

THE WEEK IN HISTORY**The first parade**

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:

31 Years Ago: Syracuse's first modern St. Patrick's parade was founded in 1983 by journalist Nancy Duffy, and introduced 20 floats, 3 bands, 100 volunteers, and 30,000 viewers. Ten years later, the parade had grown to include 300 floats, 20 bands, 500 volunteers and almost 100,000 spectators. In 1995, a 60-foot tall Gumby was the star attraction. The 2½-hour parade in 1999 featured 5,000 marchers and 300 floats highlighted by the St. Lucy's Church float carrying a replica of the church and its steeple damaged by the Labor Day Storm of 1998.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*