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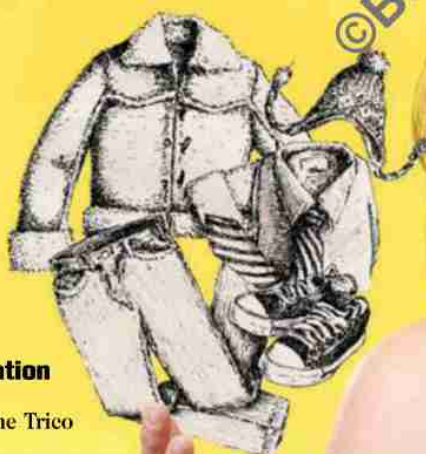
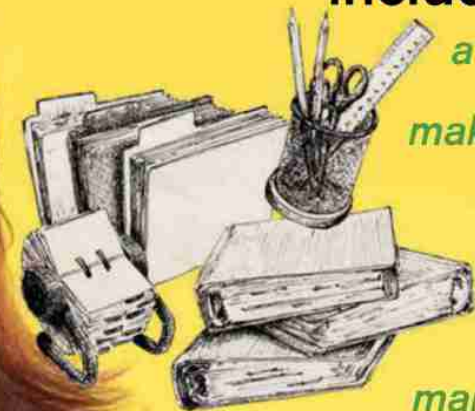
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How to combat clutter, including:

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when life gives you junk, make art!

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Fundraisers/ Casinos, Paris, and the perfect handbag

BY TERRI PARSELL HILMEY

Welcome spring and enjoy the pleasures of Paris, the decadence of gaming, or the thrill of finding the perfect handbag, solving a mystery, or dancing the night away at any number of marvelous charity events this month.

21st Annual Fortune Auction

Beneficiary: Nardin Academy.
6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, at Nardin Academy, 135 Cleveland Avenue, Buffalo. Tickets: \$100; call Joan Wadsworth at 881-6262, ext. 1861, or visit www.nardin.org.

This year's event, "An Evening in Paris," will feature a French-influenced menu (and a magnificent Eiffel Tower ice sculpture) during a sit-down dinner catered by Rich's. Silent auction items range from luggage to jewelry, and the live auction with Cash Cunningham will offer trips, electronics, more fine jewelry, and tickets to special events. Nardin music teacher and popular local bandleader Mark Mazur and his Little Big Band will entertain after dinner. Last year's dinner raised more than \$200,000 to support Nardin's scholarship and annual funds.

Casino Night

Beneficiary: The Junior League of Buffalo.
7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, at The Webb Building, 90 Pearl Street, Buffalo. Tickets: \$75 per person or \$125 VIP (includes private bar and some private gaming tables); call Jill Beck at 884-8865, or go to www.jlbuffalo.org.

This is the first year for this unique event, which features, among other things, roulette, blackjack, craps, and poker. The attire is casino casual/Vegas upscale; if you'd wear it to a Vegas casino, you can wear it here. A DJ will provide music throughout the evening, and you might even see a Frank Sinatra impersonator. Guests will play for raffle tickets that will enable them to bid on high-end baskets. Funds raised will be reinvested into the community.

9th Annual Ray of Hope Gala

Beneficiary: The Matthew Foster Foundation.
5:30 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 6461 Transit Road, Depew. Tickets: \$150 per couple; call Burt Foster at 652-1880, or check out www.matthewfosterfoundation.com.

There's an eighties theme to this year's event, with music from the decade, and remembrances of eighties games and television shows. (*Night Court*, anyone?) Cocktails last until seven p.m. and are followed by dinner, light entertainment, and a live auction during dessert. Afterwards, there's dancing with a live band. Proceeds support the Matthew Foster Foundation's mission of providing financial

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support (hospital copays, rent, utilities, etc.) to families caring for a child with cancer.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Beneficiary: SASi (Suburban Adult Services, Inc.).
5:30 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, at Michael's Banquet Facility, 4885 Southwestern Boulevard, Orchard Park. Tickets: \$75 per couple; call Lynn Kelly at 805-1555, ext. 211, or visit www.sasinc.org.

Three sweet old ladies take a shine to the handsome bachelor who moves in across the street. When they discover he's a detective, hilarious attempts to get his attention ensue. SASi's annual Murder Mystery Dinner is an interactive evening between the AM Lockport Players and the guests. Before the fun begins, there is a cocktail hour with food stations and passed hors d'oeuvres, and an auction of about 150 baskets. Proceeds from the event help SASi provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities in WNY.

Handbag Happy Hour



Beneficiary: Everywoman Opportunity Center.
6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 16, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 6461 Transit Road, Depew. Tickets: \$50; call Kristin Scholz at 380-8565, or go to www.everywoman.org.

Guests can bid on more than 300 handbags in the silent auction and another eight to ten high-end handbags (some bundled with spa packages) at a live auction emceed by 102.5's Sue O'Neil. There will also be celebrity bags donated by Cindy Crawford and Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, as well as local favorites Wendie Malick and Christine Baranski. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be available throughout the evening (both passed and at stations), and fine desserts from local bakeries will cap off the evening. Proceeds support Everywoman's mission of helping WNY women achieve personal and economic independence.

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Agenda/March

Except where noted, all events take place in Buffalo (area code 716). Got an event of your own to publicize? Send details to: elicata@buffalospree.com. Don't see your event here? You can add it to our online calendar at www.buffalospree.com.



MARCH 2

Martin Sexton at Asbury Hall

1 SEAsonings
The Aquarium of Niagara's flavorful fundraiser offers samples of food and wine.
6-9 p.m. at the Aquarium of Niagara, 101 Whirlpool Street, Niagara Falls; 285-5292 or www.aquariumofniagara.org.

Emperor and Galilean
An adaptation of Ibsen's self-proclaimed masterwork.
8 p.m. through Mar. 25 at Torn Space Theater, (612 Fillmore Ave.; 812-5733 or www.tornspace.com).

Fish Out of Water
A comedy set in a rural Irish village in which a young woman moves in next door to a man with a strange secret and a nosy wife.
Through Mar. 25 at ICT's Andrews Theatre, (625 Main St.; 853-ICTC or www.irishclassicaltheatre.com).

Buffalo Quickies
The twenty-first annual festival of one-act plays features world premieres of recent finalists.
Through Mar. 17 at the Alleyway Theatre, (1 Curtain Up Alley; 852-2600 or www.alleyway.com).

An Elegy for Stanley Gorski
Subversive Theatre presents the late Manny Fried's drama.
Through March 31 at the Manny Fried Playhouse, (255 Great Arrow Ave.; 408-0499 or subversivetheatre.org).

Mugsy Sent Me
A 1920s interactive dinner theater experience.
7 p.m. on Mar. 1 and 2 at Bianchetti's by Rizzo's (550 N. French Rd., Amherst), 4 p.m. on Mar. 3 at the Christ United Methodist Church (350 Saratoga Rd., Amherst), and 7 p.m. on Mar. 9 and 4 p.m. on



MARCH 2

Rachelle Ferrell at the Tralf

Mar. 1 at Magruders (4996 Broadway, Depew); 907-7529 or www.amherstplayers.org.
2 Martin Sexton
The singer-songwriter is a Syracuse native.
7 p.m. doors at Asbury Hall, (341 Delaware Ave.; 852-3835 or www.babevillebuffalo.com).

Wines of the World
The Rotary Club of Buffalo's largest annual fundraiser.
6-9 p.m. at the Statter, (107 Delaware Ave.; 854-3397 or www.rotarywinesoftheworld.org).

Regis Philbin
The former host of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* will be accompanied by an eighteen-piece orchestra.
8 p.m. at the Seneca Niagara Casino, (4th Street, Niagara Falls; 278-1200 or www.senecaniagaracasinom.com).

M&T First Fridays
A free day of fun at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.
10 a.m.-10 p.m. at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, (1285 Elmwood Ave.; 882-8700 or www.albrightknox.org).

First Fridays Allentown
This month will include a solo exhibit for photographer Cheryl Gorski at La Tee Da Cafe, 206 Allen Street, from 5 to 11 p.m.
6-9 p.m. in Allentown, (www.firstfridaysallentown.com/events/firstfriday/index.html).

Time Stands Still
Donald Marguiles's play is about a photojournalist and foreign correspondent.
Through Mar. 25 at the Kavinoky Theatre at D'Youville College, (320 Porter Ave.; 829-7668 or www.kavinokytheatre.com).



MARCH 4

Jennifer Johnson Cano at Kleinhans

Richard Goode
The visiting pianist performs Schumann, Brahms, and Chopin.
7:30 p.m. at Lippes Concert Hall in Slee Hall, (University at Buffalo North Campus; 645-2921 or www.slee.buffalo.edu).

Rachelle Ferrell
The contemporary jazz singer has been performing since the age of six.
6:30 and 9:30 p.m. doors, 7:30 and 10 p.m. shows, at the Tralf Music Hall, (622 Main St.; 852-2860 or www.tralfmusic.com).

Greater Tuna
A comedy of small town morals where two actors create the entire population of Tuna, Texas.
Through Mar. 11 at the Lancaster Opera House, (21 Central Ave., Lancaster; 683-1776 or www.lancopera.org).

Glenn Miller Orchestra
The band that has toured since 1956 performs two shows with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.
10:30 a.m. on Mar. 2 and 8 p.m. on Mar. 3 at Kleinhans Music Hall, (Symphony Circle; 885-5000 or www.bpo.org).

3 Buffalo Stamp Club: BUFPEX 2012
Buffalo's oldest and largest stamp show features dealers and collectors, as well as free admission, parking, and door prizes.
10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Mar. 3 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Mar. 4 at the VFV Leonard Post, (2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga; 633-8358 or www.buffalostampclub.org).

Buffalo Shamrock Run
Annual run-St. Patrick's day 8K run, also featuring a postrace party.



MARCH 4

Tea and Tour at Kenan Center

Noon at Old First Ward Community Center, (62 Republic St.; 856-8613 or www.buffaloshamrockrun.com).

Buckwheat Zydeco
One of the world's true zydeco stars performs.
8 p.m. at the Seneca Niagara Casino, (4th Street, Niagara Falls; 278-1200 or www.senecaniagaracasinom.com).

Birding on the River
Search for migratory waterfowl and other wintering birds.
10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Beaver Island and Buckhorn Island State Parks, (Grand Island; 282-5154).

4 CCSO Winter Concert
The Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra performs with guest violinist Thomas Halpin.
3 p.m. at Villa Maria College, (240 Pine Ridge Rd.; www.cheektowagasymphony.com).

Nickel City Chef
Nickel City Chef Brian Mietus of Bacchus takes on challenger Dunbar Berdine of Black Rock Kitchen & Bar.
Doors at 2:20 p.m., event 3-5:15 p.m., at Artisan Kitchens & Baths, (200 Amherst St.; www.nickelcitychef.com).

Lenten Reflections
The Buffalo Choral Arts Society performs Lenten and spring music.
3 p.m. on Mar. 4 at the Calvary Episcopal Church, (20 Milton St., Williamsville) and 3 p.m. on Mar. 11 at St. Amelia Roman Catholic Church (2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda.) (812-1541 or www.buffalochoralarts.org).

A Gift to the Community Concert Series: Jennifer Johnson Cano
This Buffalo Chamber Music Society performance features

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