

# Thanksgiving Fire Safety



This year’s Thanksgiving is coming up on Thursday, November 23rd. Be safe this holiday season with the following tips and guidelines.

The holiday season is almost here, and it is a time when home cooking activities are at their peak. Unfortunately, all this cooking leads to a related peak in cooking fires, says SERV-PRO President and COO John Sooker. Cooking fires are responsible for nearly half (49%) of all home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).<sup>1</sup> "To help keep your holidays from, literally, going up in smoke, it's

critical to know and use safe cooking practices," says Sooker. According to the NFPA, Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home cooking fires, with more than three times the daily average for such incidents. The fire and water remediation specialists from SERV-PRO in the Buffalo area urge home cooks to take some basic safety steps recommended by the NFPA to help prevent cooking fires.

Keep your cooking area clean and keep anything that can burn (dish towels, oven mitts, packaging) at least three feet away from cooking equipment. Keep a close eye on what's cooking, setting a timer to help you monitor foods with longer cooking times. Keep in mind that the leading contributing factor to cooking fires and to fire deaths overall is unattended. *Continued on page five.*

# Winter Weather City’s Buffalert System

City of Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown invited City residents to sign up for the City’s BuffAlert system. "As winter weather approaches, it is imperative that residents stay in constant close contact with the city regarding weather-related closings, emergencies and storm-related safety tips," said Mayor Brown. "The BuffAlert system reaches thousands of residents from a diverse range of cultural back-



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• The language option for BuffAlert can be accessed at the following link <https://www.buffalony.gov/buffalert>. In addition to BuffAlerts, important information will also be shared on the following social media pages – Mayor Brown, 311, and the City of Buffalo pages. Throughout the coming days, Mayor Brown’s office will issue more winter weather related reminders. For more information about the BuffAlerts and for other weather-related updates visit, [www.buffalony.gov/stormresources](http://www.buffalony.gov/stormresources).

# Thanksgiving Holiday Garbage And Recycling Pickup

DPW officials has issued a reminder to Buffalo residents that garbage and recycling pickup services will continue, as regularly scheduled in the City of Buffalo, on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Although garbage and recycling pickups won’t be delayed due to the Thanksgiving day holiday, the Scrap It! Curbside program

pickups will be pushed back a day due to the holiday. Thursday’s food waste collection (from the brown totes) will be pushed to Friday, November 24th, and Friday’s food waste pickup will be pushed to Saturday, November 25th. Please place your brown totes out accordingly. Thank you, in advance, for your continued cooperation.

# Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



November, 1984. DRESSED TO KILT...A member of the Buffalo Scottish Highlanders marches down Grant St. during the 10th annual Toys for Tots Parade, held Sunday to collect toys for needy children throughout the Western New York region.

# Local Weather

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## Be Prepared and Stay Safe During Winter Driving Months

Every start to the winter season, we promise ourselves that this year will be different, that you'll be ready for whatever blizzard Mother Nature sends us. Yes, presently our weather this fall season has been without any early winter weather events as in years past. However, our weather can change quickly and we can be hit with snow, ice, rain and fog off Lake Erie without warning.

You are your vehicle's best safety feature. Therefore, I encourage motorists to take a moment to review a few simple winter driving tips and double-check that you have the proper emergency gear in your vehicle to ensure your safety before any storm hits.

Not all drivers are prepared for winter driving conditions, so take it slow when driving on snowy, icy and wet roadways. Drive as the environment warrants, stay alert, reduce your speed. Due to poor visibility and/or bad road conditions, always leave plenty of room between

cars. Brake early and slowly give yourself time to stop and react safely.

Before pulling onto the road, be sure to completely clear snow and ice from your car windows, mirrors, lights, hood and roof. Take extra precaution when entering and exiting ramps and bridges as they can be extremely slippery. While four-wheel drive vehicles may help you get going quicker, they won't help you stop any quicker – don't get overconfident when driving one.

Make sure your car is properly maintained – the better shape your car is in, the safer you are on the road. Have your battery and ignition system checked, along with your brakes, transmission and tires. All fluids in your vehicle should be checked and topped off: de-icing washer fluid, oil, power

steering and anti-freeze. Change or adjust spark plugs, air, fuel and emission filters. Check your headlights, brake and tail lights, blinkers and emergency flashers. It is vital to also know your car's capabilities and the safety features built into your vehicle such as traction control that helps the vehicle gain traction and the anti-lock braking system (ABS) which is standard in most new vehicles and assists you steer in emergencies by restoring traction.

In addition, during the winter season, don't crowd the plow. I ask that you be alert and courteous to County, City, Town and State snowplow operators who will be doing their best to keep the streets open and safe for traveling. Their goal is to maximize safety, be patient and drive with caution. For everyone's protection, please assist in this difficult task by yielding to their efforts and keeping a safe distance behind snowplows to avoid having your vehicle struck by flying sand and salt.

We all know that winter driving can be a test for even the most experienced drivers. Being prepared is the best offense when it comes to driving in bad weather. Take it slow, buckle up, and drive safely this winter season.

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Hertel Coin Laundry.....1274 Hertel Avenue  
Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....1631 Hertel Avenue  
Hertel Parker Liquors.....1859 Hertel Avenue  
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Imagine Salon.....1527 Hertel Avenue  
Macy's Place.....3100 Delaware Avenue  
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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

**North Buffalo**  
**November 10, 2023**  
Delaware Avenue – Defendant was asked to leave 1210 Delaware Avenue his former partner lives, prior to leaving he pushed the complainant and applied pressure to her neck causing obstruction of breathing.

**October 10, 2023**  
Hertel Avenue – Defendant did slash 2 tires of victim's vehicle causing approximately \$600.00 in damage. Defendant was in possession of electronic stun gun. Patrol officer submitted stun gun and knife.

**November 10, 2023**  
Amherst Street – On 11/10/23, TOPS loss prevention did observe defendant inside of store and recognize him from larceny that occurred on 11/07/23. On 11/07/23 the defendant did take \$132.93 worth of clothing merchandise past all points of purchase without rendering payment.

**November 7, 2023**  
Amherst Street – Defendant did shove and menace complainant with a knife, also damaging property throughout the house.

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enue his former partner lives, prior to leaving he pushed the complainant and applied pressure to her neck causing obstruction of breathing.

**West Side**  
**November 12, 2023**  
Barton Street – Defendant did strike victim in the face causing red mark to right cheeks and under right eye. In the presence of their child.

**November 11, 2023**  
Livingston Street – Defendant and complainant got into a verbal argument which turned into a physical fight, defendant threw a Brita filter at the complainant which resulted in a busted lip which was bleeding and swollen.

**November 11, 2023**  
Barton Street – On 11/07/23, defendant did activate a lotto book and stole it while working at Speedway (1137 Elmwood). Complainant 1/2 did review the camera footage which they did observe defendant activating the lotto book and did take the lottery tickets. Total amount stolen is approximately \$1,500.

**November 11, 2023**  
Grant Street – Officers responded to a driver slumped in his vehicle while in the middle of traffic at Grant and Mili-

tary. Officers finally woke the male and pulled him out of his vehicle and did a safety search for weapon. During the safety search patrol officer did feel a handgun in defendant's right pants pocket. The gun recovered was a .40 calibre Sig Sauer P239 with serial number with 1 round in the chamber and 6 rounds in the magazine. Defendant was arriving New York registered vehicle.

**November 10, 2023**  
Grant Street – Victim reports that suspect did come into the home and did verbally assault her. Victim also reports that suspect did also strike her in the face. Both of these actions did violate refrain from order of protection put in place by presiding judge.

**November 9, 2023**  
Garner Avenue – Victim reported that the defendant did go to her room with a bamboo stick and yelled at her and threaten to hit her with the bamboo stick.

**November 9, 2023**  
West Ferry Street – While speaking with unrelated individual the defendant did approach officers and the unrelated male was known to defendant. Officer did see in plain view in defendant's front right jeans pocket a baggie consistent with holding narcotics. Officer did recover in plastic baggie three (3) white oval shaped pills marked with M367 which is Acetaminophen Hydrocodone 325 mg/10mg outside at original container.

**Riverside**  
**November 11, 2023**  
North Lane Avenue – Officers observed defendant walking away from stolen vehicle New York registered vehicle. When officers tried to stop and speak with defendant. Defendant did run from officer's and ran into 10 North Lane Avenue was apprehended at same location.

# MAGIC MAZE ● — MARKET

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G E B I U Y W U R P N K I G D  
B Z X V T S Q O M D Y K I G K  
E C A S U I Y W U E O S Q P C  
N L J H R R D F N E C O A A A  
Y X V U E E S O R W Q P F N L  
M K J P S H M E M A O T F L B  
E C U G N I G R E M E D U B Z  
Y S S A M X V U A R O B A L T  
R Q P O M L K I T F F C H G E

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: AN UNDERGROUND MARKET

After	Down	Free	Meat
Bear	Emerging	Futures	Money
Bull	Farmer's	Labor	Super
Commodities	Food	Mass	

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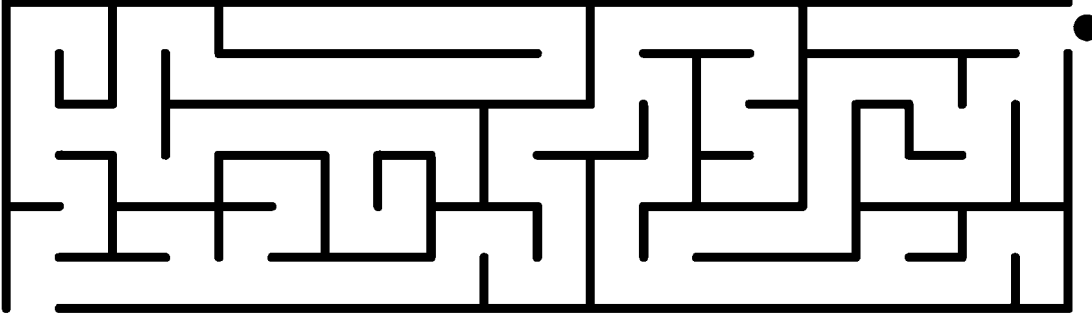
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# Kids' Maze



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# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Mausoleum  
5 "Born Free" lioness  
9 Branch  
12 Ornamental jug  
13 Jupiter counterpart  
14 Sheepish remark  
15 Famed diarist  
17 Squeak stopper  
18 Historic times  
19 Grown-up  
21 Town square  
24 Tizzy  
25 Occupy the throne  
26 Imaginary  
30 Right angle  
31 Count with an orchestra  
32 Simile center  
33 Bloated, in a way  
35 Computer brand  
36 Literary Jane  
37 Puccini work  
38 Curry spice  
40 Roundish do  
42 Palindromic constellation  
43 Yearly charge  
48 Up to  
49 Oboe insert  
50 Cupid's realm  
51 Compass dir.


**DOWN**

1 Earl Grey, e.g.  
2 Have  
3 Gents  
4 Light wind  
5 Poet Pound  
6 Meadows  
7 Day light  
8 With suspicion, as a look  
9 Complete reversal  
10 Banister  
11 Beer ingredient  
16 Monk's title  
20 Cato's 502  
21 Get ready, briefly  
22 Humdinger  
23 Like the Supremes and the Pointer Sisters  
24 Use scissors  
26 Lose color  
27 Tempe sch.  
28 Addict  
29 Zhivago's love  
31 Novelist Malamud  
34 Memo letters  
35 Lunar program  
37 Mouths (Lat.)  
38 Felines  
39 "The Haj" author  
40 From the start  
41 Elmer of cartoons  
44 "The Matrix" role  
45 Dandy guy  
46 Actress Mendes  
47 Moray, for one

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# Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

## If Your Happy And You Know It Clap Your Hands!

We are becoming more and more aware of AI, Artificial Intelligence. Some people are even worried that it may take over civilization as we know it, as AI will be so much smarter than any human on Earth. This generation may not have to worry about that as it is somewhere in the future. Perhaps even a long way off, who knows.

They do have robots now that do almost anything that a human can do. That is as far as memory and being able to solve problems with the knowledge they possess. We see it every day when we ask Google or Siri a question and get an immediate answer. It is truly amazing that the answer to any question comes instantaneously. There is so much stored in these computer brains that it is seldom they are unable to respond. Personally, I have been able to stump both Google and Siri. Seems even computers have narratives. Surprised, yes, they do, as all they can do is rely on the information fed into them and it depends on the people feeding them.

One thing not found in these robots, computers or supposedly fact machines are emotions. They are unable to feel love or hate, be happy or sad, get angry or argue a point. It must rely on what information it has. Cannot determine what feelings are as they have none. They are just creations of wires and chips and whatever. Maybe electric current as that probably is the only way they can exist. Now is this

a good thing or bad? Let's ask ourselves that.

How do you think the world would be if humans did not have emotions? First, let's take hate. Seems there is more hate in the world now than ever. Almost everyone hates one thing or another. Food, people, places or things. "I hate this, or I hate that". You hear that a lot nowadays. Wonder what it would be like if there was no hatred. Sounds good but if you take that away you also have to take away love. One just goes with the other. You either love or hate. Can you really hate something without loving the opposite? Of course, there is a middle ground, you can be neutral and not have strong feelings either way, but it seldom happens that way. Some people you love and there are others you hate. Same with food and places.

The important thing about having emotions is that when you love something it makes you happy. It is important to have happiness in your life. That is what makes life worth living. Because no matter what, there is going to be sorrow. Not necessarily due to hatred but just the way it is. Unhappiness is also a part of our existence, unfortunately. You have heard the saying, "You have to take good with the bad", "Into each life a little rain must fall". This means we must accept what is given to us. Take a moment to reflect on your life so far. Has it been more happiness than

sadness or the other way around? I would say most people, taking everything into account, would say most of their lives have been happy. Some, way more than others, but I believe it works out more on the positive than negative side.

So, it is a good thing we have emotions and we can feel happy. We are not robots. It is such a good thing and we should be thankful for being able to laugh and smile and have that good feeling in our belly. We used to call them butterflies. Having something to look forward to and enjoy. We try to make it like that as often as possible. We as humans like to be happy.

So, if you come up with more happiness than sadness in your life, take a moment to be thankful this Thanksgiving for that blessing. Try to forget the dark side and remember that the sun is always shining somewhere.

One of my readers, Joyce Gugino, has suggested that at the Thanksgiving table this year, we all join hands and take a moment to pray for world peace. Sounds good to me.

**Birthdays:**  
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Sue Gugino....Sunday November 16th  
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## Ask Rusty – Can I Voluntarily Suspend My Social Security Payments?

**Dear Rusty:** My wife retired in 2015 and is receiving Social Security. I am past my full retirement age, and I still work. I recently filed for Social Security benefits and received my first payment earlier this month, and my benefits are around three times my wife's. I now find that, due to other income, I am having some regrets about filing for Social Security, as the taxes will be complicated. So, my questions are:

If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", can my wife still apply to get up to 50% of my benefits, or do I have to be "actively" receiving Social Security benefits? In other words, does the "Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015" prevent this?

If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", how soon could I "restart" my benefits?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor. Signed: Having Second Thoughts

**Dear Second Thoughts:** The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 closed a loophole which previously allowed someone to file for their Social Security retirement benefit in order for their marital partner to claim a spousal benefit, after which the primary beneficiary could suspend their own benefit and allow it to grow

to maximum at age 70. That "file and suspend" option went away in April of 2016; thus, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit while your Social Security retirement benefits are suspended (you must be "actively" receiving benefits for your wife to get benefits on your record).

Nevertheless, because you've already reached your full retirement age, you can voluntarily suspend your benefit payments at any time to allow it to continue growing by simply calling Social Security at your local office (or at the national number 1.800.772.1213) and asking them to do so. Your wife will not receive her spousal benefits for any months your benefits are suspended, but she would continue to get her own SS retirement amount (only the spousal portion of her monthly amount would be suspended).

You will be able to restart your benefits at any time by calling Social Security again and asking that your benefits be resumed. You can suspend and restart your benefits as needed (no restriction on how many times), but they will only start/resume the suspension effective with the month following the month you call. And, as you likely already know, for each

month your benefits are suspended you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) resulting in a higher payment amount later.

Just for clarity, voluntary suspension of benefits is only available to those who have reached full retirement age but is an excellent way to increase your monthly Social Security payment. Your benefit will grow by .667% for each month suspended and, if your benefit is still suspended when you turn 70 years old, Social Security will automatically resume payments at that time, at your higher maximum monthly amount.

Thank you for submitting your question to our Social Security Advisor department. Be sure to share our link with your family and friends.

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## Thanksgiving Fire Safety

*Continued from page one* ed cooking, so plan to be at home and in or near the kitchen at all times when cooking.

"For those who use a turkey fryer to cook their Thanksgiving bird," says Sooker, "it's important to note that

more than two-thirds of home cooking fires begin with the ignition of cooking materials, including food, fat, and grease. The NFPA strongly discourages the use of these fryers. They use large amounts of oil at high temperatures, which can lead to the type of fire seen here.<sup>2</sup> If you do use

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# The Grapevine



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



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



**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.



**WNY Food Shuttle & The Queen City Traveling Market:** A Celebration of Giving and Gifting - Food Drive + Holiday Market + Food & Drink. Friday November 24th, Saturday, December 16 and Sunday December 17 from Noon-4 pm each day, The Barrel Factory, 65 Vandalia St, Buffalo NY 14204. Free to all, with ample free parking available. The Queen City Traveling Market is a group of local makers, artists, farmers and small business owners working together to bring quality local goods all over the Buffalo, NY region one season at a time, while collecting donations for the WNY Food Shuttle along the way. This Food Drive and Market has 3 dates at The Barrel Factory where you can donate food and get unique local gifts. Families will also enjoy face painting and holiday crafts during the event. The market is an opportunity to donate to WNYorkers in need, to keep your dollars local, shop green, support local farmers and artisans, and

empower small business owners to grow and support each other. Vendors are all within the theme of local, artisan and eclectic goods: ranging from delicious handmade food-pierogi, popcorn, jam, pickles and sweets, to apothecary goods, paintings, jewelry, unique vintage clothing, and locally made tea, tinctures, and wine. The market is always free, and occurs in a new location each season. Our goal is to bring local goods to many beautiful and interesting WNY locations, which so far has included the Niagara Frontier Food Terminal, Seneca One Tower, The Barrel Factory, Becker Farms, Larkintown, and coming up this October, the Graycliff Conservancy.



**First Look Buffalo Theatre Company:** New Play Reading Festival 2023-24 Vol. 1 December 8th-10th, 2023 Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center 705 Renaissance Dr, Williamsville NY 14221. Plays: Deconstruction By Adam Hahn Directed by Mike Doben Saturday, December 9th at 3pm, The Appliance Department By Bella Poynton Directed by Kate Powers Saturday, December 9th at 8pm, The Day I learned to Fly By Wendy-Marie Martin Directed by Jason Francey Sunday, December 10th at 1pm. No reservations necessary. Donations accepted at the door.



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## Senior TRIVIA

### Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

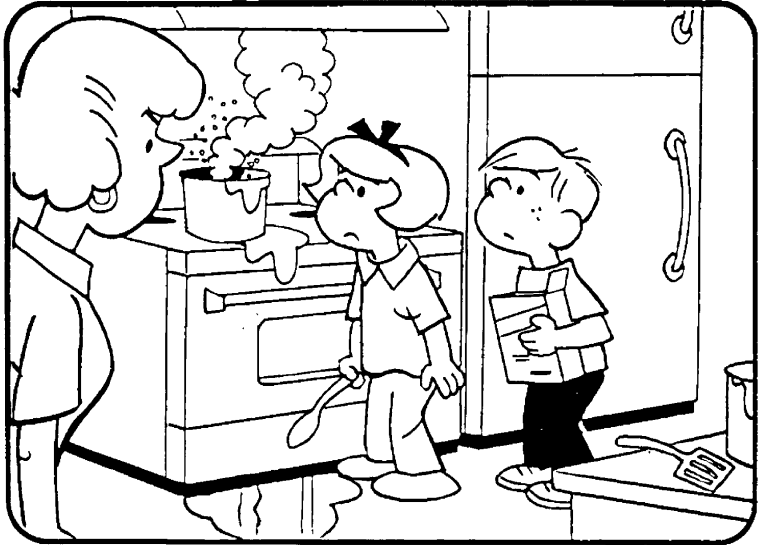
- 1) What is Dorothy's last name in "The Wizard of Oz"?
- 2) Which U.S. states share a border with Mexico?
- 3) What are Indiana Jone and his father searching for in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"?
- 4) Which TV dramedy is set on Wisteria Lane?
- 5) What is a common Latin phrase meaning "something for something"?
- 6) What is the fastest fish?
- 7) Where was the first compass invented?
- 8) How long does it take for the sun's light to reach Earth?
- 9) Which state is the smallest in land size?
- 10) What is a common name for aphthous stomatitis?

Last Answers: 1. Argentina. 2. Mitchell. 3. Isaac Newton. 4. Stanley Kowalski. 5. White Russian. 6. "Cheers." 7. The American Express card. 8. Distribution of light and dark in drawing and painting. 9. Venus.

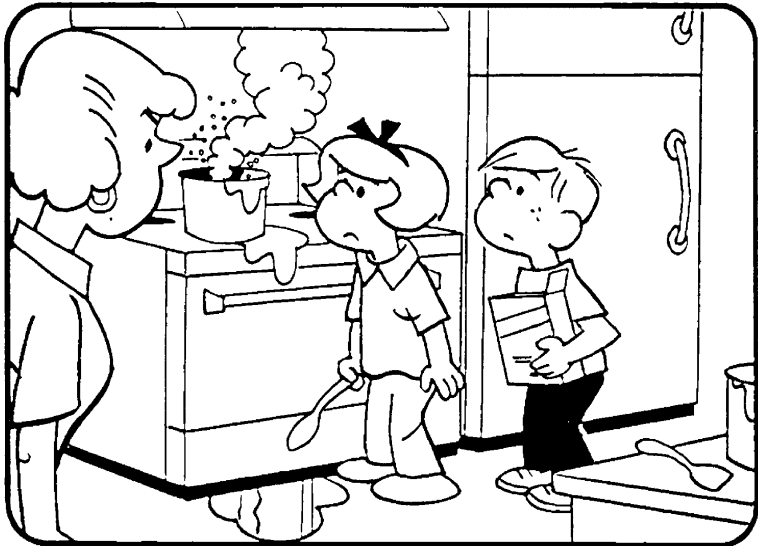
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Oven window is missing. 3. Puddle is smaller. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Handle is smaller. 6. Spatula is different.

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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!

Achieve	AREIGN				
Flood	GUELED				
Class	ASECT				
Bistro	RIDEN				

TODAY'S WORD



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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

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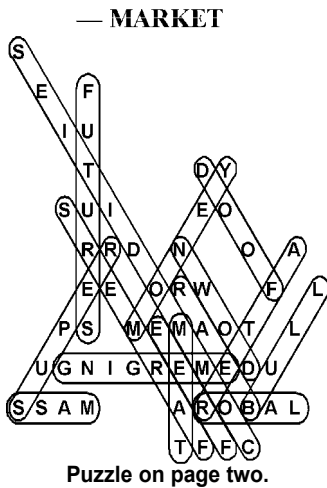
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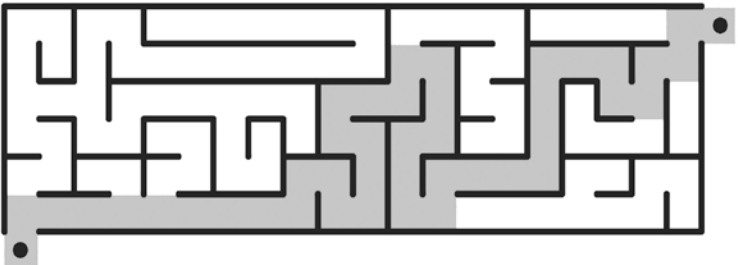
SCRAMBLERS  
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1. Regain 2. Deluge;  
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Today's Word  
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Puzzle on page six.

Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page three.

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