

Happy Thanksgiving!



This year’s Thanksgiving is coming up on Thursday, November 23rd. Ask yourself, what are you thankful for this year?

Mayor Byron Brown and CEO of West Herr Automotive Group, as well as Members of his Executive Team, dropped off 500 frozen turkeys and accompanying bags of Thanksgiving food items at Buffalo City Hall, all of which are going to families in need. The event took place in the parking area along Jerge Drive, outside Buffalo City Hall.



Mayor Brown said, “Thanksgiving Day is a time to be thankful, a time to remember, and a time to appreciate those whose efforts have helped to ensure that everyone has food on the table this Thanksgiving Day. West Herr Automotive is one of Buffalo’s strong public-private relationships, and on behalf of City residents, I thank West Herr

President and CEO Scott Bieler for his continued generosity. In Buffalo, we’ve been through a lot over the last few years, and while recovery efforts continue, challenges remain for many of our friends, family, and neighbors. In the spirit of thankfulness, I am grateful to the West Herr Family!”

The turkeys dropped off at City Hall were a portion of a larger total of more

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Motorists Submit Vision Test Before NYS DMV Deadline

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, motorists were allowed to renew their New York State driver license on-line by self-certifying their vision. By doing so they agreed to submit a vision test within one year of that date. According to Kearns, the NYS DMV is issuing this final warning, “If



your license expired between 3/1/2020 – 8/31/2021 and you renewed online by self-certifying your vision, but have not submitted a vision test to the NYS DMV, your license will be suspended on 12/01/2023.”

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

er.”

Kearns stated, “Per the NYS DMV, this type of suspension will remain open on the driving record until the motorist submits the acceptable proof of the eye exam. Once acceptable action has been completed by the motorist, the suspension will be cleared. However, as this is a manual process, it may take up to 5 days for the suspension to be removed from NYS DMV system.

The NYS DMV has again sent reminder notices to drivers who renewed their driver license on-line and chose to defer their vision test upon

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Packet Pick-Up Begins For 128th Annual YMCA Turkey Trot

Trotters participating in the 128th Annual YMCA Turkey Trot can begin to pick up their pre-race packets at the Independent Health Family YMCA, located at 150 Tech Drive in Amherst.

Participants in the annual trot are encouraged to pick up their packets Monday through Wednesday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Race Day packet pickup is also available from 7:00 to 8:30 am at the Delaware Family YMCA located at 2564 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo. Race participants are strongly encouraged to pick up their packets prior to the

race date. Trotters are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations to support the YMCA’s annual food drive with FeedMore WNY.

Media is invited to the Independent Health YMCA beginning at 10:00 am during the packet pickup period. In-person interview opportunities with Turkey Trot representatives will be available starting at 10:00 am.

Buffalo’s time-honored Thanksgiving Day tradition, the YMCA Turkey Trot, kicks off at 9:00 am sharp Thanksgiving morning, November 23 at the corner of Delaware and Tacoma Avenues in North Buffalo.


Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



November, 1984. LOOKS GOOD...There’s soup in the pot at the City Mission, thanks in part to the donations of many North Buffalo residents, who donated over 1300 canned and bowed food items in the Kiwanis-Sample-sponsored food drive to stock the empty shelves. Pictured above is the Rev. Timberlake with chief cook, volunteer Jasper Rivera. At right is Timberlake with Peter Cammarata, who just finished unloading the donated food.

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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

A Panzarella Thanksgiving!



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Pictured are Joey's friends including Jarred's older brother, Otis Barker Jr., Owen Doyle, Robert Ferdman, Bryant Toney, Connor Gallagher, Max Peterson-Borins, Byron Brown Jr., Kevin O'Sullivan, Michael O'Connor and Taylor Golba. Jarred's father, Otis T. Barker Sr. is standing behind the Panzarella family.

This Thursday, Cheryl and Vinny Panzarella of North Buffalo will be wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving the only way they know how.

They'll be in Delaware Park again, behind the old Juicery stand, off Meadow Road to help quarterback their own "Turkey Bowl" game that honors their son Joey, who passed away suddenly fourteen years ago in his sleep. A stand out athlete in North Buffalo sports, Joseph B. Panzarella gave every moment of his young life back to his friends and family who helped raise and nurture his love for others every day. A pick-up football game played with all his friends on Thanksgiving Day every year was the best way he could express his love for sports and family as each year passed.

Since his untimely death in 2009, long-time friend

Connor Gallagher and several others huddled together and decided to continue their game in Delaware Park every year and play football so everyone else could learn of Joey's young life. Cheryl and Vinny both loved the idea and set up a foundation for their son so that money raised could go toward the education of a young student from St. Mark's Parish, their home Church where Joey learned of the gifts of life that the Lord has given.

Besides Gallagher, Joey played Football with all his friends from St. Mark's and later from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute like brothers Brad and Brett Lepovich, Taylor Golba, Eddie Jakubowski, Kevin O'Sullivan, Owen Doyle, Bryant Toney, O.J. and Jarred Barker, Byron Brown, Michael O'Connor and several others. Every year, all of

Joey's friends stay in touch with the Panzarella family and return to play the sport they all love.

Families gather for coffee and hot chocolate and numerous baked goods just after 10:00 am to catch up with others and stay in touch. The 13th annual tradition takes place regardless of the weather and a snowy field for a game has not been a problem for these hearty guys, giving their love back to Joey and the Panzarella family. Happy Thanksgiving everyone from the Panzarella Family.

Congratulations to the Bennett Tigers for winning the Class AA Far West Regional Playoff game over McQuaid Jesuit, 26-21 on a last second touchdown scored by E'Ryan Lawrence from the 2-yard line out on the neutral field of Williamsville South played this past Saturday night November 18. The victory gave the defending Double AA Champion Tigers of last year a chance to repeat again as Champions of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The undefeated 11-0 Tigers will play Christian Brothers Academy of Section III at Cicero-North Syracuse in the State Semifinals. Bennett High Football coach Stevenson McDuffie, no stranger to the postseason now after three straight years, utilized the talents of Sherrad Bennard II, a transfer player from St. Mary's last year in the Monsignor Martin League. His hand-off to Lawrence on fourth down with two seconds left in the game capped off Bennett's miracle season. This was the third year in a row where the Main Street School has ended the McQuaid season.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
November 20, 2023
Military Road – Detective along with co-defendant did enter and remain in laundromat at 2420 Delaware unlawfully in business after being told to leave by owner on site. Defendant and co-defendant did remain in business and continue to snore inside building and leave garbage throughout. Owner is requesting an order of protection due to defendants repeatedly trespassing.

November 19, 2023
Forest Avenue – Victim states that she ended her relationship with the defendant last night. Today they were meeting so he could get his clothing when she went to return it victim states he did point a black and brown handgun at her. Victim states he was pointing the gun to get the victim to come inside the apartment. Victim was standing at the door.

November 18, 2023
Peter Street – Officers arrived on scene to an accident injury at 23 Peter Street. Officer did observe New York registered vehicle, parked and unoccupied, up over the curb and on the sidewalk in front of 23 Peter Street with significant rear end damage. Officer did observe New York registered vehicle in the middle of the roadway with significant front end damage. Witness states defendant was operating New York registered vehicle at time of accident. Supporting deposition obtained. Defendant stated to officers on scene that he was coming from Casey's. Defendant refused to complete standard field sobriety test and refused a breath test.

November 18, 2023
Hertel Avenue – Defendant did on 11/16/23 at approximately 0300 hours did pick dog up by leash over his shoulder and then did slam dog onto pavement near intersection of Isabelle with Philadelphia. Defendant then continued with dog towards Ontario Street. Defendant after incident did fail to provide any medical attention; dog did have unknown injury to rear legs. Dog transported to emergency vet in Orchard Park. SPCA also notified and took custody of animal. Dog had scars to the head and legs.

November 18, 2023
Delaware Avenue – While investigating a accident hit and run at Delaware at Hinman, striking New York registered vehicle which was located at Delaware and Sheridan intersection. Patrol did smell the odor of alcohol and patrol officer did conduct field sobriety test that defendant did fail. Defendant was transported to AIU office for breath test that concluded at .13% BAC.

West Side
November 17, 2023
Pooley Place – Defendant did break windshield and rear passenger with unknown object causing approximately \$1000.00 in damage.

November 17, 2023
Ontario Street – Victim states the defendant did throw Chinese food in his face during an argument while officer was trying to investigate a subject in the incident, defendant did grab officer's vest and resisted officers.

November 17, 2023

Ontario Street – While attempting to detain other party at a domestic scene subject did stand in front of officer and block him from completing the investigation. Subject was issued an appearance ticket on scene.

November 14, 2023
Elmwood Avenue – Complainant reports he did observe defendant take without permission miscellaneous merchandise (value \$346.15) and conceal items in left pant leg and front right pocket. Merchandise was recovered in same. Patrol officer did recover (1) needle in front right pocket with unknown substance.

November 16, 2023
Philadelphia Street – Officers responded to a domestic call victim states suspect repeatedly comes to her house and starts an argument with the victim. Victim states she wants an order of protection.

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

Riverside
November 8, 2023
Hertel Avenue – Victim did go to 121 Hertel to pick up defendant for a ride. When defendant refused to pay a fight started between victim and defendant. During physical altercation defendant did slice open victims right forearm with a knife causing serious physical injury requiring surgery. Defendant is known to victim, supporting deposition filled out by victim at ECMC.

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MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: MOMMY'S HUSBAND

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Decoded	Dividend	Nodded	

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FREE PIZZA: Richard Penrose, 34 Knox Ave. Apt. Lowr., 14216
FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: Nicholas Skorka, 48 Parker Ave. N., 14216

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Squid squirt
4 Beloved
8 "Ditto"
12 "The Simpsons" barkeep
13 Killer whale
14 Director Kazan
15 Get older
16 Feel elated
18 Two-dot punctuation mark
20 Triage ctrs.
21 Calendar entry (Abbr.)
24 Smiles broadly
28 Flight costs
32 "Phooey!"
33 Hosp. area
34 Rich cake
36 Quarterback Manning
37 Arrears
39 NPR show hosted by Terry Gross
41 Thoreau piece
43 Gym site, for short
44 Promptly
46 Film trophy
50 Rock fan's imaginary instrument
55 Employ

DOWN

1 Apple computer
2 NASA scrub
3 Fall (over)
4 Memorized
5 Historic period
6 Off-torn knee part, for short
7 Yard tool
8 Had a hunch
9 Carte lead-in
10 Roman 1002
11 Corn spike
17 Sphere
19 Klutz
22 Campus VIP
23 Towel material
25 Vicinity
26 Niger's neighbor
27 Swizzle
28 Staffer
29 Frozen desserts
30 Abrades
31 Goblet feature

56 Satan's purchase
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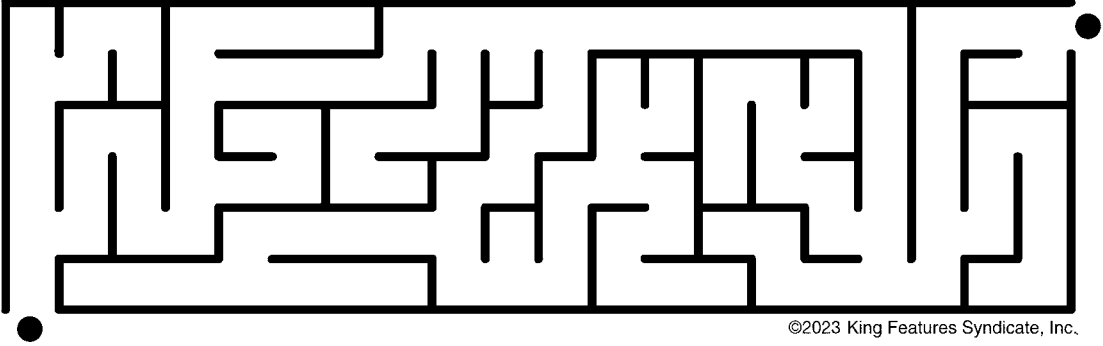
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38 Snarl
40 Owns
42 One of us
45 Trace
47 Rubik's baffler
48 "Dream on!"
49 Monopoly payment
50 Bonfire residue
51 Debtor's note
52 Bad hairpiece
53 Overly
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Kids' Maze



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Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

My Best Friend, My Dog.



My dog, My Angel.

This year, as the day approaches that we take the time to give thanks for what we have, I have an unusual item to give my thanks to, my dog. Seems strange and is even strange to me. Yet, I am at the stage of my life when trivial things mean so much as we know the window is closing. Little Angel, as that is her name, given to her by my late wife, is to me just that. Angel was my wife's constant companion and went wherever she went. Followed her from room to room and would never let her out of her sight. At that time, I was just another person in the house.

Angel was a rescue dog that we adopted. She came from a puppy mill and lived her previous life in a cage.

It appeared when we got her she had been mistreated as she was frightened of everything. To the point of trembling in fear of everything. She had never been on a leash and did not know the outside world. She did not even know what grass was. Took a while for her to adjust to the loving care she received from my wife.

When I was a kid, we always had dogs. Mostly mongrels that were just always there for you but needed and got little attention. Never took them to have them groomed, their food was scraps from the table. Extraordinarily little maintenance as we just let them out to do their duty. Do not recall having to carry a bag to pick up their droppings.

The streets were full of wandering dogs and dog dirt. Just the way it was. Everyone had a dog, and it was like having a silent pet and that was it. A pet who got attention when you wanted to give it to them and not that often.

Different nowadays. You must buy the best dog food available according to your vet. Back in the day, we never even took our dog to a vet. Now it is at least once or twice a year. We now must make sure our dogs are well groomed. Groomed? Our dogs were lucky if they got brushed occasionally. Now, you must make an appointment to have them groomed! A good groomer has a waiting list, and you wait weeks just to get in. I just spent almost two thousand dollars to have her teeth fixed. That would be unheard of back when. I see it everywhere, the pet, dog or cat are considered part of the family. No ifs or buts about it.

In my personal life, now with my wife gone, she is my living companion. She sleeps on the bed with me. She has her own little blanket that she sleeps on. In Florida she is my dinner companion as there they have outdoor patios and pets are welcome. Of course, there, the weather is always good for dining in the fresh air, so it is every day. She now follows me from room to room and if I sit, she lays at my feet. No, my dogs never did that when we were kids. They always had their place to lie and spent their sleepy time there.

Yes, I would have to say if there is anything that I am thankful for it is that we brought little Angel into our lives. She brought much happiness to my ailing wife and was in bed with her when she passed. She still goes in that room and pays a visit. She is mine now to care for and gives me a purpose. My wife and I were blessed with eight children. We have had so many wonderful Thanksgiving days in our time. So many get-togethers. We had so much to be thankful for. Unfor-

tunately, things change. Nothing we could do about it. This will be our second family Thanksgiving Day without her there.

So, as I began, it may seem strange but I am thankful I have my little Angel to watch over me as I watch over her. Funny how things work out. Seems like it is because it is meant to be that way. May all those who take the time to read this column have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Do you have a birthday greeting you would like to see here? Birthdays, anniversaries, interesting pictures, short stories or even a 500 word column of interest to your neighbors. Send them to me and I will see what I can do. Nothing political or controversial. Send to Jbortze@aol.com



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Ask Rusty – About The Fairness Of “WEP” And “GPO”

Dear Rusty: I was married to my ex-husband for 30 years. For 14 of those years, I was an unemployed mom and community volunteer. After my sons were grown, I began teaching in California and earned a teacher pension. That teacher pension eliminates ALL the spousal benefits my husband paid for. How can that be justified? I, like a number of my retired friends, rent out rooms in my house to be able to live on a small teacher's pension and get none of my earned spousal benefits.

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Frustrated Teacher

Dear Frustrated Teacher:

I can only say that your frustration is shared by many retirees from public service in States which do not participate in the federal Social Security program – that is, neither the employee nor the State contribute to the federal Social Security program. There are about 26 states (including California) which exempt at least some of their employees (and themselves) from paying Social Security payroll taxes, but those states are obligated to provide retirement benefits robust enough to offset the loss of Social Security benefits which will occur later in life after the employee

retires. As controversial as these laws – the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) – are, they have withstood legal challenges since they were enacted four decades ago.

Because you have a “non-covered” pension from your state employment, WEP reduces any personal Social Security retirement benefit you may have earned elsewhere and, to your specific point, the GPO has eliminated the spousal benefit you might otherwise have been entitled to from your ex-husband. Like you, many who are affected believe this to be unfair, but Congress has steadfastly failed to enact legislation to repeal these provisions, or even to soften their impact. The likely reason is that Congress has evaluated the fundamental premise of the provisions and concluded they appropriately equalize the way benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries.

It might help to think of it this way: in normal circumstances, if one spouse has a personally earned Social Security retirement benefit which is more than 50% of their partner's full retirement age (FRA) amount, no spousal benefit is paid (the spouse benefit is offset by the recipient's own SS retirement benefit). The GPO (the provision which affects SS

spousal and survivor benefits) applies that same logic for a spouse who has a “non-covered” pension earned outside of the Social Security program, their spousal benefit is offset by the amount of the person's own “non-covered” retirement pension. The one difference is that the GPO offset is actually a bit smaller (2/3rds of the non-covered pension vs. 100% offset for a spouse with their own SS retirement benefit).

Both WEP (which reduces SS retirement benefits) and the GPO (which reduces spousal or survivor benefits) are consequences of working for a State which has chosen to not participate in the federal Social Security program, and those states are obligated to inform their employees of those consequences. I know that doesn't make your situation any less frustrating, but Congress “justifies” these provisions as being necessary to equalize how benefits are paid to all Social Se-

curity beneficiaries. There are about 2 million beneficiaries affected by WEP and over 700,000 affected by the GPO, most of whom share your displeasure. Nevertheless, Congress has so far maintained both these provisions as originally enacted. If you wish to add your voice to those

who believe WEP and GPO are unfair, you may wish to contact your federal Congressional Representatives to express that point.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Continued from page one than \$100,000 in frozen turkeys donated by the West Herr Automotive Group, and over 5000 bags of Thanksgiving related food items collected from employees and customers across West Herr's locations over the past month.

Thanks to West Herr, the 500 turkeys and accompanying bags of food items, were unloaded at Buffalo City Hall this morning. And, throughout the day, volunteers, many of them City employees, will fan out to deliver them. The turkeys and food items will be delivered to some

of Buffalo's most vulnerable residents, who pre-registered for the donated holiday meals.

Buffalo City Hall was just one of many stops in Buffalo and throughout Western New York, Rochester, Finger Lakes Region, and East Syracuse where West Herr was dropping off the donations for families in need. The over \$100,000 worth of turkeys, and over 5,000 bags of food items, donated to various organizations will feed thousands of residents in Buffalo and Western New York this coming holiday.



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Monday-Friday

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Saturday



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Saturday

For those without internet access, please call the Erie County Clerk's Outreach Center at 716-858-8864 to schedule your appointment today!

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To see more great pets, visit: <http://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=NY341>

The Grapevine

Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is hosting their Beer for Cats Christmas fundraiser on Friday, December 9. The event runs from 5pm to 7:30pm and will be held at Mr. Goodbar, located at 1110 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222. At this event, there will be a silent auction, basket raffle and so much more. Drink tickets for 10-ounce specialty drafts will be available for purchase with the option of 2 for \$12 or 4 for \$20. There is no admission fee for this event. During this event, attendees may choose between some of the best local Western New York drafts. For more information on this event, visit Ten Lives Club's website or call their Event Coordinator at (716) 646-5577 ext. 2.

Buffalo Arts Studio presents: Annual Studio Artist Show and Sale November 27–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.

The Buffalo Zoo will be closed to the public every Monday through Thursday and open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. These seasonal operating hours will last until March 28, 2024. The Buffalo Zoo will be open

during the week over the winter holiday Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 29, 2023, as well as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2024 (Monday, January 15, 2024) and Presidents Day 2024 (Monday, February 19, 2024). The Zoo is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. While the Zoo will be closed to guests Monday through Thursday, animal care teams and staff will continue their daily routines. On-site education programs are available for enrollment and will continue during the week as well. For details and information on Buffalo Zoo operating hours, to purchase tickets, donate, or enroll in an education program, visit buffalozoo.org.

Dog Ears Bookstore & Café: A new six-week Puppy Tales series at, located at 688 Abbott Road in South Buffalo, will kick off at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17. Open to children ages 3 and 4 accompanied by a parent or guardian, Puppy Tales runs on six consecutive Friday mornings and each session includes three stories, a craft and healthy snacks. Sessions are skill- and book-based and the cost is \$30 per child. Puppy Tales is limited to 15 children. Puppy Tales is a great way to prepare students for Pre-K. To register for Puppy Tales, please visit the bookstore or call 823-2665. For more information on Dog Ears Bookstore, please visit dogearsbookstore.org.

Buffalo Chamber Music Society: The 100th season continues on Tuesday, December 5 with a performance by the Manhattan Chamber Players. The concert begins at 7:30 in the Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans Music Hall and will be preceded by a talk with the musicians beginning at 6:45. The concert includes works by Schubert and Dvorák. They will be joined for the Schubert by Buffalo Philharmonic associate principal bassist Brett Shurtliffe. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the door. **STUDENTS ARE FREE.**

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.

Submit Your
Community Event to
The Grapevine
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Senior TRIVIA???

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) Who starred in the drama "Knight Rider"?

2. What is the capital of Washington state?

3) How long does the average housefly live?

4) Which mid-20th century novel about animals has the subtitle, "A Fairy Story"?

5) What is the softest mineral in the world?

6) Which major river flows through London, England?

7) What is a common name for the condition veisalgia?

8) In which movie did the actress Gal Gadot make her debut?

9) Where was the first Disney park built?

10) What is the British term for a flashlight?

Last Answers: 1. Gale. 2. Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. 3. The Holy Grail. 4. "Desperate Housewives." 5. Quid pro quo. 6. Sailfish. 7. China. 8. Eight minutes. 9. Rhode Island. 10. Canker sore.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Swing set is missing. 2. Dog's ear is different. 3. Number is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Helmet stripe is missing. 6. Sign is missing.

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!

Senility

GOATED

Wash

HABET

Provoke

NICETI

Multitude

GOLINE

TODAY'S WORD

"For a woman with _____ to wear, it certainly takes you long enough to put it on."

Answers on page seven.

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