky, said Goat Island remains a possibility for a lodge along with three other state parks.

So what does it all mean? We know that Empire State Development (Cuomo, Zemsky, Hoyt) and USA Niagara are as slippery as a wet Goat Island rock.

Transparency is not a word in their vocabulary and last week's shenanigans to muffle political opposition is an example of the dirty tricks they employ to mislead the public, whether with the Hamister Hotel fiasco or a lodge on Goat Island.

You can't believe them or trust them, as Virtuoso and Grandinetti found out last week.

In the larger scheme, what's going on with this save-Niagara Falls lodge plan being pushed by Cuomo in a state park that would be a bonanza for the developer who gets the

deal and a real blow to downtown Niagara Falls businesses that hope to lure tourist dollars, not lose them to a tax-exempt lodge and the favored developer.

There are lodge designs on the Niagara USA website that are strikingly similar to other plans by a company that does work for mega-political contributor and developer Delaware North. Could Delaware North, a company that tops \$3 billion, be the developer that Cuomo favors for the lodge, a company that has been a strong contributor to the governor who will be seeking a third term next year?

And does anyone really believe that Goat Island, in all its pristine beauty, is off the table? Think of the concession value for a 100-room or more lodge on Goat Island with people likely staying for three or four days and never visiting downtown Niagara Falls to shop, dine, or sightsee? It would be virtual gold mine for the developer who would be forever grateful to the political forces that delivered the prize.

Not jumping to conclusions, mind you, just saying what a lot of insiders are thinking about the Goat Island lodge. Given the secrecy that governs the state's development agencies, it may be some time before we know the whole story. But it is clear from Zemsky's remarks contradicting what Hoyt told Virtuoso that Goat Island is still in the game.

State Sen. Robert Ortt and Assemblyman Angelo Morinello have joined the chorus of political opposition to a Goat Island lodge and even Mayor Paul Dyster has wavered from the Cuomo line, although we'll see how long he holds up if the governor stays the course.

Anyway, for what it is worth, Virtuoso plans to file his resolution opposing a Goat Island lodge at the March 21 legislature meeting, although unless something happens soon in the way of RFPs from the state, the public could be in the dark on what's next. But something is coming, you can sure, in the wake of Zemsky's remarks last week that the state has not given up on a state park lodge and Goat Island is still in play.

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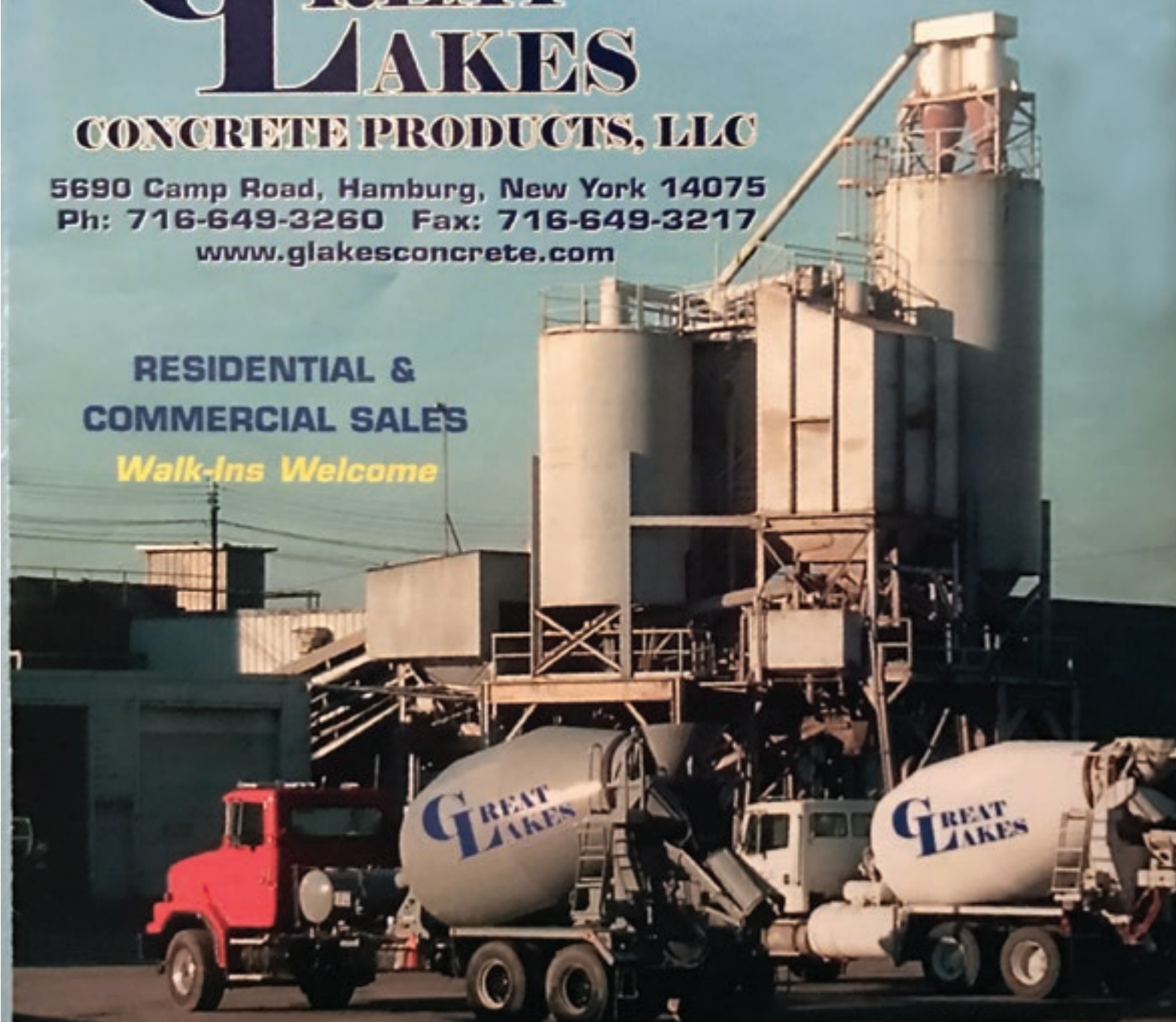
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EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT MUM ON LAWSUIT COSTS ON CANALSIDE CONTRACTOR 'ILLEGAL' FIRING

By Tony Farina

If there is one thing consistent about Empire State Development--that's Gov. Andrew Cuomo's economic development agency for those who might not know--it is a lack of transparency, from the Buffalo Billion program currently under federal investigation to the long-delayed Hamister Hotel project in Niagara Falls and now, most recently, the proposed "world-class" lodge for Goat Island State Park that is now mired in controversy because nobody but the governor and his development minions--and possibly a secret developer--seems to want.

But there's a big story still unfolding on the cost to taxpayers to defend the wrongful termination lawsuit filed by the DiPizio Construction Company of Buffalo against the state over being essentially fired from the \$20 million replica canal project at Canalside four years ago for allegedly not being able to deliver the job on time, a claim the company, with a 37-year history, is fighting in the courts.

I filed nine FOIL requests with secretive Empire State Development more than a year ago to find out how much state taxpayers have paid to the Buffalo law firm of Phillips Lytle to defend the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) against the lawsuit.

It wasn't until last August that I finally received something more than "we're working on your request." According to that response I received last August, the firm had billed the state \$1,987,779.89 through August of 2015 and been paid \$1,640,887 through August of 2016. But for the record, the case is still moving through the courts and DiPizio has won at least one major ruling in its favor at the appellate level and a trial is looming in a few weeks on whether or not ECHDC managers had board approval to fire the company.



Rosanne DiPizio is suing the state for illegally firing her construction company for delays in the ice rink work, when it was actually the state, she says, that designed the project improperly. She helped the state correct the design flaws, but was terminated in order to shift blame away from state officials' numerous and costly design blunders.

In other words, the meter is still ticking on the cost which could well be approaching \$3 million by now. That's \$3 million in taxpayer dollars in a case that is far from over.

On Feb. 24, I submitted a Freedom of Information Law request to Empire State Development asking for the latest numbers on the legal cost to defend the suit. Five business days later, as required by FOIL, I received a response. The response was pretty much the same as the nine I received last year before they finally sent some numbers.

ESD acknowledged receipt of the FOIL and said it is considering the request.

My best guess is that within 10 business days, as required by law, I will receive another email saying about the same thing, that the request is being considered and we'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, the legal costs continue to mount and short of a settlement, which many thought should have happened long ago, the tab could soon approach--if it hasn't already--\$4 million to defend a controversial dismissal that resulted in the hiring of a Rochester developer to finish the job, a firm with connections to former Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy,



People are happily skating, but few know how thin the legal ice state officials are alleged to be skating on, as evidence comes out on how Empire State allegedly played fast and loose with the truth to kick DiPizio Construction off the Canalside ice rink and hand it to Cuomo donor Pike Construction. The State denies these allegations.



The ice rink was completed but the cost escalated because of an alleged illegal firing of the original contractor state officials.

a former Rochester mayor and police chief who is now head of the Rochester Business Alliance.

But, as I said at the beginning of this report,

Empire State Development can keep a secret, especially when it comes to how it spends taxpayer dollars, and Gov. Cuomo could be safe from the truth on this story until after he runs for a third term next year, as expected.

THE EXPENSIVE WRONGFUL TERMINATION
AND RACKETEERING LAWSUIT AGAINST EMPIRE
STATE DEVELOPMENT AT CANALSIDE

In 2015, DiPizio Construction filed a civil racketeering lawsuit claiming Empire State Development Corp. illegally terminated the company’s \$19.8 million contract to build the ice rink, old-style canals and footbridges at Canalside.

Dipizio did more than half of the work before they were fired. Pike Construction finished the project.

In November 2011, DiPizio Construction outbid Pike and four other companies to build the ice rink, at Canalside. DiPizio’s low bid of \$19.8 million was \$3 million lower than what state engineers projected.

Construction began in May 2012.

Mark E. Smith, construction project manager for the harbor development corporation, disputed frequently with company CEO Rosanne DiPizio over design changes on the project, over which materials could be used and over the disposal of contaminated soil.

In July 2013, the state terminated its agreement with DiPizio accusing DiPizio of “deficient work” on the project, which was still under construction at that time.

State officials claim DiPizio was unable to complete the project properly or on time.

Company CEO, Rosanne DiPizio said “design problems, weather problems and the state’s construction people” caused the delays.

Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. – the DiPizios’ performance bonding company – said delays on the ice rink job were caused by

the state’s poorly designed plans(which had to be modified) and state officials wrongly terminated DiPizio Construction from the ice rink job and should have allowed the DiPizios to complete it.

In September 2013, Travelers hired Pike Construction of Rochester for \$11.5 million to complete the work.

DiPizio claims state officials, notably Sam Hoyt, regional president of Empire State Development, Smith and others, through wire fraud and mail fraud – created a false paper trail attempting to show the company was incompetent.

DiPizio claims state officials really wanted the contract turned over to politically connected Pike which has given tens of thousands in donations to Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul.

As proof of the host of boondoggle design errors, after taking over the project Pike was delayed eight months because of damage to concrete that was the result of a harbor development company design error.

DiPizio also filed a state court lawsuit alleging DiPizio Construction was wrongly terminated.

While Pike successfully completed the project in 2014, with legal fees, and cost overruns from wrong design, the project cost taxpayers millions more than it likely would have if DiPizio had not been terminated.

Now the question to be determined in court is did the state improperly terminate DiPizio, and if so, how and more significantly, why?

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD



BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

U-S-A! U-S-A!

Although discouraging the marriage of children in developing nations has been U.S. foreign policy for years, a data-collecting watchdog group in America disclosed in February that 27 U.S. states have no minimum marriage ages and estimates that an average of almost 25,000 children age 15 and under are permitted to marry every year ("estimates" because some states do not keep records by age). Child marriage is often allowed in the U.S. if parents approve, although no such exemption is made in foreign policy, largely to curb developing nations' "family honor" marriages -- which often wreck girls' chances for self-actualizing. (However, "family honor" is still, in some states, the basis for allowing U.S. child marriages, such as with "shotgun" weddings.) [Unchained At Last via Washington Post, 2-10-2017]

THE PASSING PARADE

Nelson Foyle, 93, is believed to be Britain's

longest-time patron of the same pub (the Dog and Gun in Salisbury, England), and fellow drinkers recently bought him an honorary "lordship" title to mark his 80th year on the establishment's barstools.

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

Willie Anthony, 20, and Jamarqua Davis, 16, were arrested in Kannapolis, North Carolina, in February after, police said, they broke into a Rent-a-Center at 2 a.m. and stole a big-screen TV. After loading the set into one car, they drove off in separate vehicles, but in their haste, smashed into each other in the parking lot. Both men subsequently drove the wrong way down South Cannon Boulevard, and both then accidentally crashed separately into other vehicles, allowing police to catch up. [WCNC-TV (Charlotte), 2-8-2017]

RECENT ALARMING HEADLINES

"America's Top Fortune Cookie Writer Is Quitting Because of Writer's Block" (Time magazine, 2-3-2017). "Vaginal Pain Helps Exonerate Man Accused of Murder" (Miami Herald, 2-8-2017) (emergency medical technicians treating his sister corroborated his alibi). "Dresden Protest Against Anti-Islam Pegida Group Banned Over Snowball Fight Fears" (The Independent (London), 1-24-2017) (previously in Dresden, Germany, religious-freedom demonstrators chose "tossing snowballs" as appropriate for ridiculing Pegida).

UNDIGNIFIED DEATHS

(1) Unhappy Ending: Clifford Jones, 58, was killed in a one-vehicle crash in Detroit in January, having lost control of his car because, according to Michigan State Police, he was distracted by watching pornography on his cellphone. He was also not wearing pants. (2) Leslie Ray Chapping, 75, of Galveston, Texas, lived "much longer than he deserved," according to his daughter, in a widely shared obituary in February, in a life that "served no obvious purpose." The death notice referenced his "bad parenting"

and "being generally offensive," and closed with "Leslie's passing proves that evil does in fact die." [The Smoking Gun, 1-26-2017] [KTRK-TV (Houston), 2-10-2017]

PHALLIC NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

(1) Earlier, He Would Have Been Worshipped: In February, doctors at Narayana Health City in Bangalore, India, were successful in a five-hour, 20-specialist surgery normalizing an infant born with the chromosomal abnormality "polymelia" -- which resulted in four legs and two penises. Doctors praised the parents, from rural Puladinni village, for recognizing the issue as "medical" and not as "superstition." (2) In February, police in southern Bangladesh arrested a family that used a fake penis to convince neighbors that the family had the powers of genies ("djinn"). The villagers had known the family had a girl, but overnight the genies had "changed" her into a "boy," thus frightening the villagers into making offerings to the family. [CNN, 2-10-2017] [Agence France-Presse via Philippine Daily Inquirer, 2-8-2017]



Infant born in Narayana with four legs and two penises, post-surgery with his parents. The hospital provided the surgery free of charge.

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Town Ballroom Thurs Mar 2nd 7pm \$25/\$29

Big Wreck is a Canadian rock band featuring frontman Ian Thornley. They will perform songs from their newest album "Grace Street" with the hit song "One Good Piece of Me."

THU-SAT



PABLO FRANCISCO
Helium Comedy Club Thurs Mar 2nd 8pm Fri&Sat Mar 3rd&4th 7:30&10pm \$17/\$24

Pablo Francisco is a off-the-wall stand-up comedian whose routines point out the absurdity of an illogical, pop-culture obsessed world. He is a brilliant impressionist and satirist.

THU 3/2



NOAH GARDENSWARTZ AND DUSTIN YBARRA
Seneca Casino Thurs March 2nd 8pm Tickets start at \$20

Noah Gardenswartz and Dustin Ybarra are stand-up comedians starring in the latest version of the Casino's Barrel of Laughs comedy shows. Gardenswartz is a veteran NYC stand-up and Ybarra is known as one of the funniest comedians from Hollywood.

FRI 3/3



THE GRISWOLDS
Waiting Room Fri Mar 3rd 8pm \$15/\$18

The Griswolds are an Australian indie pop group known for their tropical pop sound. They refer to themselves as "The chameleons of pop." Brooklyn-based band the Dreamers opens the shoe with their blend of psychedelic indie rock.

SAT 3/4



THE FASCINATORS
Pausa Art House Sat Mar 4th 8pm \$7

The Fascinators are an acoustic guitar trio performing unplugged versions of classic hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's unplugged. The three guitarists are Jack Freedenberg, Hon. Tim Franczyk & Tim Switalski.

SUN 3/5



CARNIFEX
Waiting Room Sun Mar 5th 5:30pm \$15/\$18

Carnifex is a death metal band from San Diego who is known for their savage live show. Their latest album "The Diseased and the Poisoned" features an arsenal of blast beats, machine gun riffs and vocals exorcised from the deepest pits of hell.

TUES 3/7



ATTILA
Waiting Room Tues Mar 7th 6:30pm \$18/\$20

Attila is an Atlanta-based party death metal rock band featuring lead vocalist Chris "Fronzilla" Fronzak. They will be performing songs from their latest album, "Chaos" featuring their hit songs "Bulletproof" and "Let's Get Abducted."

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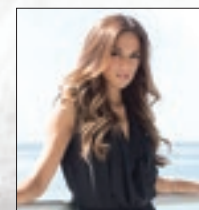
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TANGO WITH BOLÉO

Moshe Shulman and his friends bring their heat to The Friends of Vienna

BY JAN JEZIORO

According to Wikipedia, in tango dancing a boléo is: “A sharp movement of the leg often interrupted or suspended. The woman’s lifts her foot from the floor and it flies to the side and wraps around her standing leg in front of her knee.”

The Friends of Vienna will stretch the limits of their traditional comfort zone when they open their spring season on Sunday March 5 at 3:30pm in the Unity Church, 1243 Delaware Avenue. Long known during the past forty years for their presentation of beloved classics of the chamber music literature, the Friends of Vienna (FOV) have developed an enviable reputation in the past few years of programming challenging works by 20th and 21st century composers, including several newly commissioned works by cutting-edge composers, such as the talented young Turkish composer and vocalist, Esin Gündüz.

For their program this Sunday afternoon, the FOV have invited Boléo, a string quartet dedicated to the performance of music from the vast repertoire of works composed in the style of the Argentine tango, both traditional and nuevo. The driving force behind Boléo is the multi-talented, laid-back Israeli, Moshe Shulman who performs on the violin, viola, and accordion as well as the bandoneón, a South American concertina that is essential to performing tango music.

So, just how does a guy from Israel emerge as the very popular face of tango music on the Niagara Frontier? “I first got interested in tango music when I lived in Rochester, in the winter of 2007” says Moshe. “As you know, it gets dark very early during winter in this area. Since I did not, and still do not go into bars, I had to think of an activity. I said to myself, ‘Let’s see, what I can challenge myself with and what have I been afraid of doing for so many years?’ Dancing was the answer, tango dancing was the option. Right after my first tango dance lesson, I bought an accordion for \$200 on craigslist in order to play the music I had heard in that dance lesson. At that time, an accordion was another challenge since it was new to me and my piano skills were humble. I found myself 3 to 4 hours a day on the accordion feeling my



Moshe and Miranda Shulman

way through the songs”.

“After three years of playing the accordion, I got an option to go to Argentina to see if the bandoneon would be a similar challenge as accordion. It was much more difficult, not only in price and availability, but also technically. Bandoneon is a kind of concertina where each button sounds differently when pulling and pushing. There is no keyboard and no reason or pattern for how the buttons are placed. I had to feel my way in complete darkness”.

“I co-created Boléo in 2015 with the help of the Cuban born violinist Lazara Martinez Nelson, the proprietress of the Pausa Art House, Buffalo’s best venue for experiencing music in an intimate setting”, says Moshe. “I formed my earlier group, the Tango Orkestra when I got back from Buenos Aires in 2012. My idea for Boléo was to create a typical

string quartet that will play non-typical classical music, like arrangements of any music that has dance quality in it. It could either be an excerpt from Swan Lake arranged for two violins, cello and accordion, Piazzolla’s Five Sensations for string quartet and bandoneon, or Mexican, Cuban and tango arrangements for string quartet. Most of the arrangements are made by me”.

While the FOV are eagerly anticipating getting down and, well sexy, with Moshe and the other members of his quartet, including his wife Miranda, a violinist, along with the versatile BPO principal second violin Antoine Lefebvre, and the internationally touring Fredonia School of Music cellist Natasha Farny, in the strictly tango half of the program, there is yet another very welcome aspect to this program.

Guitarist James Piorkowski, distinguished

professor in the Fredonia School of Music will join the members of Boléo in a what appears to be the Buffalo area premiere of the very prolific Italian composer Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco’s most popular chamber work, his 1950 Guitar Quintet Op. 143. While the composer fled the rising tide of anti-Semitic fascism in his native Italy in 1939 to pursue a career that paid the bills as a very successful in-house composer for films at MGM, a position that he won at least in part to the efforts of his friend, the great violinist Jascha Heifitz, he had already established himself as the leading modern classical composer of works featuring the guitar. His exquisitely eloquent Guitar Concerto No. 1 in D major, Op. 99 (1939) has rightly been one of the competition set pieces for the now long running biennial JoAnn Falletta International Guitar Concerto Competition.

Tickets: \$12; \$5 students. Information: www.friendsofvienna.org

TANGO ORKESTRA AT THE MONTANTE CENTER AND A BENEFIT CONCERT AT PAUSA

Moshe Shulman’s other group, the Tango Orkestra will perform on Tuesday March 7 at 7:30pm in the Montante Center on the Canisius College Campus, 2001 Main Street. The Tango Orkestra performs solely Argentine tango music in its typical instrumentation: bandoneon, violins, piano, bass and a singer. Tickets: \$15/10 students. Information: www.mosheshulman.com

On Thursday March 9 at 7pm there will be a benefit performance at the Pausa Art House for Moshe’s daughter Miriam, a three-year-old cancer patient. There will be guest appearances by esteemed musicians and a Chinese auction. The \$12 entry fee at the door includes two free raffle tickets. Donations are welcome, and those who cannot attend may donate at: <http://mosheshulman.com/donate>

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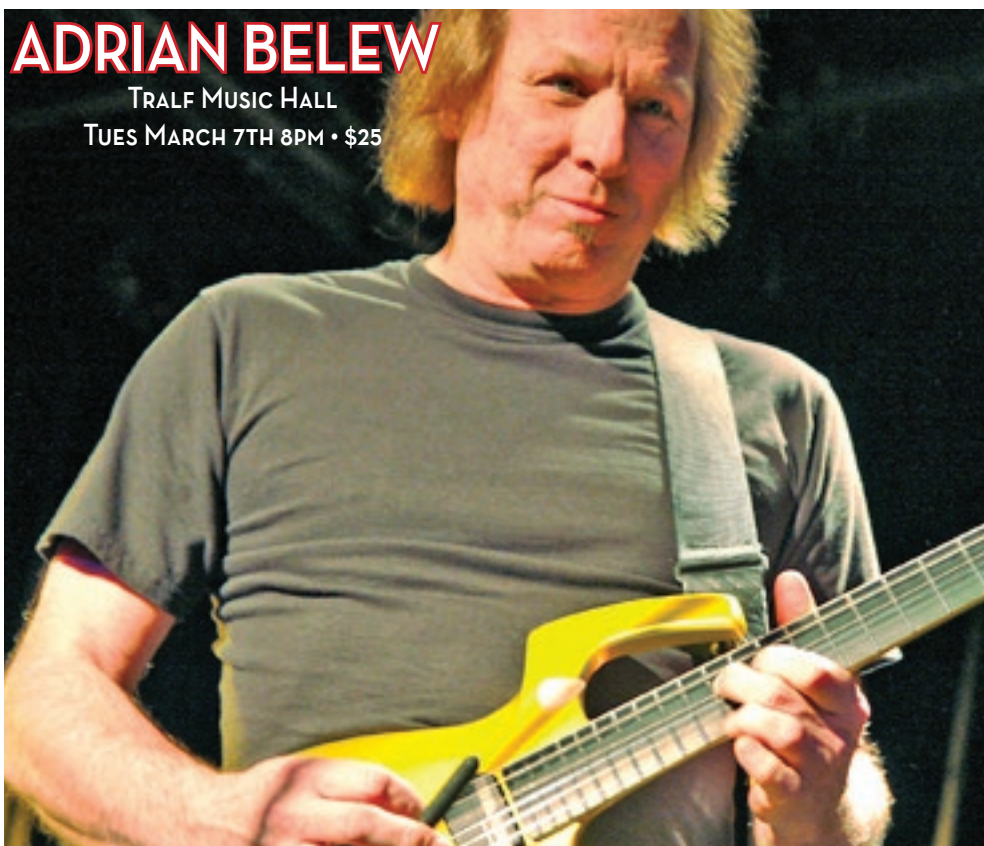
Tralf Music Hall Sun March 5 8pm • \$30



Victor Wooten is one of the greatest electric bassists in the music world. Wooten is best known for being one of the founding members of the Americana/Jazz band, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones. Victor is a five-time Grammy Award winner and was named by Rolling Stone Magazine as one of the Top 10 Bassists of All Time. Drummer Dennis Chambers is known to be the best of the jazz fusion drummers exhibiting a powerful style that is technically proficient, yet groove-oriented. Saxophonist Bob Franceschini has appeared on more than 200 albums. He has been a guest saxophonist for artists including Paul Simon, Celine Dion, and Bebe Winans.

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THE VISION, VOL. 2: LITTLE BETTER THAN A BEAST

By Tom King (Author) and Michael Walsh (Illustrator)Marvel Comics (Publisher)



Review by Joe Tell.

The Vision is a unique character with a storied past. Originally, he debuted as a green-fleshed, other-dimension-

al entity that appeared in Marvel Mystery Comics way back in the 1940s. Created by Jack Kirby, the Vision proved to be one of the most enduring characters in the Marvel universe. In 1968, Stan Lee asked the Marvel bullpen to create a new hero for the Avengers team. Roy Thomas suggested the Vision in his original form but Stan shot down the idea, stating he wanted a brand-new character and that it had to be an android. Roy Thomas recolored and repurposed the Vision into the version we have today. Although The Vision is an android, he is not devoid of human emotion. After his love affair with the Scarlet Witch falls apart, he still feels the need to have a normal life. Little Better Than A Beast follows the trials and tribulations as things go from bad to worse for the family the Vision created for himself. The imaginative narrative is a roller-coaster ride filled with lots of emotional highs and lows. Both volumes were chosen as two of the best graphic novels

of 2016 by Queen City Bookstore..

X-23: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION, VOLUME 1

By Various Authors and Illustrators



Marvel Comics (Publisher)

Review by Gabriel Allandro.

How do you judge the existence - or lack thereof- of a human

soul? This collection traces the creation and evolution of X-23, the female clone of the famed X-Man known as Wolverine. Trained to kill from an early age, X-23 was genetically engineered and psychologically conditioned to be little more than a weapon, a covert operative working for The Project. Freed by her mother, one of the Project's lead scientists, X-23 was given the gift of a name: Laura. This collection tracks the fugitive assassin as she tries to leave death behind in her quest to discover what it means to be human. But many in the world of terrorism and superheroics don't intend to give her that chance. This collection is designed to flesh out Laura's character and, as such, skips over many key points in Laura's history – her induction into X-Force, for example. All in all, X-23 is a fascinating character, and you can see in on the big screen when "Logan" debuts on March 3. Trust me: You won't want to miss it.

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Jimmy Janowski welcomes attendees on the red carpet

WNED|WBFO is proud to announce that it will serve as the new presenter of the Artie Awards, which have recognized excellence in Buffalo theater since 1991. The 27th Annual Artie Awards will take place on Monday, June 5 at Shea's 710 Theatre.

Beginning in May of 1991, when the first Arties ceremony took place at Garvey's Restaurant on Pearl Street, all 26 editions of the Arties were presented by this publication, which playfully gave the awards their name. This move to a new presenter is auspicious and historic.

For all 26 years of the Arties, which I founded, I have produced the event with Artvoice founder, Jamie Moses. We were blessed to have the late Michael Hake as musical director for 25 years and tremendous support for many years from Deborah Ellis. I have also hosted the event with various co-hosts for all 26 years. I will do so again this June, and Jamie will continue as co-producer. What is new is that WBFO's recent expansion of an "Arts & Culture News Desk" inspired Jamie and me to approach the trusted and culturally oriented media outlet with the idea of becoming the



new Artie presenter.

"Broadway's Tony Awards have been going for 70 years, and we want the same for Buffalo's Artie Awards," notes Moses. "The Arties are very dear to us and to the theater community. The consistent commitment to arts and culture by WNED|WBFO will ensure they will continue for years to come."

Moses also notes that the Arties celebration has grown over the years, and the same period of time has seen changes in print media.

"Since moving to Shea's 710 Theatre, the event has become more successful than ever," Moses observes. "The celebration attracts larger crowds and requires more time, resources, and manpower to produce. WNED|WBFO has the resources to take on an event of this size and stature."

And so, Artvoice has proudly passed the Artie torch on to WNED|WBFO.

Over the span of 26 years, more than 500 Arties have been presented to local

theater artists, and the event has raised over \$500,000 for AIDS-related charities, selling red ribbons at local theater performance in the weeks leading up to the event. WNED|WBFO has committed to continue the charitable aspect of the event.

To administer the Arties, a dedicated committee of volunteers spends hundreds of nights at the theater each year in order to gauge the quality of the performances and productions, culminating in the determination of nominees and the announcement of winners on Artie night. Over the years, the Arties have truly established an identity and brand of their own and have become respected and loved by the theater community.

The move to WNED|WBFO would not have happened without the enthusiastic support of President and CEO Donald K. Boswell.

"All of us at WNED|WBFO firmly believe that the thriving theater scene is one of the best things about Buffalo and deserves to be celebrated in first class fashion," said



David Lamb of Kavinoky Theatre with his Artie Award

Boswell. "We are proud to be a part of this iconic Buffalo celebration which provides the theaters with increased visibility and a heightened sense of community. We are also fortunate that we have the staff and volunteers needed to support the event."

For my part, I am proud of the longevity of the Artie Awards and also of my personal association with WNED|WBFO going back many years. Don Boswell reminds me that this fall marks the 25th anniversary of that Friday morning when I first went on the air as co-host of 'Theater Talk' on WBFO with Jim Santella. I continue to co-host the program with Peter Hall of WNED-FM. The depth of my involvement at WNED|WBFO has continued to expand, along with the station's cultural offerings. This year, I will once again host the 2017 Shaw Festival Preview on WNED-TV. The station airs theater performances via such PBS programs as "Great Performances" and "Live from Lincoln Center," including "Act One" and "Hamlet," and such theatrically oriented programs as "Hamilton's America."

Jamie and I feel delighted and privileged to continue the contributions of the Artie Awards with the new presenter of the event, WNED|WBFO.

OPENING

THE DOCTOR IN SPIKE OF HIMSELF, comedy by Molière adapted and directed by Aaron Moss, presented by Buffalo State's Casting Hall Productions. Mar 2-11, Thu & Fri at 8, Sat at 2 & 8. Warren Enters Theatre, Upton Hall, college campus (878-3005). www.buffalostatepac.org

A FEW GOOD MEN, play by Aaron Sorkin presented by Rocking Horse Productions, directed by Jane Navarro Mar 3-12, 2017, Thu-Sat at 7:30, Sun at 2:30. Lancaster Opera House, 21 Central Ave., Lancaster (683-1776). www.LancOpera.org

RUMORS, farce by Neil Simon presented by The Niagara Regional Theatre Guild, directed by M. Joseph Fratello, starring Dan Zerpa, Amy Feder, Brian Tabak, Dianna Kolek, Chris Cummings, Lauren Brechtel, Dawn Marcolini Newton. Mar 3-19, Fri & Sat at 7:30, Sun at 3. Ellicott Creek Playhouse, 530 Ellicott Creek, Tonawanda (260-2319). www.niagaratheatre.com

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE, drama by Arthur Miller directed by Robert Waterhouse, starring John Fredo, Debbie Pappas Sham, Adriano Gato, Peter Palmisano, John Kreuzer, Adam Yellen, David Lundy, Renee Landrigan. Mar 3-26, Thu & Fri at 7:30, Sat at 3:30 & 7:30, Sun at 2. Kavinoky Theatre, 320 Porter Ave. (829-7668). www.kavinokytheatre.com

ONGOING

BUFFALO QUICKIES, 26th annual celebration of new one-act plays, directed by Joyce Stilson, starring Kyle Baran, Stephanie Bax, Timothy Patrick Finnegan, Christopher Standart, Becky Globus. Through Mar 11, Thu-Sat at 7:30. Alleyway Theatre, One Curtain Up Alley (852-2600). www.alleyway.com

THE COLLECTION, drama by Harold Pinter presented by Torn Space Theater, directed by Dan Shanahan, starring Willie Judson, Stan Klimecko, Courtney Turner, Nicholas Bernard. Through Mar 11, Thu-Sat at 7:30, plus Mar 12 at 7:30. The Adam Mickiewicz Dramatic Circle, 612 Fillmore Ave. (812-5733). www.tornspacetheater.com

OTHER DESERT CITIES, play by Jon Robin Baitz presented by Aurora Players, directed by Tom Durham, starring Katie

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STOP KISS, play by Diana Son presented by Subversive Theatre, directed by Kelly Beuth, starring Brittany Germano, Jenny Gembka, John Profeta, Justin Fiordaliso, Brian Brown, Theresa DiMuro Wilber. Through Mar 18, Thu-Sat at 8. The Manny Fried Playhouse, 255 Great Arrow Ave., third floor (408-0499). www.subversivetheatre.org

CLOSING

AFTER THE REVOLUTION, play by Amy Herzog presented by The Jewish Repertory Theatre, directed by Saul Elkin, starring Lisa Ludwig, Tom Makar, David Marciniak, Adam Rath, Tina Rausa, Anne Roaldi, Bonnie Jean Taylor, Steve Vaughan. Through Mar 5, Thu at 7:30, Sat at 4 & 8, Sun at 2. The Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre, 2640 North Forest Road, Getzville (688-4114 x391). www.jewishrepertorytheatre.com

THE EDGAR ALLAN POE SHOW, adapted and directed by L. Don Swartz,

Chris Fire, Trey Wydysh, Joann V. Mis, Shelby Ebeling. Through Mar 5, Thu at 7, Fri & Sat at 8, Sun at 2. Ghostlight Theatre, 170 Schenck St., N. Tonawanda (743-1614). www.starrynighttheatre.com

RING OF FIRE, THE MUSIC OF JOHNNY CASH, presented by MusicalFare, directed by Michael Walline, starring Katie Clark, Steve Copps, Kevin Craig, Philip Farugia, Bob Mazierski, Theresa Quinn, Zak Ward, Maggie Zindle. Through Mar 5, Wed & Thu at 7, Fri at 8, Sat at 4 & 7, Sun at 2. Shea's 710 Theatre, 710 Main St. (1-800-745-3000). www.sheas.org/710main

SOPHISTICATED LADIES, musical by Duke Ellington directed by John Fredo, starring Cecelia Barron, Annette Christian, Dudley Joseph, Jr., London Lee, Katy Miner, Ben Michael Moran. Through Mar 5, Wed & Thu at 7, Fri at 7:30, Sat at 3:30 & 7:30, Sun at 2. MusicalFare Theatre, 4380 Main St., Amherst (839-8540). www.musicalfare.com

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

HEAVEN CAN WAIT, comedy by Harry Segall, presented by Desiderio's Dinner Theatre, directed by Jay Desiderio, starring

Brett Klaczyk, Michael Breen. Through Apr 9, most Thu, Sat & Sun, evening shows arrival at 6, show at 7:30; matinee shows arrival at 1, show at 2:30. Bobby J's Italian American Grille, 204 Como Park Blvd., Cheektowaga (395-3207). www.mybobbyjs.com

UPCOMING

CLEOPATRA, comedy by Charles Busch presented by Buffalo United Artists, directed by Todd Warfield, starring Jimmy Janowski, Bebe Bvlgari, Maria Droz, Timothy Patrick Finnegan, Adam Hayes, Michael Seitz, Guy Tomassi. Mar 17- Apr 8, Fri & Sat at 8. Alleyway Theatre, One Curtain Up Alley (886-9239). www.buffalobua.org

THE MOTHERFUCKER WITH THE HAT, play by Stephen Adly Guirgis, directed by Victoria Pérez, starring Melinda Carpeles-Rowe, Anthony Alcocer, Greg Howze Jr., Rolando Gomez, Rosa Fernandez. Mar 10-Apr 2, Thu-Sat at 7:30, Sun at 2. Road Less Traveled Theater, 500 Pearl St. (629-3069). www.roadlesstraveledproductions.org

'NIGHT MOTHER, drama by Marsha Norman presented by The Brazen-Faced Varlets, directed by Lara D. Haberberger, starring Heather Fangsrud, Virginia Brannon. Mar 11-26, Sat & Sun at 2. Sat & Sun at 2. Rust Belt Books, 415 Grant St. (598-1585). www.varlets.org

THE UNDERPANTS, comedy by Steve Martin presented by American Repertory Theater of WNY, directed by Jeffrey Coyle, starring David C Mitchell, Candice Kogut, Pamela Rose Mangus, Ben Caldwell, Rich Kraemer, Michael J Starzynski. Mar 9-Apr 1, Thu-Sat at 8. 330 Amherst St. (697-0837) www.artofwny.org



It's been 40 years since Debby Boone's (pictured above) recording of *You Light Up My Life* spent ten weeks at the top of the charts. The ballad from the movie of the same name won an Oscar for Best Original Song for its composer, Joseph Brooks. Boone considered dropping the song from her repertoire back in 2009 when Brooks was arrested on charges of raping eleven women. Still touring in concerts, Boone starred in *The Sound of Music* back in the '90s. A new touring production of the beloved musical will play *Shea's March* 28th – April 2nd.

Speaking of *Shea's*, long time Marketing and Public Relations Director Lisa Grisanti will be leaving the theater on April 7th in order to start her own marketing, public relations and events-planning business. We wish her the very best! By the way, tickets go on sale this week for *Wicked*, which will return to *Shea's* for the third time May 17th – June 4th.

Second Generation Theatre will hold its second annual April fundraiser, *Page to Stage 2: Songs Inspired by Shakespeare*, on April 23rd at 7 p.m. at MusicalFare. The evening will feature the songs of two Broadway musicals inspired by Shakespeare: *Kiss Me, Kate* (The

Taming of the Shrew) and *West Side Story* (Romeo and Juliet). Accompanied by Allan Paglia, the evening will feature the talents of Jacob Albarella, Anthony Alcocer, Nicole Cimato, Kelly Copps, Steve Copps, Kevin Craig, Arin Lee Dandes, Matthew Iwanski, Amy Jakiel, Dudney Joseph and Kevin Kennedy. For tickets, call 508-5670.

Theatre of Youth's annual Brew Bash will be held April 25th at Resurgence Brewing Company. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For tickets go to www.theatreofyouth.org. In the meantime, the company's 45th anniversary season continues with the classic, *Charlotte's Web*, running March 18th – April 9th, and starring Kurt Guba, Arin Dandes, Jacob Albarella, Jordan Levin, Dan Torres, and Jennel Pruneda as Charlotte.

On March 13th at 7 p.m., Subversive Theatre will present a staged reading of *Mused to Death*, a comedy written and directed by Kurt Schneiderman. The reading takes place at the Manny Fried Playhouse, and will feature Kristin Bentley Kacala, Elliot Fox, Susana Breese, Lucas Lloyd, Jessica Stuber, Amy Jakiel, and J. Tim Raymond. The event is free and open to the public. The company's season will continue with the world premiere of *The Trial of Trayvon Martin* by Gary Earl Ross, April 6th – May 6th. Directed by Schneiderman, the production will star Shannell Tillery, Brian Brown, Rick Lattimer, Lawrence Rowswell, Leon Copeland, Jr., Kunji Rey, Brittany Bassett, VerNia Garvin, and Michael Mottern.

Up next for MusicalFare, the 2010 Tony nominee for best musical, *Million Dollar Quartet*, inspired by the actual 1956 event when Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley got together at Sun Records in Memphis. Directed by Randall Kramer, with musical direction by Theresa Quinn, the production will star Andrew Reimers (Cash), Joe Donohue (Lewis), Brandon Barry (Perkins), and Steve Copps (Presley). The show opens on April 19th and will also feature Arianne Davidow, Jeff

Coyle, Brian McMahon, and Dave Siegfried.

Playwright Kenneth Lonergan won this year's Oscar for Best Original Screenplay for the movie *Manchester by the Sea*, which he also directed. Lonergan's first theatrical hit was the play *This Is Our Youth* in 1996, followed by *The Waverly Gallery* in 1999 (which starred the great Eileen Heckart), and *Lobby Hero* in 2002, which was produced at the Kavinoky in 2005, starring Michael Karr, Richard Satterwhite, and Drew Kahn. Lonergan was sitting at the Oscar ceremony next to his wife, New York actress J. Smith-Cameron who starred in his 2009 play *The Starry Messenger* opposite Matthew Broderick.

Sheila McCarthy will be doing double directorial duty this spring. At the New Phoenix she will be directing the comedy *Kalamazoo* (May 4th – 27th) starring Betsy Bittar and **Marc-Jon Filippone** playing two elderly people who meet online and go out on a date. Prior to that, McCarthy will be directing another comedy for **O'Connell & Company**. **Ivan Menchell's** *The Cemetery Club* will run April 20th-May 21st, starring Anne Gayley, Sharon Strait, Joy Scime, Rob Schwartz and Deborah A. Krygier. Next season O'Connell & Company will do the musical *I Do! I Do!*, starring Gregory and Mary Gjurich. And changing its tone from last year's holiday offering, the New Phoenix will present *Cinderella*, directed by Kelli Bocock Natale.

Pamela Rose Mangus will play Falstaff in the all-female cast of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (June 22nd-July 16th), which Eileen Dugan will direct for Shakespeare in Delaware Park. The production will also star, among others, Victoria Perez, Charmagne Chi, Caitlin Coleman, Diane DiBernardo, and Josie DiVincenzo. The leading ladies in *Macbeth* (July 27th – August 20th), include Lisa Vitrano (Lady Macbeth), Jamie Nablo (Lady Macduff), Marie Hasselback Costa and Bonnie Taylor (the Witches). This year's *Fabulous Feast* will take place on March 18th, at a new location, The Atrium at Rich's.

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UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CENTER - 9pm Lance Drake acoustic show



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BLUES

727 ELMWOOD - 8-10pm Fritz The Kat
ABBEY SQUARE - 8:30pm Open Blues Jam
LAUREL AND HARDY'S - 9pm Pro Blues Jam

CELTIC/IRISH

SHANNON PUB - 7pm Mark Warford Traditional Irish Seisun



Mark Warford

COUNTRY

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - 12-2:15pm Mark plays classic country with The Lunchtime Classic Country Review

DANCE/DJS/ELECTRONIC

BLU BAR & GRILLE - 7pm Dancing All Night with DJ's Nino and Henry from LVP.
DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE BAR - 9pm Throwback Thursdays with DJ Charles Masters



DJ Charles Masters

MOONEY'S - 8pm DJ Trivia

HIP-HOP

MOHAWK PLACE - 9pm Got Beats 3: Jacebeats, Brian Blaze, Volatile, Hosted by Program

INDIE

UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS - 7:30pm The Head and The Heart

JAZZ

COLORED MUSICIANS' CLUB - 8pm Carol McLaughlin
DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO. - 5-6:30pm Evening Jazz:: Fred Caputi
PAUSA ART HOUSE - 7pm ResAUnance

KARAOKE

727 ELMWOOD - 9pm Karaoke night
GARDEN PARK CAFE - 8pm Dan's Nightly Karaoke
GYPSY PARLOR - 9pm Karaoke
HAT TRIX BAR AND GRILL - 10pm karaoke

ROCKIN' BUFFALO SALOON - 7pm Rock and Roll Rich
STERLING PLACE - 9pm Tom Tom

OPEN MIC

COUZINS - 8-11:30pm Bouncin' off the Walls
GONZOS - 11pm Andy Geier and Joe Batt
O'NEILL'S STADIUM INN - 10pm Cory Klawon & Dustin Francis
SPOT COFFEE (DELAWARE) - 7-9pm Open Mic
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TAP HOUSE PUB & GRILL - 7-10pm Keith Shuskie Jr
WAGON WHEEL RESTAURANT - 8:30pm Thursday Night Jams with Chuck DeRose

PIANO

DICK AND JENNY'S BAKE AND BREW - 6:30-9:30pm Don Burns Ragtime Player



ragtime pianist Don Burns

ROCK

PIZZA PLANT ITALIAN PUB (TRANSIT RD) - 7-10pm Doc Licata plays the Beatles
TALTY'S TAVERN - 8pm Ron LoCurto

TOWN BALLROOM - 7pm Big Wreck
WAITING ROOM - 7pm K-Flay; 7:30pm Paper Route

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY - 11am Laughter Yoga; noon Preventing Falls Through Education and Exercise with Mary Ann Linkowski
BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY - 1-2pm Cardcrafters Club; 1:30-2:30pm Cardcrafter's Club Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 Create beautiful, handmade greeting cards. Experienced and beginning crafters are welcome. This is not a class; we share ideas and techniques. Call 332-4375 for information.
BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY - 6:30-8pm Anime Meet-Up
CEPA GALLERY - 9-5pm Liangxiang Wu A Modern Flaneur's Possession

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HELIUM COMEDY CLUB - 8pm Pablo Francisco
MR. GOODBAR - 8pm Open Comedy Mic
SENECA NIAGARA CASINO - 8pm Noah Gardenswartz & Dustin Ybarra



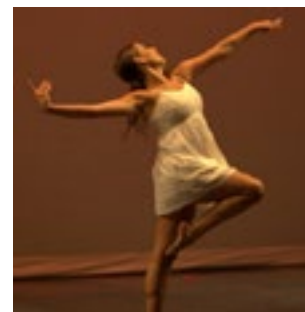
COMMUNITY INTEREST

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE - 10-4pm Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world
DEHAVAN-GRIDER COMMUNITY CENTER - 5-6:30pm PeaceJam Buffalo, For Teens:
GLORIA J. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER - 3-6pm Food For Thought Teen Girls Program
THE MUSIC ROOM - 7pm (music, comedy, poetry) Hosted by Dave Hallett All ages. Loaner instruments if

necessary. In house non-alcohol refreshments. Free popcorn! Professional sound system. Kid/family friendly.

DANCE

UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS - 7:30pm Zodiaque Dance Company



EXHIBITS

STEEL PLANT MUSEUM - 10-5pm A Fair Day's Work: The Role of the Union in the Steel Plants

FILMS/SCREENINGS

RIVIERA THEATRE - 7pm Throwback Thursday Movies 2017

KIDS STUFF

SHERATON AT THE FALLS - 4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food & Drink Specials; 5-8pm Family Fun Night

LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - 4pm Woman's History Month Kickoff



MONTANTE CULTURAL CENTER - 11:30-1:30pm 1917-2017 Celebrating the Centennial of NYS Woman's Right To Vote

LITERARY

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - 8:30-6pm Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 8:30-6pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard
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COMMUNITY CENTER - 6-7pm All Word and No Play Workshop

SPECIALTY/COMMUNITY THEATER

ALLEYWAY THEATRE - 7:30pm Buffalo Quickies
JEWISH CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO/BENDERSON FAMILY BUILDING - 7:30pm, 7:30pm After the Revolution

SPIRITUAL

INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO - 2pm Tarot Readings by Eva Danielle; 2pm Reiki Healing by Claire
SHAMBHALA MEDITATION GROUP OF BUFFALO - 7pm Open Meditation

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ACOUSTIC/FOLK

BUFFALO CIGARS - 7:30-10:30pm Bad Habit Acoustic
THE NINTH WARD AT BABEVILLE - 8pm Dan Bern

UNITY CHURCH OF PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY - 9pm Sam Sugarman
WAGON WHEEL RESTAURANT - 9:30pm Dave Thurman's Songwriter Showcase

BLUES

HOT MAMA'S CANTEEN - 8pm The JT Blues Band
VIZZI'S - 10pm Growler's Blues Band



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CLASSICAL

DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO. - 12-1pm Drew Azzinaro
NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE - noon Andrea Lynch
UB SLEE CONCERT HALL (LIPPES CONCERT HALL) - 7:30pm James Kosnik



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COUNTRY

NASHVILLE'S 2 - 9pm 2 Leftboots
SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - 9:30pm Cale Tyson Band



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DANCE/DJS/ ELECTRONIC

ALLEN BURGER VENTURE - 10pm "Snake n' Stylus. DJ Malik Von Saint and Marcos Ugawdawa playing Disco Punx high class dance rock"
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POLISH VILLA 2 - 8pm Tom Hastings Dance Party

JAZZ

ANCHOR BAR - 8pm The Jazz Example



Jazz Example

TWILIGHT ROOM - 10:30pm Ed Croft Trio

KARAOKE

ARMORY SALOON - 10pm Karaoke at bthe Armory
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PIANO

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MAC'S ON HERTEL - 9pm, 9pm MaryBeth King
MOHAWK PLACE - 5pm Mr Conrad Rock n' Roll Happy Hour; 8pm Del Paxton release show, Slow Cooker, Sonny Baker Band, Yellow House, VWLS
MR. GOODBAR - 8pm MELA & Megalodonis; 10pm The Spin Wires



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ROSE GARDEN

RESTAURANT & GROVE - 7:30pm The Angry Buffalo
SANTORA'S PIZZA PUB & GRILL (MILLERSPORT) - 8pm Cory Klawon
SANTORA'S PIZZA PUB & GRILL (TRANSIT RD.) - 9:30pm Boogie Monsters
SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO - 5:30pm Sky
SHANNON PUB - 7:30pm Penny Whiskey



Penny Whistle

SUGAR CITY - 6pm Rosedale
TALTY'S TAVERN - 9pm Jay Mc Donnell Duo
THE DUGOUT BAR & SPORTS COMPLEX - 7:30pm 55 Main St
TOWN BALLROOM - 7pm Twiddle, Aquevos
WAITING ROOM - 8pm The Griswolds



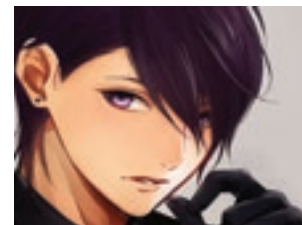
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WATER STREET LANDING - 8:30pm Road Trip

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BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY - 10-noon Knitting Club; 6:30-8pm Anime Meet-Up



CEPA GALLERY - 9-5pm Liangxiang Wu A Modern Flaneur's Possession
THE FAIRGROUNDS - 4-9pm This year's edition of Springtime in the Country features garden art, metal-works, women's fashion, original wall art, custom furniture, designer jewelry, home decor, spa quality bath and beauty products, gourmet foods, children's toys, pottery and so much more.

COMEDY

CLINTON BAR AND GRILL - 9pm Comedy Open Mic The Friday Night Bender
HELIUM COMEDY CLUB - 7:30pm, 7:30pm Pablo Francisco
HELIUM COMEDY CLUB - 10pm Pablo Francisco
THE ARENA - 8pm ComedySportz Buffalo Improvisational Comedy

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BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE - 10-4pm Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world
CLARENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 6-9pm You've Gotta Have Heart- Juried Art Show & Sale in Roycrofters
QUEEN CITY GALLERY - 6-10pm 10 year celebration

DANCE

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ELLCOTT SQUARE BUILDING - 6-10:30pm Blues & Brews with Hayden Fogle Band to benefit Kevin Guest House



Hayden Fogle

LECTURES/ PRESENTATIONS

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH - 7pm World day of Prayer

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF BUFFALO - 7pm Clear Body, Clear Mind

LITERARY

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - 8:30-6pm Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 8:30-6pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard
THE SECOND READER BOOKSHOP - 6pm 2nd Poetry Reading feat, Irene Sipos, Paige Melin, and Vincent Cervone

SEASONAL EVENT

NIAGARA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER (THE NACC) - 6pm 11th Annual Art of Beer



THE FAIRGROUNDS - 5-10pm 24th Annual Advance Auto Parts- Tread City Tire Cavalcade of Cars



SPECIALTY/ COMMUNITY THEATER

ALLEYWAY THEATRE - 7:30pm Buffalo Quickies
ELLCOTT CREEK PLAYHOUSE (ST. EDMUND CAMPUS) - 7:30pm Neil Simon's Rumors
LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE - 7:30pm A Few Good Men

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION POINT

BUFFALO - 2pm Tarot Readings by Eva Danielle; 2pm Reiki Healing by Claire

TOURS

BUFFALO VISITOR CENTER AT THE BRISBANE BLDG - 10am Masters of American Architecture

SAT MAR 4

MUSIC

ACOUSTIC/FOLK

DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO. - 2-3pm Tina Williams
WAGON WHEEL RESTAURANT - 9:30pm Junkyard Dogs

BLUEGRASS

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - 8pm Skiffle Minstrels & Stone Country Band



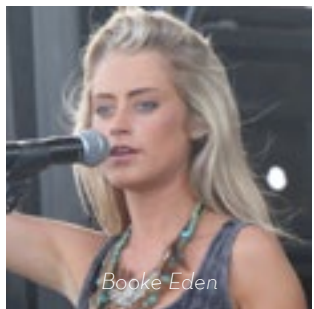
Skiffle Minstrels

BLUES

BROADWAY HOTEL - 4pm Blurock
LEBRO'S - 8:30-11:30pm The River Dogs Blues Band
RAINTREE BAR & GRILL - 2pm Chicago Blues Connection
THE COVE - 2-5pm "Blues Crew" with Joe Dimino, Paul Iannello, Bob Price & Speedy Parker

COUNTRY

ERNIE WEBER'S BEEF AND ALE - 5-10pm Live Country Roundup
venu NIGHTCLUB - 8pm Brooke Eden



Booké Eden

DANCE/DJS/ ELECTRONIC

BLU BAR & GRILLE - 7pm Retro Dance Party; 8pm This week's DJ is DAN DEGOSKIFREE DISCO LESSONS at 8pm with TRISH from the Step by Step TV show

CLUB MARCELLA - 9pm Salvation Saturday Drag Show and Sexy Underwear Contest

DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE BAR - 9pm SNM feat: Scott Down, Daringer, Charlie the Butcher, Milk & Cochise and Keith Concept
MOONEY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL - Homewrecker

EXPERIMENTAL/ IMPROV

DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO. - 7-9pm Naryan Padmanabha

FUNK/SOUL

HYDRAULIC HEARTH - 9:30pm Ron Davis and Ray Haugen



LeeRon Davis

INDIE

WAITING ROOM - 7pm Eisle; 7:30pm Civilian

JAZZ

GIGI'S CUCINA POVERA - 8-11pm Jack Civiletto



Jack Civeletto

MONTANTE CULTURAL CENTER - 7:30pm Buffalo Silver Band

KARAOKE

DOMESTIC STADIUM - 10pm

Karaoke Night

LATIN

ANCHOR BAR - 8-11pm Kevin Doyle and Sol Y Sombra

OPEN MIC

AL-E-OOPS - 9:30pm Eric Joseph

PIANO

MANGIA RISTORANTE - 9pm Piano bar with Jon Lorentz

POP

31 CLUB - 9pm Joe Bolognese and Dolly Durante
PAUSA ART HOUSE - 8pm The Fascinators



The Fascinators

ROCK

ABBEY SQUARE - 8pm Tom Schuh with the Big House Band
ASBURY HALL AT BABEVILLE - 7pm St. Paul & Broken Bones; 8pm St. Paul and the Broken Bones



St. Paul & Broken Bones

BROADWAY HOTEL - 9pm Blind Vision
BUFFALO IRON WORKS - 8pm Beautiful Maladies- A Tribute to the Music of Tom Waits
JACK DEVINE NORTH - 9pm, 9pm Knight Crew
JACK DEVINE'S SOUTH (HAMBURG) - 9pm Boys of Summer
LEBRO'S - 8:30-11:30pm G-Force
LEGEND'S BAR & GRILL - 9pm Saw Red a tribute to Sublime
MOHAWK PLACE - 8pm Handsome Jack, Johnny

Nobody, Deadwolf



Handsome Jack

MR. GOODBAR - 9pm The Andrew Hambridge Band
PIZZA PLANT ITALIAN PUB (TRANSIT RD) - 7:30-10:30pm Bleu and Green



Blue and Green

SANTORA'S PIZZA PUB & GRILL (TRANSIT RD.) - 9:30pm The Rig
SHANNON PUB - 7:30pm Penny Whiskey
STRIKERS LANES - 9pm Zuma- Neil Young Tribute Band
TALTY'S TAVERN - 9pm Emerald Isle with the Panfil Brothers



Panfil Brothers

THE GRILL @ THE DOME - 8-11pm Darrell Porter
TOWN BALLROOM - 7pm Twiddle Aquevos
TUDOR LOUNGE - 9pm BML, Ish Kabbible, Tortoise Forest

TRANSIT LOUNGE - 9:30pm



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

CEPA GALLERY - 12-4pm Liangxiang Wu A Modern Flaneur's Possession; 12-3pm Teen Photo Club with Christian Coronado
HERSCHELL CARROUSEL FACTORY MUSEUM - 9-noon Beginner Woodcarving Classes; 1-4pm Intermediate/Advanced Woodcarving Classes

COMEDY

HELIUM COMEDY CLUB - 7:30pm comedy open mic 10pm Pablo Francisco



Pablo Francisco

THE ARENA - 7pm ComedySportz Buffalo Improvisational Comedy

COMMUNITY INTEREST

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS - 11-1pm HorticultureV; 11-1pm Vegetable and Organic Gardening
BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE - 10-4pm Guitar:

The instrument that rocked the world
BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE 9-noon The Elmwood-Bidwell Farmers Market
CATHOLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE & REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER - 1-3pm EPIC: Every Person Influences Children Parent Workshop
CENTERS HEALTH CARE - 1-3pm Cat Adoption Event
INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO - 9-11am Homeopathy Consultations by Rev. Ellen Bourn; 12-2pm Psychic Healing and Reading by Lory Pollina
LANCASTER-DEPEW MOOSE LODGE - 6-10pm Friends of 554 Meet Raffle

DANCE

NEGLIA BALLET ARTISTS - 9:30-10:15am Hatha Yoga; 10:30-11:30am Pilates/ Floor Barre



Hatha Yoga at Neglia

UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS - 7:30pm Zodiaque Dance Company
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO - 7:30pm Contra dance taught and called by Bev Bernbaum Music by New Brew

EXHIBITS

STEEL PLANT MUSEUM - 1C 5pm A Fair Day's Work: The Role of the Union in the Steel Plants

FILMS/SCREENINGS

RIVIERA THEATRE - 7:30pm Stoogefest XXVI

KIDS STUFF

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE UPTON HALL GALLERY - 1C noon Best Video Game Level Design Grades 6-12
BUFFALO STATE KETCHUM HALL - 10-noon Popups & Comic Books Grades K-5

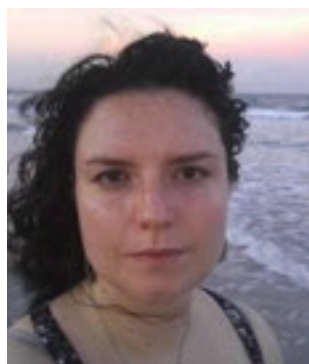
LECTURES/ PRESENTATIONS

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE ROCKWELL HALL - 10:30-noon Love and Destiny in 'La Traviata' with Frank Scinta

TEMPLETON LANDING
- 10-4pm LaToya Fonville
International Christian
Women's Empowerment
Conference Thou Art
Beautiful- Unleashing Destiny

LITERARY

BARNES & NOBLE (TRANSIT RD) - 1-3pm Local Group
Author Book Signing
BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - 8:30-6pm
Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 8:30-6pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard
RUST BELT BOOKS - 4-6pm
Devon Moore & Ed Tato



poet Devon Moore

SEASONAL EVENT

THE FAIRGROUNDS - 10-10pm 24th Annual Advance Auto Parts- Tread City Tire Cavalcade of Cars

SPECIALTY/ COMMUNITY THEATER

ALLEYWAY THEATRE - 7:30pm Buffalo Quickies



ELLCOTT CREEK PLAYHOUSE (ST. EDMUND CAMPUS) - 7:30pm Neil Simon's Rumors
JEWISH CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO/ BENDERSON FAMILY BUILDING - 4pm, 4pm After the Revolution
JEWISH CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO/- 8pm, 8pm After the Revolution
LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE

- 7:30pm A Few Good Men

SPIRITUAL

INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO - 12-3pm Energy Healing & Psychic Life Alignment by Lori Pollina; 2pm Tarot Readings by Eva Danielle
INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO - 2pm Reiki Healing

TOURS

BUFFALO VISITOR CENTER AT THE BRISBANE BLDG - 10am Masters of American Architecture

SUN MAR 5

MUSIC

A CAPPELLA

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 3pm Buffalo Chips

CHORAL

ST. LOUIS CHURCH, EDWARD ST 4pm Camerata di Sant'Antonio Chamber Orchestra & the Canisius College Chorale
ST. LOUIS CHURCH, MAIN ST 4pm Choir of St Louis Church & Canisius College Chorale

CLASSICAL

DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO. - 3-5pm Bell Canto Quartet

JAZZ

COLORED MUSICIANS' CLUB - 6pm Open Jam Session; 6-9pm Live Jam Session
MUSICALFARE THEATRE - 8pm Sophisticated Lady George Caldwell



jazz pianist George Caldwell

THE TRALF MUSIC HALL - 8pm Victor Wooten and Dennis Chambers

KARAOKE

RIVERSIDE PARK INN - 7pm

Karaoke with Eclectic Sound

METAL

WAITING ROOM - 7pm
Power Trip with Iron Reagan

OPEN MIC

MR. GOODBAR - 9pm Keith Shuskie Jr.



Keith Shuskie Jr.

RUSTY NICKEL BREWING CO - 5-8pm acoustic open mic

ROCK

BACKSTAGE PUB - 8pm Jimmy Zigzag and Johnny Jeffery
SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - 5pm Szelest Fest III
WAITING ROOM - 7pm Carniflex; 7pm Rings of Saturn, Carnifex and Despised Icon
WAITING ROOM - 8pm Power Trip

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY INTEREST

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE - 10-4pm Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world
FOUNDRY HOTEL & BANQUET - 12-3pm Buffalo Indie Weddings Bridal Show & Marketplace
THE FOUNDRY - 12-3pm Buffalo Indie Weddings Bridal Show & Marketplace

DANCE

UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS - 2pm Zodiaque Dance Company

FILMS/SCREENINGS

MR. GOODBAR - 7pm Sunday Public Domain Film Night

FUNDRAISERS

SPRUCE MEADOW FARM - 10-3pm 8th Annual Soup's On Benefit for the Horses of Phoenix Rising; 11-3pm 8th Annual "Soup's On" Fundraiser

KIDS STUFF

SHERATON AT THE FALLS - 4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food & Drink Specials

LITERARY

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - 12-5pm Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 12-5pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard

SEASONAL EVENT

BUFFALO RIVERWORKS - 7:30pm 2017 Bloody Mary Fest
THE FAIRGROUNDS - 10-6pm 24th Annual Advance Auto Parts- Tread City Tire Cavalcade of Cars

SPECIALTY/ COMMUNITY THEATER

ELLCOTT CREEK PLAYHOUSE (ST. EDMUND CAMPUS) - 3pm Neil Simon's Rumors
JEWISH CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO/ BENDERSON FAMILY BUILDING - 2pm, 2pm After the Revolution
LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE - 2:30pm A Few Good Men

MON MAR 6

MUSIC

COUNTRY

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - 7pm Stone Country Band

DANCE/DJS/ ELECTRONIC

MOONEY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL - 7:30pm DJ Trivia

JAZZ

COLORED MUSICIANS' CLUB - 7pm George Scott Big Band

OPEN MIC

BACKSTAGE PUB - 8-11pm Michael Hund
GENE MCCARTHY'S - 7pm Mike P; 8-11pm Open Mic
TALTY'S TAVERN - 7pm 1st Monday of every Month: Charlie O'Neill Guitar Club
OPEN MIC = ALL WELCOME = 7:00pm
HOSTED BY: Jim Brucato
THE ALLEY CAT - 9pm Bobby Angel

ROCK

MOHAWK PLACE - 5pm Carousel Kings, Abandoned By Bears & Bad Case of Bad Mouth; 5pm Carousel Kings, Abandoned By Bears, Bad Case of Big Mouth, Ovtlier, Into the Wake, This In Real Life, Beauty In Grey

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMEDY

TUDOR LOUNGE - 8:30pm Comedy Open Mic

COMMUNITY INTEREST

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS - 8:45-10:45am Intermediate Watercolors
BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE - 10-4pm Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world
GYPSY PARLOR - 8pm Trivia with Geeks who Drink
INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO - 12-2pm Psychic Healing and Readings by Lory Pollina

DANCE

NEGLIA BALLET ARTISTS - 5:45-7:15pm Adult Ballet; 7-8:30pm Adult Ballet for Beginners

KIDS STUFF

SHERATON AT THE FALLS - 4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food & Drink Specials

LECTURES/ PRESENTATIONS

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF BUFFALO - 7pm Dianetics Lecture
ECC SOUTH CAMPUS - 6-10pm Jessica DiPalma Darlene Colley Kelly Hayes-Mcalonie
WEST SIDE BAZAAR - 5:30-6:30pm Positioning Yourself and our Business for Success

LITERARY

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - 8:30-6pm Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 8:30-6pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard

RECREATION/GAMES

EPIC RESTAURANT & LOUNGE - 8pm Epic Movie Trivia Night!
EXPO MARKET - 6:30pm

Foosball Night

SPECIAL EVENT

MILLENNIUM AIRPORT BUFFALO HOTEL - 5pm 2016 Executive of the Year Jeremy Jacobs award ceremony

SPIRITUAL

INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO - 12-3pm Energy Healing & Psychic Life Alignment by Lori Pollina; 2pm Reiki Healing by Claire

TUES MAR 7

MUSIC

ACOUSTIC/FOLK

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - 9:30pm John Culliton Mahoney

CLASSICAL

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE - 7:30pm Violint Mari Kimura

COUNTRY

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - 6pm Twang Gang

DANCE/DJS/ ELECTRONIC

DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE BAR - 8pm Neo Soul with Mike DiSanto's Verse

JAZZ

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - noon Joe Baudo Big Band

KARAOKE

BLU BAR & GRILLE - 8pm Karaoke by Steve Urge

OPEN MIC

CLARENCE CENTER COFFEE CO. - 7:30-10:30pm karaoke; 7:30-10:30pm Doc Stuart Shapiro
CLINTON BAR AND GRILL - 8-11pm Jony James
COYOTE CAFE - 9:30pm Keith Shuskie
FLATTERY'S IRISH PUB - 9:30pm Tyler Massaro



Tyler Massaro

GENE MCCARTHY'S - 7-9pm
Trivial Tuesday
GYPSY PARLOR - 8pm
TuTuTuesday and Open Mic
**MILKIE'S ON ELMWOOD
(FORMERLY ELMWOOD
LOUNGE)** - 8pm Open Mic
THE ALLEY CAT - 9pm
Bobby Angel
THE GROOVE LOUNGE -
7:30-11:30pm Bringing the
lovers of Blues and Soul
together, networking in the
Blues Community, mentoring
in the genres and good times!

ROCK

BUFFALO IRON WORKS -
8pm Pink Talking Fish



Pink Talking Fish

MOHAWK PLACE - 8pm
Gosh!, Little Cake
TGI FRIDAY (SHERATON) -
7pm Steve Balesteri



Steve Balesteri

THE TRALF MUSIC HALL -
8pm Adrian Belew Power Trio
WAITING ROOM - 7pm, 7pm
Attila

WORLD BEAT/ INTERNATIONAL

**MONTANTE CULTURAL
CENTER** - 7:30pm Buffalo
Tango Orchestra Concert

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY
- Adult Coloring Tuesdays,
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Our
Adult Coloring Club is a great
way to relax and meet new
friends. This is not a class and
is very casual. Call 332-4375
for information.; 4:30-5pm
Ukulele For Kids
BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY
- 5:30-6:30pm Ukulele Sing
and Play; 6-8pm Knitting Club

COMMUNITY INTEREST

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY
BOTANICAL GARDENS**
- 8:45-11:15am Beginner
Watercolors
**BUFFALO MUSEUM OF
SCIENCE** - 10-4pm Guitar:
The instrument that rocked
the world
GLORIA J. PARKS
COMMUNITY CENTER - 3-
6pm Food For Thought Teen
Girls Program
INSPIRATION POINT
BUFFALO - 9:30-11:30am
Homeopathy Consultations
by Rev. Ellen Bourn; 4-6pm
Metaphysical Medicine
Astrology Readings by Aaron
Fried
THE LODGE BAR & GRILL -
8pm Trivia Night

DANCE

NEGLIA BALLET ARTISTS
- 6:30-7:30pm Yoga By
Bonnie Series

EXHIBITS

STEEL PLANT MUSEUM - 10-
5pm A Fair Day's Work: The
Role of the Union in the Steel
Plants

KIDS STUFF

SHERATON AT THE FALLS -
4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food
& Drink Specials
TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE
- 10-noon Join Us Volunteer
Trainig

LECTURES/ PRESENTATIONS

MEDAILLE COLLEGE - 5:45-
8:30pm Marketing Your Small
Business & Getting Your
Small Business Online
**TRINITY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH (BUFFALO)** -
7-8:30pm Exploring Our
Dreams Together
UB COMMONS (NORTH

CAMPUS - 12-1:30pm
Unequal Representation: Get
More Women Elected

LITERARY

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 8:30-6pm
Milestones of Science: Books
that Shook the World!; 8:30-
6pm Celebrating 400 years
of Shakespeare: Reflecting on
the Life of the Bard

RECREATION/GAMES

BALLYHOO BAR & GRILL -
8pm Geeks Who Drink Pub
Quiz



SPIRITUAL

INSPIRATION POINT
BUFFALO - 2pm Reiki Healing
by Claire; 2pm Spirit Art
Readings

WED MAR 8

MUSIC

ACOUSTIC/FOLK

UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS
- noon WYRK Transitowne
Acoustic Concert

BLUES

ALTERNATIVE BREWS - 8-
11:30pm Blues Pro-Jam with
Big Sauce Trio with special
guests



Big Sauce Trio

CELTIC/IRISH

SHANNON PUB - 6:30pm
Joe Head



Joe Head

CLASSICAL

DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.
- 12:30-1:30pm Devon Kelly

DANCE/DJS/ ELECTRONIC

**DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE
BAR** - 9pm Dolla Dolla Beer
Ya'll with DJ Charles Masters
**EPIC RESTAURANT &
LOUNGE** - 10:30pm Ladies
Night and DJ
**MOONEY'S SPORTS BAR &
GRILL** - 7:30pm DJ Trivia
**PAN AMERICAN GRILL &
BREWERY** - 5:30pm DJ
Trivia

JAZZ

GIGI'S CUCINA POVERA - 7-
9pm Reuben Beenau
SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN -
noon Joe Baudo Quartet

KARAOKE

OZONE - 9pm Karaoke
Nights

OPEN MIC

ANCHOR INN - 7-11pm J C
Thompson



JC Thompson

**ASHKER'S JUICE BAR &
CAFE** - 7-10pm Cosmic
BYRD HOUSE - 9pm Phil
Elinsky
**MILKIE'S ON ELMWOOD
(FORMERLY ELMWOOD
LOUNGE)** - 8pm Comedy

Open Mic
MUG & MUSKET - 7pm Dave
Thurman & Ray Barry
OUR BAR - 8pm Open Mic
Blues Jam
**PEACE OF MIND COFFEE
SHOP** - 7-10pm Keith Shuskie
PENNY LANE CAFE - 7-10pm
A J
RUDEBOYZ ARTWORK - 6-
9pm Mic Da Network hosted
by Cire Luey Freeman
STAMPS BAR - 8-11pm Arrow
**STOCKMAN'S TAVERN &
GROVE** - 8pm Tom Seitz
THE PENALTY BOX -
10pm Open Jam with Matt
Ruschmann
TUDOR LOUNGE - 10pm
Todd Allen

POP

PAUSA ART HOUSE - 7pm
Sid Winkler Trio



Sid Winkler Trio

ROCK

HYDEOUT - 8pm Randy
California's Open jam
**MARINARO'S LARKIN
TAVERN** - 5:30-8pm Alfie
Alessandra/Alan Knoll Duo



Alfie Alessandra

TGI FRIDAY (SHERATON) -
7pm Steve Balesteri

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY INTEREST

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY
BOTANICAL GARDENS**
- 5:30-8pm Beginner

Watercolors; 5:30-6:45pm
Gentle Hatha Yoga
**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY
BOTANICAL GARDENS** - 7-
8:15pm Gentle Power Flow
Yoga/Pilates
**BUFFALO MUSEUM OF
SCIENCE** - 10-4pm Guitar:
The instrument that rocked
the world
DARWIN MARTIN HOUSE -
6:30-8:30pm Martin House
Docent Training
INSPIRATION POINT
BUFFALO - 1-5pm Tarot
Readings by Eva Danielle
every Wednesday
TRINITY CHURCH - 6pm
International Women's Day
Celebration

DANCE

BLU BAR & GRILLE - 7pm
Dance lessons by Salsa for
the Soul
NEGLIA BALLET ARTISTS -
7-8am Barre Fitness
TRINITY CHURCH - 7pm
Dances and Drums for
Universal Peace
UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS
- 7:30pm UB Theatre and
Dance Presents 10 out of 12

FILMS/SCREENINGS

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF BUFFALO**
- 9:30-11:30am Visitors
From The Concert Hall Part
Two- The Americans: Virgil
Thompson & Aaron Copeland

KIDS STUFF

SHERATON AT THE FALLS -
4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food
& Drink Specials
TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE
- 12:30-2:30pm Homeschool
Series: The Web of Life

LECTURES/ PRESENTATIONS

**CHURCH OF
SCIENTOLOGY OF
BUFFALO** - 6:45pm You
can be more able than you
are. A recorded lecture by
L. Ron Hubbard, founder of
Dianetics and Scientology.
\$15. 856-3910; 7pm Clear
Body, Clear Mind
**CHURCH OF
SCIENTOLOGY OF
BUFFALO** - 7pm Dianetics
Lecture
**GOOD SHEPHERD
COMMUNITY OF FAITH** -
7-8:30pm Timothy Logsdon,
MSEd, LMHC, NCC; owner
and operator of Inner Quest.
Counseling Services will be
leading us in a FAMILY AND
FRIENDS OF ADDICTED

ARTVOICE CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS: SEND TO CALENDAR@ARTVOICE.COM. WITH ADDRESS, & PHONE NUMBER OF VENUE ALONG WITH THE DATE & TIME & A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EVENT.

PERSONS: SUPPORTAND
EDUCATIONAL GROUP.
INNOVATION CENTER -
8:30-11am Breakthrough
Thinking
SAMUEL'S GRANDE
MANOR - 4-9pm Reach Out
Networking Dinner; 6pm
Kristen Stapleton

LITERARY

LAKIIN SQUARE

No Frills Buffalo authors
Michael FARRELL AND John
Howell from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
in The Filling Station restau-
rant in Larkin Square to dis-
cuss their recent books, all set
in Buffalo. The talk is free and
open to the public.

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 8:30-6pm
Milestones of Science: Books
that Shook the World!; 8:30-
6pm Celebrating 400 years
of Shakespeare: Reflecting on
the Life of the Bard
**GLORIA J. PARKS
COMMUNITY CENTER** -
3:30-4:30pm All Word and
No Play Workshop

RECREATION/GAMES

MAIN STREET GALLERY -
8:30pm The Players Chess
Club



SPIRITUAL

**INSPIRATION POINT
BUFFALO** - 2pm Tarot
Readings by Eva Danielle;
2pm Reiki Healing by Claire

**THURS
MAR 9**

MUSIC

ACOUSTIC/FOLK

DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.
- 12:30-1:30pm Tyler Westcott
& Co.
**UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN
CIVIC CENTER** - 9pm Lance
Drake acoustic show

BLUES

727 ELMWOOD - 8-10pm
Fritz The Kat
ABBEY SQUARE - 8:30pm
Open Blues Jam
LAUREL AND HARDY'S -
9pm Pro Blues Jam
SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN - 7-
9pm Freighttrain

CLASSICAL

PAUSA ART HOUSE - 7pm
Miriam's Benefit Concert

COUNTRY

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN -
12-2:15pm Mark plays classic
country with The Lunchtime
Classic Country Review

DANCE/DJS/ ELECTRONIC

BLU BAR & GRILLE - 7pm
Dancing All Night with DJ's
Nino and Henry from LVP.
**DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE
BAR** - 9pm Throwback
Thursdays with DJ Charles
Masters
MOONEY'S - 8pm DJ Trivia

JAZZ

**COLORED MUSICIANS'
CLUB** - 8pm Carol
McLaughlin
DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.
- 5-6:30pm Evening Jazz::
Fred Caputi

KARAOKE



727 ELMWOOD - 9pm
Karaoke night
GARDEN PARK CAFE - 8pm
Dan's Nightly Karaoke
GYPSY PARLOR - 9pm
Karaoke
HAT TRIX BAR AND GRILL -
10pm karaoke
**ROCKIN' BUFFALO
SALOON** - 7pm Rock and Roll
Rich
STERLING PLACE - 9pm Tom
Tom

OPEN MIC

COUZINS - 8-11:30pm
Bouncin' off the Walls
GONZOS - 11pm Andy Geier
and Joe Batt

O'NEILL'S STADIUM INN -
10pm Cory Klawon & Dustin
Francis
SPOT COFFEE (DELAWARE)
- 7-9pm Open Mic
**T.C. WHEELERS BAR &
PIZZERIA** - 8-11pm Michael
Hund
TAP HOUSE PUB & GRILL - 7-
10pm Keith Shuskie Jr
**WAGON WHEEL
RESTAURANT** - 8:30pm
Thursday Night Jams with
Chuck DeRose



Chuck DeRose

PIANO

**DICK AND JENNY'S BAKE
AND BREW** - 6:30-9:30pm
Don Burns Ragtime Player

ROCK

MOHAWK PLACE - 8pm
Pilgrim, Heavy Temple, Nine
Layers Deep, Malarchuk
TALTY'S TAVERN - 8pm Jony
James and JJ White



Jony James

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY
- 11am Laughter Yoga; noon
Preventing Falls Through
Education and Exercise with
Mary Ann Linkowski
BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY
- 1-2pm Cardcrafters Club;
1:30-2:30pm Cardcrafter's
ClubThursdays from 1:30
-2:30Create beautiful,
handmade greeting cards.
Experienced and beginning
crafters are welcome. This is
not a class; we share ideas
and techniques. Call 332-
4375 for information.
BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY
- 6:30-8pm Anime Meet-Up

COMEDY

MR. GOODBAR - 8pm Open
Comedy Mic

COMMUNITY INTEREST



**BUFFALO MUSEUM OF
SCIENCE** - 10-4pm Guitar:
The instrument that rocked
the world
**DEHAVAN-GRIDER
COMMUNITY CENTER** - 5-
6:30pm PeaceJam Buffalo,
For Teens:
**GLORIA J. PARKS
COMMUNITY CENTER** - 3-
6pm Food For Thought Teen
Girls Program
THE MUSIC ROOM - 7pm
(music, comedy, poetry)
Hosted by Dave HallettAll
ages. Loaner instruments if
necessary. In house non-al-
cohol refreshments. Free
popcorn! Professional sound
system. Kid/family friendly.

DANCE

UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS
- 7:30pm UB Theatre and
Dance Presents 10 out of 12

EXHIBITS

STEEL PLANT MUSEUM - 10-
5pm A Fair Day's Work: The
Role of the Union in the Steel
Plants

FILMS/SCREENINGS

RIVIERA THEATRE - 7pm
Throwback Thursday Movies
2017

KIDS STUFF

SHERATON AT THE FALLS
- 4-6:30pm Happy Hour
Food & Drink Specials; 5-8pm
Family Fun Night

LITERARY

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 8:30-6pm
Milestones of Science: Books
that Shook the World!; 8:30-
6pm Celebrating 400 years
of Shakespeare: Reflecting on
the Life of the Bard
**GLORIA J. PARKS
COMMUNITY CENTER** - 6-
7pm All Word and No Play
Workshop

SPECIALTY/ COMMUNITY THEATER

ALLEYWAY THEATRE -
7:30pm Buffalo Quickies
LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE
- 7:30pm A Few Good Men
**TONAWANDA SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL** - 7pm Shrek The
Musical
**WEST SENECA EAST
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL** -
7pm Godspell

SPIRITUAL

**INSPIRATION POINT
BUFFALO** - 2pm Tarot
Readings by Eva Danielle;
2pm Reiki Healing by Claire
**SHAMBHALA MEDITATION
GROUP OF BUFFALO** - 7pm
Open Meditation

TOURS/HIKES

TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE
- 10-noon Wellness
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year)10AM-12PMAll AgesTiftt
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EVENTS & OPENINGS

ART247

247 MARKET ST, NIAGARA COUNTY

Sat March 4, 1-4pm: Black, White & One Color Photo Exhibition

BUFFALO CENTER FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

buffaloartstechcenter.org

1221 MAIN ST (259-1680)

Fri March 3, 6-8pm: WHO WE ARE: Works of BCAT High Schoolers

INDIGO ART GALLERY

47 ALLEN ST (984-9572)

Felice Koenig Drawings and Paintings; Fri March 3, 6-9pm: Felice Koenig Drawings and Paintings; Felice Koenig Drawings and Paintings

PAUSA ART HOUSE pausaarthouse.com

19 WADSWORTH ST

Fri March 3, 6pm: Fotini Galanes Solo Art exhibit

STARLIGHT GALLERY,

340 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202. The opening reception for *Partial.download*, featuring original artwork by artist Jessica Langley, is Friday, March 3rd, from 7-9 PM at Work by Starlight Artists Eric Johnson and Lisa Van Hise will also be on display. The exhibit will be on view through March 31st.

EXHIBITS

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247 MARKET ST, NIAGARA COUNTY

Black, White & One Color Photo Exhibition; Black, White & One Color Photo Exhibition

ARTISTS GROUP GALLERY

wnyag.com

1 LINWOOD AVE (885-2251)

Western New York Artists Group 21st Annual Juried Members Exhibition Traditional Works Installation; Western New York Artists Group 21st Annual Juried Members Exhibition Traditional Works Installation

BETTY'S RESTAURANT

bettysbuffalo.com

370 VIRGINIA ST (362-0633)

UNANTICIPATEDRELATIONSHIPS by Karen Tashjian; UNANTICIPATEDRELATIONSHIPS by Karen Tashjian

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WHO WE ARE: Works of BCAT High Schoolers; Sat March 4, 6:30-8:30pm: Teaching Artists Rock: A First Friday Affair; WHO WE ARE: Works of BCAT High Schoolers

CASTELLANI ART MUSEUM

purple.niagara.edu/cam

5795 LEWISTON RD, LEWISTON (286-8200)

Chinese Folk Poetry; Chinese Folk Poetry

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617 MAIN ST (856-2717)

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DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.

1862 HERTEL AVE (551-0661)

The Female Palette; The Female Palette

NIAGARA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER (THE NACC) thenacc.org

1201 PINE AVE, NIAGARA (282-7530)

Artists of Color: Freedom; Artists of Color: Freedom

NINA FREUDENHEIM GALLERY

ninafreudenheimgallery.com

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Black And White

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ROYCROFT POWER HOUSE

39 S GROVE ST, AURORA

Linoleum Block Prints of Yoshiko Yamamoto

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squeaky.org

617 MAIN ST (884-7172)

Sondra Perry: flesh out

SUGAR CITY buffalosugarcity.org

1239 NIAGARA ST

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THE BENJAMIN ART GALLERY

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Claire Ashley: Loathsome Beauty Loaded Body; Claire Ashley: Loathsome Beauty Loaded Body

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Dept of Art MFA Class of 2018; Scrrren Projects: Andrea Chung; Ebony Patterson: Dead Treez explores Jamaican dancehall subculture; Dept of Art MFA Class of 2018; Ebony G. Patterson: Dead Treez explores Jamaican dancehall subculture; Scrrren Projects: Andrea Chung

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villa.edu/art_gallery.html

240 PINE RIDGE TERRACE, CHEEKTOWAGA (961-1833)

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raintreebar.com**MARTIN HOUSE** 125 Jewett Pkwy West Seneca884-7172squeaky.org**MARVIN'S BAR & GRILL** 7675 Goodrich Rd Clarence (741-3431, yelp.com/biz/marvin-s-bar-and-grill-clarence-center-2)

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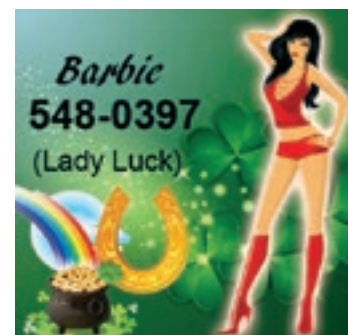
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DISASTROUS WEEKEND LEAVES SABRES REELING

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Technically and mathematically speaking, the Buffalo Sabres are still alive for a 7th or 8th seed and entry into this year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

That being said, it was an exasperating exercise watching the Sabres put together a bit of a run, including a thrilling Saturday matinee win at home against St. Louis before a full throated, playoff atmosphere raucous crowd, only to turn in a tired and lackluster performance against Chicago one night later.

Fans leaving the arena following the St. Louis game and checking the standings saw their team one, just ONE, point behind 8th place and an entry ticket into the promised land.

But from there the pain just intensified. The team went on their first annual "bye week", and everyone could only watch helplessly as teams in the tightly competitive bottom of the eastern conference standings piled up the points, leapfrogging over the vacationing Sabres. And the dire predictions, of how teams coming out of their "bye" don't usually perform well upon their return, became prophetic, as the Sabres lost twice to the

two league's worst teams this past weekend, effectively ending their playoff chances. If nothing else, the lost weekend cemented the seller mindset which General Manager Tim Murray must have embraced as the league went into this week's trade deadline.

Irrespective of the team's occasional runs and head fakes, Murray most likely pulled the trigger weeks ago on the overall plan to not bolster the team's flagging hopes with rental players or bold moves.

Earlier this month, Murray gave a lengthy interview on WGR sports radio. His comments were illustrative as to where the team stands right now. "We're still somewhere in that rebuild. We're certainly not at the bottom of it, but we're not close to the top." He went on to say, "We're trying to be better and have been in certain areas. But when you get to the bottom, you can't snap your fingers and lean how to win. This is a process and we're sticking with it."

What is less clear is to what extent Murray is feeling the heat from team ownership and executive management following the team's deliberate attempt at failure to secure the rights to draft Connor McDavid. That didn't

happen. Two marquee trades have turned out to be disasters... the multi player trade to Winnipeg has brought us Evander Kane, who may have at last shaken off his off ice troubles. It also gave us Zack Bogosian for Tyler Myers. Anyone want to take that one back?

Talented defenseman and former first round draft pick Mark Pysyk was swapped to Florida for Dimitri Kulikov. Pysyk is thriving as a Panther, with 2 goals and 11 points and a plus 2 rating in all 60 games he has played this year. As for Kulikov? Anyone want to take that one back?

With all the chaos happening at One Bills Drive these past two months, Murray may be able to quietly slide through this season, and then deliver on the team's most urgent needs - upgrades at defense and need for more scoring at the top of that list. Besides, the crowds at KeyBank Center are as full and robust as they have ever been. Tickets are selling, the fan base is on board, the team has, ahem, improved from the dark reaches of two seasons ago.

For those still hanging on to faint hopes that the Sabres can still make this season happen, consider this... 96 to 98 points

has been the threshold for teams to snag that last playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. As of this past weekend, the Sabres had 62 points with 21 games left on the schedule. So that would mean that the team would have to get 35 points, or 17 wins in their remaining games to get to postseason play. On the March calendar is a home and home series against the powerful Columbus Blue Jackets, another west coast swing mid month when the NCAA basketball tournament comes to town, and two home games with the Toronto Maple Leafs, a team the Sabres have owned forever. Until this year.

Circle late April for the annual draft lottery. Right now the Sabres have a 6% chance of winning the lottery based on their current

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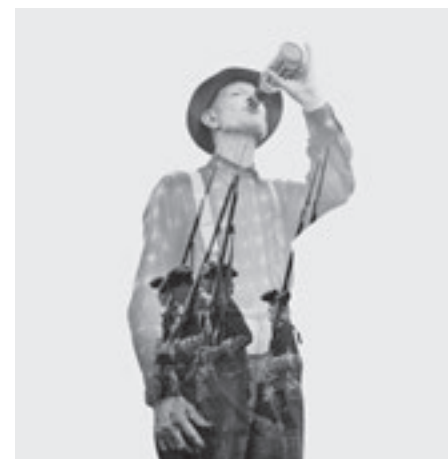
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