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Guest Columnist

## Let The Wheels Of Justice Turn

Every time a police officer kisses their spouse or kids goodbye when they leave for a shift, they never know whether or not they will ever come home again.

That is a cold, hard fact concerning the challenges law enforcement face to protect and serve communities, whether it be in Buffalo or Memphis. All of us have friends and family that are police officers. No matter how in depth they share with us the challenges they face arresting criminals on the streets and keeping us safe, we can never know the true dangers of being a police officer unless you wear the badge and work in that profession.

Speaking to the Financial Guys Media Network, retired New York City Police Detective Marq Claxton, who now serves as the Director of Public Relations and Political Affairs for the Black Law Enforcement Alliance, bluntly described the brutality that led to Nichols' death at the hands of five Memphis Police Officers.

If the United States of America is to have an honest discussion on law enforcement reform to ensure something like this never happens again, the last thing left-wing political pundits should do is try to fit a square peg in a round hole and ridiculously claim racism is to blame for five African American police officers attacking an African American citizen.

Let us have a frank discussion on how attacks by radical socialists and the awful "defund the police" movement have decimated morale and the ranks of police officers across the country.

According to United States Congressman Clay Higgins, Minneapolis cut its police budget by \$8 million, New York City reduced their police budget by \$1 billion, and the City of Los Angeles enacted cuts to its police department to the tune of \$150 million. A total of 14 cities across the country that are run by Democrats and defunded the police saw a massive spike in homicides and violent crime. Surprise, surprise.

The disturbing trend of defunding the police and the disastrous consequences it brings is still being felt today. Fox News Digital ana-

lyzed data from major U.S. cities run by Democratic mayors, and the information is alarming: violent crime is up in Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

The ripple effect of the "defund the police" demagogues not only made American streets less safe, it caused a massive spike in officers leaving the profession altogether. According to the New York Times, police retirements increased a whopping 45% in 2021.

According to the New York Post, a record number of NYPD officers, more than 1,500 quit or retired last year.

In order to improve and increase the ranks of the men and women who become police officers, every level of government, local, county, state, and federal, needs to fully fund law enforcement so they have the right staffing, tools, and training to keep our communities safe.

There must be a serious discussion followed by legislative action to scrap so-called bail reform laws that coddle criminals and handcuff cops, prosecutors, and judges. Even in some cases of violent offenses, criminals are arrested and practically back on the streets within minutes, thanks to a revolving door put in place by "bail reform" laws. What incentive is there for police to make arrests, knowing the very same person they have in custody will be right back on the street in no time, committing crime after crime after crime? It is killing morale in the ranks of police.

Even after arrests are made and police present ample evidence to charge and convict criminals for offenses, some woke, soft on crime District Attorneys refuse to prosecute cases, further damaging morale amongst police.

Add in the stress of defending frivolous lawsuits against police for even the slightest claim of negligence, and you have officers walking on eggshells their entire shift, never wanting to be the next cop on the evening news, the target of a litigious society, or even worse, charged with crimes by left leaning prosecutors who care more about currying favor with socialists

rather than putting criminals behind bars.

The negative consequences for some communities: mass law enforcement retirements, police leaving in droves, and some cities lowering hiring and training standards to fill their depleted ranks.

This is a recipe for disaster.

"Not everyone can be and should be a police officer. We need to enter into the recruitment process understanding that," added Claxton, the retired NYPD Detective.

All of the factors just laid out have led to experienced officers opting to quit and retire, being replaced by younger, inexperienced individuals, who in some cases, do not have what it takes to adequately "protect and to serve." Lowering standards, enacting hiring quotas, and lessening training is a recipe for failure in any industry, more so in law enforcement.

Is racism to blame for some issues within some police departments? Yes, it is.

But to solely blame racism for the death of Tyre Nichols and all problems plaguing police departments, will do absolutely nothing to improve the quality of police officers on the streets. As a matter of fact, it will only make the problem worse, because it's an easy "out" rather than tackling the serious issues that led to challenges in law enforcement over the past two years.

The solution is simple and straightforward: strengthen bail laws, eliminate "no bail" policies that keep criminals on the streets, elect tough as nails prosecutors that do their jobs, fully fund police, increase training for police officers, and never ever lower hiring standards.

Police put their lives on the line to protect us. They command and deserve our respect and appreciation.

If we as citizens attack someone on the street and that beating leads to the death of that individual, we should be held accountable by the long arm of the law and face criminal consequences for our law breaking behavior.

Please do not judge all law enforcement by the actions of those heinous, despicable, reprehensible Memphis Police Officers.

When in the meantime, in addition to thanking police officers every day for the job they do, let us not repeat the mistakes of defunding the police, lowering hiring and training standards, and implementing ill advised quotas in law enforcement. That will only lead to more retirements, more officers quitting, and lowering the standards of who should be wearing a police uniform.





# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

**North Buffalo**  
**February 3, 2023**  
Amherst Street – Defendant did take without permission \$136,22 in merchandise and did pass all points of purchase without paying. Defendant has a no trespass order in place for all TOPS market locations.

**January 31, 2023**  
Huntington Avenue – Defendant woke victim up from her sleep and started a verbal altercation. Defendant then threaten to punch victim and made swinging motions. Defendant stated to victim if he gets released from jail he is going to come back and kill her.

**January 30, 2023**  
Amherst Street – Complainant states defendant did take without permission merchandise by means of concealing items in cart and bags and passing all points of purchase without payment (value less than \$1000.00).

**West Side**  
**February 6, 2023**  
Bird Avenue – Complainant states him and the defendant got into a verbal argument which led to the defendant striking the complainant with a closed fist in his right eye.

**February 2, 2023**  
Niagara Street – Victim reports that defendant did follow her several blocks and attempt to box in her vehicle at lot of 2213 Niagara Street.

**Riverside**  
**February 5, 2023**  
Dearborn Street – Victim states that during an argument with the defendant (boyfriend), defendant did throw keys at victim causing pain, red-

ness, and swelling to her upper right cheek victim states defendant also put his hands on her neck and choked her. Officers did observe scratches on victim's chest and neck. Victim also had pain, redness, and a small cut to her left cheek. Victim was checked out by AMR.

**February 4, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – Defendant did call and text complainant multiple times after she told him to stop. Defendant then did show up to her home and did drive past multiple time and did start throwing rocks at her bedroom window.

**February 3, 2023**  
Holmes Street – Complainant states that defendant did push him to the ground and did choke him making it difficult to breath victim did have marks on neck and face.

**February 3, 2023**  
Dearborn Street – Defendant did take victims phone during a heated argument. Victim ran upstairs to dial 911 using upper tenants phone. Defendants' actions did cause annoyance and alarm. Appearance ticket issued.

**February 2, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – Defendant did enter Aldi grocery store and did take without permission merchandise (value \$41.22). When defendant passed all points of purchase victim did follow him outside. Defendant did then produce a knife and stated, "If you keep following me I will cut you". Defendant was apprehended by patrol officers behind 2101 Elmwood Avenue. Two knives recovered from defendant by patrol officers

along with merchandise.  
**February 2, 2023**  
Lawn Avenue – Defendant did make verbal threats to come to the complainants house and break her windows and hick her door down. Defendant then did come to the complainants' home and started to bang on her door demanding her to let him in or he was going to kick the door down.

**February 1, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – Complainant states defendant did follow her around TOPS market and did make multiple threats to the complainant. During the altercation, defendant did leave her 4 children in her vehicle and leave that vehicle running and unattended in the parking lot.

**February 2, 2023**  
Isabelle Street – Victim states she wanted defendant to leave her residence. Defendant refused to leave and a physical altercation started. Victim did suffer multiple scratches and a laceration to right forearm that was bleeding. Victim refused ADI and refused to sign DIR.

**January 31, 2023**  
East Street – Victim

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states at above location and date at approximately 2000 hours victim and suspect did get into a verbal argument that became physical when suspect jumped on victim and did bite victim on the left forearm causing pain, swelling, and bleeding.

**January 31, 2023**  
Rosedale Street – Defendant did strike victim in face with a closed fist several times causing swelling and redness to

right side of the face. Defendant did point crossbow at victim menacing her. Crossbow recovered by patrol officer.  
**January 30, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – The suspect did speak with Buffalo Police Department and agreed to turn herself in on an outstanding warrant. She met officers and Marshalls at 2333 Elmwood Avenue and Kenmore Avenue and was taken into custody.

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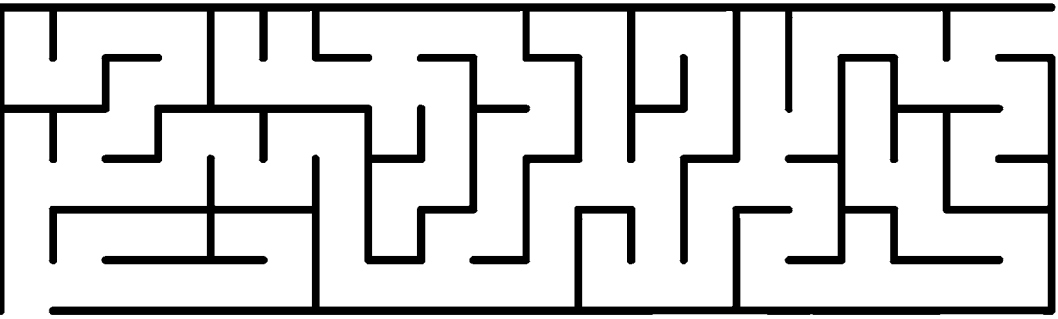
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# Kids' Maze



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**ACROSS**

1 Niger neighbor

5 Existed

8 Close

12 Timber wolf

13 Rocker Rose

14 — Christian Andersen

15 Modern taxi rival

16 Museum-funding org.

17 Verdi opera

18 Anne who married Henry VIII

20 Funhouse feature

22 Extinct bird

23 Documentarian Burns

24 Island near Java

27 Gymnast's move

32 Brit. record label

33 Continent north of Afr.

34 Bar cubes

35 Olympic skating gold medalist Tara

38 Grand tale

39 "Today" rival, briefly

40 "Fresh Air" ailer

**DOWN**

1 Golf bag item

2 Vagrant

3 Genesis

4 Honeydews

45 Jerry of the Grateful Dead

49 Graft item

50 Frazier foe

52 "Heavens!"

53 Spanish ayes

54 Charged bit

55 Mature

56 Try out

57 Schlep

58 Get lippy

4 Moolah

5 Hopefuls

6 Chopping tool

7 Bridge coup

8 "Doctor Zhivago" star

9 Tress holder

10 Nullify

11 Despot

19 "Hey!"

21 Annoy

24 — canto

25 Parisian pal

26 Makeup kit item

28 Arctic seabird

29 Shrinking in fear

30 Here, in Dijon

31 Chest muscle

36 "Leave that to me!"

37 Indian bread

38 Goofs

41 Ma's mate

42 Fine spray

43 Canal of song

44 Go yachting

46 — Pet

47 Rapsallions

48 Pro votes

51 Singer Rawls

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## Ask Rusty – Will Social Security Be There for Me?

**Dear Rusty:** I am a 62-year old Canadian expat who has lived in the U.S. for the last 30-years. I worked in both Canada and the U.S. throughout my career. I came to this country, worked hard and contributed faithfully to the tax base, but I am being cheated for what is rightfully owed to me. Everyone else's Social Security calculation is based on lifetime earnings; mine should be calculated using the same parameters, with the only difference being that some of my earnings were in Canada. I have filed an appeal to that end, but the end result is that I get taken to the cleaners. Why would they intentionally put in place a Totalization scheme with Canada which results in me receiving thousands of dollars per year less than someone who has the same lifetime earnings? This is just wrong and terribly unfair. Is there any legal recourse for me? **Signed: Angry Ex-Pat**

**Dear Angry Ex-Pat:** The so-called "Totalization Agreement" between Canada and the U.S. isn't "unfair" – rather it is a way for those who don't independently earn full Social Security eligibility in one country to still get benefits in that country using credits (not earnings) from the other country to gain eligibility. It also allows a citizen of one country to work in another country without paying Social Security taxes in their home country on those foreign earnings. If you have worked in the

U.S. long enough to become eligible for U.S. Social Security on your own U.S. work record, the Totalization Agreement between the U.S. and Canada doesn't apply to you nor affect your U.S. Social Security benefits. Overall, the Totalization Agreement is there to help those who work in both countries but aren't fully eligible for benefits. So, it's likely not the Totalization Agreement you take issue with – rather, it is a U.S. Social Security provision called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

WEP reduces the Social Security retirement benefit of anyone who has a pension earned while not contributing to the U.S. Social Security program. That includes those with foreign pensions, as well as retirees with pensions from US employers who do not participate in the US Social Security program, including older US Federal retirees as well as state-retirees from any of the 26 U.S. state governments which have chosen to exempt their employees from paying into the national Social Security program.

Without getting into the details of how the WEP reduction is computed, suffice to say your US Social Security benefit is based only on your earnings from working in the United States but, because you also have a Canadian pension earned without contributing to U.S. Social Security, and you apparently have less than 30 years of U.S. earnings, WEP reduc-

es your U.S. benefit – just as it does for nearly 2 million U.S. citizens who also have a non-covered pension. Legislation for WEP reform (or repeal) has been introduced in just about every U.S. Congress since WEP became law in 1983, but no such reform legislation has ever been enacted. Most in Congress understand that, although the formula isn't perfect, WEP better equalizes benefits paid to all Social Security

recipients, thus helping to fulfill Social Security's original purpose – to mitigate poverty in our elderly population.

Do you have any legal recourse? If you mean recourse that will exempt you from WEP or change the U.S. benefit formula to include both your U.S. and Canadian earnings when computing your US Social Security benefit, I do not believe you do. Many U.S. unions repre-

sending WEP-affected retirees have been wrestling with this issue for decades, to no avail. WEP can only be changed by an act of Congress, and Congress – for nearly 40 years – has been unwilling to change it. So, while I fully understand your frustration and respect your opinion, unfortunately I cannot be optimistic that your current appeal, nor any legal action you might take, will be successful.

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# Buffalo Arts Studio Presents: "Making Accessible" Community Forum

The community is invited to attend and participate in Making Accessible, a panel discussion centered around accessibility to creative and cultural institutions and experiences. Making Accessible will take place in the Buffalo Arts Studio Community Space at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 24, 2023. Exhibiting artists George Hughes and Jodi Lynn Maracle, along with Savion Mingo, co-founder of D.O.P.E. Collective, and Maria Ta with Frontline Arts Buffalo (FAB) will discuss some of the social, economic and physical barriers they have experienced as artists.

George Afedzi Hughes was born and raised in Ghana and studied painting at The Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, College of Art (1985–1991) where he earned a BA in Painting and Drawing and an MA in Art Education. He relocated to the United States in 1994 and earned his MFA in Painting from Bowling Green State University (2001). Hughes is currently an Associate Professor of Painting at SUNY Buffalo. His paintings, performances, and installations have been shown in Canada, China, Denmark, Dubai, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Holland, North-



ern Ireland, Nigeria, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Uruguay, Wales and the USA. Hughes is represented in Germany by Arto Gallery, in Portugal by Influx Contemporary Gallery, in Ghana by Artists Alliance Gallery, and in the USA by Skoto Gallery.

Born and raised in what is currently considered Buffalo, NY, Jodi Lynn Maracle is a Kanien'kehá:ka mother, artist, teacher and language learner. Maracle utilizes Haudenosaunee material language and techniques, such as hand tanning deer hides and corn husk twining, in conversation with sound scapes, projections, video, and performance to interrogate questions of place, power, erasure, story making, and responsibility to the land. She has shown her work throughout Dish With One Spoon Territory in site specific installation performances such as the Mush Hole Project at the Mohawk Institute Residential School (home of the Woodland Cultural Centre) in Brantford, ON, as well as the Gardiner Museum in Toronto, ON, Artpark in Lewiston, NY, and Squeaky Wheel Film and Media Art Center in Buffalo, NY. Her research as a PhD student at the University at Buffalo focuses on Haudeno-

saunee material culture, language, land and birth practices.

Savion "Quaran" Mingo is an arts organizer from Buffalo, NY and co-founder of D.O.P.E. Collective, Dismantling Oppressive Patterns for Empowerment, which is a community bulletin board and project-based collaborative. D.O.P.E. Collective is rooted in political arts movements including "The Messenger" publication of the Harlem Renaissance, D.I.Y. organizing of 1970's punk culture, and youth resistance of 1980's New York – creating underground hip-hop and ballroom. Currently Quaran (pronounced: Karon) is nurturing his career as an agency graphic designer and several initiatives such as Artbox, a free art supply mutual aid project and Buffalo's Annual Cree Summer Chalk Walk, celebrating black and brown creators and voice actors in animation.

Maria Ta is on the Steering Committee of Frontline Arts Buffalo (FAB). FAB seeks to support frontline arts and cultural organizations and artists in Buffalo in their transition from conditions of precarity to viability. FAB is a collaboration among artists, arts administrators, engaged citizens, justice advocates, and policy researchers who advocate for systems-wide changes in order to create an arts ecosystem that is eq-

uitable and sustainable for all. Maria is also the founder of the Ta Collective, LLC where she works to provide operational and administrative services to creatives in order to clear pathways for their best creative work. She believes that the cul-

tural revolution precedes all other revolutions and strives to support artists and the creative community in their efforts to change the world.

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# The Grapevine

**The Buffalo Chamber Music Society's Gift to the Community recital** series concludes on Sunday, February 12 with a performance by pianist Zhu Wang. This is a FREE concert tickets are not needed. The performance begins at 3 pm in the Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans Music Hall and will include works by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Stravinsky, Schubert and Liszt. A pre-concert performance by Suzuki Piano Students will start at 2:45. Zhu will also perform for students at Clarence High School on Monday at 10 am. Praised as "especially impressive" and "a thoughtful, sensitive performer" who "balanced lyrical warmth and crisp clarity" (Tommasini - The New York Times), pianist Zhu Wang was awarded First Prize in the 2020 Young Concert Artists Susan Wadsworth International Auditions. He is also the first prize winner of the 2nd Zhuhai International Mozart Competition for Young Musicians, and the Juilliard Gina Bachauer International Scholarship Piano Competition, and was a recipient of the Juilliard Mieczyslaw Munz Scholarship. he has been a featured soloist on WQXR's Young Artist Showcase and WFMT's Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts. His Carnegie Hall debut made The New York Times' "Best of Classical Music 2021" list. Zhu has performed all over the world in China, Italy, Poland, Japan, and across the US at prestigious venues including the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Kammermusiksaal of Berliner Philharmonie, Warsaw Philharmonic Concert Hall, Shanghai Concert Hall, Chicago Cultural Center, and The Morgan Library & Museum.

**The Carnegie Art Center** (240 Goundry Street) will host two classes where attendees will learn how to make a heart design through traditional tie-dye techniques using procion dyes. The Center is offering the class on two dates: Friday, February 10, 7-8pm and Saturday, February 11, 11am-12pm. This class costs \$22 for Members of the Carnegie or \$26 for non-members. Information on how to

register listed below. Led by Board President and textile artist, Kristin Derby, attendees will learn basic color theory, pleating and binding techniques, how to choose dyes based on fabric type, and how to manipulate fabric to create a striking heart design. This short class is designed for beginners to advanced skills. There will be opportunities to experiment with colorways and resist techniques. You will leave class with your own t-shirt creation and instructions on how to continue exploring tie-dye at home. Bring a date, a friend, or yourself! Recommended for ages 15+. All materials will be included with class fee. Pre-registration is required. Register for this class: Call 716-694-4400, register online at [www.carnegieartcenter.org](http://www.carnegieartcenter.org), or stop by the Carnegie Art Center gallery in person during regular hours to sign up. The Center is open Wednesday & Thursday, 6-8PM and Friday & Saturday, 12-4PM. Proceeds from the classes will support the Carnegie Art Center, a 501c3 non profit organization. For those unable to attend the classes in person, the Carnegie Art Center will be selling a limited quantity of this lovely style for \$26. Shipping and pick ups available.

**Ten Lives Club** is hosting their 22nd Birthday Party and Open House on Saturday, February 25 at their Main Shelter located at 3741 Lakeshore Rd, Blasdell, NY 14219. The event runs from 12PM to 3PM and is open to the public where guests can visit with the cats and enjoy cake and punch. Ten Lives Club is asking for guests to bring a gift and/or card for the cats. Gifts can be scoopable litter, cat toys, cash donations, paper towels and more! They are also having a can and bottle drive where guests can bring their recyclables to the Main Shelter or drop them off at one of Ten Lives Club's return centers such as Can Bottle Return located at 4255 Clark St, Hamburg, NY 14075. If you would like to drop off donations or make a monetary donation, visit Ten Lives Club at their Main Shelter located at 3741 Lakeshore Rd, Blasdell, NY 14219. Monetary donations can also be made on their web-

site. For more information on this event, please call their Main Shelter at (716) 646-5577 ext. 6.

**Dog Ears Bookstore & Café** will once again offer a free after school youth program for students in grades 3-8 beginning Feb. 28. Three different days of programming will be offered by grade group. Tuesdays will feature programs for students in grades 3 and 4, Wednesdays will be targeted towards students in grades 5 and 6, and Thursdays will be reserved for students in grades 7 and 8. All sessions will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and are limited to 20 students per day. The after school program will run through June 1. All sessions will be taught by literacy specialists and New York State Certified English Language Arts teachers. All class materials will be provided, along with a small snack. A nonprofit community bookstore, Dog Ears is located at 688 Abbott Road, Buffalo, near Mercy Hospital. Sessions will be held upstairs of the bookstore (enter through the front entrance). Adults do not need to attend with their child but must be mindful of drop off and pick up times. Parents are welcome to wait for their children in the café, which will be open for food and beverage purchases. Pre-registration is required and youth are expected to attend each week. Parents can sign up their children by calling the bookstore at 823-2665. When signing up, please make sure to indicate which day your child will be attending. The free after school program is made possible through funding by the Erie County Youth Bureau.

**The Hull Family Home Farmstead** in Lancaster is looking for volunteers to be docents for the 2023 season. Of particular interest are people who are available during the day to guide school students on field trips. Training will take place at the site, 5862 Genesee Street, from 1:00-4:00 on Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, April 2. To register or for further information, please contact Suzanne Jacobs at 716-681-5494 or [sjacobs@hullfamilyhome.org](mailto:sjacobs@hullfamilyhome.org).

**Arts Services Inc. of Western New York (ASI)**, on behalf of Assemblymember Monica P. Wallace's Office, invites artists in all

appropriate mediums from throughout Western New York to submit proposals for an outdoor public art project located at Cheektowaga Town Park on Harlem Road in Cheektowaga, NY. This project has been updated with new guidelines and an updated submission deadline of February 10th, 2023.

**East Aurora Winter Market** The 1st EA Winter Market Will Be Open! We have an exciting lineup of farmers, bakers & more, so please come join us, 9am-1pm, at the beautiful Poplar Hill Estate 1216 Quaker Road East Aurora on February 18, 2023, March 11, 2023, and April 15, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

## The Buffalo AKG Art Museum To Open On May 25, 2023

*Continued from page one.* in the country, the Buffalo AKG Art Museum expansion is a transformative project that will provide a significant boost to Buffalo's future," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "This project will add new life and vitality to this historic and great institution, and is a continuation of the ongoing revitalization of Western New York." "The vision for this project is to create a museum that can serve as a platform for human expression and a cultural resource for everyone in our communi-

ty," said Board President Alice Jacobs. "The leadership of the Buffalo AKG is constantly evaluating the role of the museum in today's rapidly changing world and how best to contribute and partner with others for the public good. Jeffrey Gundlach's matching challenges stipulated that this project needed to be supported by private individuals and corporations as well as the public sector. For more information on the reopening of the AKG Art Museum please visit [buffaloakg.org](http://buffaloakg.org).

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz!  
Test your knowledge!

1) Where is the Prado Museum located?

2) What is the only country that the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through?

3) WWhat does the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" mean?

4) What is another name for the division sign?

5) How long did it take singer Bob Dylan to write the big hit "Blowin' in the Wind"?

6) How many times on average does a ruby-throated hummingbird flap its wings in one second?

7) Which movie features the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?

8) Which novel features four children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy?

9) What is Joey's famous line in the sitcom "Friends"?

10) What is a common name for the pinna in human anatomy?

Last Answers: 1. Honshu, Japan, 2. Vibranium, 3. Stephen Sondheim, 4. Red, 5. 1938, 6. Calista Flockhart, 7. Arby's, 8. Chicago, 9. The Rabbit, 10. A Kaleidoscope, 11. Y2K, 12. 1985



# Reinventing Reality Exhibit Opens At Buffalo Museum Of Science

Today the Buffalo Museum of Science (BMS) opened the touring exhibition Reinventing Reality: Explore the Science of Virtual Reality. This highly interactive and enlightening exhibition demystifies the technologies behind VR and reveals how virtual worlds use STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) to come to life. The Buffalo engagement is open through June 18, 2023, and made possible with support of its presenting sponsor, M&T Bank.

Guests to Reinventing Reality discover how and why virtual worlds feel so believable. Engaging exhibits and interpretation in both English and Spanish allow guests to experience how perception, dig-

ital models, and tracking technologies bring virtual reality to life.

With 15 unique interactive exhibit stations, 12 VR pods, and licensed VR games and experiences, exhibit guests can create, play, or simply experience being in a virtual environment. Visitors can learn about breakthrough technologies, including the cameras, sensors, gyroscopes and accelerometers that are essential to moving seamlessly around the virtual world. Interactive displays allow guests discover how virtual reality is finding its place in career fields such as entertainment, healthcare, engineering, and industrial design.

"VR technology is quickly growing beyond the en-

tertainment space as applications are discovered for ever-evolving STEM fields like engineering and healthcare. Reinventing Reality provides fun and educational opportunities to inspire the next generation of STEM thinkers and leaders," says Buffalo Society of Natural Science president and CEO, Marisa Wigglesworth. "We're grateful to our longtime partners at M&T Bank for their help in bringing this new experience to Buffalo."

"Buffalo's technology and innovation ecosystem has grown considerably in recent years, an exciting transformation accelerated by the launch of the M&T Tech Hub at Seneca One. With more tech companies and startups choosing to expand or locate in Western New York, it's critically important

that we inspire both local students and adults to explore STEM fields and consider careers in technology," said Joseph Lombardo, M&T Bank Senior Executive Vice President for Strategy and Transformation and Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences Board Member. "Bringing the Reinventing Reality exhibit to Buffalo will spark imaginations through the power of innovation and show our community that tech is for everyone."

Created and exhibited by Silicon Valley-based non-profit Virtual Science Center, Reinventing Reality made its debut in 2019 at Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, California. Buffalo is the first U.S. east coast market to host the exhibition.

"We created Reinventing Reality to reveal the incredible science behind

this extraordinary new technology. Virtual Reality is so immersive and unexpected--it captures the attention and imagination of visitors of all ages. The exhibit taps into that energy encourages visitors to play and experiment with how it works. We're thrilled to bring the exhibit to the Buffalo Museum of Science as it continues our mission to bring emerging technology to students and inspire them into STEM careers."

Tickets to Reinventing Reality are \$23-26 for nonmembers, \$6 for BMS Members, and include general admission to the rest of the Museum. Due to limited capacity and timed entry, the BMS strongly encourages guests to pre-purchase tickets online at [sciencebuff.org](https://sciencebuff.org) for weekends and the February and April school breaks.



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AJRuggiero Remodeling, LLC, filed articles of organization with the NY Secretary of State on 12/06/2022. Office: Erie County. Anthony J. Ruggiero is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NY Secretary of State shall mail copy of process to Anthony J Ruggiero at 109 Deumant Terrace, Buffalo NY 14223. Purpose: General residential remodeling. 6

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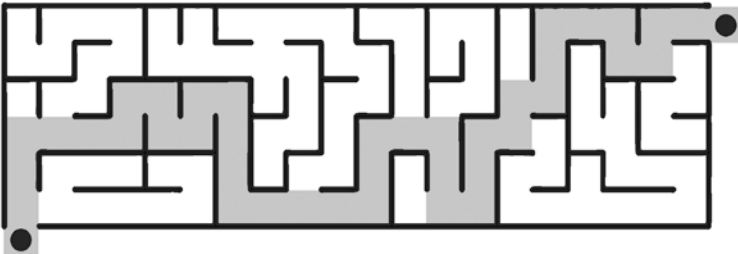


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