

Cupid's Undie Run 2024



Cupid's Undie Run participants brave the elements to raise awareness of Neurofibromatosis (NF), 2023.

Throughout the month of February 2024, tens of thousands of pants-less do-gooders in 31 cities including Buffalo, across the United States will join the Children's Tumor Foundation (CTF) as it hosts its annual Cupid's Undie Run to raise awareness of the genetic disorder NF and raise funds for NF research.

From Boston to Orlando, Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles and 27 cities in between, tens of thousands of fearless fundraisers will show off fun costumes and sassy sleepwear to participate in the largest pant-less party in the nation. Cheeky cherubs will warm-up with mingling, music, and drinks before jogging it out with a "brief" one mile (ish) run and will end with an epic dance party to celebrate

the individuals and teams that fundraised the most money for NF research or wore the best costumes. In addition to returning sponsor Love, Tito's, the 2024 Cupid's Undie Run, for the first time, will partner with two new underwear sponsors: Woxer and Pair of Thieves. "We feel incredibly fortunate that through our Good Fits program, Pair of Thieves has been able to provide critical support for a myriad of important causes," said Cash War-

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The Alleyway Theatre "The Folks At Home"

Alleyway Theatre starts the second half of its 44th season with THE FOLKS AT HOME, a love letter to the great sitcoms of the 1970s. The comedy is written by R. Eric Thomas and directed by Daniel F. Lendzian. Pay-What-You-Can-Previews begin February 9, with an opening night set for Wednesday February 14, 2024.

"THE FOLKS AT HOME is a play that's so dear to my heart," says Thomas. "It's a play about staying in the room even when it's hard, which is why it's so important that it's experienced in a live theater. Being in

a space with other people laughing out loud, feeling the swell of love or compassion—there's nothing like it." Inspired by the television shows created by Norman Lear, THE FOLKS AT HOME centers an interracial gay couple living paycheck to paycheck in Baltimore. Within the span of 24 hours, all of their parents come knocking at the door, looking for a favor. What follows is a hilarious and touching story about family, home, and what we do when things get tough. Thomas continues, "I'm thrilled that FOLKS is being produced in Buffalo, a town burst-



Alleyway Theatre


Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



September, 1992. THE DELAWARE BISONS UNDEFEATED SEASON...front to back, left to right: Byran West, Idris McKelvey, Brad Termini, Ben Osborne, Kyle Janiga, Aaron Abbarno, Mike Lucchino, Matt McCarthy, Mike Koosholan, Kevin Polowy, Coach Pat Janiga, Bobby Dickerson, Duncan Sissom, Jeff Oehler, Nick Schmidt, Greg Kemp, and Coach Lou Schmidt.

Local Weather

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SPORTS
By Bill Snyder

The Bills Make Me Wanna Shout!

The heartbreaking, 27-24 loss to the Chiefs in Orchard Park still stings with the Bills Mafia and fans from all across the Country even into this week.

Watching four other teams play in Conference Championships last weekend will be a hard lesson to learn how to beat these teams in the future, especially in 2024 when next season will start with renewed interest.

Now that the Bills have discovered that winning at home in the Playoffs isn't such an easy task, the 12th man in the seats of the snowy Orchard Park Stadium in January has to reflect and regroup on this 2023 season and prepare for our opponents next season.

Nothing short of miraculous can best be described for what went on in Orchard Park and the eight other Cities that played host to our Bills this season.

Stringing together six straight wins after six losses on a mediocre season was nothing short of incredible to a National audience. Even an early season victory over the Dolphins at home October 1, made you think this was our year in the NFL to be able to get back to the Super Bowl.

The wins were fantastic after our Bye week in early December. A 20-17 win in Kansas City against Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce. America's team, the Dallas Cowboys came here and got outplayed by the team actually wearing red, white and blue, 31-10.

Then a two point win over the Los Angeles Chargers, 24-22, was enough to give the Bills a victory against a team everyone thought was Playoff bound.

Then Bill Belichick and the Patriots come here with thoughts of a sweep after a victory in New England. Paul Revere tried to warn them that the Bills are coming! The Bills are coming! A 27-21 victory helped set up a return match with the Dolphins in Miami for an AFC Division Championship. That's what the Bills got, and with it, a home game against Pittsburgh in the Wild Card.

Now, as we look ahead to the 2024 season, we need to get off to a good start. Winning at home in Orchard Park is a start. Beating New England twice, without Belichick on the sidelines would be great. Miami will be tough again I'm sure but Vic Fangio, the Defensive Coordinator for the Dolphins has been let go and

a weaker Dolphin Defense might happen. The team we need to worry about again would be the Jets. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers will again have the Big Apple thinking about the old days of Joe Willy Namath and 1969.

Kansas City comes to Orchard Park again and here's our chance to beat Andy Reid and maybe Taylor Swift this time. It's a great story for the NFL, but heart shaped hand signals to your sweetie in a Highmark suite can get redundant.

San Francisco will be here too and that means Buffalo will see both Super Bowl finalists. Jacksonville could be a tough victory. Tennessee will have a new coach. Kyler Murray and the Cardinals round out the home slate.

Four of the six Cities the Bills will travel to next season have made the Playoffs this year and will present problems in finishing above .500 in the AFC East. They are the Lions, Ravens, Rams and Texans. Dan Campbell has done an awesome job with the Lions. Lamar Jackson runs like halfback through a line of scrimmage. Matthew Stafford and the Rams finished in second place in the NFC West and what can you say about a rookie Quarterback like C.J. Stroud, who leads the Texans to a Playoff appearance after being drafted number 2 in the NFL Draft back in May from Kansas City, Missouri.

Josh Allen says the window is still open and with Joe Brady overlooking the offense, everyone should still be getting the ball, including Stefan Diggs. I can't wait until next season. Go Bills!

Cupid's Undie Run 2024

Continued from page one. ren, founder of Pair of Thieves. "Cupid's Undie Run is all about having fun while giving back to those in need, and that aligns perfectly with our brand values."

"I can't imagine a more perfect pairing than running in your underwear and giving back to a cause as important as ending NF," said Alexandra Fuente, Woxer CEO & Founder. "We are thrilled to be a part of Cupid's Undie Run, joining forces with the incredible team at Pair of Thieves and the dedicated and admirable Children's Tumor Foundation. We encourage our Woxer community to embrace the cause and sport their boxer briefs to support ending NF!"

NF is a group of genetic conditions that causes

tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and affects 1 in 2,000 births, which is about 4 million people worldwide. Anyone can be born with NF, and it affects everyone differently. NF can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning challenges, disabling pain, or cancer.

While there is no cure for NF yet, progress is being made because of the efforts of the Children's Tumor Foundation to make NF visible, connect patients with support, and drive innovative research to end NF. Since the first race in 2010, \$23.7 million has been raised to support CTF's mission to drive research, expand knowledge, and advance care for the NF community.

From beginning in Washington, D.C. with just a single run, Cupid's Undie Run has grown to a national fundraising phenomenon with tens of thousands of participants in cities across the country. In 2024, Cupid's Undie Run will be held in Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Boise, Boston, Buffalo, Charleston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Nashville, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Raleigh-Durham, Reno, the San Francisco Bay Area, St. Louis, St. Petersburg, Virginia Beach, Washington, DC, and Wilmington.

Registration is available now at <https://cupids.org/2024-registration/>.



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
January 27, 2024
Delaware Avenue - While investigating a 911 call for shoplifting, defendant was found by patrol to be in the company of his co-defendant whom has a stay away order of protection against the defendant. This is in violation of order issued by presiding judge.

January 27, 2024
Hertel Avenue - Transit PD did pick up defendant on Buffalo warrant and did meet at D-District Station house for transfer of custody.

January 27, 2024
Fairchild Place - Patrol responded to accident PDO call. Upon arrival, patrol can smell alcohol on the subject breath. Patrol conducted standardize field sobriety test and then place the subject under arrest.

West Side
January 28, 2024
Bird Avenue - Defendant was with co-defendant. Officer did walk to the defendant as she was digging through a bag of stolen goods. Defendant turned around with a crack pipe in her hand. Defendant did push off officer and ran. Defendant continued to resist and push off officer. Defendant was eventually taken into custody.

January 28, 2024
Bird Avenue - Defendant did take without permission deodorant worth \$149.86 passing all points of purchase. Appearance ticket issued.

Riverside
January 28, 2024
Oregon Place - On 1/28/2024 at approximately 0154 hours defendant did call 911 multiple times falsely reporting that there are

multiple people in his house with guns. Defendant has constantly called into 911 with fake calls for months.

January 27, 2024
Tonawanda Street - Officers responded to a burglary in progress at 69 Sandrock while in route Patrol officers did see New York registered make a right hand turn onto Ontario off of Sandrock, car matching description in call. Once confirmed 3 individuals in the car were suspects from B.I.P. Officers did take into custody all 3, vehicle searched incident to arrest, patrol officer did recover a Denali 320 ACP. with serial number loaded with 4 rounds in the magazine located under passenger seat inside of camo satchel. Firearm was submitted by patrol officer.

January 26, 2024
Glor Street - Victim reports while getting into a verbal argument it did escalate into defendant throwing a pillow at victim and punching her with a closed fist causing pain and redness under victim's left eye. Victim also stated defendant told her she better leave the house before he kills her. Victim does want a restraining order.

January 25, 2024
Oregon Place - Defendant is constantly calling in fake gun calls to 911 stating there is people outside his house with guns when police arrived no one is around. Defendant has been taken and released from ECMC multiple times. Defendant mom states he is taking drugs and is being paranoid. Patrol officer recovered on plastic baggie with one purple pressed skull pill believed to be ecstasy from driver door as well as a small plastic jar containing one pink pressed skull pill also believed to be ecstasy. Total weight of narcotics is .55 grams.

MAGIC MAZE

GULF COAST BEACHES

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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: PANAMA —, FL

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Biloxi	Destin	Naples	Venice
Bradenton	Fort Myers	Sarasota	Yelapa
Cancun	Gulf Shores	Siesta Key	

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This Week's Featured Friend: TWINKLE & CUTIE

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Meet Twinkle and Cutie! Recently surrendered to our organization, these two orange creamies are currently living together at Daisy's Doghouse as they wait to find their forever home together since they've been together forever. Both are affectionate and lovely kitties, although Cutie is a bit shy at first. As you could probably have guessed based on their physiques, Twinkle and Cutie are both appreciative of a nice kitty snack time. That should help their future family while first establishing a bond together. Interested parties can visit these two at the Daisy's Doghouse store on Hertel Ave during normal business hours. Please reach out to Patty for all inquiries (716-361-9452). Online applications can be submitted by visiting friendsofcbas.org/adopt.

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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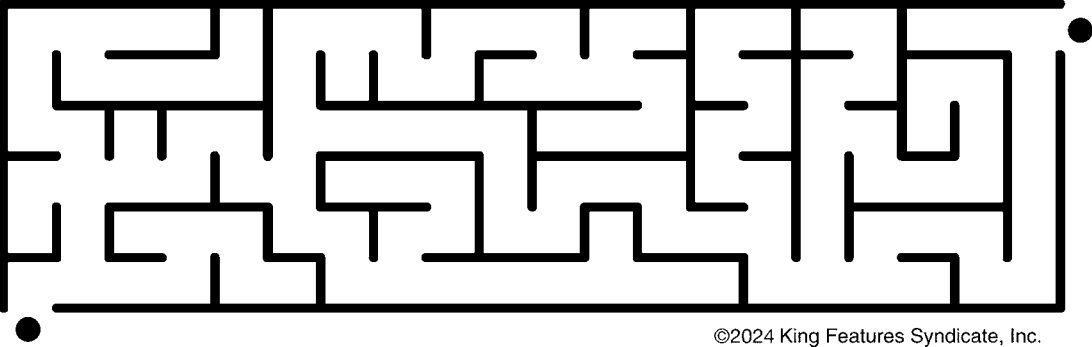
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Kids' Maze



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King Crossword

1 TV schedule abbr.	13 Layered cookie	25 Post-op area	37 Campfire leftovers	49 Egg quaff	61 Prom rental
4 Rotate	14 Greek vowel	26 Apply cream	50 Opposite of candor	62 French perfume brand	
8 Exerciser's target	15 Selflessness	27 College study	51 Bern's river	63 Prom rental	
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Ask Rusty – Will My WEP Reduction Go Away If I Continue Working?

Dear Rusty: I'm 63 years old and have not yet started my Social Security. I now work for the State of Illinois and will draw a pension from that state's university system. I don't pay into Social Security from this position and, as a result, my Social Security payment will be reduced. But I have also worked elsewhere and contributed to Social Security for 26 years.

If I retire from the state university and begin drawing my reduced Social Security payment, and then work in a different job which does contribute to SS, will the reduction to my Social Security payment ever be eliminated? Or will I be permanently stuck with the smaller Social Security payment?

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

Signed: Curious Educator

Dear Curious: A rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) will apply to your Social Security benefit because your IL state pension was earned without paying into the Social Security program. The basic rule is that anyone with a pension earned without contributing to Social Security, and who is also entitled to Social Security benefits, is subject to WEP, which reduces that person's Social Security retirement benefit. It's a law enacted many years ago to equalize how SS benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries. However, the WEP rules also provide relief for those who have only a small non-covered pension, and for those who have separately contributed to Social Security for a lot of years. For example:

The WEP reduction to your SS benefit cannot be more than 50% of your non-covered (IL) pension.

The WEP reduction is smaller for each year over 20 years contributing to Social Security from substantial earnings.

WEP does not apply to those who have at least

30 years contributing to SS from substantial earnings.

Although you could retire at 63 and collect your pension from the university and also collect your WEP-reduced Social Security, you have something else to consider if you take another job which pays into Social Security.

Social Security has an annual "earnings test" for those who collect benefits before their full retirement age (FRA). The earnings test limits how much you can earn while collecting early SS before they take away some of your benefits. The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, you will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your work earnings substantially exceed the earnings limit, you would likely be temporarily ineligible to receive Social Security benefits. FYI, the earnings test no longer applies once you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 67.

Without knowing your expected income from a new job, I can't say how much of your SS you would be able to receive, but you can use this as a guide: Social Security will take away benefits equal to half of what you exceed the annual earnings limit by, and they typically recover by withholding future benefits. If 12 months or more of benefits are withheld, you will be temporarily ineligible to receive benefits until your earnings are less, or you reach your full retirement age (the earnings test no longer applies once you reach your FRA). So, depending on your expected annual work earnings, you may wish to defer claiming your Social Security until you either earn less or reach 67 years of age.

If you already have 26 years contributing to Social Security from "substantial earnings," your WEP reduction will already be mitigated, and any additional years of substantial earnings from which SS payroll

taxes are deducted will result in an even smaller WEP reduction. If you can achieve 30 years of SS contributions from substantial work earnings, WEP will no longer apply. So, you may not be "stuck with" the WEP reduction permanently, but you will need to contact Social Security to request that your WEP reduction amount be reviewed in light of any additional years of SS-covered earnings (this should be done after you submit your income taxes each year you have additional SS-covered earnings).

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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The Alleyway Theatre "The Folks At Home"

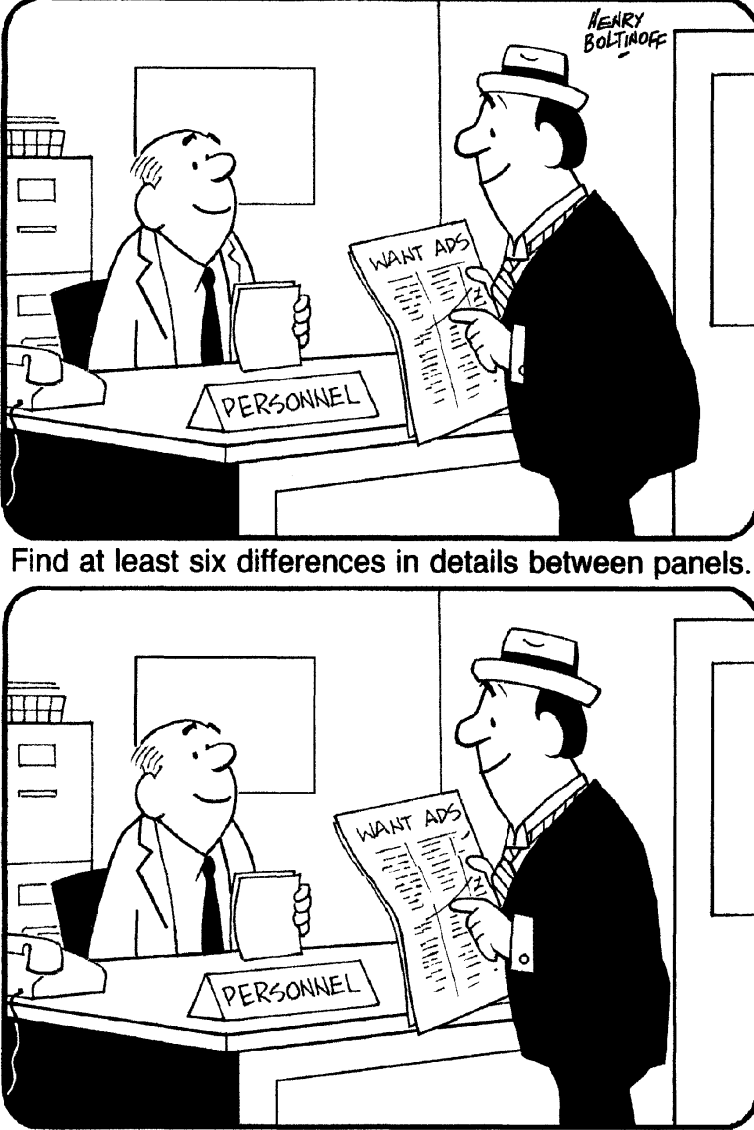
Continued from page one. ing with theatrical life and playwrights who I've long admired. Alleyway, as the second producer of this show, plays a crucial role in the on-going life of THE FOLKS AT HOME. There's a lot of new plays out there, there are even a lot of comedies—though not as many as I'd like—so when a theater finds a new play and says 'this is something our audiences are going to love and something we believe in,' it makes a difference and it makes it possible for more theatres to [produce this play]."

Directed by Daniel F. Lendzian, THE FOLKS AT HOME features designs by Tania Barrenechea (scenic), Emma Schimminger (lighting/sound), James Cichocki (costumes), Diane Almeter Jones (props), and stage management by Mike Benoit. The cast features Josie DiVincenzo, P.K. Fortson, Roderick Garr, Shanntina Moore, Ryan Adam Norton, and Julianna Tracey.

R. Eric Thomas is the winner of the Barrymore Award for Best New Play, the Dramatists Guild Lanford Wilson Award,

and the Lambda Literary Award for LGBTQ Drama, and was a finalist for the Steinberg/ATCA New Play Award and the O'Neill Conference. Recent productions include four world premieres: NIGHTBIRD at Austin Playhouse, BACKING TRACK at Philadelphia's Arden Theatre Company, THE FOLKS AT HOME at Baltimore Center Stage, and CRYING ON TELEVISION at Everyman Theatre. A proud member of the WGA, he was on the writing staff for the Peabody Award-winning series Dickinson (AppleTV+) and Better Things (FX) and is currently developing multiple projects for film and television. His books include the national bestseller HERE FOR IT, KINGS OF B'MORE, a 2023 American Library Association Stonewall Honor Book, and CONGRATULATIONS, THE BEST IS OVER!, an instant USA Today Bestseller. He is the co-lead artistic mentor of PlayPenn's playwriting cohort The Foundry and a member of Azuka Theatre's New Pages.

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Chickery Chick.

Thought I would pass on a little story that I have in my memoirs. Goes back again but it may be interesting to the half dozen people who read this column.

When I was about ten years old it was a family tradition to take a ride into the country on Sundays. There were some relatives that lived in Barker and North Collins. My favorite day. Loved the farms and seeing the animals. One day a farmer was selling baby chicks. One of the ways I used to make a little money was delivering groceries with my wagon for shoppers at the A&P on Grant Street. So, I had a little cash with me. This one farmer was selling baby chicks for ten cents apiece. I happened to have a dollar, so I bought ten. Little yellow fuzz balls with a head and feet. It was ok with my parents as they figured they would not last long. I loved my newfound family.

They were in a box and that is where they lived for a while, until the box was too small. They began to grow and soon were too big for a box. Now what? We lived in an upstairs flat so the closest place to store them outside of the living space was the attic. They were still cute little baby chicks but that did not last long. Much to my delight they began to grow and grow they did. As they got older, they began to grow small white feathers and needed a bigger pen. Since they were at home in the attic that is where they stayed. Just need a bigger pen. It was fun to watch these little chicks grow into chickens, I thought. They became my pets. Even had names for all of them and all ten survived.

There were two roosters and eight hens. Soon they were laying eggs and strutting around in the pen in the attic. One problem now. We all know what roosters do when the sun comes up. As early as 5 A.M. cock-a-doodle-do came crashing down from the attic. My father was not a happy camper. The chickens had to go. The first option was to (you know what you do

with chickens) eat them. Chicken wings? Not going to happen with my babies even though they were only chickens. Would you eat your dog or cat? These were my pets. I watched them grow from chicks to chickens. I know we ate chicken but not mine.

Right down the street from where we lived on Fargo Avenue there was a chicken house that sold live chickens. The place was loaded with chickens clucking away. Was in there many times as a child. You can imagine what it smelled like. Customers would pick out the chicken they wanted, and the man would reach in the cage and grab it by the feet, clucking, wings flapping away. Then proceeded to stab it and hang it upside down and let the blood run out. Took minutes. Cut off the head and feet and put it in hot water. With that the feathers came off and after a little while people had a fresh chicken to take home and eat. It was a horrible experience to watch this and very upsetting. But that was the way it was.

After seeing this murder on Fargo many times, it was not going to happen to my friends. It would be like eating one of the family. Not going to happen. They had to go and what do we do? Eating them was out of the question.

Back then we had all kinds of delivery men. Coal men delivered coal, Milk men delivered milk, bread men delivered bread, and we even had an eggs man who delivered fresh eggs from his farm. He was aware of the chickens as our egg buying had fallen off due to our hens in the attic. So, we talked to him and explained the situation. He understood and was willing to buy my chickens and bring them to his farm as part of his egg laying flock. This made me happy. He promised not to eat them and took them away. Never saw them again and maybe a good thing. He could have had a chicken dinner of Charlie, one of my little ones turned big. Long story about impulsive buying. Never know what is going to transpire. Hope this had a happy ending.

Happy Birthday - Wendy F 2/2

Happy Birthday - Cathy D 2/8

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 is a beaver's home called?
 2. In which state would you find Crater Lake?
 - 3) Which animated cartoon character says, "What's up, Doc?"
 - 4) Who is the author of "The Exorcist"?
 - 5) In Roman numerals, what is XVIII times V?
 - 6) How many vertebrae are in the human spine?
 - 7) Which nation is home to Europe's largest glacier?
 - 8) In which film does Doris Day sing "Que Sera, Sera"?
 - 9) What is anemophily?
 - 10) Who sang the hit "Girls Just Want to Have Fun"?

Last Answers: 1. His full name is Kenneth Sean Carson. 2. Scranton, Pennsylvania. 3. Switzerland. 4. Destiny's Child. 5. Arizona. 6. "Through the Looking-Glass." 7. IV (Four). 8. Having an extra nipple, which affects about 1%-5% of the population. 9. 118. 10. 1924.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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The Grapevine

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@gardensbuffalo-niagara.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 assignments, 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.

Buffalo Girlchoir will celebrate the release of their first full-length album: Sing a Song of Childhood with an album release party on February 2nd from 6-8 pm at their rehearsal studios located at 255 Great Arrow Avenue, suites 310/312. This event will feature a performance by the singers at 7:00 pm. The album features children's folk songs and lullabies from around the world. It will be available on all major streaming services. A companion booklet to the album will be available for purchase at the album release party and on the Buffalo Girlchoir website. Prior to this release, Buffalo Girlchoir released two singles: I Wonder Why and This

Little Light of Mine. These recordings were produced to complement original picture books created and published by the singers. Light refreshments will be served at this open house style event which is free and open to the public. RSVP to director@buffalogirlchoir.org The mission of Buffalo Girlchoir is to provide exceptional music instruction to young women from all social strata culminating in transcendent performances facilitating their development into self-assured young women. For more information, visit: buffalogirlchoir.org.

Nativity of the BVM School: A reunion for ALL YEARS on Albany Street in Buffalo will be held July 21, 2024 at FONTANA'S GROVE- 2299 Clinton Street, W. Seneca. Reservations are a must! Call Helen Brown Kurzdorfer at 716-400-7977 or Rosie DiLiberto Mendolera

at 716-881-1306 before 5/15/24.

St. Margaret Parish will host its 10th annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 1, 2024, 4-7 PM, catered by BW's Smokin' Barrels Barbecue at the American Legion Post 1041, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY. Tickets are \$18 and include freshly cooked haddock, french fries, two sides, bread and dessert. Kid's meal of chicken fingers, french fries and dessert is \$6. Dine in or take out. Tickets on sale beginning February 4 through February 26 can be purchased at St. Margaret Church following Sunday 9:30 Mass. Tickets also available in the St. Margaret's rectory office during normal business hours, as well as on-line at www.st-margaretbuffalo.com. Tickets may be available at the door. A basket raffle and 50-50 split will be offered. Please call St. Margaret's rectory (716) 876-5318 for further information.

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Name of LLC: (Skydogonline LLC) Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: (January 27, 2024). Office of the LLC: (25 Old Lyme Drive, Unit 4, Buffalo, NY 14221), 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 (25 Old Lyme Drive, Unit 4, Buffalo, NY 14221). Purpose of LLC: (Any lawful activity). No specific duration attached to LLC. 10

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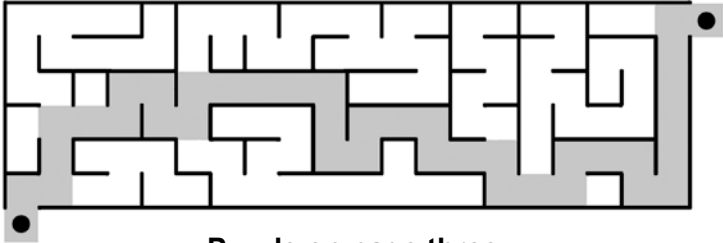
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Kids' Maze Solution



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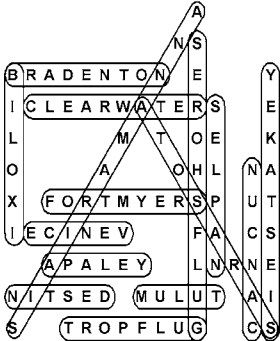
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GULF COAST BEACHES



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King Crossword

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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

Notice of formation of The Hartley Clinic PLLC. Application of Authority filed with the NY Dept of State on 12/05/23. Office located in Erie County. NY Secretary of State (NYSS) is designated the agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the PLLC at 3400 Bissonnet Street, #270, Houston, TX 77005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9

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 STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING

YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. 6

NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): DEL Associates XV, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on December 19, 2023. Office location is Erie County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon who process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to Shaun Jackson, Esq., 570 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14202. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. 7

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