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"I think it was because of how we were told to stay indoors and not travel during the height of Covid," said most parents around Opening Day to League officials when asked for the turn out of so many children. "We just needed something for

For the first time this past season, the League decided to present winning trophies to the teams who won the Championships in various Divisions just after the winning run was scored or the final out was made at first base regardless of the night or Division. Gone was the annual banquet for winning teams held in a restaurant catered by a competent staff of workers in a North Buffalo location. Who knows what 2022 will bring? If Hertel North Park has anything to do with it, it might be a homerun of an event.

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The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo December 26, 2021

Sanders Road – Victim with a bloody lip stating her and the suspect were only having rough sex and did not want to press charges. Victim called police or suspect having a mental crisis 15 minutes before. Neighbors called stating she can hear a female screaming for help. Victim denied calling police but there was a record with her phone number calling.

December 23, 2021

Hertel Avenue – The defendant did take items while placing in purse and inside coat taking a total amount of \$38.97. The defendant did pass all points of purchase without any attempt of purchase.

December 22, 2021

Hertel Avenue – The defendant did steal the complainant's purse out of the shopping cart while in the parking lot of 2101 Elmwood Avenue. Complainant's purse contained an I-Phone and a Discover credit card with the last four digits that were identified. The defendant did then make several unauthorized purchases with the complainant's credit card totaling \$368.10.

December 22, 2021

Hertel and Commonwealth

Avenues – Defendant operating vehicle westbound on Hertel changing lanes without signaling and operating uninspected vehicle. Upon stop, suspect suspended. Inventory search yielded 69 white oblong pills with, "IP109" engraved controlled substance and 1 circular pill with "T-192" engraved, a controlled substance. Both recovered inside a blue backpack in back seat recovered and submitted by patrol officer.

Riverside

December 27, 2021

Riverside Avenue – Defendant dragged complainant off the bed this morning. Picked up a broom to hit her and that's when the dustpan fell off the broom hitting their 1-year-old son causing injury or marks. Defendant then did pour bleach on complainant's clothes.

December 24, 2021

Deer Street – Victim states that suspect did come to residence and threaten to beat her up and then sat across the street. Officers did observe vehicle description given by victim. Officers did stop vehicle in front of residence. Suspect was being uncooperative with officers. Victim did come out to deal and confirm identity of suspect to officer.

December 23, 2021

Butler Street – On 12/10/2021 at about 2351 hours the defendant punched the victim in the face. Victim suffered pain from the injury. The defendant also choked the victim. Victim states that she blacked out for a second. There is an order of protection, however, the defendant had not been served with the order.

West Side

December 22, 2021

West Ferry Street – On 12/21/2021 at 1542 hours at 2213 Niagara Street outstanding co-defendant did break into vehicle and take a purse with charge then did get into another vehicle where defendant was a passenger. Co-defendant was driving fleeing store. On today's date at 1246 hours at 236 West Ferry Street patrol officers did locate vehicle with defendant in possession of purse.



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Johnny's Meats.....1191 Hertel Avenue
Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue

Korona Jewelers.....1588 Hertel Avenue
Marco's Deli.....1518 Hertel Avenue
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Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street
Paul Wolf Agency.....2890 Delaware Avenue
Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue
Price Rite Market.....1716 Kenmore Avenue
Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue
Salon Coronado.....2870 Delaware Avenue
Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue
Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue
Studio Sophia.....1094 Hertel Avenue
Sunoco Gas Station.....4505 Main Street
Theater Arts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue
Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue
Vince's Pizza.....1803 Kenmore Avenue
Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard
Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

WEST SIDE

Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter
BMHA Housing.....245 Elmwood Avenue
CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue
Corner Store.....Forest & Grant
Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue
Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street
Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue
Fast Stop Food Mart.....326 Military Road
Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street
First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Utica

M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street
Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road
Santasio's Restaurant.....1329 Niagara Street
Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue
Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue
West Market.....1032 West Avenue
West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

RIVERSIDE

AmVets.....25 Review Place
Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street
Boys & Girls Club.....54 Riverdale Avenue
Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street
D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue
Doyle's Deli.....1981 Niagara Street
Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street
Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road
First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue
First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street
Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street
House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street
M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street
Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street
Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street
Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue
Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street
Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street
Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street
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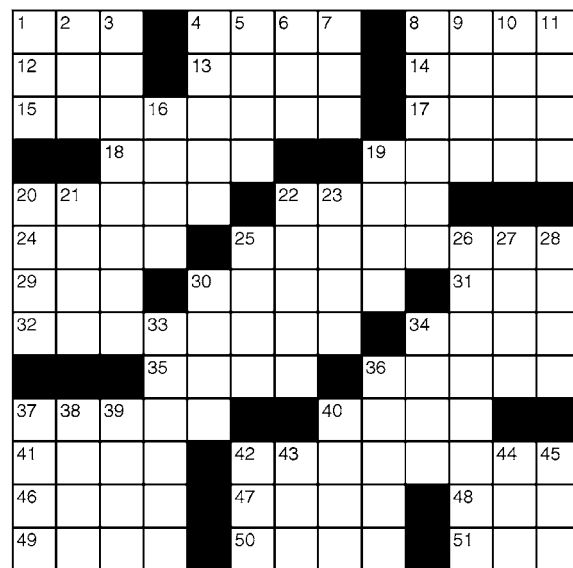
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Ask Rusty - Should I Take Social Security Even If I Don't Need It?

Dear Rusty: I am 66 years plus 8 months old, am still working making six figures, and can support myself. I'm a healthy, self-employed single woman and have a State Pension (from a divorce settlement). I will work part-time, probably through next year and until I am 70 years old or more. What should I do about my Social Security – take it or “bank it” in Social Security? **Signed: Fully Independent Lady**

Dear Fully Independent: When to take

your Social Security is always a personal choice which should look at your health, life expectancy, and need for the money at this time. Since you imply that you don't really need the money at this time, you might choose to simply wait until age 70 to claim, which will give you both the highest possible monthly benefit in your later years, as well as the most in cumulative lifetime benefits if you enjoy at least average longevity.

Statistically, according to Social Security, a healthy woman your current age will, on average, live to about 87. If you wait until age 70 to claim (vs. claiming now), your benefit will be about 30% higher, and you'll break even money-wise when you're about 83. Depending upon your benefit

amount and how long you live, that could give you tens of thousands of dollars more in benefits during your later years, and that higher monthly SS benefit would be a good hedge against future inflation.

Keep in mind too that, at your current income level, up to 85% of your Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income. Even if you are only working part-time, your combined income from all sources (including half of your SS benefits) will cause a minimum of 50% of your SS benefits for each tax year to become part of your taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate. The point being that the amount of your SS benefits which will be taxed by the IRS, is related to your overall income, so

there are tax advantages to waiting to claim until your income is lower.

We can only advise you on your Social Security options. If you wish to consider claiming your SS earlier and investing those benefits, you should seek the services of a Certified Financial Planner who can discuss your investment options, your risk tolerance, and the possible rate of return. From a Social Security standpoint, waiting until age 70 will maximize your benefit amount and, if you enjoy at least average longevity, reduce your “longevity risk” (the risk you might outlive your money). It will also yield the most in lifetime SS benefits. But, in the end, only you can make that decision after carefully considering all your options.

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2021 Trivia

How well did you know this year?

- 1) Winner of the LV Super Bowl?
- 2) Highest grossing movie of 2021?
- 3) Highest grossing album of 2021?
- 4) First American member accepted into the British Royal family?
- 5) Billionaires who went to space?
- 6) Country that hosted the 2021 Olympics?
- 7) 20th anniversary of what highly acclaimed, oscar award winning fantasy epic film?
- 8) What 60+ year series film series came to a close on its 25th installment?
- 9) Most watched show on the streaming service, Netflix?
- 10) Possible signs of microbial life were found on what celestial body?

Last Weeks Answers: 1. Macy's 2. His nose 3. Little Women, 4. Past, Present, Future, 5. Turkey, 6. Elvis' Christmas Album, 7. Bing Crosby, 8. Coca-Cola

New Years Eve At Explore & More Offer Families Safe, Hands-On Festive Fun

Explore & More - The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children's Museum invites children and families to spend their winter break week playing at the museum. The museum will be open every day for safe, hands-on fun for the whole family with special activities planned daily.

With help from our friends at AT&T, throughout Break Week, December 27th-30th from 10 AM - 4 PM daily, families can spark creativity, imagination, and exploration!

The week's activities

include:

Storytelling throughout museum exhibits that focus on holidays around the world.

Immerse yourself in a winter wonderland with storytelling and activities by Barb's Book Buddies.

Amazing magic and game shows with Rob & Carol Allen, presented by Milk for Health.

Learn to African dance and drum with the African American Cultural Center, followed by a live performance!

Holiday-themed interactive activities throughout the museum.

And More fun surprises!

The festive fun doesn't stop there. Ring in the New Year at a kid-friendly Countdown to Noon, on December 31st from 10 AM - 4 PM, thanks to our friends at the Independent Health Foundation! The Tinkering Tank and Art Studio will be activated throughout the day with New Year activities for the whole family to enjoy. Don't miss the New Years' countdown, taking place at noon and again at 3:30. Plus, children will go home with fun giveaways, dance the day away to a live DJ, get their face painted, enjoy a magic show, play with bubbles, and more!

Registration Opens For 7th Annual Hybrid Science Showcase

Registration is open for the Seventh Annual Willie Hutch Jones Educational and Sports Program (WHJESP) Hybrid Science Showcase on March 19, 2022. Students in third through twelfth (3-12) grades are tasked to think of a problem, map out a plan to design a solution, and then demonstrate how the problem is solved. Held concurrently as a virtual and in-person event, this year's showcase will return to its original home at the

Burchfield Penney Art Center, and stream over multiple, digital platforms. Participants can register online at whjesc.org by February 18, 2022.

This year's contestants are challenged to display what “T” for technology in S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) means to them. Whether attending virtually or live, guests and participants will enjoy an engaging program and award ceremony with great prizes for the winners.

The event has been designed to easily shift from its in-person model to virtual only. For more information or to register online visit WHJESC.org.

About the Willie Hutch Jones Educational and Sports Program: For 38 years, the Willie Hutch Jones Educational and

Sports Program has provided free programming to under-resourced communities and students in Western New York. These activities include summer fundamental skills camps for tennis, golf, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, crew, swimming, creative dance, and STEAM camp. Fall activities include afterschool programming at five locations in Buffalo, Cheektowaga and Lackawanna, STEAM curriculum, theater, craft, science and chess clubs, soccer, diversity dance, and steel drums. Additional programs and events include the Gear Up a Child Program, an annual Science Fair, and an Essay Contest. For more information, visit WHJESC.org, or call (716) 715-4980.



Buffalo New York Ball Drop Commences New Years Eve 2021



Buffalo's 34th annual New Year's Eve Ball Drop & Fireworks is scheduled to take place with live and in-person festivities on Friday, December 31, 2021, at the Iskalo Development Electric Tower in Roosevelt Plaza.

If all goes as planned, the City of Buffalo New Year's Eve Ball Drop and Fireworks display at Roosevelt Plaza will be a lot livelier this year.

"Holiday traditions are important for families and children, and while we recognize things could change in the weeks to come, we are doing everything we can to prepare at this point for a great and safe New Year's Eve celebration in Downtown Buffalo on December 31st," stated Mayor Brown. "In 2021, we overcame many challenges, but we also celebrated many triumphs. Together, we proved that in Buffalo we are a strong, proud, and resilient peo-

ple who know how to band together when faced with adversity. Let's stay on this path. As a community, we have a lot to celebrate and on New Year's Eve, I ask revelers who plan to attend this great outdoor event to work with us by continuing to protect their own health as well as the health of their families."

Though the "Ball" did drop in 2021 at Roosevelt Plaza, most revelers had to watch virtually as festivities were closed to the general public last year due to the COVID-19 global health pandemic. The 34th annual Buffalo Ball Drop is brought to you by Presenting Sponsor M&T Bank – in part-

nership with Mayor Byron W. Brown and the City of Buffalo, Buffalo Place, and the Police Athletic League of Buffalo, Inc (PAL).

"As M&T grows and evolves, our focus on our hometown remains as strong as ever," said Keith Belanger, M&T Bank Senior VP of Corporate Services. "We are deeply committed to Buffalo, and the New Year's Eve Ball Drop is a chance to celebrate our city with hope, reflection and connection, all which couldn't be more important as we come to the close of 2021 and ring in 2022."

Buffalo Place Executive Director Michael T. Schmand stated, "Buffalo Place Inc. and our Board of Directors are pleased to once again partner with Mayor Byron W. Brown, The Police Athletic League of Buffalo, WKBW-TV, and Iskalo Development on the 34th Annual Buffalo Ball Drop. Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, M&T Bank, this signature New Year's celebration will be a fantastic kick-off to 2022 in the heart of Downtown Buffalo."

The NYE Buffalo Ball Drop is an important fundraiser for the Police Athletic League of Buffalo and the annual PAL Giving Campaign; a capital campaign that kicked off during the holiday season with the support of seed funding from

The Rotary Club of Buffalo. This year, proceeds will help fund the purchase of a second PAL van. Today, Mayor Brown announced that Scott Bieler, President and CEO of the West Herr Automotive Group, graciously offered to donate \$25,000 towards the purchase of the van. The van will be utilized for transporting PAL youth to and from events, as well as delivering quality youth enrichment programs, goods, and services to children and teens from the City of Buffalo and neighboring communities. To learn more about how you can support PAL's fundraising effort, please visit: buffalopal.com/fundraising.

Nekia Kemp, Executive Director for Police Athletic League of Buffalo, stated, "Buffalo PAL has witnessed tremendous growth and support over the last year, and has been able to successfully carry out the mission of providing an array of free and high-quality youth enrichment programs to thousands of children who live in the City of Buffalo and neighboring communities. I am hopeful that the great citizens of Buffalo and WNY will be able come Downtown for a very safe and festive New Year's Eve Ball Drop Celebration and join our exciting efforts to raise funds for an additional van that will be coming from

West Herr and be utilized to deliver even more programs, goods, and services to the youth we serve during the school year and summer camp season."

Once again, the New Year's Eve Ball will descend from atop Iskalo Development's historic Electric Tower, located in the heart of Buffalo's Theatre District.

In celebration of the 34th anniversary of the Buffalo NYE Ball Drop, Strictly Hip will be rocking the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's Entertainment Stage. Roswell Park is the Illumination Stage Sponsor. Since 1995, The Strictly Hip has been evangelists, spreading the good word of The Hip's music far and wide. Taking an academic and studious approach to performing the music of Canada's most popular band, The Strictly Hip are not just another 'impersonator' tribute band. These talented Western New York musicians present the music of The Tragically Hip with reverence, respect, and accuracy. Originally conceived in 1995 in St. Catharines, Ontario, The Strictly Hip is now based in Buffalo and performs for The Hip's rabid American fan base. Will Holton, a smooth and savvy saxophonist with an international reputation on the jazz scene, will also be back by popular demand.

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Mini Pak	38.50
Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Thirty Pak	45.75
Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Family Pak	61.25
Large Cheese and One Item Pizza with Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Party Pak	72.50
Sheet Pizza or (2) Large Pizzas with Cheese & One Item with Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Personal Specialty Pak	17.10
Personal Specialty Pizza with Five (5) Wings and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$.70 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Small Specialty Pak	28.50
Medium Specialty Pizza with Single Wings (10) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.40 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Mini Specialty Pak	42.00
Large Specialty Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Thirty Specialty Pak	49.25
Large Specialty Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Family Specialty Pak	64.75
Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Specialty Party Pak 1	76.00
(1) Large Cheese and One Item Pizza and (1) Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
Specialty Party Pak 2	79.50
(2) Large Specialty Pizzas with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)	
All Paks come with Bleu Cheese, Celery and Carrots. Price Does Not Include Tax.	

The Grapevine

Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is looking for contestants to make chili for their annual "Chili Cook Off" event on January 23, 2022. The event runs from 12:30pm to 3pm at the Lake Erie Italian Club in Lackawanna and there is no cost to enter your chili. All kinds of chili can be entered including vegetarian, spicy, and meat. All participants will receive a small prize for entering but money and trophies will be awarded to the chili with the most votes voted on by the attending public. For those who are interested in attending the event, admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 10. Admission includes unlimited chili, bread, and butter. At the event, there will be a cash bar and desserts for sale. Also at the event will be a theme basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, Ten Lives Club merchandise for sale, and much more. People can sign up to be a contestant by visiting their website at www.tenlivesclub.com/events/2022/1/23/chili-cook-off or by calling (716) 646-5577 ext.7.

Sarah Brightman), Ken Kaufman, the BPO's Roman Mekinulov and more of WNY's best musicians. Full dinner and open bar all night. For more information visit, <https://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/event/new-years-eve-spectacular/>.



First Weekend Bird Walk at Woodlawn Beach State Park, 3580 Lake Shore Rd, Blasdell, NY on Sun, Jan 2, 10 AM – 12 PM. Start your annual bird list off with a bang as we walk along the trails of Woodlawn Beach State Park! For information and registration call (716) 549-1050.



Hamilton at Shea's Buffalo Theatre, at 650 Main St, Buffalo, NY on Sat, Jan 1, 2 – 6 PM. See Hamilton at Sheas Performing Arts Center on January 1, 2022. Get your tickets to Hamilton here: <https://www.cheaptickets.com/events/tickets/hamilton-4652718>.

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The West Falls Center for the Arts announces its New Years Eve Spectacular at West Falls Center for the Arts, 1863 Davis Rd, West Falls, NY on Fri, Dec 31, 5:30 – 10:00 PM. Including singing legend Michael Cavisca, Jay Dref (currently touring with



Joel P. Feroletto
 Delaware District Councilman
 Guest Columnist

Mural Magic



Mark Twain and John T. Lewis Mural by Brazilian artist, Eduardo Kobra.

Since the Hertel Walls art project started in 2017 it has become an integral part of Hertel Avenue. The many murals that have become a part of the walls of many businesses shows the culture and lively presence that is constantly happening on Hertel.

What once started off as a way to increase foot traffic in the area has now become home to many pieces of art and creativity. There are numerous murals located along this strip of Hertel Avenue.

Depending on which way you are coming the Hertel Walls expands from the corner of Delaware and Hertel, adjacent to the new Centro Culturale Italiano di Buffalo, to a couple blocks away from Main Street. This strip also includes various businesses and local comforts.

We have had many artists come and work on these murals, a lot of which contributed in the Hertel Alley Street Art Festival that happened in 2019 with

the help of myself, Newell Nussbaumer, and Vinny Alejandro. Located in the alley between Traymore and Colvin, parallel to Hertel, the art festival helped to expand the Hertel Walls as well as clean up the alley in order to create a fun and safe place in North Buffalo.

Not only do these murals celebrate the artwork that can be done by the artists, it also depicts the city of Buffalo. There is the mural of Gord Downie, by Rory Allen that reveals the Canadian culture that resides in Buffalo. The Goo Goo Dolls mural, by Philip Burke which reminds people of the band that got its start in Buffalo. Then the mural of the Buffalo map that outlines the various neighborhoods and towns that make up Buffalo.

The Hertel Walls provides the residents in and around North Buffalo with a chance to see artwork created within their own neighborhoods. While these are not the only murals in the city of Buffalo, the location of these murals are so close together that you could easily walk down Hertel and see them all.

While the cold weather might limit the amount of time you would want to spend outside. If you just so happen to find yourself outside, I encourage you to take a walk around Hertel to discover that piece of artwork you have not seen yet and enjoy all the neighborhood has to offer.

First Night Buffalo At Home With The Independent Health Foundation New Years

Families throughout Western New York will celebrate New Year's Eve with First Night® Buffalo at Home, featuring a virtual line-up of performances and activities accessible online for free at www.firstnight-buffalo.org. First Night® Family Party Packs, including everything a family of four needs to celebrate the new year at home, are still available at select Tops Friendly Markets.

Presented in partnership with John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, First Night® Buffalo is one of the Independent Health Foundation's signature events. This year, First Night® celebrates its 33rd year as a family-friendly engagement full of activities and entertainment. As the event that led to the establishment of the Independent Health Foundation in 1992, First Night® also marks the beginning of a year-long celebration of the Independent Health Foundation's 30th anniversary

in 2022.

Oishei Children's Hospital has teamed up with the Independent Health Foundation to provide First Night® programming for families to enjoy from the safety of their homes as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

"Our priority remains

keeping our community's kids safe and healthy, so we are excited to once again partner with the Independent Health Foundation to bring a safe New Year's celebration opportunity to families in Western New York," said Allegra Jaros, president, Oishei Children's Hospital.



Celebrating First Night® Buffalo at Home.

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This Week's Featured Friend: HOPE

This big guy was surrendered to the shelter through no fault of his own and does not understand why his life has changed. He is 5 years old, sweet, playful and quiet. Hope does not appear to care for other cats, so he would be happiest in a home by himself.



Because of the COVID19 situation, the shelter is closed to the general public. If you would like to meet any of the adoptable dogs, please fill out an application online (if you are not already pre-approved), call the shelter, and leave a message with your name and phone number and the dog you're interested in. Have patience, and they will call you back when they can. From there, a time will be scheduled for you to come and meet the dog. Please be patient, and remember they are very short staffed at the moment. Applications can be found at <https://friendsofcbas.org/adopt>

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Olivera Development L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/12/20. Office in Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

cess to the LLC, 22 Dewitt St, Buffalo, NY 14213, Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 1

Name of LLC: 252 East LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: November 24, 2021 Date of Formation: November 24, 2021 Office of the LLC: Erie County Service: The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 95 17th Street, Buffalo, NY 14213. Registered Agent: Becky Powell, 95 17th Street, Buffalo, NY 14213, is to be the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act. 1

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Solution time: 26 mins.

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Puzzle on page three.

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