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## Happy Easter!



Churches all over Buffalo are getting ready for the Holy Week services as Easter arrives on the 31st of March this year.

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the New Testament of the Bible, the event is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died in roughly 30 A.D. The holiday concludes the "Passion of Christ," a series of events and holidays that begins with Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer and sacrifice, which ends



with Holy Week, that includes Holy Thursday (the celebration of Jesus' Last Supper with his 12 Apostles), Good Friday (on which Jesus' crucifixion is observed), and Easter Sunday.

Here are the following schedules for St. Joseph Cathedral: **Christ Mass** Tuesday, March 26 At 7 Pm **Mass Of The Lord's Supper**

**Holy Thursday, March 28 At 7 Pm**  
**Good Friday: March 29 Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion at Noon**  
**Stations of the Cross at 3 PM**  
**Morning Prayer Friday, March 29 At 9 Am**  
**Saturday, March 30 At 9 Am.**  
**Easter Vigil March 30 At 8:15 Pm**  
**Easter Sunday Mass March 31 At 10:30 Am.**

## Mayor Brown Invites Residents & Visitors To Shop For Easter At Broadway Market

Mayor Byron W. Brown reminded residents, particularly children and their parents, to shop at the Broadway Market for the Easter Season, located at 999 Broadway. While there, be sure to visit a holiday favorite, the Easter Bunny. Mayor Brown stated, "Visiting Buffalo's historic Broadway Market at Easter time is a tradition for many families in Western New York. Family-owned businesses, passed from generation to generation, have creat-



ed some of Buffalo's most loved foods and memories for generations." The Easter Season at the Broadway Market is a special and memorable time.

Children can get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, from March 18th until March 30th. Holiday hours at the market during the Easter season are as follows.

**Holy Thursday – March 28**  
8:00 Am - 6:00 Pm  
**Good Friday, March 29**  
6:00 Am - 7:00 Pm

**Holy Saturday, March 30**  
6:00 Am - 5:00 Pm

**Monday, March 18 – Saturday, March 23**  
8:00 Am - 5:00 Pm  
**Palm Sunday, March 24**  
9:00 Am - 5:00 Pm  
**Monday, March 25 – Wednesday, March 27**  
8:00 Am - 6:00 Pm

The Broadway Market is closed on Easter Sunday. It reopens on Dyn-gus Day, Monday, April 1st. For a list of vendors, including Easter Season vendors at the market, go to [broadwaymarket.org](http://broadwaymarket.org).

## Lilies, Chocolate Harmful To Pets; Other Easter Pet Safety Reminders

As shopping for the Easter holiday continues this week, the SPCA Serving Erie County reminds pet owners and people bringing gifts to pet owners that chocolate and Easter lilies can be harmful, even deadly, to pets.

All parts of the Easter lily, day lily, tiger lily, Asiatic lily, rubrum lily, and some others are toxic to felines. Ingesting even a small amount of the plant can result in kidney failure and, if untreated, death. Shortly after ingestion, a cat may vomit, become lethargic, or develop

methyloxanthine alkaloids (theobromine and caffeine) that can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, restlessness, excessive panting and thirst, hyperactivity, increased urinating, and stiffness. Cardiac failure, seizures, coma, and death can result if the chocolate ingestion is not found



within a short time and treated appropriately. Other holiday reminders:

\*If you color your Easter eggs, ensure the food colorings or dyes do not contain ingredients that are toxic to pets. \*Check candy for the ingredient XYLITOL, extremely toxic to dogs even in very small amounts. Xylitol is a low-calorie sugar alcohol used as a sweetener, safe for many humans but extremely toxic to dogs, causing liver failure, seizures, and death. \*Keep Easter

## Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



**July, 1992. NORTH BUFFALO DAY AT TRACK RACE...John Hazelet, owner of Bob & John's La Hacienda, second to the right and Tom Toy, far right, present the award for winning the eight race held in their honor to Audrey Dolph, and trainer Tony Tyler. The horse was ridden by Lisa Hammet.**

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH	FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH	SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH	SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST	MONDAY, APRIL 1ST	TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD
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**SPORTS**  
 By Bill Snyder

# Walking In The Street!

In just over a month, the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League will open their 67th season in Shoshone Park and there's over 1,000 reasons why it's such a great thing!

At last count, there's over 1,000 boys and girls registered to play this season and that's more than enough reasons to show their friends and family why they like playing in North Buffalo. Every child has a story and a reason to be outdoors in the bright sunshine to play with their friends. Most of them will be returning players from last Summer, when their team won the Championship and they got a trophy from their coaches. Maybe others played on teams that didn't win many games but they tried and their Coach told them so. And then you'll have the first year players who might need that extra coaching because they want to be like their older brother or sister.

It all begins on Opening Day, Saturday, May 4th when the best youth sports League in the City, and possibly the area, will yell "Play Ball" after ceremonies by the adults will tell the boys and girls to line up and begin walking up Hertel Avenue from Saranac to the Park in the annual parade.

"You mean, we'll be allowed to walk in the street?" zzz one boy from across the room.

"Yes, yes" said a coach "but the police will be there to watch you."

At the Park, all the players will gather around the infield of the Hallmark Diamond and some important peo-

ple from Downtown will be introduced. They will hold a microphone so you can hear them tell you that they wish you good luck and to have fun this season. They want the best for you and hope you're happy.

This season, Hertel North Park will pay a special tribute to the life of Donald E. Morris, the recent past president and quite possibly, the main reason why this league is so strong and popular because of his leadership as president. Since his death late last year, the League has begun to honor his legacy in the Park with the placing of a circular patch on each jersey that a boy or girl will wear this season. This patch is pictured here along with the words Donnie Baseball and his years on this Earth, 1942-2023. The patch will continue to be displayed in coming years, to show boys and girls how one man gave his love for the game to all his players.

All the players will be wearing new uniform jerseys and team caps or visors on the field. Each shirt will have the name of a local business or organization of friends to the League who have helped in the cost of a child's play. Some of them include Bob & John's LaHacienda, Johnny's Meats, Clayton's Toys, Korona Jewelers and Daisy's Doghouse. These businesses love North Buffalo and want you to have a great season.

There's close to 100 teams in the League this season. The first year players all start in t-ball for both boys and girls and the number of children registered for just

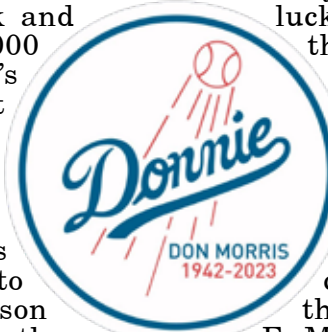
a short season is close to 150 first year children. Rookie Divisions are next up with as many as 14 boys teams and ten girls teams aged 6-7 years old. Girls teams like Angels, Devils, Shamrocks or Comets play against Rebels, Ravens, Diamonds or Stars. It's exciting to watch these girls hit a softball for the first time.

There are Double AA Boys and Girls teams next up, ages 7 or 8 years. Boys are named like baseball Cities Braves, Cardinals, Dodgers, and Mets. Girls team names are Bears, Tigers or Wolverines. It's an exciting Division with great games played every week.

Triple AAA teams for Boys and Girls is a ten and under division and girls teams like the Bulldogs, Gators, Purple Eagles, Spartans or Volunteers are named just like major College or University teams in the U.S. today. A decision was made before last season to have the names of the Girls softball teams changed from nicknames like a Major League City. There are no Dodgers or Yankees in Girls Softball.

There are ten Major Boys teams in a 12 year old Division with names like Cardinals, Dodgers, Cubs, Mets, Giants, Braves, Nationals, Padres, Phillies and Reds. All team uniforms in Shoshone Park have the team colors just like the Professionals and the appropriate team logos on their caps. As the Major League Baseball season starts this weekend, a 12 year old boy follows the game intently through the Baseball Network or ESPN. The lighted Hallmark Diamond at night in Shoshone Park for the Playoffs is like living the dream in North Buffalo.

In the beginning of May, you'll read the highlights of these boys and girls, making plays on the diamonds of Shoshone Park. Who won? Who lost? What was the final score? and who scored the winning run? Don Morris wanted everyone to Play Ball.



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## Assault And Battery With A Laptop, Table, And Candles

**North Buffalo**  
**March 24, 2024**

Elmhurst Place - Defendant did steal victims debit card and said card was used on 3/24/24 around 1646 hours at "Steffies Mart" 1592 Elmwood Avenue. Incident on video at store. Grand total stolen, \$539.00. Defendant was arrested by patrol officers.

**March 24, 2024**

Delaware Avenue - Defendant did pass all points of purchase with merchandise totaling \$63.94 without paying for same. Defendant did also possess Buffalo warrant. Appearance ticket issued.

**March 24, 2024**

Hertel Avenue - On 3/20/24 at 1720 hours while at 38 Peoria Street

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defendant did threaten to cause physical harm to complainant by stating he would "whoop her ass" causing complainant to fear for her physical safety, in violation of order of protection issued 10/05/2023 by honorable presiding judge. Investigation and statements by detective. Defendant apprehended 3/24/24 1012 hours at 515 Hertel Avenue.

**March 24, 2024**

Hertel Avenue - On 3/24/2024 at approximately 1000 hours, defendant yelled threatening statements to the victim stating in sum and substance that she was going to get hers causing fear and alarm to the victim. Victim was walking westbound Hertel Avenue back to her

home when defendant uttered the statements violation order of protection issued 10/05/2023 by presiding judge. Victim's statement taken by patrol officer at 38 Peoria Street at 1100 hours.

**March 23, 2024**

Colvin Avenue - On 10/9/2023 at approximately 0400 hours while at 401 Colvin Avenue the suspect did break screen on rear window, pushed open window and did enter without permission. While inside suspect did strike victim multiple times with different items including laptop computer, coffee table, and 2 candlesticks causing serious injuries to victim. Victim had 5 lacerations to her hand requiring 30 staples and numerous impact wounds on her entire body. Suspect did also put victim into a choke hold causing her to not be able to breathe value of damaged screen is \$20.00. Value to broken laptop is \$500.00. value of candlesticks \$300.00.

**West Side**

**March 25, 2024**

Humboldt Parkway - On 9/14/2024 at approximately 2020 hours while at 2626 Delaware Avenue "Target" in the city of Buffalo defendant did select \$223.94 of merchandise from the shelves, place it in a shopping cart, pass all point of purchase without any attempt to pay for items and exited the store. Detective has video. Appearance ticket issued.

**Riverside**

**March 25, 2024**

Austin Street - Defendant did get into a verbal dispute with victim over money. As a result defendant did smack victim in the face and proceeded to choke her leaving red scratches on her neck. Victim states suspect did also try to take her phone to prevent her from calling for help.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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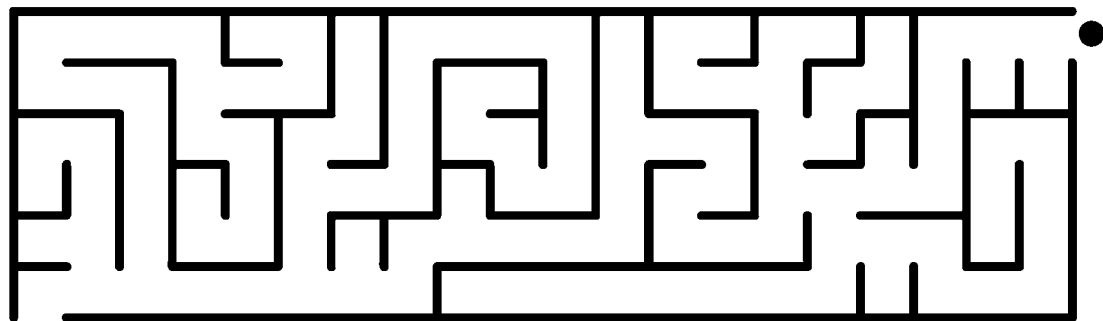
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## Kids' Maze



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## King Crossword

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- 36 40 winks
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- 38 Lipstick shades
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- 45 Foolproof
- 48 Hollywood trickery (Abbr.)
- 50 Ruby or Sandra

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## Ask Rusty – When Should We Claim Social Security?

**Dear Rusty:** I am almost 63 and my husband will be 61 soon, and we are looking to see when our best time would be to start our Social Security benefits. We would like to know if one of us qualifies for benefits from a previous marriage from 1984 to 1995. And we are wondering if I can start drawing at age 65, in two years, or if it is better that I wait until 67 because my spouse is 2 years younger than me. Also, if I were to continue working limited hours after 65, what would my earning limit be? Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

**Signed: Almost Ready Dear Almost Ready:**

The first thing to understand is that full retirement age (FRA) for both of you is 67. If either of you claim before that, your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced and, because you are working, you will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test."

If you claim your benefit at age 65 your monthly payment will be about 87% of what you would get if you claimed at age 67. If your husband claims at age 62, his benefit will be about 70% of his FRA amount. The only way to get 100% of the benefit you've each earned from a lifetime of working is to claim at your FRA. You can choose to claim at age 65 as long as you're comfortable with the benefit reduction which will occur, and as long as your annual work earnings do not significantly exceed the earnings limit for that year. In any case, when each of you

claims will not affect the other's retirement benefit amount.

Social Security's "earnings test" for those claiming before FRA sets a limit for how much can be earned before some (or all) benefits are taken away. The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320, but it changes yearly. If you claim early benefits and your work earnings exceed that year's limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They take away by withholding future benefits long enough to recover what you owe for exceeding the limit. If you significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, you may be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your FRA (the earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA). I cannot predict what the earnings limit will be two years from now, but it will be more than the 2024 limit and published at that time. FYI, in the year you turn 67 your pre-FRA earnings limit will be much higher, and when you reach your FRA the earnings test no longer applies.

Regarding your previous marriage, you cannot receive spousal benefits from an ex-spouse while you are currently married. But when to claim may also be influenced by whether either you or your current spouse will get a spousal benefit from the other. If the FRA (age 67) benefit amount for one of you is more than twice the other's FRA entitlement, the one with the lower FRA amount will get a "spousal boost" to their own amount

when both of you are collecting.

Spouse benefits reach maximum at one's FRA, but each person's personal SS retirement amount will continue to grow if not claimed at FRA. Waiting past FRA to claim allows the SS retirement benefit to grow by 8% per year, up to age 70. So, with an FRA of 67, claiming at age 70 will yield a payment 24% higher than the FRA amount, 76% more than the age 62 amount, and about 37% more than the age 65 amount. But waiting beyond FRA is only smart if financially feasible and life expectancy is at least average (about 84 and 87 respectively for a man and woman your current ages). And, as a general rule, if one's spousal benefit at FRA (50% of their partner's FRA entitlement) is highest, then that spouse should claim at FRA to get their maximum benefit.

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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## Lilies, Chocolate Harmful To Pets; Other Easter Pet Safety Reminders

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baskets, basket 'grass,' candy, and foil candy wrappers away from pets. Hiding those Easter baskets? Be sure the pets can't find them before the kids! Basket grasses and foil wrappers are non-digestible and can get caught in the intestines, leading to blockage and possible perforation. They can lead to choking, strangulation, and even worse, an internal obstruction. In addition to chocolate, other candy can be dangerous to pets. Be sure children aren't tempted to share their Easter basket candies with their four-footed friends! \*If you're using garlic, onions, or chives in meal preparation, be extra careful about ensuring your pets aren't sneaking a taste. These items are toxic to both cats and dogs and can cause gastroenteritis and hemolytic anemia. Adding to the risk is the fact that signs of both may not appear for several days. Signs of toxicity include increased heart/breathing rates, pale gums, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, and lethargy. \*Tempted to share holiday

table scraps with Fido or Fluffy? Use discretion. Be aware of bones in the mix. And remember not to over-feed your animals with table food to which they're not accustomed; this could lead to digestion problems and other unpleasant gastrointestinal issues. \*Be careful in selecting spring plants for the home. In addition to lilies, the foliage, flower, or pod of daffodils can cause upset tummies, vomiting, or diarrhea; flower heads of hydrangeas can cause stomach pains, vomiting, and weakness; even the seeds and pods of wisteria can cause all of the above plus dehydration and collapse. \*Be sure curious pets are not able to chew through a used garbage bag! Even if harmful items are properly disposed of, an unsupervised pet can chew through a plastic garbage bag and have access to raw bones and other waste. Further details are available at [YourSPCA.org](http://YourSPCA.org). For more information on what might be harmful for specific pets, pet owners are encouraged to contact their veterinarians.



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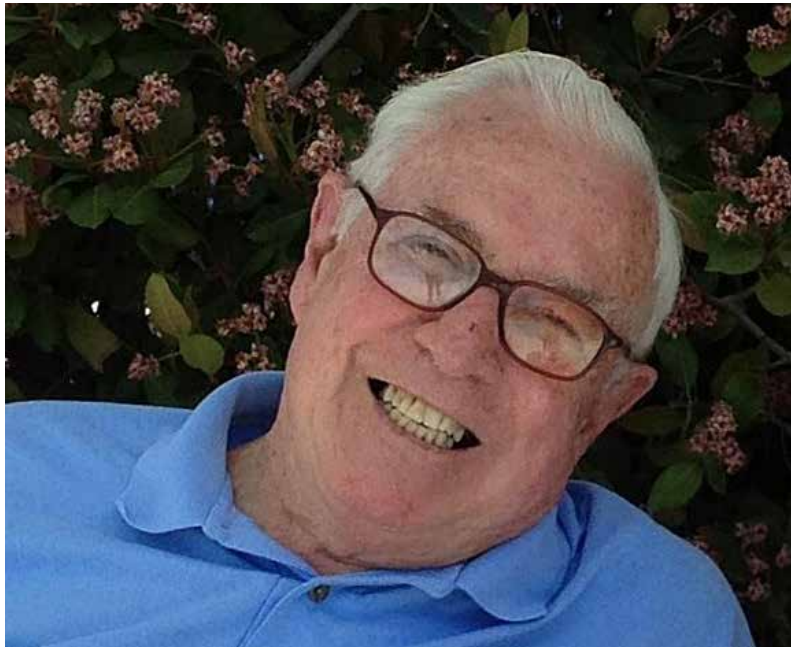
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**Northwest Buffalo Beat**  
By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

# Big Brother Bert



**Big Brother Bert, 1925-2024. Rest in peace.**

Recently the eldest son of my mom and dad's eight children, passed away at the age of 99. My big brother Bert. He would have been 100 in July 2024. Personally, I had told him no matter what it took, I would be there for his milestone birthday. He lives on the other side of the country in California. Far enough, but not too far as I attended his 85th, 90th and 95th. Plus, other dedicated events, weddings, anniversaries, etc. He was a special big brother.

Back in my early childhood, Bert being the oldest, was like a second father to me and the rest of the siblings. He was the built-in babysitter whenever our parents would have to go anywhere. I just remember him as a caring big brother. The family was in turmoil when he enlisted in the Air Force right after World War II began. Who knew at the time he would be gone

for three years? Like most young men after Pearl Harbor, they were anxious to fight for our country. So off he went.

He became a side gunner on a B24 bomber airplane. The longest of his tour was in Southern Italy. Being half Italian like I am, he did not want to be a part of bombing Italians. They told him the bombs were directed at Germans fighting in Italy. He had his machine gun and he also had a camera. Took pictures from the side of the plane of the action going on around him. Mostly the other planes with anti-aircraft flak exploding all around them. Some of the flak hit other planes in his group and even shot them down. Not any combat pictures as he was too busy firing his weapon when enemy planes appeared. Fortunately, he survived and returned home to his sweetheart, Josephine.

They soon married and

had a child born with asthma. His father-in-law was moving to California and invited Bert to join him. Since the dryer climate would be better for his little girl he left Buffalo for the sunshine state. Not thinking it would be permanent but that was 75 years ago. After some menial jobs he became a firefighter. We all read about the terrible brush fires that occur in California. He would have to be gone for days to fight alongside other fellow firefighters from all over. One day after being gone for days on his arrival back home his daughter did not know who he was. He was still blackened by the smoke and fire. But he survived.

At another point in his life, he was in a small airplane with three other firefighters off for a special event. The plane crashed into the side of a mountain up near the top. If I have the story straight, all four were seriously injured. Three were unconscious and the one who was awake and able to walk had a broken hip. Despite that he was able to make it down the mountain eight miles and get help. Bert lost an eye and miraculously recovered from his injuries, months later. But he survived. If you were to ask him how he did it he would always answer, "I have places to go, people to see, and things to do, so I am not done yet."

He had a wonderful family and so many good friends. I do recall when his wife died how we tried to talk and could not. He was devastated as she was a special person. He continued to live alone in his original house in Glendale till he passed away a few months ago.

I just wish I had been able to attend his funeral. He, being a WWII veteran, one of the few who were still around, had a full military salute and ceremony. His many years of being a firefighter were also honored by the local fire department. The procession included firetrucks with sirens blaring. From what I hear it was a glorious testimony to his memory. One great person who did so much in his 99 years on this earth. Although he will not go down in history as a World War hero, he was a hero to me, his family, and all that knew him. Would have been nice if he were able to stick around for a bit longer and make that century mark. If there is Heaven, he is with my three other brothers and two sisters, even my mom and dad. Like to think that way as it makes it easier to accept. But who knows? What I do know is he was a great guy and a great brother. May he rest in peace.

# Senior TRIVIA

## Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) Where are the Seychelles islands located?

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2. In which sitcom is the catchphrase "Hello, Newman" used often?

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- 3) What is a cornichon?

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- 4) According to a WWII government slogan, what should citizens do after they "Keep calm ..."?

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- 5) What is the name of John Wayne's character in "True Grit"?

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- 6) The Latin word "genu" refers to which part of the human body?

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- 7) How many states begin with the letter "R"?

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- 8) The first vaccine was created to protect against which disease?

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- 9) What is the name of Helen Keller's teacher, who taught the blind and deaf girl how to communicate?

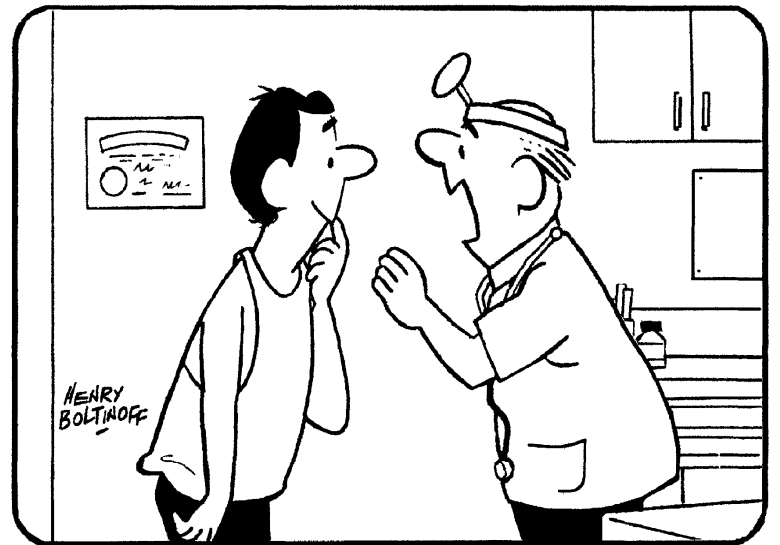
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- 10) What is the smallest organ in the human body?

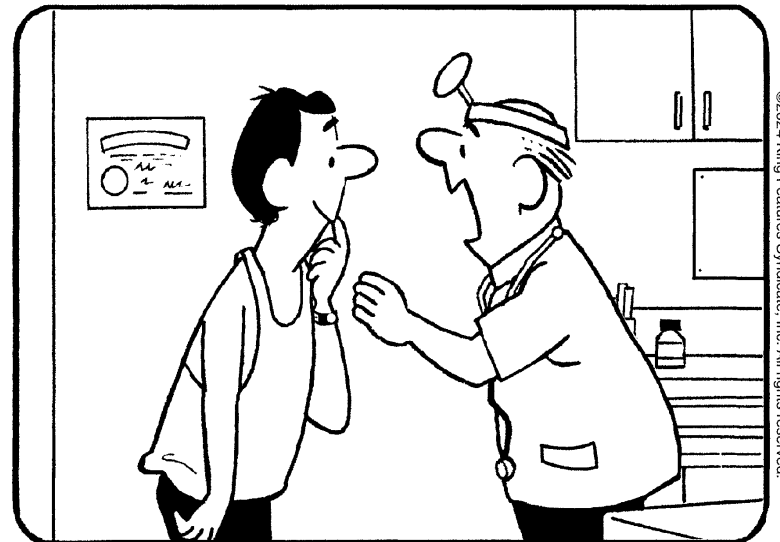
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Last Answers: 1. Florin. 2. Mountbatten-Windsor. 3. "The Big Bang Theory." 4. Arizona. 5. Loose lips. 6. Andorra. 7. Hypothalamus. 8. The head. 9. Red. 10. Tequila.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 814019/2020 COUNTY OF ERIE

NATION-STAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, -against- KEITH A. NEELY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN NEELY; MILDRED E. NEELY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN NEELY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN NEELY, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MARK F. NEELY, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HERS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MILLIE NEELY AKA MILDRED E. NEELY, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives,

widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, CAPITAL ONE BANK USA, N.A.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE" (NAME UNKNOWN); THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Defendants. Plaintiff designates ERIE as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 185 SMITH STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14210 Section: 122.51, Block: 3, Lot: 36

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$18,000.00 and interest, recorded on December 30, 2003, in Liber 13136 at Page 2478, of the Public Records of ERIE County, New York., covering premises known as 185 SMITH STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14210. 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. ERIE County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. 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 a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the 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. Dated: March 14th, 2024 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Oluwatobi Adedokun Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite

310 Westbury, NY 11590  
516-280-7675

Name of LLC: (Double O Holdings LLC) Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: (February 21, 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 16

NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): DEL Associates XXIII, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on December 21, 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 13

NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): DEL Associates XXVII, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on December 26, 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.

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him/her to Shaun Jackson, Esq., 570 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14202. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The Nu-View Window & Door LLC has been formed as a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) in New York. Certificate filed with the Secretary of State in New York (SSNY) on 2/9/2024. NY office location in Erie County. SSNY is upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to LLC at 343 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14222. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act. 13

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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 09/23/2022, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the Land Records Office of the Erie County Clerk's office located on the first floor of 92 Franklin Street in Buffalo, NY, on 4/16/2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 81 Blake Street, Buffalo, NY 14211, And Described As Follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City Of Buffalo, County Of Erie And State Of New York. Section 101.33 Block 5 Lot 41 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$124,558.65 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 802933/2020

Jeffrey E. Marion, Esq., Referee.

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### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Index No.: 813394/2023  
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 SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF

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PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; TOM AMMARATA;

MIKE "DOE" (refused to give last name); Defendants.

**TO DEFENDANTS:  
 YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in this Complaint. Erie County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises.

Dated: November 22, 2023, Buffalo, New York

**RUPP PFALZGRAF LLC**, Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Miranda L. Jakubec, Esq., 1600 Liberty Building, 424 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14202, (716) 854-3400

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The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Donna M. Siwek, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 13th day of February, 2024. The object of the action is to foreclose a mortgage held by Plaintiff recorded in Erie County. The premises is described as follows: THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Lot Number 85, Township 11, Range 8 of the Holland Land Company's Survey and further distinguished as Subdivision Lot Number 755, as shown on map filed in Erie County Clerk's Office under Cover Number 1015, being 35 feet front by 150.98 feet on the north line in depth, 149.28 feet on the south line in depth and 35.04 feet rear line, situate on the west side of Camden Avenue, beginning 790.84 feet north of Hertel Avenue, (100 feet wide), the north and south lines herein being at right angles to Camden Avenue. 13

executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 68 Hedley Place Buffalo, NY 14208 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental 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 Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Erie. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO UNKNOWN HEIRS OF VERNELL KING, SR. Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. John B Licata of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-First day of February, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie, in the City of Buffalo. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Vernell King, Sr. (who died on August 26, 2021, a resident of the county of Erie, State of New York) dated the October 12, 1993, to secure the sum of \$42,000.00 and recorded at Book 12320, Page 603 in the Office of the Erie County Clerk, on the October 12, 1993. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 5, 2007 and recorded on February 14, 2007, in the Office of the Erie County Clerk at Book 13336, Page 870; The property in question is described as follows: 68 Hedley Place, Buffalo, NY 14208 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 a 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. DATED: February 25, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 79845 14

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### King Crossword

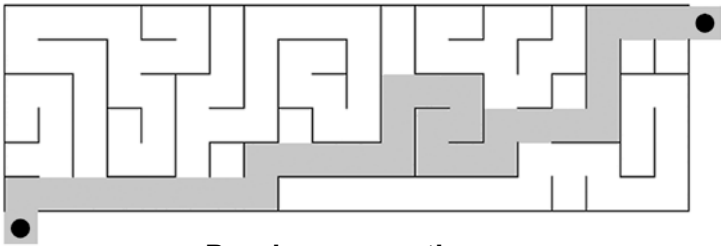
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