

# YMCA Turkey Trot 2023



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**The 128th Annual YMCA Turkey Trot premieres Thursday, November 23, 2023.**

Current pricing for the 128th Annual YMCA Buffalo Niagara Turkey Trot ends Friday, November 10. Starting Saturday, November 11 the registration fee increases to \$47 per entry until the race sells out. For the safety of all involved, race capacity is set at 14,000. Online registration is available at YMCABN.org. The entry fee includes all processing

fees and a commemorative t-shirt. The YMCA Turkey Trot begins at 9:00 am near the Delaware Family YMCA (2564 Delaware Ave.) and ends at Franklin and Court Streets near the Buffalo Convention Center. At the conclusion of the event, participants are invited to the post-race celebration and awards presentation at the Con-

vention Center. A family friendly, non-alcoholic post-race area is available on the lower level of the Convention Center. Proceeds raised help fund vital YMCA programs that empower youth, ensure health equity, and address our community's greatest needs. For more information on this year's race, please visit YMCATurkeyTrot.org or contact the Turkey Trot call line at (716) 565-6000.

## Burchfield Penney Art Center Presents "Art In Craft Media" 2023

The Burchfield Penney Art Center is proud to announce the highly anticipated opening of Art in Craft Media 2023, a juried biennial exhibition presented by the Sylvia L. Rosen Endowment for Fine Art in Craft Media. This remarkable exhibition, now in its 17th installment, will kick off on November 10, 2023, and will be on view through March 31, 2024, in the East Gallery. Art in Craft Media 2023 will celebrate the contemporary work of fine artists in the region who work with a diverse array of craft materials, including glass, fiber, wood, clay, metal, and more. The ex-

hibition features over 100 works by more than 75 artists, reflecting the broad spectrum of creative expressions within the field. The juror for this year's exhibition is celebrated Onondaga-Seneca artist and potter Peter B. Jones. Commenting on the experience, Jones stated, "I would like to thank the Burchfield Penney Art Center for allowing me the honor of judging this year's Art in Craft Media exhibit. There were a great many entries to review, and I enjoyed seeing what the art scene looks like in our area. It was difficult choosing winning entries from such a diverse selection of



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## A Day Of Honor, A Day To Honor

Veterans Day occurs every year on November 11th in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, honoring the servicemen and women of all wars who have served our Nation and answered the call to defend it. The United States rose to greatness on the strength of their service and their stories are woven into the fabric of our Nation's history. Whether they served in times of war or peace, all veterans share a common bond,

their belief in the cause of freedom. A belief so strong they are willing to give their lives, if need be, in its defense. We know them as our fathers and mothers, our family members, or perhaps our next-door neighbors. Here in Erie County we have over 50,000 proud veterans who have displayed an extraordinary legacy of patriotism. Their service embodies the highest form of citizenship and love of country, all while risking their lives to protect us and our nation. As Americans, we all must take the time to honor and thank them for

their unwavering service. Every Veterans Day, Erie County holds a number of memorial services to honor these men and women for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice. I encourage all Erie County residents to take time to honor and celebrate the heroism and courage of our local veteran community by attending a veteran's event in your community or by simply displaying an American flag outside your home throughout the month of November. At the Erie County Clerk's

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## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



**November, 1984. SANTA'S COMING...**The 10th annual Toys for Tots parade will be held this Sunday at 1pm and an expected 75,000 people are expected to see the largest Christmas parade in the city. The parade starts on Grant St. near Forest, and ends at Grant and W. Ferry Toys will be collected along the route of the parade to be given to needy children at Christmas.

## Local Weather

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# SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

## Champions For Riverside!



**Jim Rogan (pictured in safety vest), coach of the Black Rock Riverside Rams with his assistant coach, Mitch Maracle (pictured far right) celebrate the teams victory on Sunday, October 29th.**

This week, Buffalo Rocket Sports travels to nearby Riverside Park in the North-west corner of Buffalo to help congratulate a little league Football program for winning a Division Championship.

Cincere Hampton rushed for over 100 yards on the ground and teammates Luis Santiago and Nicholas Soto Jr. led the offense to a 26-6 win over the previously undefeated Wilson Lakers on Sunday, October 29th on the Wilson High School Football field after a morning rain.

The victory gave the Black Rock Riverside Little League Football (BRRLF) Program its first Championship since 2018 and 2019, when the club won back to back years. The Rams are the oldest of the four teams playing out of Riverside Park in the Niagara Erie Youth Sports Association (NEYSA) based out of Niagara County. Besides the Rams, the three other (BRRLF) teams are the Knights, Mustangs and Raiders. All four teams have been playing together as a League for well over 40 years in various leagues prior to NEYSA, teaching fundamental principles of football to young boys safely under a coaches eyes.

The Black Rock Riverside League also has a very successful girls cheerleading program that performs while games are being played throughout the season. Each team has their own cheerleading squad and have taken home numerous trophies from competitions held each year. The purple and golden yellow colors of the Black Rock Riverside Little League Football program uniforms are worn

proudly by all members of this Community organization that has been a part of Riverside Park since the 1970's and continues today. A great many athletes who played for the nearby Riverside High School Football Team, got their start playing the game in this Youth Program.

"This team (Rams) was probably one of the hardest working kids I've ever coached in all my years in this Park," said League president and head coach Jim Rogan after the victory. "The whole team really played well together both on offense and defense. It was a joy to watch these boys listen and pay attention to what we were trying to do. They played like Champions"

Rogan should know because he's been coaching for well over 32 years in River-

side Park and was instrumental in the Parks growth as a football field and the surrounding light towers that luminate the gridiron for night games. He considers all players that he has come across, in the Park as extended members of his family and takes an interest in their well-being.

The Rams ran all over the field offensively in the first half, exploding for 20 points and at half time, a 20-0 lead. Defensively, the team was led by Andre Davis Jr., Michael Morreale and Levi Quinn with numerous tackles on a Lakers offense that tried to run the ball. Another Rams touchdown extended the lead to 26-0 in the third quarter before the Lakers finally got on the scoreboard.


The 12-14 year old Rams players included Kamren Brown, Kaden Catchpole, Jarrett Coniglio, Joseph Cardova, Zier Dennis, Jayden Durham, Yandel Garcia, Izreal Gibson, Zaiden Jones, Michael O'Steen, Juan Padua, Elijah Peek, Adrien Piotrowski, Michael Rodriguez, Josdiel Romero, Kingston Salter, Kashindi Vote and Michael Wright. Kevin Brydalski, Mitch Maracle, Mike O'Steen and JT Smith served as assistant coaches for Rogan and were extremely helpful. Smith himself was a former stand-out player in the League as a kid and now gives back to this league to help others

"We had a lot of first year players on this team," said Rogan. "Most of them start playing at age six or seven with the Knights and keep growing up with the Mustangs and Raiders. These are all good kids."

The League will hold its annual banquet at Classics V Restaurant on Dec 3 when all four teams will be honored for a successful season. "I'm extremely grateful to Councilmember Joe Golombek for all he had done for us as a league," added the Coach.

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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

**North Buffalo**  
**November 6, 2023**  
Elmwood Avenue – Defendant did tip over large yellow chair and then intentionally damage lights/decorations outside of Louie's Texas Red Hots in from of officers on scene. Defendant transported to ECMC on 22.09.

**November 1, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – Defendant did enter laundromat after being told by employee the day prior to leave and not return. Complainant states that defendant did gain entry to closed utility room and did damage door lock. When officers searched defendant he did have copper pipes stuffed in his pants that did belong to facility and did not have permission to take.

**West Side**  
**November 4, 2023**  
Massachusetts Avenue – The defendant was operating New York registered vehicle when he opened the driver side door and discharged a cartridge from what appeared to be a shotgun into the residence at 55 18th Street. The defendant then fled in said vehicle and was apprehended at Massachusetts and Shields. The home was occupied by 4 adults and a 9 month old baby girl.

**November 5, 2023**  
Niagara Street – The victim states on 11/5/23 at 0130 hours at 58 Progressive, the defendant did push and twist her arm in an argument over her medication. Victim told the defendant to leave which he refused and remained in the vicinity. These actions of the defendant are in violation of order of protection signed

by presiding judge.  
**November 2, 2023**  
Grant Street – Suspect did take various items from Family Dollar totaling near \$150.00 without paying, walking past all points of purchase.

**November 1, 2023**  
Niagara Street – Victim states defendant did strike her in the leg and back. Defendant did threaten victim with a stick. Defendant is in violation of an Order of Protection.

**October 30, 2023**  
Breckenridge Street – Officers did observe defendant inside vacant address of 326 Breckenridge Street. Officers have received multiple 311 complaints to same address. Defendant does have warrants.

**Riverside**  
**November 6, 2023**  
Baxter Street – Defendant did throw victim down to the ground causing pain and lacerations to her left knee and back.

**November 4, 2023**  
Newfield Street – While investigating a 911 call placed by defendant at 126 Newfield, officers were escorted to an upstairs bedroom by the homeowner and with the permission of the defendant where officers discovered two large zip lock bags and one plastic container inside of a gray tote containing marijuana. Officers observed in plain view in the bed of a pickup truck with New York registered license plate, a blue tote with a large amount of marijuana.

**November 4, 2023**  
Rano Street – On

11/04/23 at approximately 0850 hours inside of 132 Reno Street the victim did state that her and defendant grabbing victim by her face causing minor scratches. Victim did state that defendant did also break victim's black TV during incident. Defendant did violate a stay-away order of protection issued by presiding judge.

**November 3, 2023**  
Riverside Avenue – On 10/13/2023 at approximately 1518 hours at Seabrook and Vulcan the defendant did while being the only adult present, provoke her juvenile daughter and juvenile victim to fight. Both juveniles sustained injuries as a result of the fight (1 pain to knee, 2 pain in head, loss of hair, bald spots). During the course of this fight, the defendant did forcefully grab the juvenile victims hair. The defendant did knowingly engage in the above listed acts in manner that was likely to be injurious to the physical, mental, and moral welfare of the 14 year old victim.

**November 3, 2023**  
Riverside Avenue – While making arrest in relation to other statement, the defendant did actively resist officers attempts to place her under arrest by means of pulling away, thrashing, and kicking. The defendant refused verbal commands from officers and did do all of this in front of her 13, 12, 8, 4, and 1 month old children causing them mental distress.

**November 1, 2023**  
Skillen Street – Officers stopped the defendant at Ontario Street at Skillen Street for matching the description of a subject involved in a domestic incident. When running the defendant's information in the NYS DMV system to verify her identity it was found that the defendant did have an active Buffalo warrant.

## MAGIC MAZE

## SLEEP, GLORIOUS SLEEP

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Unlisted clue hint: A NUMBER OF WINKS

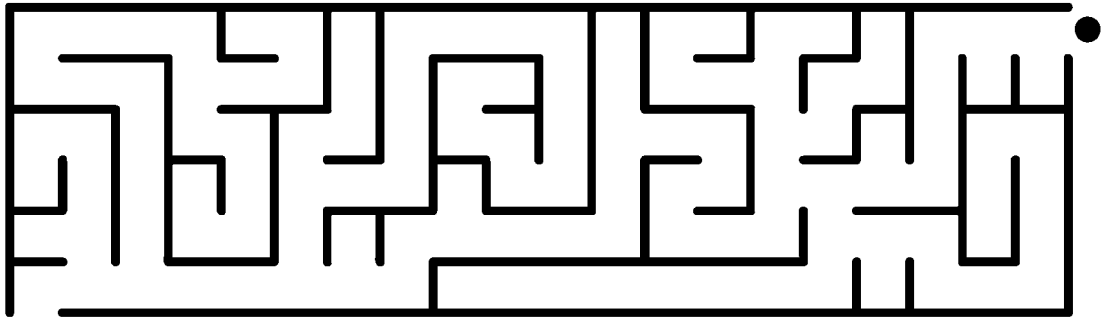
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Conked	Hibernation	Sawing wood	Snooze
Crashed	Repose	Shut-eye	ZZZZZ
Doze off	Sack time	Siesta	

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## Kids' Maze



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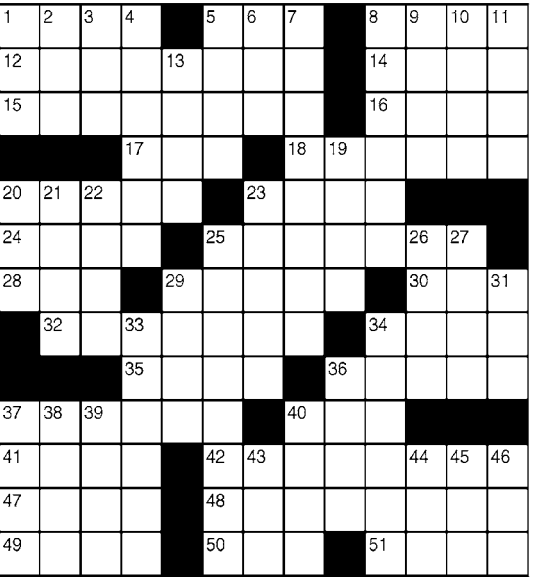
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

1 Angelic ring  
5 Little rascal  
8 Burlap fiber  
12 Switchboard worker  
14 Barak of Israel  
15 Longtime CBS News anchor Walter  
16 Chinese secret society  
17 Aachen article  
18 Glide  
20 Long  
23 Pack of cards  
24 Wan  
25 Wood eater  
28 1959 Kingston Trio hit

29 Relinquish  
30 Flamenco cheer  
32 "Charlotte's Web" author  
34 Boring  
35 Unctuous  
36 Test versions  
37 Catch some Z's  
40 Flow out  
41 Young cow  
42 Almost  
47 Leer at  
48 Acts altruistically



49 Despot	10 Casserole base	29 Brainiac
50 "Mayday!"	11 Jittery	31 Golfer Ernie
51 Phoenix cagers	13 Related	33 Stereo component
	19 Summit	34 Fixes, as software
	20 Orange veggie	36 Cookouts, briefly
	21 Noble Italian family	37 Highlander
	22 Pequod captain	38 Kvetches
	23 God	39 Stewpot
	25 Hindmost parts	40 Summers in Paris
	26 Talk up	43 Tic-tac-toe win
	27 First lady of scat	44 Debtor's note
		45 Heavy weight
		46 Mag. staff

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# Buffalo's Annual Fall Leaf Collection Is Now Underway

The City of Buffalo Department of Public Works issued a reminder today to property owners that fall leaf collection is underway through mid-December, or as weather permits. There are two methods that residents may use to dispose of leaves: 1) Curbside Pickup; and 2) Residential drop-off at Geiter Done of WNY. Both methods are critically important to help prevent leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste from clogging City roadways and storm drains.

The curbside pickup op-

tion is the quickest method of collection since bags are collected weekly. Below are details about this method.

- Leaves, grass, brush and small branches must be placed in clear or paper bags.
- Place bags curbside and City crews will do the rest.
- There is no limit to the number of bags that can go out to the curb.
- Do not rake leaves into streets. A summons may be written.

For those who prefer the residential drop-off method, they can take their leaves to Geiter Done of WNY,

located at 383 Babcock Street, on any day, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Everyone must sign in and show proof of City of Buffalo Residency. At Geiter Done, residents are welcome to pick up free compost! Please bring your own container or paper bag.

Buffalo's fall leaf collection is part of Bag It, Buffalo, a leaf collection program designed to keep streets and storm drains clean and clear in neighborhoods citywide. The DPW appreciates the cooperation of residents in helping this year's bagged leaf collection process go as smoothly as possible. For more information, go to [buffalorecycles.org](http://buffalorecycles.org).



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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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# Burchfield Penney Art Center Presents "Art In Craft Media" 2023

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In memory of the beloved artist and patron of the arts Sylvia L. Rosen, the exhibition aims to challenge preconceptions and expand our understanding of what craft can be. Executive Director Scott Propeack shares, "This exhibition is unique because Sylvia Rosen knew that it was important for artists working in craft media to have an opportunity to be celebrated. As a ceramic artist herself, Sylvia understood the frustrations

of working in an often overlooked medium. We hope that this exhibition honors her legacy of broadening the appreciation of art in craft media."

Experience the exhibition opening on M&T Second Friday, November 10, 2023, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. The evening will also feature the opening of Doug: An Inter-Media Enjambment and live music by soul/groove band The Darts.

For more information about the exhibition, please visit [burchfieldpenney.org](http://burchfieldpenney.org).

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue  
Korona Jewelers.....1588 Hertel Avenue

Marco's Deli.....1518 Hertel Avenue  
North Buffalo Community Ctr.....203 Sanders Road  
North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue  
North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue  
Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street  
Paul Wolf Agency.....2890 Delaware Avenue  
Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue  
Price Rite Market.....1716 Kenmore Avenue  
Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue  
Salon Coronado.....2870 Delaware Avenue  
Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue  
Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue  
Studio Sophia.....1094 Hertel Avenue  
Sunoco Gas Station.....4505 Main Street  
Theater Apts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue  
Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue  
Vince's Pizza.....1803 Kenmore Avenue  
Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard  
Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

### WEST SIDE

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Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter  
BMHA Housing.....245 Elmwood Avenue  
CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue  
Corner Store.....Forest & Grant  
Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue  
Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street  
Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue  
Fast Stop Food Mart.....326 Military Road  
Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street  
First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Utica  
M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street

Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road  
Santasio's Restaurant.....1329 Niagara Street  
Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue  
Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue  
West Market.....1032 West Avenue  
West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

### RIVERSIDE

AmVets.....25 Review Place  
Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street  
Boys & Girls Club.....54 Riverdale Avenue  
Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street  
D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue  
Doyle's Deli.....1981 Niagara Street  
Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street  
Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road  
First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue  
First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street  
Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street  
House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street  
M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street  
Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street  
Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street  
Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue  
Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street  
Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street  
Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street  
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**Dear Undecided:** There is a difference between deciding when to retire from working and deciding when to claim your Social Security benefits. For the former, you should consult with a certified financial advisor, but I'll provide you with how Social Security fits into your personal circumstances. In deciding when to claim Social Security, you should look at your financial needs, your life expectancy, your work status, and your marital status. There is no one formula right for everyone because everyone's circumstances are different, but here are some things to help decide what is right for you:

Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their full retirement age (FRA). Your FRA is 66 years and 8 months, and that is the point at which you get 100% of the SS benefit earned from a lifetime of working. If you collect SS before your FRA and continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn without jeopardizing your benefits. For example, the earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded,

SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" benefits by withholding future payments until they recover the penalty for exceeding the limit. If your earnings are substantially over the limit, you will be ineligible to collect Social Security until either your earnings are less, or you reach your FRA.

If you claim SS before your FRA your benefit amount will be permanently reduced. If, for example, you claim SS to start at age 65 your monthly benefit will be about 89% of what it would be at your FRA. That reduced benefit would not change thereafter except for Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) usually granted annually.

If Social Security will be a major part of your retirement income, then waiting to get a higher monthly benefit may be a prudent strategy for you. The longer you wait to claim the more your benefit will be. Your SS benefit will continue to grow until you are 70 years old, and at 70 your monthly benefit will be about 27% more than it would be at your FRA. Your maximum SS benefit will be attained at age 70 but waiting until age 70 to claim is only prudent if you anticipate a long life expectancy.

Life expectancy is a very important factor in deciding when to claim SS. If you claim at age 70 instead of at your FRA, you will need to live until you are about 83 to breakeven moneywise. If you live even longer than that, then waiting until 70 will yield the highest

monthly amount and the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. But if your anticipated life expectancy is less, claiming earlier may be a better choice.

If you are married and expect your wife to survive you, consider that the benefit your wife can get as your widow will be based on your SS benefit when you die, thus the longer you wait to claim the more your wife's benefit as your widow may be. If you predecease your wife, her benefit will be based on the amount you were receiving at your death if that is more than her personally earned SS benefit.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security is a decision to be made after carefully evaluating your personal circumstances as described above. I hope this provides what you need to make an informed decision, but if you have further questions, please contact us at SSAdvisor@

amacfoundation.org, or at 1 (888) 750-2622.

Thank you for submitting your question to our

Social Security Advisor department. Be sure to share our link with your family and friends.

## A Day Of Honor, A Day To Honor

*Continued from page one*  
Office, we proudly pay tribute to our veterans 365 days a year through our "Thank-A-Vet" Discount Card Program. I would like to remind veterans if they have not already filed their honorable discharge papers and received the "Thank-A-Vet" discount card, to come in and do so. Presently, over 1,500 Erie County businesses, both large and small, have registered in the program to give valuable discounts on goods and services to our deserving veterans. We constantly add participating businesses to our program and I encourage any interested business owner to enlist and join us today in "thanking" our veteran community.

When a veteran place their discharge papers (DD-214) on file with the Erie County Clerk's Office, it safeguards the document and

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To obtain your complimentary "Thank-A-Vet" Discount Card, visit the Erie County Clerk's Office located at 92 Franklin Street in Buffalo or the Clerk's Outreach Center, located next to the Auto Bureau in the Southgate Plaza, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Veterans and business owners can learn more about the Clerk's "Thank-A-Vet" Discount Card Program at [erie.gov/clerk/thankavet](http://erie.gov/clerk/thankavet) or call 716-858-6787.



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# The Grapevine

**The WNY Peace Center's 56th Annual Dinner** premieres Friday, Nov 10, 5pm-9pm; McCoy Convention Center, 653 Clinton St, Buffalo NY. The dinner will feature keynote Dr. Rima Vesely-Flad, Black Buddhist, professor, author, social justice advocate, and more, the following awards will be given out: Stellar Media: WBFO's What's Next team Peace Education: Ms Della Miller and Gail Wells of Growing Health Emerging Leaders Award: Sameria Mbili, a host of Talking Peace video/radio show. For more information visit [wnypeace.org](http://wnypeace.org).

**SPCA** Serving Erie County Holding Low-Cost Feline Vaccine Clinic in November! With the help of Petco Love, the SPCA Serving Erie County is holding a Low-Cost Feline Vaccine Clinic next month! The clinic will occur on Saturday, November 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lipsey Veterinary Clinic at 300 Harlem Rd., West Seneca. Pre-registration is required! To secure your spot, go to [YourSPCA.org/FelineClinics2023](http://YourSPCA.org/FelineClinics2023). Multiple different price points will be offered at the clinic. This includes entire vaccine bundles for kit-

tens and adult cats and prices for individual vaccines. Cash, credit, Venmo, and PayPal will all be accepted.

**YMCA Buffalo Niagara** is teaming up with Feed-More WNY to help fight hunger and food insecurity this holiday season. The community is encouraged to drop off non-perishable food donations at any local YMCA branch throughout the month of November. YMCA Turkey Trot participants are also urged to drop off non-perishable donations when picking up their race packets between November 20-22 at the Independent Health Family Branch YMCA (150 Tech Drive, Amherst). Donation bins will also be available on race day, November 23 at the Delaware Family YMCA and inside the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. For more information, please visit [YMCABN.org](http://YMCABN.org) or visit any YMCA Buffalo Niagara location.

**Buffalo Arts Studio** presents: Annual Studio Artist Show and Sale November 18-December 23, 2023. Artist Reception and Open House: Saturday, Decem-

ber 2, 5:00-9:00 pm The exhibition will be on display from November 18-December 23, 2023. The Artist Reception and Open House is 5:00-9:00 pm, Saturday, December 2nd, and will include light snacks as well as a donation-based bar with wine and beer.

**Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group** is holding their last Kitty Games event of the year on Sunday, November 12th from 2pm to 5pm at the Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company Banquet Hall located at 3281 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, NY 14219. It's bingo with a kitty twist! Doors will open at 12pm to give guests time to browse buy-it-now items, theme baskets and merchandise, view adoptable cats, get food and find their seats before bingo begins. At this event, there will be a variety of prizes along with a special grand prize for the "cover all" game. For \$15, participants will be entered into twelve bingo games and for an extra \$5, participants can enter the "cover all" game. This is a fan-favorite event for Ten Lives Club supporters, so be sure to arrive early before boards sell out! For more information on this event, visit their website at [www.tenlivesclub.com/events](http://www.tenlivesclub.com/events) or call their Event Coordinator at (716)-646-5577 ext. 2. For information on how to sponsor a bingo square for \$25 or a card for \$200, please email their Event and Marketing Assistant at [eschmitz@tenlivesclub.com](mailto:eschmitz@tenlivesclub.com).



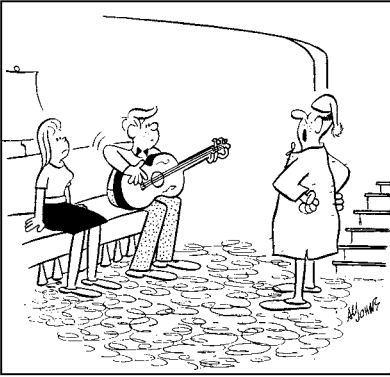
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"I changed my mind — go back to \_\_\_\_\_."

Answers on page seven.

### 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!

Lurch				
WINGS				
Increase				
SKIPE				
Nearby				
IDEAS				
Malice				
CRARON				

TODAY'S WORD

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Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) What is the second-largest country in South America?

2) What is Dennis the Menace's last name?

3) Who established the universal laws of motion in the 17th century?

4) What is the name of Marlon Brando's character in "A Streetcar Named Desire"?

5) What is The Dude's favorite beverage in "The Big Lebowski"?

6) Which long-running TV comedy features a character named Diane Chambers?

7) What item did this ad slogan say you should not leave home without?

8) What is chiaroscuro?

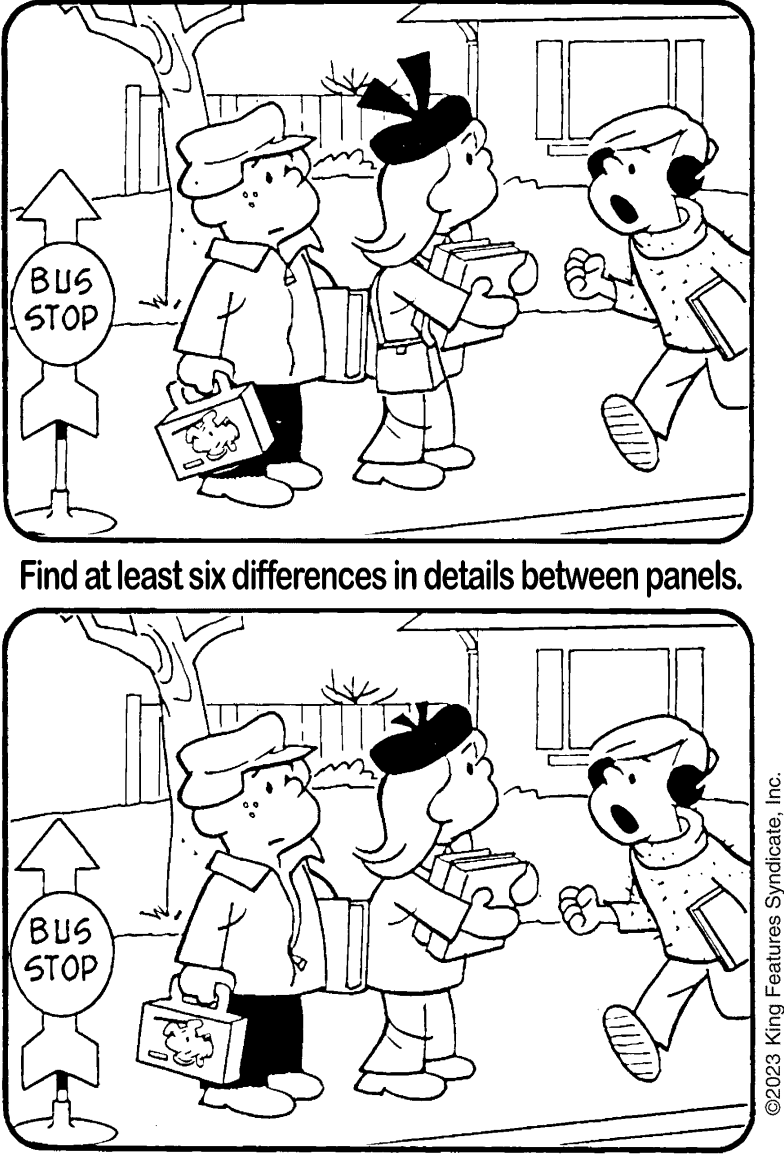
9) Which planet in our solar system is covered in sulphuric acid clouds?

Last Answers: 1. Antiseptic surgery. 2. Green Bay Packers. 3. "Hackney Diamonds." 4. Peter Boyle. 5. Less than 40%. 6. Jordan. 7. Alka-Seltzer. 8. Poutine: potato fries, cheese curds and gravy. 9. Eggs. 10. Special Victims Unit.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is shorter. 2. Lunchbox is moved. 3. Jacket is opened. 4. Hat bow is smaller. 5. Purse is missing. 6. Arm is lower.



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Notice of Formation of ENBLOC REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/17/2013. Office Location: Erie County. Principle office of LLC: 445 Colvin Ave., Buffalo NY 14216. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the address of its principal office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 45

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, October 22, 2023 -October 29, 2023, online at [www.cashauction.com](http://www.cashauction.com) The following unitswill be auctioned from Metro SelfStorage; Ashley Pries Unit 2F481,Daniel Eggleston Unit 2F287, CalvinTribble Unit 2F535, Adrienne Tribble Unit LL84, Denisha Wilson Unit2F443, Dennis Daigle Unit GL730.All units are contents of the storageunit. This list is an incomplete, representative sample only. All itemsare subject to redemption before thesale, and are sold "as is, where is."15% Buyer's Premium. Cash Auctions 716.282.8466. 46

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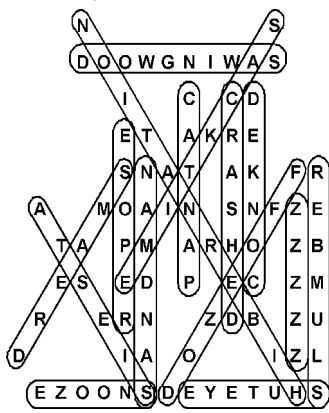
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Answer

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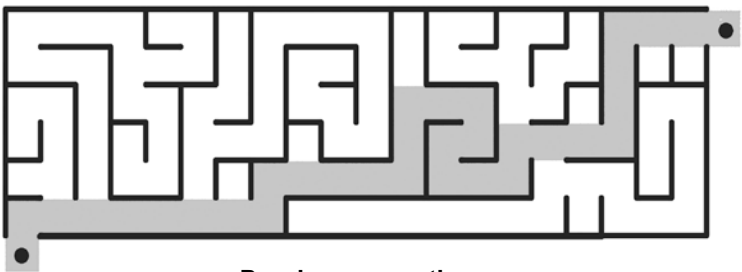
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Kids' Maze Solution



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