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If You Build It, They Will Come.



The Chianta Fieldhouse and a fenced-in batting cage in Shoshone Park will be forever changed by the building of an indoor sports fieldhouse.

By Bill Snyder

This patch of land situated behind the Chianta Fieldhouse and a fenced-in batting cage in Shoshone Park will be forever changed by the building of an indoor sports fieldhouse within the next two years, according to Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League board members after a successful meeting with the Buffalo Planning Board downtown in City Hall late Monday afternoon.

The building, long in

the planning stages since before the pandemic, has been in the hearts and minds of everyone involved in the 66 year old League, offering Baseball and Softball to hundreds of area children since 1957. The proposed 34,484-square-foot facility would replace a City of Buffalo swimming pool that was demolished in 2019 for various reasons including safety and security. The structure was just off the Parking lot for the Park but became

intolerable to families, now there for baseball or softball games.

This new building would house an indoor multi-purpose turf field in the center of the complex that could be used for any sports organization needing space to help instruct or teach area children how to develop their skills as young athletes on a year round basis. The facility would also include space for additional batting cages, community rooms and space for offices, storage and me-

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YMCA To Host Healthy Kids Day®

YMCA Buffalo Niagara is hosting its annual Healthy Kids Day® on Saturday, April 29 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, encouraging families to take a moment to help kids be kids. This free event is open to the public, and helps provide a carefree day for children,

celebrating what makes a kid a healthy kid. Activities includes games, healthy cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, and more to motivate and teach families how to develop and maintain healthy routines at home.

Media is invited to film

this annual event at any of our below locations. However, we ask that you please check in with the Front Desk upon arrival and prior to any filming. Our five available locations are:

Independent Health Family YMCA: 150 Tech
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Licenses Risk Suspension For Vision Screening Lapse

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns and the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (NYS DMV) are warning drivers that they are in risk of having their driver's license suspended if they fail to comply with NYS DMV's vision screening policy.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, motorists were allowed to renew their New York State driver license on-line by self-certifying their vision. By doing so they agreed to submit a vision test within one year of that date. If your driver's license expired between March 1, 2020 and Aug. 31, 2021, and you received such a notifica-

tion you are one of the affected motorists.

We are asking those who self-certified their vision online to complete the screening process," said Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns. "If you fail to submit your vision test results, or take one at your local DMV office, you are putting your driving privileges in jeopardy of immediate suspension. Do not ignore this final reminder."

The NYS DMV recently sent final notices to drivers who renewed their driver license online and chose to defer their vision test upon renewal. This is after over 150,000 drivers have yet

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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



May, 1984. SHARPENING SKILLS...Members of the Nichols women's Lacrosse team practice in preparation for the opening draw of the Midwest Women's Lacrosse tournament, to be played Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, at the Nichols school. Pictured are Lila Morris, Courtney Coppola, Jennifer Joyce, Kierstin Coppola, and Nancy Potter.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH



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Low 36°

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH



Partly Cloudy
High 42°
Low 29°

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH



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Low 35°

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH



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High 60°
Low 46°

MONDAY, MAY 1ST



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Stefan Mychajliw
Guest Columnist

Bombastic Broadcasting Bombshells Booted

One of the most surreal yet rewarding milestones in my former life as a broadcast journalist was my first day as an anchor working at WKBW, looking up, and seeing legendary anchor Irv Weinstein. For those of us growing up in Buffalo, the guy, God rest his soul, was a broadcasting legend.

Who can forget his weaving alliteration in a newscast, especially breaking news stories. If there was a shooting: “hot lead flew on a cold Buffalo night from pistol packing punks.” Viewers across the border thought the Queen City was burning from a fire that didn’t stop since the War of 1812 because every single night “Buffalo Blaze Busters” were battling a fire somewhere in the city.

Truth be told, credit is also due to legendary behind the scenes producer Dennis Hirnle, one of the nicest guys around and highly respected producer in the business that honorably served our great nation in the Vietnam War.

At national level, two other “big names in the business” were no longer with their respective networks, both departing within minutes of each other on Monday.

Fox News shockingly announced it was parting ways with media giant Tucker Carlson. I love the guy. He’s brilliant. Best in the business. I’m not saying that because he’s had me on his show a few times. Many folks only watched Fox because of Tucker Carlson.

Minutes later, CNN announced it was canning Don Lemon after a disas-

trous and confrontational “interview” with Republican Presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy.

I had two distinct reactions to Conservative Carlson and Liberal Lemon being taken off the air. One, thank God we have the First Amendment and freedom of speech in the greatest country in the world. And two, we are all replaceable. All of us.

While I thoroughly enjoyed watching Tucker Carlson, I never ever watched Don Lemon, let alone CNN. That’s the beauty of America. We choose, not the government, where we consume news and information from. The Buffalo Rocket, Fox, CNN, we pick.

As for all of us being replaceable, it’s a sobering reminder on what’s important in life. Look, I’m guilty of “it” as well, some-

times drifting towards the sin of pride when it comes to being consumed with things of the world. Let’s get raw: how many times have we thought “none one else can do my job” or “this place will fall apart without me.”

I’ll save you the suspense: the world will continue spinning on its axis. America replaces the President of the United States every four years. Within minutes, two media juggernauts were gone from the air without even a chance to say goodbye to loyal viewers.

The lesson learned is, every single day is a gift. Let’s appreciate the professional blessings we have and use the gifts that God gave us to love and serve others in whatever line of work we choose. We never know when this will be our last day in the office or in life in general.

Keith Radford did a hell of a job stepping up when Irv retired. Tucker Carlson’s career took off replacing a big name in Bill O’Reilly. CNN is still going to be a massive dumpster fire with or without Don Lemon. Life goes on. It always does, and always will.

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This Week's Featured Friend: BOBBY

OUR SHELTER IS OVERFLOWING WITH DOGS!

Bobby had a bit of bad luck recently when he was left (along with his five other feline companions) in an apartment without any care or supplies. While this is upsetting we prefer to think of it as the end to one chapter and the start to a much brighter one. He’s a little nervous in his new surroundings but slowly coming around. He’s very affectionate and loving, we know his new forever family will be thrilled to have found him. Bobby is currently located at the PetSmart on Elmwood Ave in North Buffalo. Visit him during volunteer hours: Tuesday and Thursday 5-7, Saturday 12-4, and Sunday 2-4.

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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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
April 22, 2023
Amherst Avenue – Complainant reports that the suspect did steal \$357.17 worth of goods from the store. After the suspect was apprehended by security the suspect then struck the victim in the face multiple times causing bruising and swelling to the victim's right eye and forehead. The suspect was then subdued by security whereby the security recovered a crack pipe from the suspect right head.

April 19, 2023
Delaware Avenue – Patrol did respond to an assault call at 2455 Delaware Avenue, Holiday House Tavern. Upon arrival patrol was given description of female suspect and was told she went to 2533 Delaware Avenue, where she was apprehended in the backroom of the establishment. Victim 1 stated female suspect came behind the bar where victim 1 was working and spit on victim and di make threats to kick victim 1's "ass". Victim 2 stated 'he began to record the incident which the suspect did then react to, hitting Victim 2 in the head 2-3 times causing Victim 2 to fall to the ground causing pain to his head and lower back. When Victim 2 stood back up, he continued to record the incident and suspect did spit on Victim 2 as she walked by. Suspect did leave and returned shortly after. As Victim 3 was walking into the bar, suspect did make threats to punch Victim 3 and did in fact punch Victim 3 in the right side of the temple area. All 3 victims requested an order of protection. All 3 victims did positively

ID suspect separately. While suspect was being escorted to the patrol vehicle, suspect did pull away from officers and did also refuse multiple commands to enter patrol vehicle and did resist entering patrol vehicle. Appearance ticket issued.

West Side
April 23, 2023
Ferguson Avenue – Officers responded to a stabbing call. Upon arrival officers witnessed complainant bleeding from a small laceration to the head. Victim stated defendant struck her with her phone in the head. Defendant stated that victim did strike her first then she did hit her in self defense. Victim did refuse medical attention.

April 20 2023
Auburn Avenue – Defendant reportedly pushed victim through hall and did choke her causing pain and lightheadedness. Events did occur in front of her children ages 5, 8, and 9 years old.

April 19, 2023
Parkdale Avenue - Defendant did make victim fearful and did put hands on victim pushing her down to the ground during an argument.

April 20, 2023
Grant Street – Defendant along with five co-defendants of which one is unknown, while riding in a New York registered vehicle operated by victim did physically punch and kick victim causing victim substantial pain to his body, large laceration to his forehead, and loss of blood. All defendants did actively engage in vandalizing victims property by throwing

alcoholic beverages on the inside and outside of his vehicle and throwing property out of the victim's car into the roadway. Also damaged was victim's eyeglasses estimated value of \$150.00. Approximate value of all destroyed property is \$400.00.

April 20, 2023
Auburn Avenue – Victim reports that he was awoken to shouting and banging and came inside to find the defendant on the porch and the screen door to be damaged. Victim states damage estimated to be \$500.00.


April 19, 2023
Hawley Street – Defendant did push victim 1 over, causing injury to right leg, and then pushed elderly victim 2 over causing injury to both legs requiring ambulance. Appearance ticket issued.

Riverside
April 24, 2023
Esser Avenue – Victim states a verbal argument started over defendant taking the phone away from her daughter which escalated into defendant kicking victim in the stomach. Victim states she ran upstairs and defendant followed her and struck her with a closed fist in the nose causing it to swell and bleed. Victim was checked by AMR. Victim also states defendant did stop her from opening the door for police and held her in the bathroom.

April 19, 2023
Riverside Avenue - The victim states that her child's father became angry and she came home late with her sister. When she asked him to leave he refused and began repeatedly punching her in the face causing pain, bruising, and swelling to her left eye. Cuts to her right arm were also visible. This did happen in front of the victim's three young children.

YMCA To Host Healthy Kids Day®

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Drive, Amherst
Interview opportunity available between 11:00 am – 12:00 pm with Communications Director Mike Baggerman at Independent Health Family YMCA Ken-Ton Family YMCA: 535 Belmont Avenue, Kenmore Lockport Family YMCA: 5833 Snyder Drive, Lockport Southtowns Family YMCA: 1620 Southwestern Boulevard, West Seneca William-Emslie Family YMCA: 585 William Street, Buffalo

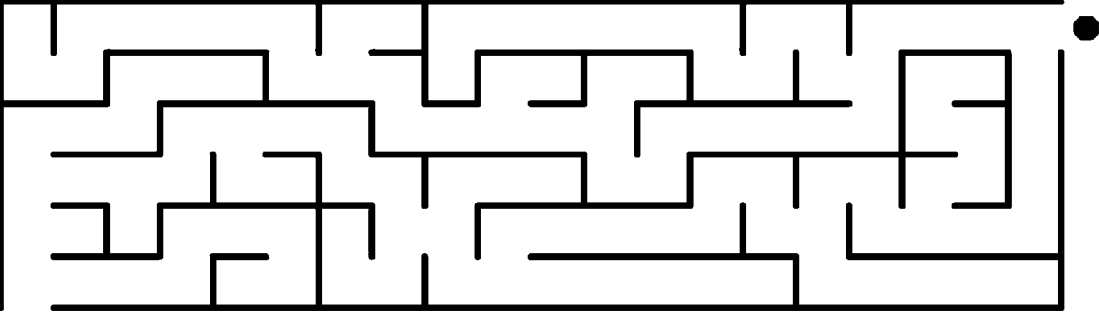


For specific activities at each location, please visit www.YMCABN.org/healthy-kids-day.
Locally founded in 1852, YMCA Buffalo Niagara is a charitable, community based organization committed to providing programs designed to build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. The YMCA's focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility is reflected in the variety of programs that are offered to all ages and abilities. For more information please visit YM-CABN.org

Licenses Risk Suspension For Vision Screening Lapse

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to obey past communications from the DMV.
There are three options to show that you have visual acuity of at least 20/40 (based on the Snellen Visual Acuity Scale) in either or both eyes, with or without corrective lenses, in order to meet the NYS DMV requirement:
Pass a vision test by an approved provider and the provider will enter the results to the DMV's Vision Registry for you;
If you pass a vision test from a provider that is not approved to be in DMV's Vision Registry, your provider must complete a Vision Test Report (MV-619) and you can submit the original copy by mail: Erie County Auto Bureau, 170 Pearl Street, Buffalo, NY 14202.

Kids' Maze



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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Chanteuse Edith
5 Links org.
8 Too
12 Kotb of "Today"
13 Filch
14 500 sheets
15 Rat-
16 Eternally
18 Large gong
20 Try to hear better, maybe
21 Author Bagnold
23 Nabokov novel
24 Symbol of stability
28 La Scala solo
31 — tai (cocktail)
32 Van Gogh venue
34 Mafia boss
35 Hostels
37 Vespers
39 Secret agent
41 Ms. Brockovich
42 Ceremony
45 Slanted type
49 The whole crowd
51 Actress Fisher
52 Lure
53 Some coll. degrees

DOWN

1 Excellent, in slang
2 Speck
3 Leading man?
4 Plump up
5 Opening night
6 State VIP
7 Genesis shepherd
8 Fleet
9 "Mona Lisa" painter
10 Rani's wrap
11 Portent
17 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
19 "Puppy Love" singer
22 Look (into)
24 Brit. record label
25 Moving vehicle
26 Genius
27 Most skeptical
29 Charged bit
30 "Life of Pi" director Lee
33 Tizzy
36 Gushes forth
38 Slowpokes
40 "Rah!"
42 Ms. McEntire
43 Infamous tsar
44 High tennis shots
46 Aspiring atty.'s exam
47 "Would — to you?"
48 Shopper's aid
50 Scot's refusal

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The Heavenly Dinner?

When my wife was put on comfort care that meant she was taken off all life support, made comfortable, and out of pain. This was at her request. It meant there would be a brief time before she made the transition. Since her hospitalization was in the middle of Covid she was only allowed one visitor a day and that was me. None of the eight children had seen her for at least a month. When she went onto comfort care, we were all allowed in the room with her at the same time. The children and me. She was still wide awake and responsive. She joked, she sang, she reminisced, and it was a good day. The one thing she said that kind of shocked me was that she said she would see us all in Heaven. Followed by, "I think you will all make it!"

Now this surprised me as we had talked about Heaven many times, since we were in our twilight years. We were both brought up as Catholics and were taught about

Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory. Since our young minds had to deal with the death of beloved ones we really wanted to believe and accepted the teachings. As we grew older and saw more of our loved ones pass it became increasingly difficult to believe that we would be with them again in Heaven. Even came to the point where we found it difficult to believe. After much discussion we were disbelievers. That is why when she said I will see you all in Heaven I looked at her and wondered. What happened in these past few days that made her such a strong believer? As sad as I was and in grief knowing the end was near, it was heartening to see her happy with these thoughts. She really believed that she was going to Heaven and see all of us again. I sat there silently and did not speak. I had prayed every night for her recovery, so I had my doubts, especially when she died. I kind of lost my religion like many do in these cir-

cumstances. As much as I would like to see her again, Heaven as we were led to believe, just faded in my mind. Sorry.

My existence now is alone in Florida as I choose to escape the snow, ice and cold. Many of my friends down here have either passed or moved away. That is the negative part of growing old. The other day, in just one of the many days down here, I had three people preach to me about Heaven. One old friend called me, another messaged me and the third was a stranger who came to pick up something she bought off me on Craigslist. That day I was overloaded with religious philosophy. They all meant well and had strong beliefs. Trying to make me feel better in my grief.

That night I had the strangest dream. We all know dreams are sometimes strange and we have no control over what they contain. They are what they are. I will tell you about this one as it is timely after a day of listening about Heaven. Here is what I recollect about the dream. You can draw your own conclusions as to what it meant. I have my own.

My wife and I entered an Italian restaurant. You could tell it was Italian. We were with another couple, and I do not recall who they were. We ran into my sister and her husband and some other living people. I ordered and it was delivered quickly. It was exceptionally good, and I seemed to really enjoy it. What happened next was bizarre. Sitting at the next table were my aunts and my mother. The five Italian sisters who have all passed. They were having a wonderful time, laughing, talking, and eating, which they all loved to do. I was happy to see them, and it did not seem the least bit strange. At another table my Uncle Joe, a real Italian, who has also passed, stood up and was telling a joke. I then noticed that everyone in the restaurant were my Italian American friends who have passed. The people serving in the restaurant were the best and did everything they could to please. I ordered lasagna, manicotti spaghetti and meatballs and I was able to eat it all and not get full. It was heavenly. Did I get a taste of one of the many things that happens in Heaven? I like to think so. It was fun seeing all those people. Being able to eat all you want. What do you think, was this a sign of what could be?

If You Build It, They Will Come.

Continued from page one. mechanical equipment. The building would sit on the southeast corner of Shoshone Park and would be accessible off of Beard Avenue and the Parking lot behind the Niagara Frontier Transit Station at LaSalle and Main Street.

With registration numbers growing in the years since 2020, the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League has fought to coach boys and girls year round in suburban areas outside the City limits that have facilities such as this, but the length of time in travel to these sites has proven costly to North Buffalo parents. A new facility such as this in Shoshone Park evens the playing fields against opponents on a boys or girls travel schedule.

"This is a long time coming," said one League official Monday Night. "In games against Central Amherst, Lou Gehrig or Mel Ott Leagues, we needed to pay to use a facility in order to practice for games that were scheduled in late winter or early fall, if the weather was chilly or damp. We've needed something like this."

In a packed meeting room on the ninth floor of City Hall, representatives from Young +

Wright, the buildings' architects, were on hand to answer questions from the City and the general public on hand in show of support. Members of the Board of Officers for Hertel North Park were well represented as well as University District Councilmember Rasheed N.C. Wyatt, who represents the area of homes immediately around Shoshone Park.

The 1.94-acre site at 445 Beard Avenue is bounded by playing fields to the north, as well as two parking lots and industrial properties. The City would also incorporate a right-of-way on Beard into the project. The \$7.25 million project would also include new utility connections, grading, sidewalks, stairs and a new connection to the adjacent Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Parking lot.

"The League is excited that the City has taken this step toward making this a reality for North Buffalo children and families and we look forward to working with all parties involved in bringing a new chapter to the history of the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League," said John Hornung, president of the HNPYBL in his meeting Monday evening.

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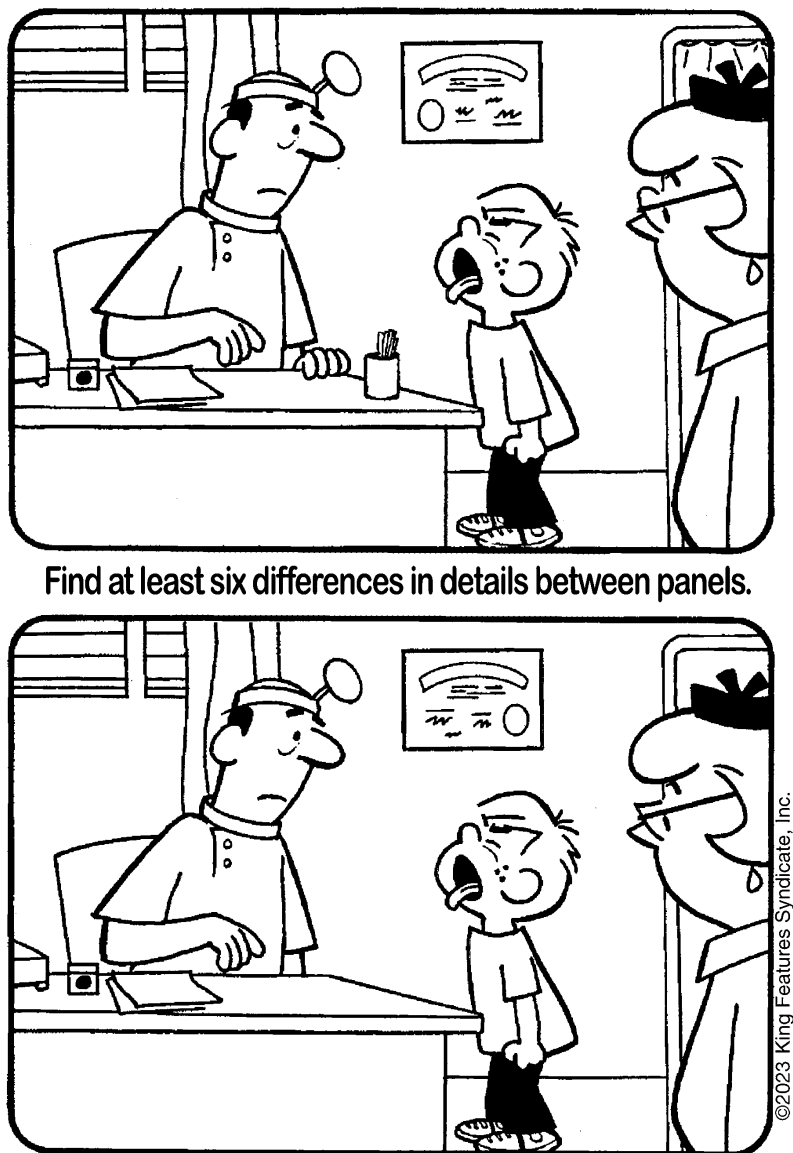
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Ask Rusty – About Social Security Benefits for My Minor Children

Dear Rusty: I will be 62 in 2024 and am considering starting benefits at that time. I will have two children under the age of 18. One of them will be 10 and the other 15. Will they be able to draw benefits in addition to my benefits?

Signed: Father of Two

Dear Father of Two:

Yes, if you claim your Social Security retirement benefits at 62, your minor children will be able to get benefits from you until they are 18 years old (or up to 19 if still in high school). You will likely be designated as Representative Payee for those benefits and will be obligated to use them only for your children's behalf (which could include simply saving the money for their future). But there's more to consider.

Normally, a minor child is eligible for 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) entitlement (even if you claim at 62), but Social Security's Family Maximum will likely restrict each child's benefit to make it less than 50%. Then, once the 15-year-old ages-out of eligibility at 18 (or 19), the younger child's benefit will increase to the full 50% of your FRA amount. That is – unless you are married and your wife will also be collecting a spousal benefit on your

record. In that case, the Family Maximum will limit payments for all of the dependents receiving payments based on your SS record (both your children and your wife). Generally, the Family Maximum is between 150% and 188% of your FRA entitlement, from which your own FRA entitlement is subtracted, leaving 50% to 88% of the Family Maximum for your dependents.

It's important to remember that by claiming your own SS retirement benefit at age 62 your monthly payment will be cut by 30% (you'll get 70% of your FRA entitlement), and that is a permanent reduction. So, you may wish to evaluate whether the money your children will get until they are 18 will offset the lifetime reduction to your own benefit payment. Your life expectancy is important when making that decision, and if you wish to estimate your potential longevity I suggest using this tool.

It's also important to remember that claiming benefits before your full retirement age will mean that, if you work, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. The earnings limit changes annually

(it's \$21,240 for 2023) and, if the limit is exceeded, SS will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will withhold future benefits to recover anything you owe for exceeding the earnings limit and, if your benefits are withheld for this reason, your dependents' benefits will also be withheld for those same months. So, your plans for working should be weighed carefully in deciding whether to claim your Social Security benefits early.

To summarize: If you won't work full time after age 62 and you're comfortable with 70% of your FRA benefit entitlement for the rest of your life, then claiming at 62 will also entitle your children (and possibly your wife) to dependent benefits (restricted by the Family Maximum). But, if you continue to work full time, Social Security's earnings test will likely mean neither you nor your dependents can receive full Social Security benefits at this time. And for clarity, the earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Reunion for ALL years of Nativity of the BVM School on Albany Street. To be held at: Town of Clarence Park (large pavilion-capacity 300) 10405 Main Street Clarence, N.Y. 14031 Date: Sunday July 9th, 2023 from 10:00am-8:00pm-Potluck. Reservations are a must! RSVP by 6/30/23 to: Helen (Brown) Kurzdorfer at 716-400-7977 Rosie (DiLiberto) Mendolera at 716-881-1306.

Ten Lives Club recently hosted a Kitten Shower at their main shelter located on Lakeshore Rd in Blasdell. At the event, there were cupcakes, appetizers and punch for guests to enjoy. Guests enjoyed visiting with the cats and kittens while also taking a spin at the prize wheel. During the event, there were also three adoptions! The kitten shower raised the nonprofit over \$20,000. Donations raised from the kitten shower are greatly appreciated as Ten Lives Club is expecting over 900 kittens to enter their shelter program. The expenses of kitten supplies, medical care and spay/neuter is estimated to cost the shelter over \$300,000. Ten Lives Club's main shelter lobby was filled with gifts and donations from guests and supporters. The non-profit is still accepting monetary and gift donations that will go towards the care of incoming kittens. Donated gifts ranged from nursing bottles to hand-made blankets to heating pads to help incoming kittens during the season. For more information about donating or to make a donation, please call their Main Shelter at (716) 646-5577 ext. 6.

The East Side Garden Walk! A free self-guided garden tours Saturday and Sunday, July 22 & 23, 2023, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deadline to register to show your garden on the tour is May 15, 2023. Register online at EastSideGardenWalk.com. Your garden does not need to be perfect; no one's garden ever is. If you have a garden in the footprint of East Side Garden Walk, you're welcome to participate. There are no fancy garden criteria—no site visits, no judging, no entry fees, nothin'—all you have to do is be proud of your little spot of earth. It does not need to be giant. It does not need to be professionally landscaped. Gardens range from large to a few square feet – register your front, back, or side garden; your upper porch (seen from the street); or your business storefront dolled up with plantings! It is the diversity that makes the event a success. The East Side Garden Walk is more than a free self-guided garden tour! It's a way for residents to take control of the narrative for our community. We share gardens, stories, and our spirit of perseverance with those from within and outside our neighborhood. The tour counters the negative stigma often portrayed on the news – by creating positive stories of our homes and our neighborhood. We use our love of gardening and community to create connections between gardeners, neighbors, and visitors. East Side Garden Walk is an event produced by Gardens Buffalo Niagara (GBN) whose mission is to create more vibrant and beautiful communities by sharing our gardens. Other

GBN events include Garden Walk Buffalo, Tours of Open Gardens on Thursdays and Fridays in July, The Buffalo Style Garden Art Sale, and Urban Farm Day.

The Buffalo Cherry Blossom Festival is celebrating its 10th year as Western New York's premier springtime celebration on April 29th and April 30th. The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, The Buffalo History Museum, Friends of the Japanese Garden, and Music is Art will once again partner to host a celebration of the spring season and cherry blossoms in the Japanese Garden in Delaware Park. This event is hosted by the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, Friends of the Japanese Garden, Music is Art, and The Buffalo History Museum. For tickets and more information, visit www.buffalocherryblossomfestival.com.

Buffalo Olmsted Parks are launching the 2023 park's inaugural Derby Day Fundraising Event Hosted at The Terrace in Delaware Park, 199 Lincoln Parkway on Saturday, May 8, 5:30pm – 8:00pm. Reflecting the style of the Kentucky Derby itself, attendees are encouraged to wear their hats and bowties. Box seat tickets to the 2024 Kentucky Derby or the 2023 Saratoga Race-track are set to be the top prizes for the Derby Day Fundraiser raffle. Tickets can be purchased at www.bfloparks.org/derby2023.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: HO CHI — TRAIL

Appalachian	Cattle	Mountain	Ski
Audit	Condensation	Oregon	Vapor
Blaze	Deer	Paper	Wagon
Campaign	Iditarod	Santa Fe	

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Answers on page seven.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- Which movie gave actor Tom Hanks his first Oscar?
- Apollo astronauts reported that the Moon smelled like what substance?
- How many stars are on the Australian flag?
- Which president killed a man who insulted him in a duel?
- Which pop group produced the hit song "God Only Knows"?
- "The Brady Bunch" features how many blended family members?
- What is the official language of the United States?
- What is the state capital of Rhode Island?
- Which is the only planet in our solar system that is not named after a god or goddess?
- What is a cheese connoisseur called?

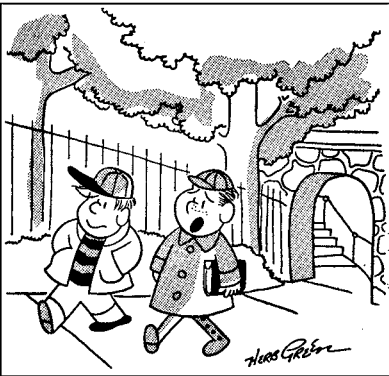
Last Answers: 1. Taco Bell. 2. "The Carol Burnett Show" 3. Honolulu, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor). 4. Vertebrae. 5. Death Valley, California. 6. Ruby. 7. Mater. 8. Ulysses Grant. 9. Shaking my head. 10. Hundred Acre Wood.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Behind	FRATE				
Plenty	MAPLE				
Pierce	CLEAN				
Pursue	ACHES				

TODAY'S WORD



"I've learned one thing in the third grade — when I get married it won't be to any

Answers on page seven.

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LEGAL

Notice of Formation of Hayden Lucas, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/22. Office location: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Hayden Lucas, LLC, 401 Delaware Ave Apt. 101, Buffalo, NY 14202. Purpose: Any Lawful Activity. 17

Notice of Formation of Lolliath ARTS LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/03/2023. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 228 Park Ave S, PMB 184561, New York, New York 10003-1502 US. Any lawful purpose. 19

PUBLIC AUCTION to satisfy overdue storage charges pursuant to UCC Code Section 7- 209, 210, and/or Articles 8 and 9, Sections 182, 184, 201, 201A-203 of the Lien Law of the State of New York, April 23, 2023, through April 30, 2023, online at www.cashauction.com The following units will be auctioned from Colvin Storage; Kevin Sullivan Unit 103, Mark Adams Unit 93, Rick Gould Unit 115. All units are contents of the storage unit. This list is an incomplete, representative sample only. All items are subject to redemption before the sale, and are sold "as is, where is." 15% Buyer's Premium. Cash Auctions 716.282.8 466. 17



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2F435, Michel Sweeney Unit MM935, John Chassin Unit LL164, Jordan Bennett Unit 2F344, Mekelle Dunbar Units MM927 and MM925, Kevin McKinnis Unit LL79. All units are contents of the storage unit. This list is an incomplete, representative sample only. All items are subject to redemption before the sale, and are sold "as is, where is." 15% Buyer's Premium. Cash Auctions 716.282.8466. 18

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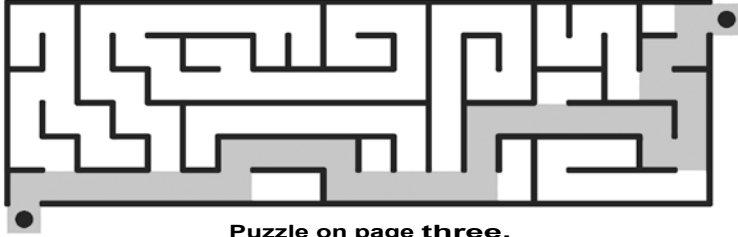
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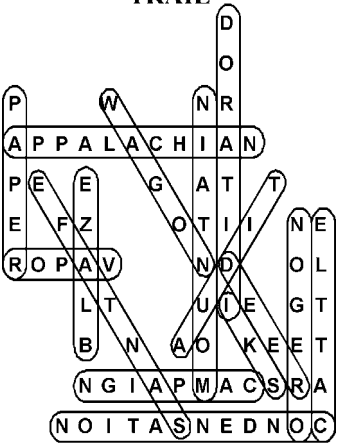
Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page three.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and pre - served, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus's pray for us. St Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St Jude helper of the hopeless pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. Thank you St Jude for prayers answered. AP

— TRAIL —




Puzzle on page six.

— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



Puzzle on page three.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

8	1	6	3	7	4	5	9	2
9	2	7	5	8	6	3	1	4
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7	4	5	2	9	3	6	8	1
3	6	2	7	1	9	8	4	5
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