

Italian Heritage Festival



The Galbani Italian Heritage Festival returns once more for its annual tradition-held for three days in July from Friday, July 14th - Sunday, July 16th.

One of Buffalo's most revered summertime traditions, The Galbani® Italian Heritage Festival will be held on Friday, July 14th, Saturday, July 15th, and Sunday, July 16, 2023, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm.

This year the Festival will be back on Hertel Ave!

"This is the year to bring back the sights, the sounds, the food, the entertainment, and the heritage," said Judy Porto-Fiorella, the festival's board presi-



dent, during a news conference.

The Galbani Italian Heritage Festival of Buffalo is a highlight of Summer events in Western New York. Sponsored by the Hertel North Buffalo Business Association, the West Side Business and Taxpayers Association and the Federation of Italian-American Societies of WNY, this annual event features the very best of Italian food, Entertainment and Heritage that our area has

to offer. The proceeds of the festival are divided among the three organizations and are used to benefit the community.

In the mid 1970's the festival was moved to Connecticut Street in a neighborhood known as the "Italian Village" sponsored by the Amici Lodge. In the mid 1980's the festival moved to Hertel Ave. where it was enjoyed for many decades. It has also taken place on the Buffalo Waterfront and most recently in Niagara Square.

For more information, please visit: <http://buffaloitalianfestival.com/>.

Buffalo Zoo Celebrates 716 Day

The Buffalo Zoo is excited to celebrate 716 Day presented by the 716 Foundation on Sunday, July 16, 2023, where admission will once again be \$7.16 for all guests.

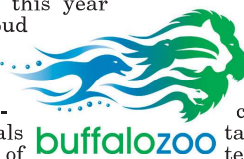
716 Day has become a tradition for Western New Yorkers at the Buffalo Zoo, and this year the Zoo is proud to partner with the 716 Foundation to provide individuals and families of all socioeconomic backgrounds an opportunity to visit the Zoo at a significantly reduced rate, and spend the day with their favorite animals who call this city home. Thanks to the 716 Foundation's generous commitment to offset the reduced admission, guests will be able to enter the Zoo on July 16 at a dis-

count of \$7-\$11 depending on their ticket type.

In November 2022, the 716 Foundation supported the addition of three new bison to the Zoo, as well as upgrades to the bison habitat.

Along with discounted admission, 716 Day at the Buffalo Zoo will include the daily schedule of activities including keeper talks, encounters, the Avian Odyssey Bird Show, and more!

The Zoo will have normal operating hours on 716 Day with admission gates being open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and grounds closing at 5:00 pm. For more information about 716 Day or to purchase tickets in advance, visit buffalozoo.org.



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The Miyazaki Chalk Contest 2023



The 10th Miyazaki Chalk Contest takes place all day Saturday, August 5th to Sunday, August 5th.

Bust out that chalk and join us for Buffalo's 10th Annual Miyazaki Chalk Contest, stationed right in front of the North Park Theatre on Hertel Avenue, now celebrating its tenth continuous year as one of

the coolest expressions of Ghibli love on the planet.

Entry is free!

All skill levels are encouraged!

Some chalking supplies will be provided!

Free water for chalkers!

Primary Theme: All chalkings related to Studio Ghibli or the works of Hayao Miyazaki and Isao Takahata will be eligible for prizes from GKIDS Films and Gutter Pop Comics.

Chalking starts at 9:00 AM Saturday and Sunday. (But you can start any time after.)

Final judging starts at 9 PM Sunday.

If you missed any Ghibli posters over the years, KatyDid will have a table out with North Park prints, buttons, postcards, and all kinds of cool stuff...!

Please use non-permanent materials.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



July, 1984. COOLING OFF...Charlie Gugino was at a house on Camden Street when the water went off from his grandmother's hose, letting him cool off in an unexpected way.

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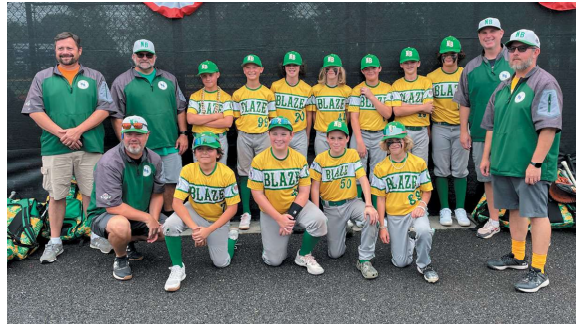
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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

HNPYBO Playoffs!



11u NB Blaze- Green Team: winners of the South City Tournament Championship. Team: Joey Constantine, Burke Ganci, Greyson Gordon, Benji Hadden, Carter Horan, Jayden Horan, John Hornung, Vinny Majchrzak, Paul Rubino, Eamon Smith, Linus Ward. Coaches: John Hornung, Corey Gordon, Randy Hadden, Vinny Majchrzak, Matt Ward.

As we wrote briefly about in last week's Rocket, congratulations to the 11u Green North Buffalo Blaze team for winning the Salt City Tournament Championship in Syracuse, NY July 1 and 2 against three other teams and a huge congratulations to North Buffalo pitcher Jayden Horan for being named the tournament MVP in a 3-2 victory over the GHC Warriors. The victory was truly satisfying for the Blaze after losing game one, 10-3. But with the hitting of Vinnie Majchrzak, who blasted a solo homerun in the second inning of the championship game and the pitching by Bert Ganci, the Green and Gold celebrated their fourth of July two weekends ago. Other players on the team included Joey Constantine, Greyson Gordon, Bengi Hadden, Cater Horan, John Hornung, Paul Rubino, Eamon Smith and Linus Ward.

The victory was just the start of a great month of

July underway in Shoshone Park and in various Parks around North Buffalo including nearby Joe McCarthy Park across Main Street and Hertel. Let's take you right to the Park where the party is beginning. Playoffs are beginning in most divisions of Boys and Girls play. All teams will make the playoffs in Hertel North Park but how a team finishes in the division determines where the club is ceded for the playoff brackets that have been set up for postseason play. If a team loses two games now, their season is over and they get to go home. But no one wants to go home this way.

Major Boys (ages 11-12) began their playoffs this past Saturday with two games after the teams were ranked one to ten. The Cubs won the Division and were followed by the Dodgers, Braves, Phillies, Giants, Cardinals, Padres, Nationals, Mets and Reds. The Padres played the Reds and won 7-3 and the Mets

surprised the Nationals in a close, 3-2 victory. The Padres move on to face the Dodgers while the Mets next play the Cubs. If the Reds and Nationals lose again, well, you know.

The Phillies came up with a total team effort last week to upset the previously unbeaten Cubs, 6-5 last Thursday night on a Leo Schult three run homerun in the first inning and the defense of Shortstop Linus Ward. John (JR) Hornung hit the game winning RBI and closed the victory on the mound. Teammate Ben Darling stole home in the fifth to put the Phils up 5-4 briefly before the powerful Cubs, who finished their season at 11-1, fought back in the top of the sixth.

McCarthy Park has been the setting for some terrific games as well. Last week, the Orioles defeated the Mariners, 13-8 and the Royals just got by the Twins, 6-5 in two Triple AAA games. Their Playoffs just got underway Monday night with four games. Two were played at McCarthy while two others were in Shoshone Park. You have to be in two places at the same time.

The Blue Jays took an early 7-0 lead on the Tigers after five and a half innings but the team from Detroit battled back and forced an extra seventh inning after tying the game at sixth. In the Seventh, Clyde Zyglics got on with a huge double before Leo Scott stepped to the plate with a walkoff single to score the go-ahead run. Jack Kromer hit three doubles and teammate Cameron Weiszhaar had two hits to lead the Royals over the White Sox, 14-4. The Yankees defeated the A's 13-7 and the Angels took care of the Twins, 5-2.

The Double AA Mets won their last two games in two days to finish their regular season strong. Friday night, they hammered the Braves, 11-3 and on Saturday, they battled back from a 3-0 deficit against the tough Pirates when Charlie Rush hit a bases clearing triple in the fourth and later, Jordan Sabia scored the winning, 5-4 victory on an RBI single from Colin Kleeh.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo

July 10, 2023

Hertel Avenue – Defendant did enter D-District station after custody exchange and while inside did become argumentative and displayed nonverbal signs of aggression, not wanting to break eye contact and balling fists. Defendant did then snatch juvenile's bookbag in a violent angry manner and throw it on the ground causing child to cry and become fearful.

July 9, 2023

Hertel Avenue – Victim states following a verbal argument defendant did with a closed fist while holding a set of keys did punch victim about the face causing a small laceration to the right cheek. AMR declined.

July 8, 2023

Delaware Avenue – Complainant states defendant did take without permission merchandise by means of placing items into her purse and passing all points of purchase without payment (value less than \$1,000).

July 7, 2023

Hertel Avenue – Defendant did cause damages intentionally to (1) Cement Statue of Mother Theresa along with (2) Cement Benches and the landscaping that is on property of St. Rose of Lima Church located at 500 Parker Avenue. Defendant did make statements to detectives that we specifically targeted the statue due to its religious significance and wanted to see the statue broken.

July 7, 2023

Delaware Avenue – Defendant did take \$265.53 worth of miscellaneous merchandise and pass all points of purchase without payment. Defendant was stopped by loss prevention. All items recovered and given a "no trespass" order by the store.

July 6, 2023

Hertel Avenue – Defendant did sign a "no trespass" form from Home Depot on January 17, 2023 that is valid for 3 years. On 6/30/23, defendant did enter the Home Depot and did take \$300.00 in saw blades without paying. Supporting deposition and "no trespass" order in paperwork.

West Side

July 9, 2023

Grant Street – Officers observed defendant grab an unknown male at the time from behind and body slamming to the ground. Once on the ground he was attempting to place the male in a head lock. Defendant refused to obey verbal commands to get off him. Defendant was tazed and taken into custody. Victim assaulted did not wish to be a complainant.

July 4, 2023

Albany Street – Defendant did pass through stop sign at West Avenue and West Ferry Street without coming to a complete stop. Defendant was in operation of New York registered vehicle which had suspended registration for insurance not in effect. Defendant refused multiple verbal commands to exit vehicle and produce identification. Upon investigation, defendant's NYS driver's license is suspended and defendant does have warrant out of Buffalo. Illegal tints on vehicle.

July 3, 2023

Ashland Street – Victim claims defendant punched her in the stomach and choked her, causing pain. Defendant did then damage victims premises in unknown amount.

Riverside

July 9, 2023

Esser Avenue – Defendant and co-defendant were in possession of New York registered vehicle, a 2020 KIA soul white in color that was reported stolen on 07/09/2023 at 1637 hours in B district. Estimated value of stolen vehicle is \$13,000. With assistance from Air 1 Defendant and co-defendant were apprehended inside home of 164 Esser Avenue. Owner of vehicle (victim) does wish to pursue a order of protection on defendant and co-defendant. Detective did complete paperwork with victim.

July 7, 2023

Bush Street – Officer observed New York registered vehicle southbound on Niagara with dark tinted windows and plate cover. Upon stop driver found to be suspended inventory search patrol officer did recover Glock 23 with serial number loaded with (1) in the chamber and (27) in the

magazine along with an additional magazine containing (13) rounds and (1) additional round all from a black backpack in the trunk. Submitted by patrol officer.

July 6, 2023

Elmwood Avenue – Complainant (security) states defendant took a blue Seagram bike (estimated \$300-500) and filled a basket with \$72.22 in various candies. Defendant fled through rear fire door setting off alarm. Security apprehended defendant brought him to front of store for police. Defendant attempted to conceal identity multiple times by using false name.

July 5, 2023

Laird Avenue – Complainant reports subject did kick him and spit on him as well. Upon arrival officers did observe and hear subject admit to kicking him.

July 4, 2023

Delaware Avenue – The defendant did strike the victim in the arm with a piece of broken glass, causing a severe laceration that required 9 stitches. The defendant also did strike the victim in the face multiple times, causing a severe confusion to the victim's left eye.

July 4, 2023

Reservation Street – Arrested did yell and scream at victim causing fear and alarm. There is an order of protection that is not yet in place for victim. Suspect did return a second time on the same day and officers did locate him around the corner from victim's home.

July 4, 2023

Elmwood Avenue – Defendant has been told multiple times he is not allowed on the property defendant was inside Starbucks.



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ego
- 5 Curved line
- 8 Easy targets
- 12 Geometric calculation
- 13 "The Matrix" hero
- 14 Conspiracy
- 15 Elephant's ancestor
- 17 Sultry Horne
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- 21 Rice recipe
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- 52 Game caller
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- 21 Tropical tree
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- 23 Pot covers
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- 35 Writer
- 37 Perch
- 38 Actress Spelling
- 39 Each
- 40 Angelic light
- 41 "Dream on!"
- 44 Pub pint
- 45 Winter ailment
- 46 Distant
- 47 HBO rival

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Seniority

Ask Rusty – Why Can't I Collect Survivor Benefits from My Deceased Wife?

Dear Rusty: I am a 62 year old widower that is still working full time. While my late spouse was in hospice, I was able to get her to apply for Social Security disability and she received one payment before she passed away two years ago. I was told that I could collect a survivor benefit, so I called my local Social Security office, but they told me that I could not collect any type of benefits from my wife and that all the money she paid into SS for all of those years was basically gone for good. Would you please advise what I can do and if this is true? I was also told that Social Security's agents will do everything they can to avoid paying out benefits. **Signed: Frustrated Widower**

Dear Frustrated Widower: I suspect that the reason Social Security said you were not eligible for benefits as a widower is because you are working full time. At age 62, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn while collecting early Social Security benefits. The 2023 earnings limit is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your earnings are high enough, that could make you temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until 1) your

earnings are less, or 2) you reach your full retirement age (FRA) when the earnings test no longer applies.

Assuming you have not yet claimed your personal SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your wife when your earnings are less or after you reach your full retirement age. One strategy you may wish to consider, if you plan to keep working full time, is to wait and claim only your surviving spouse benefit at your FRA (67), thus allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to continue growing until you are 70 when your personal SS retirement benefit will be about 75% more than it would be now. Although your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA, your personal benefit doesn't reach maximum until age 70, so it's possible to collect your smaller survivor benefit from your wife first and claim your higher personal benefit later.

You were apparently given some confusing information when you contacted Social Security. If you haven't already claimed your own SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife but likely cannot collect a widower benefit at this time because you're working full time. However, that doesn't mean you

can never collect a survivor benefit; only that you can't collect it at this time because of the "earnings test." The earnings test goes away when you reach age 67, so you can claim only your survivor benefit at that time (or before if you no longer work full time) and allow your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow (to age 70 if you like).

From our experience with the Social Security Administration, the skill level of SSA representatives varies but we have never suspected their goal was trying to avoid paying benefits due. Nevertheless, depending on the agent you spoke with, the information provided may have been less clear about the best claiming strategy for you - which is why the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service exists. Our advisors are all highly experienced and strive to provide you with complete and clear information which enables you to make an informed choice about how and when to claim the Social Security benefits you are entitled to. I hope we have succeeded.

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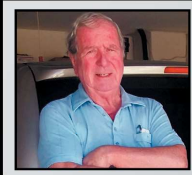
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Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

What if?



The sunken wreck of the RMS Titanic, 13,000 feet underwater.

The other night I watched "Titanic" for the third or fourth time. Long movie but decent and interesting. The event itself is what is interesting. Happened over 100 years ago but it still makes headlines. Recently the tourist sub that takes people down to see the remains at the bottom of the sea imploded, killing the five people aboard. There have been at least two successful movies about the sinking. It is so well known as a major tragedy

people are still in awe over the circumstances. YouTube has all kinds of different takes on what happened that night April 14th, 1912. As I watched it over again the thought came to me, what if it never happened? How would the world have changed if the Titanic missed the iceberg and went on its merry way? The 1500 people that died would have made it to America and continued with their lives. Some were pretty

prominate and wealthy men and women. We will never know but we can speculate and the conclusion would in no way be so compelling as the sinking. Many of the presentations on YouTube say it should not have happened.

Let's look at another "What If". What if Adolf Hitler had made it as an artist? He tried twice to enter the realm of artistry but was denied. As I understand it, he did landscapes and could not do figures which I guess were required. Just suppose he was accepted and became a struggling artist. If he was happy at doing this and made a living, we probably would have never heard of him. His paintings would be of little or no value today. The ones that he did and are still around worth big bucks if you wanted them. Better yet it is highly likely there would not have been a second World War. We would assume that he and he alone was the reason the war ever happened. Millions and millions of people who died in that war, would have maybe lived full lives. It completely changed the world. Everyone on this planet was affected by the war in some way. What if he had only become an artist? We will never know. So many "What ifs" in

History. Split second decisions that determined the shape of our futures. Not only events but people. What if there was no Edison or Ford, Tesla, or Einstein? Would someone else come along and accomplish what they did? Almost seems like there is a divine plan for the things that happen as we look back in time. Were all these things meant to be for whatever reason? The sinking of the Titanic and Hitler are examples of "bad but meant to be", but there are good things and events that shaped this world as we know it.

What if the Wright brothers did not have the nerve to try to fly? Perhaps and more than likely someone else or somehow we would have progressed into the age of aviation. As we look back there are things that are bound to happen. Predictions were

communications across the globe that would come to pass. We would not have believed it back when the telephone was connected by overhead wires. You would have to have wires going everywhere. Even across the ocean. Wireless communication was an unknown and no one would accept the concept that it would come to pass. It did and it is here. Most people do not even think about it. Pick up your cell phone and talk to anyone in the world. It is amazing. Everyday, every minute things happen that will shape the future. We have no idea at the time, but we see the results. All we could do is speculate whether they will turn out good or bad. That is the fun of looking back and saying, "What if?" How many "What ifs" can you think of?

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Stefan Mychajliw

Guest Columnist

A Lesson In Love

Before meeting my biological father, my late mother raised five children by herself. Life was incredibly difficult for her, doing the best she could under challenging circumstances, raising her then five children to the best of her abilities.

No parent is perfect, myself included. My wife Ashley and I are raising three children ages five and under. She works full time as a social worker. I'm now the Deputy Communications Director for Vivek Ramaswamy's campaign for President of the United States.

Ashley is an incredible life partner and especially a phenomenal parent partner. She's the glue that holds our family together. I travel quite a bit now, and even when we are together it's a challenge keeping my head straight raising three young kids.

I don't know how my mother, God rest her soul, did "it." How did she manage to survive, let alone raise five kids alone, while having zero support, zero help, and the immense pressures of having to provide basic needs like food and clothing so her kids survive?

Now that I'm a parent and provider, I have the understanding that I never truly appreciated how

hard it was for my mom to keep it together, until I had children of my own.

I thought of my mom, whose name adorns the Seneca Babcock Arlene Mychajliw community center, when Vivek Ramaswamy was hosting a town hall in Iowa. In the middle of Vivek's talk, an emotional woman started screaming at the top of her lungs from the back of the room.

"Protect our women! President Trump is a racist! Protect women!" the highly emotional woman yelled as she started to shake.

The campaign confrontation could have quickly gone sideways. The crowd could have pushed back, security could have dragged her out, it could have gotten ugly. None of those things happened.

Vivek Ramaswamy handled the heckler in a way not seen in our day and age of late, especially not in the political arena.

He calmly responded with kindness, compassion, and respect.

"I want to give her a chance to speak, can you come back here? Come on back. It's ok. Come on up. Ask me a question, and I'll answer," said Ramaswamy to the woman, who by then seemed to be on the verge of tears and shaking. It

didn't appear to be anger, but more desperation.

"I'm raising a kid that someone implanted in me. I'm a single mother without support," she said to Vivek.

"What's your name? Please tell me your name," answered Ramaswamy.

"My name is Kayla. My kid is successful. He is happy and successful. I don't want to be put down or frowned upon because I'm a single mother," said the protester, her voice cracking emotionally when sharing her feelings.

"Thank you Kayla. I want to say, you're doing one of the most important things, as a mother raising children in the world, even if we have disagreements, I want to say thank you for that. Part of what it means to live in this country is we have free speech. We get to speak our minds openly even if we don't agree. Let's applaud her for having the courage to come in here and ask a question," Ramaswamy concluded.

I thought of my own mom when this single mother angrily confronted a Presidential candidate, who in turn greeted her with grace and love, and most important: he listened to her.

That's all Kayla wanted. This single mom wanted to be heard about all of her frustrations, fears, and anger of the circumstances of raising her children alone.

Thankfully she found the one and only candidate for higher office that listened. Kayla left the meeting being heard by the man who I'm working hard to elect the next President of the United States, and Vivek Ramaswamy taught us all a lesson about love.

We can all live by Vivek's example in our everyday interactions, especially with those that angrily disagree with us.

Just imagine how much better the political arena and world would be if all of us, myself included, heeded his advice and lived by his example.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

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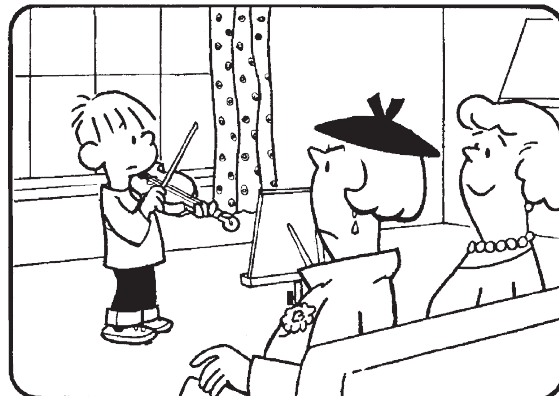
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2. Who is the first president to have a telephone in the White House?
- 3) Which actress won an Oscar for her role in "Mary Poppins"?
- 4) How many planets in our solar system have rings?
- 5) The novels "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" are set in which U.S. state?
- 6) How many seasons of "Star Trek" were produced for television?
- 7) What is the name of the highest mountain in Greece?
- 8) Which plant produces the world's hottest pepper?
- 9) Which hormone regulates blood sugar?
- 10) What is a piebald?

Last Answers: 1. Endora. 2. The Orca. 3. Tobacco. 4. A doe or nanny. 5. Hannibal Hamlin. 6. Brandy. 7. Verona, Italy. 8. Venus (Mariner 2). 9. 1981. 10. Moscow, Russia.

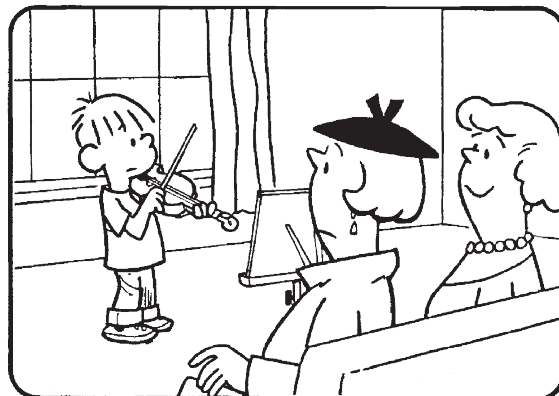
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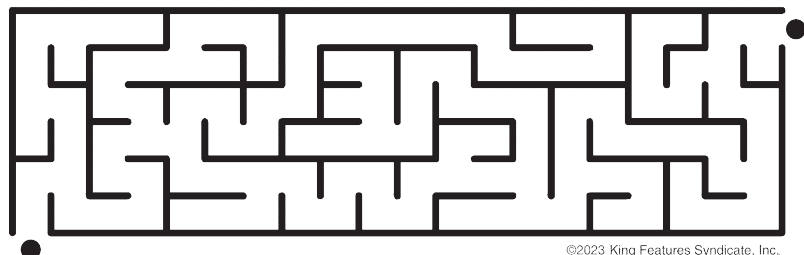
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Kids' Maze



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The Grapevine

O'Hara Class of '73 Plans Weekend Bash Cardinal O'Hara High School's Class of '73 is gearing up for a unique 50th year reunion starting on July 27 and continuing

through July 30. The reunion, led by Barb Sundry, Pat Fleming and Sandi (Cichy) Regan, will feature a golf outing, Tiki Boat tour, banquet, all-class celebration

and a liturgy. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. Thursday July 27 with the Alumni Golf Tourney at Chestnut Hill Country Club in Darien Center.



The East Side Garden Walk (ESGW) returns for a sixth year July 22 & 23, 10am-3pm. The tour is free and self-guided with more than 70 Gardens! New this year: Free backpacks of school supplies

for children. PanchoPacks from the Teacher's Desk will be distributed each day of the walk on June 22 and 23 between 12 and 2pm from the Box Avenue Good Neighbors Garden. Child(ren) must be present to receive a backpack. Donations for backpacks of school supplies are currently being accepted. More than a garden tour, the ESGW is a way for Buffalo's East Side residents to take control of the narrative for their community. Visit EastSideGardenWalk.com for details and donate here: bit.ly/esgw-backpacks

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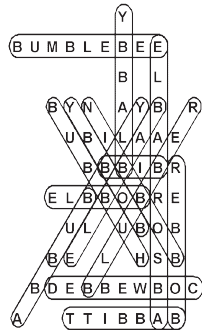
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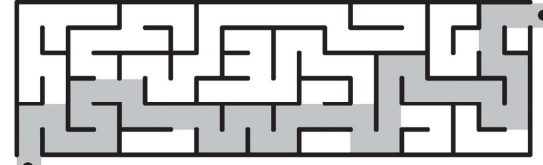
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WORDS WITH THREE B'S



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Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page two.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Puzzle on page three.

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

SELF	ARC	SAPS
AREA	NEO	PLOT
MAST	ODON	LENA
CAY	FLAX	EN
PILAF	HUES	
ALIT	MAST	HEAD
LSD	PORES	VCR
MASTERED	SELA	
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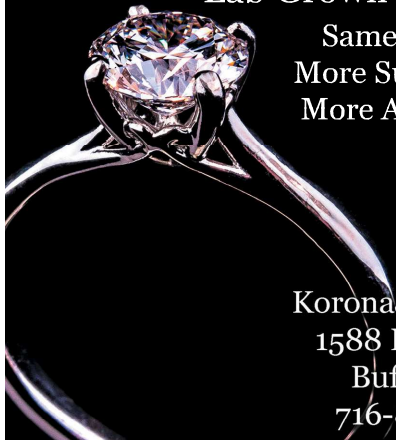
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