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Shakespeare In The Park



An aerial view of the crowd at a showing during a production by Shakespeare at Delaware Park, Buffalo, NY, 2022.

Shakespeare in Delaware Park (SDP) is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated 48th Summer Season, featuring a captivating touring show and two main stage productions. This year's season promises to deliver exceptional performances and enchanting evenings under the stars FREE for all to enjoy.

Kicking off the season on June 14th, SDP presents the touring show Where

"There's A Will There's A Play". Directed by Norm Sham, this unique production, featuring four talented actors, will bring an hour-long performance right to your neighborhood. Opening Night will be held at the Roycroft Inn, beginning at 7pm.

Throughout the summer, the production will visit various venues across WNY, offering audiences an opportunity to experience Shakespeare's timeless works up close and person-

al. Returning to the hill on June 22nd, SDP's main stage opens with the classic play, "Measure For Measure". Directed by Virginia Monte, this production stars Daniel Lenzian, Gretchen Didio, Luke Brewer and Lisa Ludwig, promising a riveting interpretation with a musical twist of Shakespeare's thought-provoking work. Audiences can catch this captivating performance Tues-Sun at 7:15pm from June 22 to July 16.

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SHAKESPEARE
IN DELAWARE PARK



CCI Buffalo To Cut Ribbon On New Exhibit

The Centro Culturale Italiano di Buffalo (CCI Buffalo) is proud to announce the opening of a new exhibit, Generations.

Thanks to an Erie County Cultural Capital grant, the new 900 sq/ft exhibit will explore the themes of immigration, neighborhoods, faith, service, leisure, and businesses.

Ribbon Cutting 6:00 PM Thursday June 1, 2023: Deputy County Executive Lisa Chimer, Mayor Byron Brown, Buffalo Common Council Member Joel Ferolletto, CCI Executive Director Lindsey Lauren Visser, and other elected officials and community leaders will be present to cut the ribbon on the new exhibit.



"This exhibit has been many years in the making and we are so excited to finally be able to share it with the community," said Executive Director Lindsey Lauren Visser. "While the exhibit tells the Italian story, it also tells the story of immigration broadly. Anyone with an immigration story in their family, regardless of ethnicity, will be able to connect with our exhibit and come to better understand the experiences of their ancestors."

"Since we took on the project of renovating the North Park Library and converting it into an Italian Cultural Center, opening this exhibit has been part of our vision for the CCI" said Board *Continued on page three.*

Free Admission Day June 19 At The BMOS

The Buffalo Museum of Science's (BMS) annual free admission day, Community Health Day sponsored by Independent Health, will take place on Monday, June 19, 2023. Many area schools will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday, giving everyone the opportunity to explore the Museum's interactive exhibits and galleries at no cost.

In addition to free admission, Community

Health Day offers several health and wellness-focused activities for visitors of all ages from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Independent Health's Red-Shirts will offer free giveaways and family-friendly activities indoors and outdoors (weather permitting), and community partners will be stationed throughout the Museum to provide information on health and wellness resources available in the western New York.



Community partners representing a range of health and wellness resources will be on site, including UB Environmental health studies, New York Life's Child ID program, and Crisis Services. There will also be a special storytime in the SensERIE early childhood space led by the BMS highlighting the significance of Juneteenth.

All four floors of the Museum and its interactive science studios will *Continued on page three.*

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



June, 1984. ICE CREAM TIME...At last it is time for ice cream as these young aficionados sighted on Crestwood Avenue. Katie and Richard Bernecki were taking an after-dinner stroll with their father on a lovely summer evening.

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Low 54°

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND



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Low 58°

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD



Rain
High 64°
Low 50°

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH



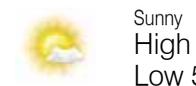
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MONDAY, JUNE 5TH



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TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH



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SPORTS
 By Bill Snyder

A Record Number Playing!

For the first time in the 66 year history of the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League in North Buffalo, there are over 1,300 reasons why Baseball and Softball is so very good in Shoshone Park every Summer.

That's because, over 1,300 hundred boys and girls have signed up to play this season, the most the Hertel North Park League has ever had since 1957, breaking last year's record number of over 1,200 children playing t-ball, travel, little league house and senior divisions from early May until late July.

All 1,300 hundred children are wearing uniform jersey's and big league caps or visors and playing nightly in Shoshone Park or in various Parks around Western New York, representing the greatest Baseball or Softball League the City has to offer here in this area. A visit to Shoshone Park on a Saturday for the first time, finds one being able to watch as many as six or seven games being played on as many diamonds throughout the tiny Park located on Hertel Avenue near Main Street.

We're just a month into the 2023 season that began on Saturday, May 6th and already, 63 teams are underway in eight Divisions ranging in ages five and six year olds to 11 and 12 years. Now that Memorial Day has passed, two more Divisions will start later this week, making a total of 76 House teams all looking to win a Championships and carry a trophy by season's end. All teams have played at least one

game on their schedules by now and have just one win or one loss or even a tie. But only seven have not won a single game yet at this writing which is amazing to see this early.

This past weekend, the League hosted their very own Jimmy Collins Baseball Tournament for Boys in four different age brackets. Hertel North Park played against teams from nearby Tonawanda (Curve), Mathewson/McCarthy, Mel Ott, Lakeshore Tide, West Seneca Warriors, Lancaster Legends and Jamestown Diamondogs. The three day competition for eight, nine twelve and thirteen year olds was very successful for the green and gold of North Buffalo with Championship trophies being presented to the winning teams and color-



ful medallions to wear for each player.

Results of League games from last week include Bert Ganci went two for three and had three RBI's to lead the Dodgers over the Braves, 8-5 in Major Boys last Tuesday night. Earlier, the Giants defeated the Mets, 2-1. The Cubs kept their record undefeated with a 9-1 win over the Reds and the Cardinals rallied to defeat the Phillies, 7-4. Paul Rubino, John Salerno and Jude Vine led the Nationals to their first win of the season, a 5-2 win over the Padres.

The Major Girls Division got underway last week as well. Last Tuesday night, the Griffs defeated the Bruins, 16-12 and the Huskies topped the Cougars, 15-13. Two nights later, the Ducks won their first game, a 14-12 win over the Huskies and the Bruins tied the Cougars at 15-15. Five very good teams of Girls, 12 and under all in search of a good season.

Mary Claire Sullivan hit a three run homerun in the first inning and teammate Aubrey Jones went three for three at the plate to lead the Tigers to a 7-2 victory over the Wolverines.

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Kids' Maze

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo May 30, 2023

Hertel Avenue – Victim states suspect was blasting music with his apartment door open. When the victim confronted the suspect about turning the music down the victim states the suspect did return to his apartment to retrieve a baseball bat. The suspect did threaten the victim with the baseball bat. The victim was able to take the baseball bat without incident.

May 26, 2023

Delaware Avenue – Defendant did enter Target store and did take without permission merchandise (value \$93.61) and did pass all points of purchase without paying for same. Appearance ticket issued.

May 25, 2023

Sanders Road – Complainant reports defendant was evicted by the marshals on 5/18/23 and has since then returned to apartment and entered through the garage door and remained inside apartment. Defendant issued appearance ticket and left without further incident.

May 23, 2023

Amherst Street – While driving eastbound on Amherst Street, officers did notice 1 black male operating a 2022 Dodge Charger driving westbound with front passenger door damaged operating with an unsafe tire. Officers did ask BM to be checked out. ADT refused. While speaking to BM he had no control of his balance, his eyes appeared to be glossy, blood shot, and the odor of alcohol could be smelled by officers. BM could not complete simple instructions from officers. While

completing inventory of the vehicle, 1 black Glock was found in center armrest with round in the chamber and 5 in the magazine.

May 22, 2023

Delaware Avenue – On above date, time, and location BPD Intel and Narcotics units executed a search warrant signed by presiding judge. At 2439 Delaware Avenue. Defendant was located on the premises. Defendant stated he was in apartment, video surveillance collaborated his statement and also had key to apartment. Inside detectives found scales with residue and glass pipes with narcotics substance. All evidence submitted to BPD.

West Side

May 26, 2023

Barton Street – Victim states that defendant did tear her shirt and push her and did then strike her, causing laceration to her right hand.

May 23, 2023

Ferguson Avenue – While on directed patrol in a known drug area defendant was observed trying to conceal something in her bag. Once stopped by officer's defendant was found to have a small bag of crack cocaine in a clear baggie in a bag. Crack was recovered by patrol officer and submitted.

Riverside

May 29, 2023

Elmwood Avenue – The complainant stated on the above date, time, and location, the suspect did enter the store and was observed placing items in her purse. The suspect did pass all points and attempted to leave the store without paying. At that point she was appre-

hended by store security. Upon identifying her, the complainant stated the suspect was previously notified that she was banned from entering TOPS property.

May 28, 2023

Elmwood Avenue - Defendant did strike victim in head and did cause physical injury. Laceration caused to head by liquor bottle. Victim did go to Ecmc to treat laceration above left eyebrow.

May 26, 2023

Tonawanda Street – Defendant was driving New York registered vehicle speeding northbound on Tonawanda Street also had a loud muffler. During the traffic stop driver initially did not stop and when he did he failed to comply to multiple commands to get back into his vehicle and got out and started to walk away from officers.

May 20, 2023

River Rock Drive – Defendant while driving New York registered vehicle did fail to stop at stop sign. Upon further investigation, driver only has identification card. Defendant told officers he had crack in his sock on the left side of his foot. Officers found in a blue and red bag balled up in a receipt. Hard white rock like substance and white powder found during search. During CB using a triple beam balance, 2 grams were weighed.

May 24, 2023

Peter Street – While officer were investigating incident defendant did approach witnesses vehicle, threatening . Officers did instruct defendant to disperse. Defendant returned to vehicle threatening witnesses again. Officer attempted to arrest defendant. Defendant did run into house, officer followed. Defendant refused to comply commands and did punch officer in left eye causing swelling.

Free Admission Day June 19th At The BMOS

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be open for guests to explore. Families can also take part in a scavenger hunt and quiz in Explore YOU presented by Independent Health, the Museum's health-focused science studio designed to provide a hands-on approach to understanding the human body and importance of healthy behaviors.

Independent Health will offer free giveaways while supplies last and a variety of health and wellness activities, including a family fitness activity from YMCA Buf-

falo Niagara, an obstacle course courtesy of the Independent Health Wellness Team, PlayStreets programming through the Police Athletic League of Buffalo, Reddy Bikeshare demonstrations, a special appearance by Billy Buffalo, and more.

This will be the second year the annual event will take place in June. Community Health Day was previously held annually in January.

For more information on the Museum and Community Health Day, visit www.sciencebuff.org.

CCI Buffalo To Cut Ribbon On New Exhibit

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President Mario Giacobbe. "We are so grateful for the support we received from our donors and from Erie County."

The exhibit was funded in large part thanks to an Erie County Cultural Capital grant. The program allowed the CCI as well as other cultural organizations to complete projects that were deferred due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

The new exhibit will be

open to the public during the CCI's normal operation hours: Wednesday through Friday 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. To celebrate its opening, admission will be 'pay what you wish' for the month of June and the CCI will be offering a number of programs throughout the month that relate to the topics explored in the exhibit. For more information, visit the CCI website: www.ccibuffalo.org.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Modern taxi alternative
- 5 911 responders
- 9 ER workers
- 12 Zero, in tennis
- 13 Scurry
- 14 Actor Kilmer
- 15 Wharton Sch. offering
- 17 50¢, in old Rome
- 18 Charon's river
- 19 Speedy
- 21 Devil's domain
- 24 Topped
- 25 Writer Quindlen
- 26 Circus gymnasts

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- 30 Call – day
- 31 Kathy of "Misery"
- 32 Pro vote
- 33 "No worries ..."
- 35 GI dining hall
- 36 Cries of discovery
- 37 Third rock from the sun
- 38 Gantry of fiction
- 40 Stable diet
- 42 Napkin's place
- 43 Coll. entrance considerations
- 48 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)

- 49 Military group
- 50 "A Doll's House" heroine
- 51 That lady
- 52 Tower city
- 53 Did the crawl

DOWN

- 1 Einstein's birthplace
- 2 Short 'do
- 3 Actress Longoria
- 4 It had a big part in the Bible
- 5 Jittery
- 6 "Das Kapital" author

- 7 Three, in Rome
- 8 Sound systems
- 9 Movie buff's purchase
- 10 Sitarist Shankar
- 11 Lost traction
- 16 Roswell visitors
- 20 Cleric's tunic
- 21 It grows on you
- 22 Initial chip
- 23 Crime lab specimen
- 24 Glenn of the Eagles
- 26 Very small batteries
- 27 Dol. fractions
- 28 Try out
- 29 Merit badge holder
- 31 Endures
- 34 Common title start
- 35 Brick workers
- 37 And so on (Abbr.)
- 38 Yale students
- 39 Cilium
- 40 Elevator name
- 41 "The Thin Man" dog
- 44 Blackbird
- 45 Tier
- 46 Epoch
- 47 Actor Waterston

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Stefan Mychajliw

Guest Columnist

Worry Is Useless

The universe always corrects itself.

It's a secular sentiment I shared with a friend and coworker this week, how sometimes in life we are given great blessings, but only after we experience loss.

The course correction often comes after facing a great difficulty. From a spiritual perspective, I also think about the faith based words of wisdom from Catholic Saint Padre Pio: "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." The first political campaign I worked on was serving as spokesman for then Erie County Executive Chris Collins in 2011. We lost. It stung. The short term pain was tough. All I knew was that I never, ever wanted to feel that way again.

At the time, the road ahead was wide open, not by choice. Now I have the perspective to be incredibly thankful that we lost that political race in 2011. That defeat led to yours truly running for Erie County Comptroller the next year. I went on to win three county-wide elections and honorably served as your "Taxpayer Watchdog" for nine years. Our team in the Comp-

troller's Office fought hard for families across Erie County, won multiple national awards for accounting excellence, and our innovative initiatives saved taxpayers millions of dollars during my administration.

It never would have happened if we "won" the race for Erie County Executive the year before.

Since our Founding Fathers preferred part time public servants, not professional politicians, I decided not to run again for Erie County Comptroller at the end of my second full term in 2021. At the time I had no idea what professional path I would pursue, but still believed in the power of public service. I wanted to serve my community, just in a different capacity, in a lower profile than countywide office, hence the run for Town of Hamburg Supervisor.

The "dark blue" heavily Democratic town had other plans. I lost. The scenario was eerily familiar ten years before. Political loss. No plan. No idea what laid ahead. This time around was a touch different. My amazing, patient, and understanding wife Ashley was pregnant, and our two sons were just

three and two years old.

Both of us have a peaceful, familiar refrain when facing the unknown. We say it to each other all the time, in moments of solidarity and togetherness: "We'll figure it out." Figure it out, we did.

That loss led to an incredible opportunity with the national political firm "Big Dog Strategies." Pardon the pun, but I had no idea how "big" Big Dog was until I joined the firm. I worked as a communications advisor on numerous national campaigns all over America. We worked tirelessly electing Republicans to the House of Representatives, United States Senate, and Governors offices across the country. It was incredibly rewarding work, helping like minded conservatives win elections in practically every state in the union.

I use the word "was" because this professional opportunity with Big Dog Strategies led to where I am right now: proudly serving as Deputy Communications Director for Vivek Ramaswamy's campaign for President of the United States. Vivek is a passionate, principled family man that is in this race for the White House to lead a national revival. He's a political outsider and business owner that is exactly what our country needs now to put our great nation back on a path of prosperity.

Yes, I'm incredibly proud that a poor kid that grew up in a blue collar family in an alley

near William and Fillmore is working day and night electing Vivek Ramaswamy the next Commander in Chief.

But I can't help but think none of it would be possible without two things: God's grace and the "opportunity" of experiencing loss. If you're in a challenging situation right now, if a door closes in your face, if you're experiencing some sort of loss, lean on and rely

on Padre Pio's simple yet powerful prayer: "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless." You never know. The challenge or difficulty you're going through right now can be the catalyst to bigger and better things.

Some day you'll look back, just like I do, and say "thank the Lord I lost." Trust me, faith, family, and hard work can and will lead to bigger and better things.

Shakespeare In The Park

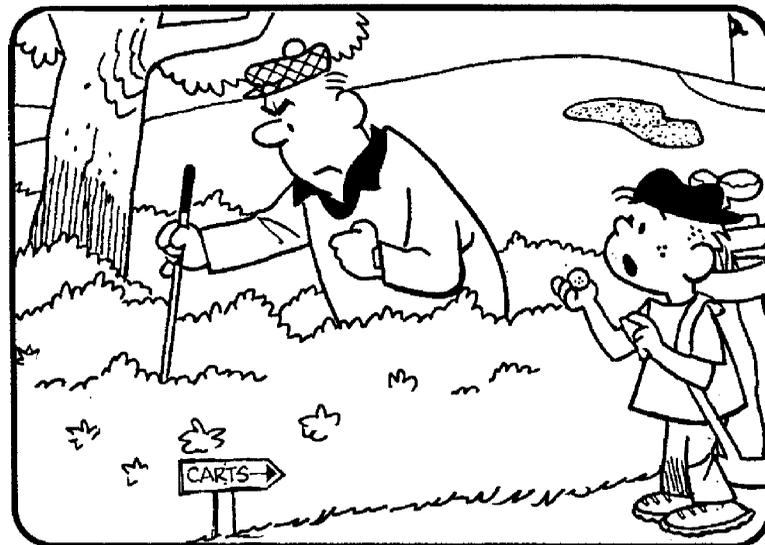
Continued from page one. stage lineup, SDP presents Shakespeare's most popular play and audience favorite, "Romeo And Juliet", directed by Chris Kelly. Featuring Aidan Conklin and Erin Grace Kelly as the iconic start-crossed lovers, supported by seasoned SDP actors Chris Hatch and Pamela Rose Mangus in the roles of the Friar and Nurse. This magical production will open July 27 and run until August 20, offering an unforgettable experience under the night sky.

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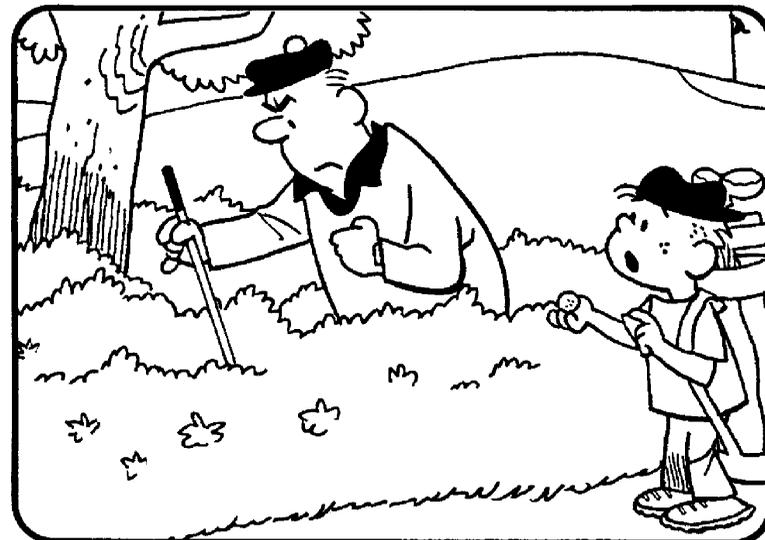
outdoor Shakespeare festivals in the country. MEASURE FOR MEASURE runs June 22 - July 16 with ROMEO AND JULIET taking stage July 27 - August 20. Our main stage shows are held every evening (except Mondays) at 7:15 p.m. on Shakespeare Hill on the SAUL ELKIN STAGE in Delaware Park next to Hoyt Lake and behind the Rose Garden off Lincoln Parkway near the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. For further information and to find out dates and locations of WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A PLAY go to www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org or call (716) 856-4533. Make sure to follow us on Instagram and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shakespeareindelawarepark.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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- 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
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- Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

WEST SIDE

- Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue
- Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter
- BMHA Housing.....245 Elmwood Avenue
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Ask Rusty – What If I Delay but Die Before Claiming Social Security?

Dear Rusty: Hypothetically, if I plan to sign up for Social Security at 70 and pass away before that, I will get nothing. My spouse would still get a boost in the amount she receives because I made more, but everything I put into the program vanishes. I haven't reached my full retirement age yet and I still have income, but if I sign up now at 63 my benefits will be withheld due to my income. Then at full retirement age (presuming I elected to claim earlier) a re-calculation will take place and my monthly amount would be adjusted. Well, what happens if I decide to wait until 70 but pass away before I claim? Are my contributions repaid in a lump sum, or will I (or someone else) still lose everything? **Signed: Uncertain About My Future**

Dear Uncertain: You are correct that if you pass away before collecting your earned Social Security benefits you won't personally get anything. Social Security has, since inception, been a "pay as you go" program where those currently working and contributing to Social Security pay benefits for those currently receiving Social Security. That means that if you die before collecting, the monies you contributed will have already been used to pay other recipients, but the contributions you made

may still entitle your dependents to benefits on your record. For those who are in their early 60s, average longevity is mid-80s, meaning your spouse would likely collect benefits on your record for more than two decades, any minor children could collect until they are adults, and any permanently disabled child you may have would get benefits from your record for the rest of their life as well.

The Social Security payroll taxes you contributed were not put into a private account in your name. And, on average, it is to the beneficiary's advantage the program doesn't work that way because that personal account would be depleted fairly quickly after you claim – rather than getting benefits for the rest of your life, you'd only get benefits (plus interest) from your personal account, which would run dry pretty fast. FYI, we have researched this very carefully and found that, on average, all payroll taxes contributed to Social Security by an individual will be recovered within about 5 years of starting benefits. The actual length of time to recoup one's contributions varies somewhat depending on lifetime earnings and contributions made, but lower-earning beneficiaries will recover everything contributed through payroll taxes within about 3 years,

while it could take as much as 5 years for higher earners to get back everything they've paid into the program. And for clarity, since self-employed individuals pay both the employee and employer portion of the payroll tax, it does take longer for those who own their own businesses to recoup what they've contributed. Nevertheless, on average, most who claim benefits will get considerably more from the program than they paid in Social Security payroll taxes.

As to your specific question, if you die before collecting, the contributions you made weren't deposited in a personal account for you and won't be paid out in a lump sum. Rather, the payroll taxes you paid while working were used to pay benefits to beneficiaries receiving at the time, and those working and contributing after you die will fund the benefits paid to your spouse or disabled adult child until they die, or to your minor children until they are adults. The Social Security benefits you earned aren't just for you – your eligible dependents will also benefit from your record.

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Community Action Organization of Western New York's DART Program Expansion Open House, Thursday, June 1, 2023, 2-5 pm at 1245 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209. CAO DART provides services to help those in recovery and hope for a lifetime. For more information, please visit www.caowny.org or call 716.881.5150.



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.



The Junior League of Buffalo will host a Media Day on Friday, June 2 at St. Patrick's Friary House, this year's Decorators' Show House. Media are invited to a complimentary sneak peek of the decorated house prior to the official ribbon cutting on the evening of June 2 and first public

tour on June 3. Information about the house will be available as well as a chance to meet designers. Please RSVP to Atiana German at 716-597-5971, jlbccommunicationsmanager@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 30. A special ribbon cutting of The St. Patrick's Friary House is scheduled for 4:30 pm on Friday, June 2.



Salsa in the Park 10 Year Anniversary starts on the 1st and 3rd Mondays June - August. June 5th and 19th, July 3rd and 17th and August 7th from 6:30-9 PM at The Rose Gardens Pavilion at Marcy Casino, Delaware Park, 199 Lincoln Parkway, Buffalo, N.Y., 14222. August 21st, Grand Finale Party, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Price is at \$15: includes dance lesson for beginners and dance social to follow, so you can practice your new moves. \$20 for Grand Finale Party August 21st with live Latin music by Sol y Sombra. (Weather Permitting: may be canceled due to inclement weather by 4 PM on date of event). Please bring your own water in reusable water bottles.



Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is hosting a Chicken BBQ on Thursday June 15th from 4pm to 6pm at Ten Lives Club's main shelter located at 3741 Lakeshore Rd, Blasdell, NY 14219. Meals tickets are \$14 presale and \$15 the day of and include BW's Smokin' Barrels BBQ Chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, a roll and butter! There will also be a can drive, a plant sale, baskets for raffle and a bake sale! The Chicken BBQ meals are take-out only. Enjoy a yummy chicken bbq meal all while knowing you are helping the cats at Ten Lives Club as all proceeds made from this event will benefit the cats! For more information on this event, visit Ten Lives Club website or call their Event Coordinator at (716) 646-5577 ext. 2.



The Tonawanda-Kenmore Historical Society & Museum (TKHS) will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, June 3, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Email info@kentonthistory.org for more information. Tonawanda-Kenmore History Museum, 100 Knoche Road, Tonawanda NY. Admission is Free; Donations gratefully accepted. The museum is handicap accessible and has ample parking.



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- 1) When was the first "Star Wars" movie released?

2. In which body of water is Bermuda located?

- 3) Who was the first host of the game show "Jeopardy!"?

- 4) Which part of the brain controls balance and coordination?

- 5) Which short story is described as the first modern detective story?

- 6) Which two cities were destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D.? _____
- 7) What is the nickname of Albuquerque's (New Mexico) minor league baseball team?

- 8) What does "encroute" mean?

- 9) What kind of farm did Jimmy Carter have before he became president?

- 10) Which restaurant urges customers to "Eat fresh"?

Last Answers: 1. Sunnysdale High. 2. Tom Hanks. 3. Heathcliff and Catherine. 4. Skittles. 5. Wasabi. 6. Melanin. 7. Egypt. 8. Margaret Thatcher. 9. Xylem. 10. New Hampshire.

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LEGAL

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Erie Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 809739/2022 MidFirst Bank Plaintiff, vs David S. Baker If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, United States Of America On Behalf Of The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development, Citibank (South Dakota), N.A., Parkside Medical Anesthesia Associates, P.C., People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS, John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 53 Altruria Street Buffalo, NY 14220 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental

Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Erie. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO David S. Baker Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Mary L. Slisz of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Eighteenth day of April, 2023 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie, in the City of Buffalo. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated January 11, 2005, executed by David S. Baker to secure the sum of \$75,121.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Book 13207, Page 8182 in the Office of the Erie County Clerk on January 11, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 11, 2005 and recorded on January 11, 2005, in the Office of the Erie County Clerk at Book 13207, Page 8211. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 9, 2011 and recorded on February 18, 2012, in the Office of the Erie County Clerk at Book M 13569, Page 719. Said Mortgage was subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement executed by David S. Baker on July 23, 2013 and recorded September 11, 2013 in Book D 11252, Page 8653 in the Office of the Erie County Clerk; The property in question is described as follows: 53 Altruria Street, Buffalo, NY 14220 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS

FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home.

There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: May 12, 2023 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 76 454 23

Kids' Maze Solution



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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE

REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC,
V.

JENNIFER FLANNERY, THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF ERIE COUNTY,
AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF CECILIA ANN ROBINSON A/K/A CECILIA ROBINSON, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 17, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie, wherein REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC is the Plaintiff and JENNIFER FLANNERY, THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF ERIE COUNTY, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF CECILIA ANN ROBINSON A/K/A CECILIA ROBINSON, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the "CLOSING ROOM" OF THE ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 92 FRANKLIN STREET, CITY OF BUFFALO, STATE OF NEW YORK 14202, on June 13, 2023 at 1:00PM, premises known as 2357 BERG ROAD, WEST SENECA, NY 14218: Section 152.07, Block 3, Lot 35:

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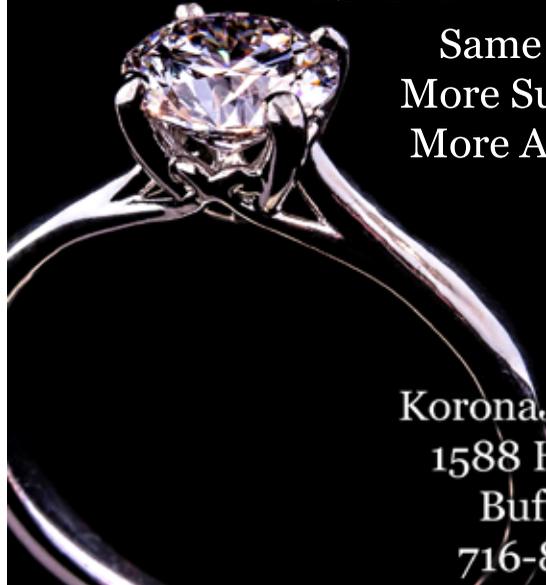
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