

Winter Traffic Safety



Keep safe in the winter storm with these traffic safety tips.

- The leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. Preparing your vehicle for the winter season and knowing how to react if stranded or lost on the road are the keys to safe winter driving.

 - Have a mechanic check the following items on your car:
 - Battery
 - Winter highway Antifreeze
 - Wipers and windshield washer fluid
 - Ignition system
 - Thermostat
 - Lights
 - Flashing hazard lights
 - Exhaust system
 - Heater
 - Brakes
 - Defroster
- Oil level (if necessary, replace existing oil with a winter grade oil or the SAE 10w/30 weight variety)
 - Install good winter tires. Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions.
 - Keep a windshield scraper and small broom for ice and snow removal.
 - Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season.
 - Plan long trips carefully. Always travel during daylight and, if possible, try not to travel alone.
 - Let someone know your timetable and primary
- and alternate routes.
 - Dress to fit the season. Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing in several layers. Trapped air insulates. Layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent and hooded. Wear a hat. Half your body heat loss can be from the head. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves. Try to stay dry.
 - Carry food and water. Store a supply of high-energy "munchies" and sev-

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First Look Buffalo's Play Reading Festival Vol. 2

The New Play Reading Festival 2023-24 Vol. 2 January 19th-21st, 2024 at the Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center on 705 Renaissance Dr, Williamsville NY.

No reservations necessary. Donations accepted at the door.

Join First Look Buffalo Theatre Company, as we present a New Play Reading Festival VOL 2, written by members of our Playwright Wing, featuring local and national playwrights! Our festival features special guest responder Mr. Robert Moss, who is the founder and original Artistic Director of Playwrights Horizons, in New York City.



Following each performance, a response will be given by Mr. Moss, local theatre professionals, and the audience. Our new play readings are the foundation of our mission statement, to exclusively develop and produce new plays right here, in Buffalo. This year's new play readings are next year's season. See them here exclusively first!

SPCA Low-Cost Feline Vaccine Clinic On January 27

With the help of Petco Love, the SPCA Serving Erie County is holding a Low-Cost Feline Vaccine Clinic this month!

The clinic will occur on Saturday, January 27, 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/FelineClinics2024.

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.

You can view the entire price breakdown below:

The Whole Kittenaboodle (for adult cats) \$25 HCP*

Rabies
Dewormer
Flea Treatment
Microchip and registration
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Dewormer
Flea treatment
Microchip and registration
A La "Cat" Pricing
HCP*: FREE
Flea Treatment \$10
Dewormer \$5
Rabies \$10
Microchip and registration \$10

Vaccines with an asterisk next to them imply vaccines that may require a booster depending on the cat's age and previous vaccination status. Booster vaccines will be made available at A La "Cat" Pricing.

For more information go to YourSPCA.org/FelineClinics2024.



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



November, 1993. The LGB CHRISTMAS TRAIN... Bill Cochrane stands near the LGB Christmas train set he has set up inside his toy and hobby shop located at 1251 Hertel Avenue. Original photo by Stephanie Hausle.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH	FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH	SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH	SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST	MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND	TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH
Snow High 36° Low 30°	Rain/Snow High 38° Low 35°	Snow High 39° Low 22°	Snow High 24° Low 18°	Snow High 21° Low 13°	Snow High 17° Low 12°	Snow High 20° Low 18°

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NORTH PARK THEATRE

OPENING FRIDAY

FREUD'S LAST SESSION

FREUD'S LAST SESSION Fri 1/19: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00 Sat 1/20: (2:10), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30 Sun 1/21: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00 Mon 1/22: (2:00 OPEN CAPS), (4:30), 7:00 Tue 1/23: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00 Wed 1/24: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30 Thur 1/25: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30 The 2:00 screening on MON 1/22 will be shown with open captions. THE BOY AND THE HERON (DUBBED) Fri 1/19: 9:30 Sat 1/20: (11:30am) AXCN: COWBOY BEBOP: THE MOVIE (2001) [SUBTITLED] Sun 1/21: (11:30am), 9:30 Tue 1/23: 9:30 AXCN: COWBOY BEBOP: THE MOVIE (2001) [DUBBED] Mon 1/22: 9:30

1428 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216, (716) 836-7411

A photograph of the North Park Theatre marquee, which is illuminated and displays the text "NORTH PARK THEATRE" and "OPENING FRIDAY 1/19" in large, glowing letters. Below this, smaller text lists the movies "THE BOY AND THE HERON" and "COWBOY BEBOP: THE MOVIE" along with their showtimes. The marquee is set against a dark background, and the building's facade is partially visible.

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Buffalo Music Hall Of Fame Announces 2024 Officers And Board Of Directors

The Buffalo Music Hall of Fame (BMHOF) is proud to announce its Officers, Board of Directors and Advisory Council for 2024.

The Officers that were elected by private ballot on January 12, 2024, were Anthony Casuccio (President and Historical Committee Chair), Tom Lorentz (Vice-President and Nominations Committee Chair), Diane Strawbrich (Secretary), and Robin Brand (Treasurer).

The Executive Board, Trustees and Committee Chairs for 2024 include; Robin Grandin (Executive Board, Communications

Committee Chair, Trustee),
Carolyn Moser (Executive
Board, Events Committee
Chair, Trustee),

Tom Schuh (Executive Board, Trustee), Kim Burke (Outreach/Education Committee Chair, Trustee), Richard Sargent (Alumni Committee Chair, Trustee), Van Taylor (Trustee), Dan Nedescu (Trustee), Paula D'Amico (Trustee).

Will Schulmeister
(Trustee), and Eddie Tice
(Trustee).

The Buffalo Music Hall of Fame Advisory Council for 2024 include: Al Hury, Steve Kantor, Bob Luterek, Melissa Kate Miller,

Jim Panzarella, Da'Von McCune, Ed Strawbrich and Nick Veltri (Past President).

The BMHOF meets the second Tuesday of each month at their headquarters (340 Amherst St. Buffalo) and welcomes newcomers to learn more about the BMHOF and to participate and volunteer at its many events during the year and to also patronize the local music scene.

Please visit our website at: www.bmhof.org or contact us at: info@bmhof.org for more information on our organization and programs!

Winter Traffic Safety

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high-energy "munchies"
and several bottles of
water.

If trapped in car during a blizzard:

- Stay in the car. Do not leave the car to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards. You may become disoriented and lost in blowing and drifting snow.
- Display a trouble sign. Hang a brightly colored cloth on the radio antenna and raise the car hood.
- Occasionally run engine to keep warm. Turn on the car's engine for about 10 minutes each hour. Run the heater when the car is running. Also, turn on the car's dome light when the car is running. Beware of carbon mon-

oxide poisoning. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation.

- Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.
- If more than one person is in the car, take turns sleeping.
- Avoid overexertion. Cold

weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a car can bring on a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse. Be aware of symptoms of dehydration.



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Gloria J. Parks Community Ctr.....	3242 Main Street
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Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....	1631 Hertel Avenue
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Home Taste (Chinese Cuisine).....	3106 Delaware Avenue
Imagine Salon.....	1527 Hertel Avenue
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Joey's Place.....	83 Niagara Street
Joe's Panini Grill.....	3024 Delaware Avenue
Johnny's Meats.....	1191 Hertel Avenue
Knights of Columbus.....	1530 Kenmore Avenue
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Marco's Deli.....	1518 Hertel Avenue
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Paul Wolf Agency.....	2890 Delaware Avenue
Plaka Restaurant.....	2904 Delaware Avenue
Price Rite Market.....	1716 Kenmore Avenue
Salon Avant!.....	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	
Baptist Manor.....	276 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo Public Library.....	Niagara at Porter
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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
Santasiero'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
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Boys & Girls Club.....	54 Riverdale Avenue
Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....	2067 Niagara Street
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Doyles 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
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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
Riverside News Stand.....	Tonawanda Street
Roland Insurance Agency.....	432 Amherst Street
Sun Restaurant.....	1989 Niagara Street
Up To You Deli.....	2189 Niagara Street



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
January 12, 2024
Delaware Avenue – Defendant did switch barcode on action figures and did take without permission (2) action figures scanned at \$1.19 and did pass all points of purchase. Defendant should have paid \$45.98 for merchandise.

January 10, 2024
Hertel Avenue – Defendant did get into a motor vehicle accident. Upon speaking to her a strong odor of alcohol-like substance emitting from her breath, defendant unable to report where she currently was. Defendant was observed with watery, bloodshot eyes, refused standard field sobriety test. Defendant also refused to submit to a chemical breath test.

West Side
January 13, 2024
Breckenridge Street – Victim states that intoxicated defendant did damage property then did allegedly grab her by the face, causing pain and alarm.

January 13, 2024
Amherst Street – Victim states defendant was beating her in the vehicle and continued beating her upon arrival at 763 Amherst Street while on the porch. Victim states he hit her punched her multiple times and that he pushed her down the porch stairs. Victim has scratches on her neck, three bloody scratches on her forehead and a red

swollen left cheek. Victim has pain to her face and head medical denied.

January 12, 2024
West Avenue – The victim reports that after a disagreement about the children the suspect grabbed the victim by the neck and strangled the victim. The altercation left with bruising and lacerations to the neck area. The suspect also violated order of protection issued by the presiding judge. This incident happened in front of their 11 year old son.

January 4, 2024
Richmond Avenue – Victim stated while walking up the driveway of 505 Richmond Avenue, defendant did walk up to her, grab her, and shove her. Victim has an order of protection in place against the defendant signed by presiding judge.

January 12, 2024
Grant Street – Defendant refused lawful order to cease disruptive/obscene conduct and to enter a vehicle. Defendant did continue to scream obscenities at which point officers attempted to place defendant into custody. Defendant did pull away from officers and did try to evade officers' attempts to place defendant in custody.

January 11, 2024
Grant Street – Suspect did at M&T Bank attempt to pass 2 checks, one valued at \$9,805.73 and another valued at \$9,800.00. Both checks

contained suspects' name and a forged signature. Victim states that she did not allow anyone or give anyone permission to use her signature to take her money.

Riverside
January 13, 2024
Tonawanda Street – Upon investigation at above location victim stated that his brother (suspect/arrest) tried to push him down the apartment stairs and punched him with closed fists repeatedly to the face. Victim does not want to press charges.

January 11, 2024
Court Street – On 01/06/24 at approximately 0154 hours, while at 1177 Hertel Avenue, V1 did observe defendant display a silver handgun multiple times striking V1 two times in the Right Arm, striking V2 in the in the upper left leg and striking V3 once in the chest and two times in the stomach.



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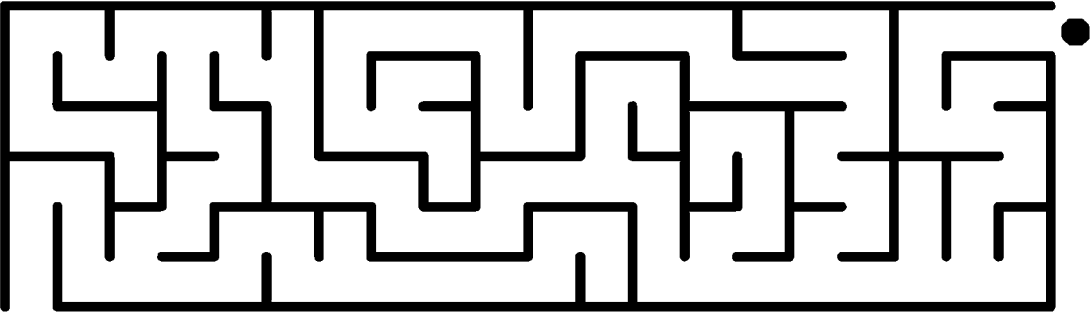
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Kids' Maze



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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: BULLWINKLE'S SPECIES

Advice	Cod	Kennels	News
Aircraft	Dice	Knowledge	Public
Baggage	Headquarters	Means	Sheep
Bison	Information	Music	

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FREE PIZZA: Paschel Valenti, 55 Hecla St., 14216

FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: Shari Ireland, 127 Ramsdell Ave., 14216

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Essence

5 Sprint

9 Weed whacker

12 Part of a French play

13 Draft status

14 Jackson 5 hit song

15 Bribe of a sort

17 Kanga's kid

18 Hindu hero

19 Mature, as fruit

21 Laugh track sounds

24 Painter Joan

25 "East of Eden" son

26 College life

30 Kitten's cry

31 Nearby

32 USN bigwig

33 Wagered

35 Shade provider

36 Candied veggies

37 Plano's state

38 Recap

40 Wild hog

42 — pro nobis

43 Website assistance features

48 Motorist's org.

49 Biblical grain measure

DOWN

1 "How frustrating!"

2 Hosp. section

3 Map lines (Abbr.)

4 Capital of Iran

5 Unhappy destiny

6 Editor Wintour

7 Observe

8 October outing

9 Brother of Groucho

10 Bassoon's kin

11 Nobel Prize subj.

16 More (Sp.)

20 Fury

21 Soccer star Mia

22 Region

23 Cowboy's greeting

24 Sail support

26 Priests' garments

27 Runner Sebastian

28 Notion

29 Iowa city

31 Moth repellent

34 Vichy water

35 Nobel-winning Mother

37 Highland hat

38 Drench

39 Russian river

40 Ran in the wash

41 Nashville venue

44 Outback bird

45 Refusals

46 Show to a seat, slangily

47 Under

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Ask Rusty – If I Apply Now, When Will I Get My First Social Security Check?

Dear Rusty: If I were to apply for my Social Security retirement (I will be 68 on November 1, 2023), when could I realistically expect to receive my first check?

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

Signed: Ready to Claim

Dear Ready: Social Security suggests applying for benefits 2 – 3 months before you wish payments to begin, to allow time for processing your application. When you apply, you will specify the month you wish your benefits to start, and that is when your benefits will officially begin. But Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month they are earned. So, if, for example, you applied and specified November 2023 as your benefit start month, your benefit for that month wouldn't be received until December. The payment date for you will be on the 2nd Wednesday (because you were born between the 1st and 10th of the month), and your payment won't be by check but rather by direct deposit into your bank account. Here are a few other things you should be aware of:

Since you were born on the 1st of the month,

your benefit is computed using the previous month as your full retirement age month. If your year of birth was 1955, your full retirement age (FRA) was 66 years and two months, which means that you actually reached your FRA in December 2021.

Since you reached your FRA, you have been earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .667% per month (8% additional benefit per year). You can earn DRCs up to age 70, at which point your SS benefit would be about 31% more than it would have been at your FRA.

If you turn 68 on November 1st, at that time you will have earned about 15% additional benefit through DRCs. That means your benefit, if claimed to start at 68 in November, will be about 15% more than it would have been at your FRA. You will specify the month you wish your benefit to start when you apply.

Social Security applies DRCs in January of each year, so if you claim benefits to start before the end of 2023, your DRCs earned during 2023 won't be applied to your benefit payment until January of 2024.

You can claim up to 6 months' retroactive benefits, which would be paid in

a lump sum. If you choose to take 6 months' worth of retroactive benefits, your "benefit-start-month" will be backdated, your benefit amount will be reduced accordingly (by 4%), and you'll get that reduced benefit for the rest of your life (except for Cost of Living Adjustments annually awarded).

So, this may be more detail than you expected for your simple question, but claiming SS is a serious

decision and it's important you have complete information before you apply.

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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dation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

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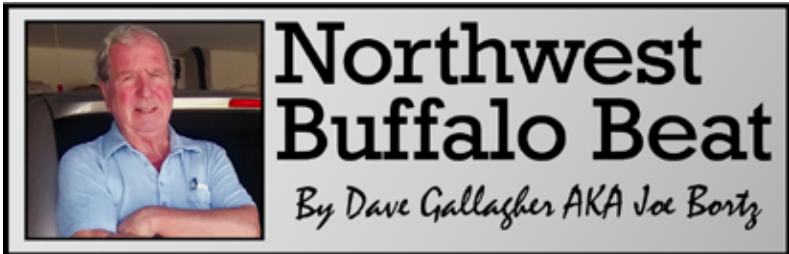
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TV And Internet.

The other day a friend from the Buffalo area said that Spectrum was not on due to the storm. Electric was ok but there was no television or internet. No TV or computer, what is one to do? Poor baby. I grew up, like most old people, remember what it was like to not have either. My friend is a book reader, so it was not so bad. Just read a couple of books. The rest of us, and all young people, rely on our electronics to survive the day. They would have to look at the wall clock to see what time it is. If it is not digital, they cannot read it. Times sure have changed.

Having lived a long life, I can go back in time to when there was no home television and computers were years away and just a dream. We did

have telephones but party lines and telephone poles with wires connecting the houses. Our phone had four people on our party line. When you wanted to use the phone, you had to see if there was anyone on the line. If there was, you asked politely if you could use the phone and if they would please end the call. You can imagine how that went over. How would you like to be in the middle of a conversation and someone you do not know tells you to basically "shut up"? Or if you wanted to you could listen to their chat. That could be fun. Wonder if that is where the term "eavesdropping" came from.

I recall one time I was talking to what was then my girlfriend and some guy got on the line and

while we were talking, he started to flirt with, who was later to become my wife. Usually, the four parties on the one line were located near each other so more than likely he was a neighbor of hers. We both had no idea his identity, but I sure wanted to find out. I was livid and asked him if I could meet him somewhere to discuss the matter. He agreed, but did not show up, maybe fortunately for me, he could have been bigger. You never can tell what someone looks like by a voice. Found that out over the years.

Getting back to no TV or computer. What did we do? We spent time together with friends and family exchanging stories or future plans. The front porch was the meeting place for gatherings of the neighbors. Almost every night. We were our own entertainment. Always stories to tell just like this one. Everyone was on their porches so there was always somewhere to go, even if it was only a couple of houses away. That passed when TV came along.

Saturday night was family night to play cards. We played penny ante poker. My mother's brother, Uncle Joe, lived downstairs from us so he and his wife and the older kids would come up with a bag full of pennies. My mother used to make her own bread and with the dough, would make pizza and cinnamon rolls. No pepperoni as we could not afford it. Just tomato sauce, cheese, onions and either olive oil or basil, I think. It was so good. She made the cinnamon rolls and topped them with frosting. Plenty of food for everyone and it was inexpensive. So many Saturday nights and laughs and fun. Sometimes you won as much as two dollars.

Then TV came along and made our lives so much better. Add computers and we became so much smarter. Put the two together and we are fulfilled. Who needs to listen to other people's rhetoric? We now have professionals telling stories, like the news. It is better, isn't it?

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

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What state is the setting for the 1990s movie "Twister"?
2. Lake Okeechobee is in which U.S. state?
- 3) Which president adopted the expression, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?
- 4) Actor/singer Jared Leto also is the front man for which rock music band?
- 5) The U.S. Civil War ended in 1865 when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union forces in which Virginia town?
- 6) Which element has the symbol Pb?
- 7) What is the destination in the board game Candy Land?
- 8) Who was the long-running host of "American Bandstand"?
- 9) What is the capital of Alaska?
- 10) Who is the author of the autobiographical work "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"?

Last Answers: 1. Panama and Colombia. 2. Epiphany. 3. Gru. 4. Khaled Hosseini. 5. Fonzie. 6. Saxophone. 7. Five. 8. Freddie Mercury. 9. Columbia. 10. Kentucky.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Garden Walk Buffalo, America's largest garden tour, is looking for submissions of original artwork to promote the 2024 event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 27 & 28, 2024. Garden Walk Buffalo will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2024. Entries are due Wednesday, January 31, 2024. This is an opportunity to share your artwork with hundreds of local gardeners and tens of thousands of visitors from around the U.S., Canada, and abroad. Email your entry to aclark@gardensbuffaloniagara.com. Include ART ENTRY in the subject line. If possible, zip your files or use a service like wetransfer. For more information, email GardenWalkBuffalo@GardensBuffaloNiagara.com or call (716) 247-5004.

The Hull Family Home & Farmstead is holding an orientation for new docents on Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, April 7 at its headquarters at 5962 Genesee Street in Lancaster, NY. It will take place from 1:00-4:00PM each day. The training will include demonstrations of various types of docent as-

signments, discussion of period clothing for those interested in portraying Hull family members, and opportunities to learn about the Hull family and the historic period of the early 1800s. To register or for further information, contact Suzanne Jacobs at 716-681-5494 or at sjacobs@hullfamilyhome.org.

Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is hosting their 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on Sunday, January 21, 2024. The event runs from 12:30pm to 3pm and will be held at Woodlawn Fire Company, located at 3281 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, NY 14219. The nonprofit is still looking for contestants to share their chili recipes! All chili types: vegetarian, restaurant-style and unique recipes are welcome. By entering the contest, contestants have a chance to win money prizes for Best Professional Chili, Best Amateur Chili and Best Chili Display! Chili contestants will be able to try other chilis for free as well as one guest per contestant. Each contestant must bring their own crock pot filled with their chili, along with a ladle for serving. Ten Lives Club will provide the bowls,

spoons, and bread. For \$15, guests can enjoy samples from all contestant chili tables with a side of bread! Admission for children aged 10 and under is \$10. There is no pre-sale for this event and admission donations are taken at the door. For more information on this event, or to enter the contest, email eschmitz@tenlivesclub.com. Visit Ten Lives Club website to see more details on the event or call their shelter at (716) 646-5577 ext. 7 to have an application mailed to you.

The SPCA: The SPCA has an immediate need for volunteers in various areas of its West Seneca shelter, including Adoptions, Animal Behavior, Foster Care, Wildlife, Kitten Nursery, and other departments. Some volunteer opportunities are available at off-site adoption locations or in volunteers' own homes. Depending on the position, volunteers will have the opportunity to provide compassionate care for animals, bring pets and families together, and perform purpose-driven work! Those interested in volunteering at the SPCA Serving Erie County can apply

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lampshade is wider. 2. Curtain is longer. 3. Leaf is missing from plant. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Foot is smaller. 6. Arm of chair is different.

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Kids' Maze Solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: 208 Crestwood LLC . Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 12/27/2023. Office of the LLC: 78 Commonwealth Ave Buffalo NY 14216 , Erie County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at 78 Commonwealth Ave Buffalo NY 14216. Purpose of LLC: Real estate holdings . No specific duration attached to LLC. 6

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INDEX NO.: 815246/2019 Date Filed: 01/03/2024 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE MORTGAGED PREMISES: 907 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211 SBL #: 101.67-1-7 Plaintiff designates ERIE County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Erie County Public Administrator, as Administrator of the Estate of Shirley Barney a/k/a Shirley A, Barney, deceased; Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Shirley Barney, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; The Erie County Department of Social Services; Health Management Systems, Inc. on behalf of the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General and the Erie County Department of Social Services; Kelle Barney, as Heir and Distributee of the Estate of Shirley Barney a/k/a Shirley A. Barney, deceased; Belinda Barton a/k/a Belinda S. Barton a/k/a Belinda Spartan, as Heir and Distributee of the Estate of Shirley Barney a/k/a Shirley A. Barney, deceased; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE

HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Amended Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$50,255.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Erie on December 3, 1996, in Book 12728, Page 6916, covering premises known as 907 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14211, SBL #: 101.67-1-7 The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendants Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Shirley Barney, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Dennis E. Ward of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie, dated and filed December 21, 2023. Dated: January 5, 2024 /s/ Christie M. Montero Christie M. Montero, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK

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