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# All I Want for Christmas ...



Santa reads letters from children sent from all over the world as Christmas gets closer.

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Want for Christmas is ... A real, live bunny that hops and makes me laugh. - Ava Smith

A giant octopus that eats everyone that isn't nice. -Pharaoh Cacho

A real furry black and white and pink cat. -Jermahne Copeland A Barbie Dream House. -

Kaylene Wilcox

A new baby brother. - Hes-

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A Barbie Doll. - Lola Go-

An Army toy, because 1 want to be a soldier. - Jaxon Parker

A microphone, so I can sing really loud!-Ari Lynch To play with my sister. -Leah Jones

To share with Nusrat. -Fatiha Umaiza

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To share LOL dolls with my sister. - Ariella Ortiz To share hugs and blow kisses. - Mycelis hlarris A unicorn. - Nusrat Aree-

To give hugs. - Aubrey Braxton

To play with PlayDoh and my Daddy. - Brielle Camp-Continued on page three.

# Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



I'm ready!

# **Salvation Army Red Kettle** Campaign

The Salvation Army says this year's Red Kettle campaign got off to a slow start and the annual fundraiser is far behind where it should be

at this point in the season. The financial support from community the during the holidays supports The Salvation Army's efforts to help more than 225,500 people in need across Upstate New York throughout

the year. Right now, The Salvation Army says it is 24% behind where it was

last year with indicators that the needs they work to meet are even greater. Red Kettle donations fund the majority of The Salvation Army's programs and services to help those in

need year-round, including warming centers for the homeless, anti-human trafficking programs, counseling for domestic abuse ims, after-school programs for children, and helping families escape poverty by addressing challenges, like unem-

**Scheduled Christmas Masses** 



Live Nativity Mass will be held at Holy Spirit Church 11pm Christmas Eve.

### St. Mark and St. Rose of Lima

Tuesday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. – St. Mark Vigil Mass (Children's) 4:00 p.m. – St. Rose

Vigil Mass (Children's) 10:00 p.m. – St. Rose (Carols begin at 9:30

Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 a.m. – St. Mark 10:30 a.m. – St. Rose Tuesday, December 31st 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass – St. Continued on page three.

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Partly Cloudy High 36° Low 29°



Partly Cloudy High 40° Low 33°



Partly Cloudy High 41° Low 33°



Mostly Cloudy High 40° Low 33°



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# Sabres Record Is Deceiving

With a 16-12-7 record for 39 points the Sabres are second in the Atlantic division following a 5-3 loss in Toronto against the Maple Leafs Tuesday night. When adding the losses and OT losses added together this is actually a sub .500 record at 16-19.

In fact every team in the division is sub .500 with the exception of the first place Boston Bruins and the Tampa Bay Lightning. With 110 goals for and 108 against the Sabres are the definition of mediocrity. Score one, give up one. Win one

The loss in Toronto left Buffalo one point ahead of the Leafs in the standings. The Sabres seemed like they weren't ready to start the game. Their forechecking was nonexistent. The players looked overwhelmed in their defensive zone as Leaf defenders Morgan Reilly and Tyson Barrie played like rovers penetrating deep into the zone on the attack generating scoring chances. Reilly finished the game at +4 and Barrie was +3. The Leafs cycled the puck successfully and dominated the Sabres building a 3-0 lead after 40 minutes.

The Sabres finally woke up for the third period. Jack Eichel set up a power play goal by Rasmus Dahlin and scored from the wing to give him two points extending his point streak to 17 games. The scoring streak is the highlight of the season so far. In 17 games he has scored 16 goals and 31 points. Nathan Mckinnon with 25 points and Connor MacDavid with 22 are the closest to Eichel during the streak. But the Sabres are 7-6-4 during this streak, or a sub .500 7-10, a losing record.

They need more from the rest of the team. More scoring and better defensive zone play. Better forechecking. Better goaltending. Because Eichel can't win games on his own. And he can't keep scoring forever.



Auston Mathews scores against Linus Ullmark Sabres

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### The Blotter **Felonies**

From "D" District

### North Buffalo **December 14, 2019**

Delaware Avenue - Defendant and co-defendant did take without permission merchandise from Kohl's Department store. Defendant #1 taking value \$282.12 and defendant #2 taking value \$253.66 in merchandise.

#### **December 14, 2019**

Hertel Avenue - Complainant reports that his vehicle parked overnight in lot on Hertel Avenue is missing. Complainant has both sets of keys. Vehicle possibly towed. Impound lot was closed and unable to contact. Complainant is unsure if vehicle was taken without per-

### Riverside **December 14, 2019**

Ontario Street - While in front the defendant did produce a black & green 9 mm pistol and fire one round. Defendant did place said pistol in his blue and red backpack and fled the scene northbound on Fuller Street. Defendant did make contact with police officer and fled on foot. While fleeing defendant did abandon backpack in front of Briggs Street and rand into yard where he was apprehended. Pistol recovered out of backpack. Shell casing recovered on scene. Pistol did have (1) round chambered and (3) in magazine.

### **December 14, 2019**

Groveland Avenue - Complainant reported that suspect did strike him several times in the head with a glass bottle. Complainant did suffer from several lacerations to the face and was transported tot ECMC by AMR. The glass bottle was recovered from suspect on scene by police office and submitted. Domestic report completed. Photos of injuries were taken at ECMC.

### West Side

### **December 13, 2019**

St. James Place - Complainant reports for Target that defendant did take without permission \$158.21 worth of merchandise from Target. Suspect did pass all points of purchase without paying but was caught before exit doors by security where he was detained. Suspect also has 4 warrants out of Buffalo.

# All I Want for Christmas ...

From page one.

To play Mighty Pup toys with my brother. - Donovan Phillips

TNT to play with Dylan. -Alex Golding

To share my Barbie Dream House with Asia. -

Sadie Marcus To play with a Mighty Pup Tower with my Mom.

- Aurelia Kane Arobot.-Connor P.

A dollhouse - Lelaniz G.

Jo-Jo-Siwa doll. - Jayla Barbie doll. -

Dorothy S. A Jo-Jo house. - Olivia L.

A belt.- ArishaA. Rock 'em, Sock 'em Ro-

bots. - Julian W. Ninja Go Lego. - Nafiz A.

A light-up lamp toy. - Payton B. A

Jazztime costume. - Ava

A dirt bike.-Joel B. An All Welldoll.-JailynnL A Plasma ball. - Vernon L. Cars.- Emilio M. A snake toy. - Omari O.

A real baby.-Clara S. A make-up table. - Leila

Candy. - Petros T. A Barbie Dream plane and a Dream truck. - Pau-

lina S.

Mark

A Mighty Workout... It has doors! - Adam S. A steak ... 1 will eat it up!

A tablet... purple, please!

A new baby that talks and chews and a present.

- Erza A hedgehog. - Eric C. A big Robot toy. - Kai

A purple tablet. - Harper A toy elf.- May A unicorn dress and headband. - Autumn

L.O.Ldolls - EllyV. ALI-CORN.- Laylah A Playdoh phone. - Carter

KINDERGARTEN: All 1

Want for Christmas is...

A lizard.- Deron A Nintendo Switch. -Liam

An iPad.-Aubriella A Piano.-Azaria A Nintendo Switch. - San-

An elf. - Chase L.

A cat. - Brooke APC.-

Race Cars. - Messi A Nintendo Switch. Some make-up. - Tamia

A Mega Sword with 10 Power Rangers. -Jeremi-

A Nintendo Switch. - Na-

A fake dog. -Sylvia An X-Box 4. - Mykel A pair of skates. - Henary A cat.-Mariah

A rocketship.-Sifat

PRE-KINDERGAR-TEN: All I Want for

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St. Margaret Church

Christmas Eve 5:30pm Christmas Day 9:00am

### adopt a pet

This Week's Featured Friends:



Big Beautiful Punkin was surrendered to the shelter by an owner, who could no longer keep her. She has the sweetest face and a wonderful personality. This friendly three year old has been in the shelter since October and is getting tired of the inadequately sized cages.
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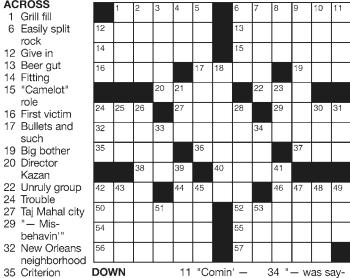
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# King Crossword



### **DOWN** "- Your

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3 More than

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billiards

6 Unwanted

email

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Holy Spirit Church 85

Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 a.m. – St. Mark

10:30 a.m. - St. Rose

From page one.

### Dakota St.

**Scheduled Christmas Masses** 

Christmas Eve, December 24 - 4pm and 11pm with Live Nativity Mass and Carols starting at 10:30pm

December 25th- 11am

Children's Mass

1395 Hertel Ave



# **Northwest** Buffalo Beat by Joe Borty

# Feel Good Story

It is the time of year to tell a "feel good" story, and the one I am about to tell is true. Names are omitted but the content is real life.

Seems this fellow decided to have his DNA done through one of the most common online programs on the internet. Curiosity had set in as his son had his done a year before and uncovered some interesting facts. The son's DNA showed he had 5% North African blood in him. He knew some of his ancestry had come from Sicily, but that is not considered or ever was part of North Africa. It also indicated he had an unknown close blood relative in the stream that no one recognized. A first cousin. More the North African link than the mysterious relative prompted this follow up test to be performed.

The kit arrived and

the instructions are quite simple, all you have to do is spit in a tube, mark it and send it in. In a few weeks the results appear in your email. Nothing is sent by regular mail. You must have an email address. This fellow received the results of his test and studied them kind of loosely. Turns out he had almost 10% North African. Explained as Egyptian, Middle East-ern, and Levantine. Not bad, he figured he could have been the descendent of a pharaoh or King. That settled that part of the test.

Still there is the question of this other person who shows as a close relative but completely unknown. She appears as this fellow's niece. How could that be? If the baby was had by a sister, no way could she hide a pregnancy? It had to be by one of this fel-

low's brothers. How could this be possible? The fellow was able to contact the mysterious woman through the DNA company. He found out she was adopted at birth. Her biological father and mother were unknown. She did know her actual birthday so that was the first real clue. As it had to be one of the brothers, only one sibling fit the time period and description given to the adoption agency. Happens this brother did not have any children of his own. He had adopted two, boy and girl but none biological, at least that he knew of. It was thought he could not conceive children. Since he was the brother that fit, the question in this fellow's mind is that something here does not add up. What next, does he contact the brother and confront him with this news, or let it

After days of deliberation the fellow thought that if this was his brother's biological daughter, he would want to know about it regardless of the extenuating situation. So, he called him. He was wrong. Even though the brother was now in his nineties, and has been



This stock photo tells the story behind the unexpected reunion of a father and daughter made possible with a simple DNA test.

a widower for years, the news of him possibly having a child out of wedlock was not readily accepted. He finally admitted to having an extra marital affair, but he said he gave the woman \$300 to have it "taken care of." He was in complete denial and upset that it was even brought up. The phone conversation ended on a nasty note. The fellow figured it was over and was not going to persue it any further. Felt he did what he felt was best.

Days later an email appeared with a request from the brother for the unknown woman's email address. No way was this fellow going to expose this woman to a man who had stated she was not his. Who felt it was going to destroy his life? What? All she wanted was to know who her biological parents were. Many people adopted at birth have that desire. It is just natural.

After repeated request for the email address by the brother, the fellow answered in one word, "why?" The return email

from the nasty brother was stunning. "I want to tell her what happened and if I had known I would have taken her in. This knocked the fellow for a loop. In one of her emails to the fellow, the woman in question had given her phone number. The fellow called her and explained the whole situation. The denial and the complete turnaround. He asked for her permission to give her number to the brother. Tearfully she responded yes, yes, yes.

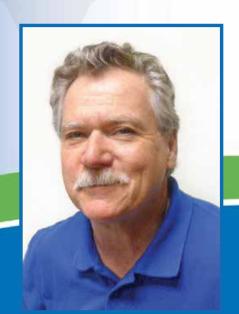
The number was given, and the brother did contact her. As I understand it after much emotional conversation, they hit it off well. In further conversation it was confirmed they were father and daughter. In one of the calls, she asked if it was alright for her to call him "Dad." This brought a moment of silence followed by happy tears. Both are so happy and say this is going to be the greatest Christmas gift they have ever received. Thanks to a relentless brother who did the math.

Merry Christmas!!!

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# **BORTZ'S PICKS WEEK SIXTEEN NFL**

Last week we had eight wins and two losses. Overall record so far this year is 72-38.

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Bills vs Patriots	Bills
Cardinals vx Seattle	Seattle
Rams vs 49er's	49er's
Jaguars vs Falcons	
Saints vs Titans	
Ravens vs Browns	Ravens
Bengals vs Dolphins	<b>Dolphins</b>
Steelers vs Jets	Steelers
Cowboys vs Eagles	<b>Eagles</b>
Chiefs vs Bears	Chiefs

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The Taste of Buffalo presented by Tops today announced that there is still time for local restaurants, food trucks and NYS wineries to apply for the 2020 summer festival - the deadline is Friday, January 31. Applications can be completed online at www.tasteofbuffalo.com/



The Salvation Army **Buffalo** will be hosting their annual Christmas Toy Distribution on Thursday, December 19th from 9am - 3pm and Friday, December 20th from 9am

- noon, at their facility at 960 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202. Over 700 families are expected to attend that have already signed up for assistance. Last year over 25,000 gifts were distributed. Additionally, \$20 Tops food vouchers will be handed out, sponsored by Russel J. Salvatore.

**Submit Your Community Event to** 



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# Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

From page one. ployment, unstable housing, and lack of education.

There are 5 fewer days this year for bell ringers to collect donations at the iconic Red Kettles, because of the late Thanksgiving. The State Commander, Major Ivan Rock, says that's a big part of the problem and a slow Red Kettle Campaign could lead to dire consequences.

To help fill the gap, The Salvation Army is launching a couple of new promotions this week. On Friday, The Salvation

Army is asking neighbors to donate a \$20 bill, check, bump or scan at the Kettle to help them close out the season successfully; giving \$20 on the 20th. Additionally, on Friday in the Buffalo area is a new 24 hour kettle at the Hamburg WalMart at 5360 Southwestern Blvd. From 4pm Friday to 4pm Saturday the bells will be ringing non-stop to collect extra support for our mission in the Buffalo area.

Major Rock, says, "This isn't just about our bottom line. It's about transforming lives. It's

about providing hope where there is none. It's about the look we see in a child's face when they see the love that comes from the entire community."

The bell ringing and iconic red kettles have been a fixture of the holiday season for 128 years. The funds raised in the Red Kettle provide for Christmas assistance programs and year-round support for a list of programs, including homeless services and shelter, utility assistance, and feeding programs.



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- You bring this into your house but only at this time of year
- Lots of Edison's invention
- Three most popular seasonal movies
- Crystalized water that appears white
- Little people dressed in green
- Cake made out of fruit
- Lots of baked desserts made with figs, butter, oatmeal, etc.
- 10) This baby is born and changed the world
- 11) Three scholars traveling from the Orient
- 12) What this birth brings to the world
- 13) Something you kiss under
- 14) These you exchange
- 15) The night before is special and solemn

The answers will be in next week's Rocket OR you can find them on our Facebook page.



# Ask Rusty - How Can We Change Social Security's Earnings Limit?

Dear Rusty: How do we change the Social Security earnings cap amount? Do I need to go through my Congressman? Social Security is withholding my benefit because they say I earned too much. The system is very unfair! Signed: Disgruntled Worker

Dear Disgruntled: The Social Security earnings test has been a part of Social Security's rules and regulations since the original Social Security Act of 1935. In fact, benefits were originally paid only if someone was not working at all, and if a beneficiary worked after they started collecting, they lost all benefits. The law has undergone changes over the years to bring it to where it is today, which is to limit the amount of earnings someone can have while collecting Social Security prior to their full retire-ment age before taking back some benefits.

If the earnings limit is exceeded, and you have not yet reached your full retirement age, Social Security typically withholds your benefits until they recover what you owe for exceeding the limit. The limit is adjusted annually based upon changes to the National Wage Index, and the annual limit for 2020 is \$18,240, up from \$17,640 last year. There is also a "first year rule" which will subject those who haven't yet reached their full retirement age

and claim benefits midyear to a monthly limit (1/12th of the annual limit) for the remainder of that year. The earnings limit increases significantly (by about 2.6 times) during the year you reach your full retirement age (FRA), and goes away entirely once your FRA is attained.

As you are probably aware, exceeding the limit will cause Social Security to take back \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, or if you're subject to the "first year rule" they will take back your entire benefit for any month you exceed the monthly limit. In the year you reach your FRA(but before your FRA) the "penalty" for exceed-ing the limit is less severe - \$1 for every \$3 over the limit. What you may not be aware of is that when you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will give you time credit for any months you did not receive benefits because you exceeded the earnings limit, and receiving that time credit at your FRA will result in your benefit being increased. For example, if, over the years before you reached your FRA, Social Security withheld 12 months of benefits due to you exceeding the earnings limit, when you reach your full retirement age Social Security will recalculate your benefit to account for those 12 months by changing your

claim date to 12 months later than when you actually applied. That will increase your benefit somewhat and, as a result, you may be able to eventually recoup some, or all, of the benefits which were withheld (depending upon your longevity).

How can we change the earnings cap? Well, the earnings limit already increases automatically each year with changes to the National Wage Index. But if you mean how can we eliminate it, I'm not optimistic that is possible since it would require full Congressional approval as well as Executive Branch approval to do so, and since Congress is now more focused on Social Security's broader issue of the Trust Fund being depleted in about 2035 (which will result in an across-the-board cut in benefits unless Congress acts sooner). Nevertheless, you should certainly feel free to bring your concerns about Social Security's "earnings cap" to the attention of your Congressional Representatives. Congressional Representatives are always willing to hear and understand the concerns of their constituents, and Social Security is very much a topic of discussion in Congress today.



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### **LEGAL**

Notice of Formation of Grimster Family Cottage LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/19. Office location: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 5374 Briercliff Dr. Hamburg NY 14075. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): FNLC, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on November 19, 2019. Office location is Erie County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon who process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to Shaun Jackson, Esq., 570 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Buffalo City School District Request for Proposals For New Leased Facility for Middle Early College High School

The Buffalo Public Schools Division of Plant Services & School Planning is soliciting letters of interest and requests for proposals for the provision of a build-to-suit new facility to be leased to the District for Middle Early College High School. The location shall be in proximity to the SUNY Erie City Campus at 121 Ellicott Street. Design procurement and construction will be the responsibility of the selected owner/developer and the facility will be leased as a turnkey space, including all furnishings and equipment. The completed facility is anticipated to be approximately 40 – 50,000 gross sq. ft. and is required to be ready for occupancy in July 2021.

Beginning Friday, December 20, 2019, the RFP document may be requested via email from Paul McDonnell, AIA, at pmdonnell@buffaloschools.org. The RFP document will include a written narrative, a spatial program, evaluation criteria, and anticipated costs to the District for this facility.

Letters of Interest and Proposals will be received at the Office of Plant Services & School Planning, 403 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202 on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Paul McDonnell, AIA
Director of Facilities Planning 51

Buffalo City School District Advertisement for Bids

Sealed proposals for the following project will be received at the office of Plant Services, 403 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202. On Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

PROJECT 0305-014: McKinley High School Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement

Bids will be opened for a single prime contract: General Construction. Beginning Monday, December 30, 2019, bidding document packages may be viewed and purchased through Avalon Document Services online Planroom website at www.avalon-

buff-planroom.com, under "Public Jobs", or ordered by phone at 716-995-7777. Owner can assume no responsibility for errors, omissions, or other misinformation obtained via other bid document distribution resources.

Please note that required bid bond is 10%. The work will be subject to the equal employment opportunity requirements. Any questions regarding this project, please refer to Juan Perez, AIA, Associate Architect, 716-816-3610.

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Buffalo Board of Education Purchase Department 716-816-3585

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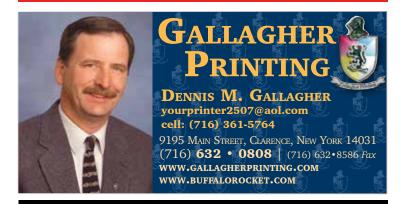
### Laborer I

The Buffalo Sewer Authority is hiring for entry level laborers. Must have ability to learn the practices and procedures involved in the areas of unskilled labor such as, grounds, streets, bridges, manholes and assist with general maintenance and cleaning. Possession of a current NYS Commercial Driver's License ("CDL") is required. Qualified candidates must be a resident of the City of Buffalo. **Please Send Resume to:** Buffalo Sewer Authority, 65 Niagara Square/Room 1038, Buffalo, NY 14202. Attn: Director of Employee Relations; email gjames@buffalosewer.org or Fax to (716) 247-5304

SUMMONS, NOTICE AND BRIEF STATEMENT OF NATURE OF ACTION CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTION, SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ERIE, Index No. 807253/2019, KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION s/b/m FIRST NIAGARA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE SHIRLEY ANN PI-ETROCARLO A/K/A SHIRLEY PIETROCARLO, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAIN-TIFF; et al. Defendants. TO THE DEFENDANT(S): any unknown heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of the late Shirley Ann Pietrocarlo a/k/a Shirley Pietrocarlo YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial is desired in the County of ERIE. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in the County of ERIE, New York. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT A DEFAULT JUDG-MENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAY-MENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Hon. Paula L. Feroleto, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on November 19, 2019 in Buffalo, New York and entered in the ERIE County Clerk's Office, in Buffalo, New York on 11/20/2019. The Nature of this action pertains to a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff on real property owned by the above named defendants as specified in the complaint filed in this action. The above named defendants have failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage and said instruments secured by said mortgage, by failing and omitting to pay the balance due and owing and the Plaintiff has commenced a foreclosure action. Plaintiff is seeking a judgment foreclosing its mortgage against the real property and premises which situates in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York and is commonly known as 29 Alsace Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14220 and all other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable. DATED: November 21, 2019, SCHILLER, KNAPP, LEFKOWITZ & HERTZEL, LLP, BY: WILLIAM B. SCHILLER, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 950 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110, Telephone: (518) 786-9069 66892.



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