

Zoo's New Addition



Altai, a one-year-old male snow leopard, comes to the Buffalo Zoo from the Akron Zoo.

The Buffalo Zoo is excited to announce the addition of a new male snow leopard. With the new year off to a fast and cold start, what better time to announce the arrival of an animal that is right at home in these frigid January temperatures. The Buffalo Zoo's new-

est big cat, a male snow leopard, is adjusting well to his new habitat at the Zoo. Altai, a one-year-old male snow leopard, comes to the Buffalo Zoo from the Akron Zoo where he was one of three born on March 5, 2016.

Named after the Altai Republic and Altai Moun-

tain Range, he arrived in Buffalo in early October. After successful clearance of health quarantine, he began his introductions to his new habitat. He will share his habitat with the Zoo's two-year-old female snow leopard, Sabrina. The introduction of Al-

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Buffalo Groundhog Day

Local celebrity and animal expert Jarod Miller along with a live groundhog will be the featured guests of the fifth annual Buffalo Groundhog Day celebration from noon - 7 pm on Saturday, January 27th at Flying Bison Brewing Company, 840 Seneca St. After four years of fun, Buffalo Mack is taking a serious shot at Punxsutawney Phil. Each year, the Buffalo Inner Circle has invited the city to embrace winter and watch



as a man in a groundhog suit becomes first in the nation to issue a prognostication of winter. In 2018, the team from Buffalo Groundhog Day is bringing in a real live, groundhog or Marmota monax, to help predict the weather. The first real groundhog to pre-

dict the weather in the history of Buffalo.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hawk Creek Wildlife Center and other local animal organizations. Since its inception, The Buffalo Groundhog Day Society has donated more than \$5,000 to Buffalo C.A.R.E.S. and the Buffalo Zoo. As per tradition, at the event, members of Buffalo's Inner Circle, wearing their official regalia, will awak-

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Irish Classical Theatre Presents The Constant Wife

The Irish Classical Theatre presents The Constant Wife by W. Somerset Maugham, on stage through Sunday, February 11th, 625 Main Street, Buffalo.

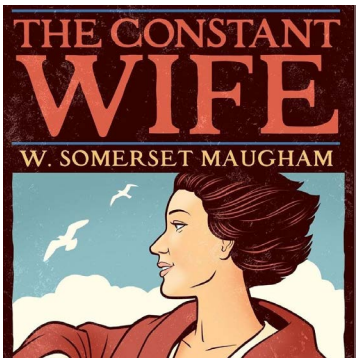
Best known as the author of the masterpiece Of Human Bondage, Maugham delights us with this celebrated comedy of manners. It seems the only one in Constance Middleton's affluent social circle who is unaware that her surgeon husband is having an affair with her best friend is Constance herself. As a married woman in 1920's London high society, Constance teaches us that discretion is the better part of valor. The Constant Wife explores the vicissitudes of married life with devastating satire and biting humor.

Directed by ICTC Guest Director David Oliver, The Constant Wife stars Kate LoConti as Constance Middleton, Eric Michael Rawski as philandering hus-

band Dr. John Middleton and Kelsey Mogensen as "the other woman," Marie-Louise Durham. Rounding out the cast are Josephine Hogan as Mrs. Culver, Kristen Tripp Kelley as Barbara Fawcett, Kristin Bentley as Martha Culver, Jon May as Bernard Kersel, Elliot Fox as Mortimer Durham and Steven Brachmann as Bentley.

Performances will take place at The Andrews Theatre, home of the Irish Classical Theatre Company, 625 Main Street, Buffalo.

Information and tickets are available by phone at 853-ICTC (4282) or online at irishclassicaltheatre.com.



Artisans Wanted

The Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts is seeking Artists, Craftspeople, and more to participate in this year's event. For information and applications please visit <http://eafa.techriver.net/2018-applications/>. Deadlines for applications is April 2, 2018.

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Festival of the Arts' mission is to foster growth in and awareness of western New York's artistic and cultural treasures and improve the fabric of the unique urban environment. The 19th annual Festival will be held August 25th - 26th, on Elmwood Avenue between W. Ferry and Saint James Place.

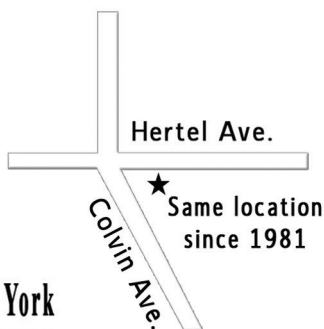
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Five Thoughts as the Buffalo Sabres Show Signs of Life

1. It got ugly at Keybank Center last Saturday as the Sabres dropped a 7-1 decision to the Dallas Stars. Buffalo showed substantial evidence that they are the worst team in the league. And it all revolved around their lack of effort. It's not much of a stretch to think that most players didn't even need a shower after the game because it's hard to work up a sweat when you just stand around and do nothing.

The 7-1 score was not deceiving as Dallas was at least seven times better than Buffalo in the afternoon game. Consider that Dallas recovered their dump ins without any competition from the home team, not even a body check. The Sabres goalies were awful with Robin Lehner and Chad Johnson combining to stop only 25 of 32 shots. No team in the NHL should ever lose a game by such a wide margin. With the league wide defensive style and tight competitive balance it takes a remarkable effort or lack thereof to create such a one sided score. While the Sabres have certainly demonstrated a propensity for such losses, this was a new low.

Following the debacle, coach Phil Housley said that this disturbing lack of effort told him a lot about the players on this team. Housley has put on a positive

face at least publicly as the Sabres have settled into the basement of the Eastern Conference with an 11-26-9 record for 31 points in 46 games. But he showed signs that his patience had finally run out saying "If the players don't want to compete in the games, they'll compete in practice tomorrow," he warned.

2. Buffalo embarked on a western road trip and took on the Flames in Calgary on Monday the 22nd. It was a new look Sabres team that skated with a purpose in a 2-1 victory. Calgary native Chad Johnson was the story as he stopped 32 shots against his former team. Scott Wilson opened the scoring for Buffalo with Jack Eichel netting the winner in overtime.

3. And then there's the 5-0 win in Edmonton the next day, Tuesday January 23rd. This was quite a turn-

around for a team that was just humiliated on home ice only four days earlier. Jack Eichel had a four point night to upstage Connor McDavid while Ryan O'Reilly had two goals. Robin Lehner stopped 33 shots for his second shut-out of the season.

4. So kudos to coach Phil Housley whose reaction to the Dallas debacle has gotten a positive response from his players. With 35 losses in his teams first 46 games Housley finally put aside his positive persona in his post game meeting with the media and served notice on his players that he's had enough. He later appealed to his charges to play for each other. It's only two games so far but it shows what the team can achieve if they follow his instructions and put out maximum effort.

5. Jack Eichel has been on a hot scoring streak over the last two months. Starting with a December 2 loss at Pittsburgh, he has played 22 games scoring 13 goals with 17 assists for 30 points. That's a pace which would net him 112 points over a full season. In January Eichel has accumulated a minus six rating in 10 games with a minus rating in seven of those games. This shows that in spite of his scoring he is still a defensive liability at even strength.



Eichel dominates McDavid.

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from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at EPIC, located at 1000 Main St. Buffalo.

For over a year, EPIC has been providing this 60-90-minute workshop (to include questions and answers), tailoring it to parents, or students, or both at various schools and community centers throughout Western New York. It also serves as a great Professional Development program for career enhancement.

To attend, please register in advance. You may register online at www.epicforchildren.org (under workshops) or call 332-4124.



Public Notice - Special Meeting Charter School of Inquiry Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, January 24th, starting at 4:45 pm at Charter School of Inquiry, 404 Edison, Buffalo.

Call 833-3250 or email info@csicharter.org for further information. The meeting is being called for the purpose of discussing a confidential personnel/legal matter and there-

fore the Board of Trustees will be required to go into executive session.



Kevin Powell, activist and award-winning writer, will deliver the keynote address during Buffalo State's Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on February 8th at 7:00 pm in the Burchfield Penney Art Center. Sponsored by Buffalo State's Equity and Campus Diversity Office, the talk is free and open to the public. For more information, call 878-6210 or visit <http://equity.buffalostate.edu/>.



Tonawandas Erie Canal Gateway Lions Club is hosting a blood drive on February 13th from 10:00 am to 08:00 pm at UNYTS Donation Center, 96 Niagara Street in Tonawanda.

If you have any questions about donating blood, please contact Unyts at 512-7940 or visit their web site at <http://www.unyts.org>. If you have any questions about the blood drive, contact bobstarr61@gmail.com.



The Elmwood Village Association welcomes all neighbors and interested parties to attend an informational meeting regarding the former Women and Children's Hospital (WCHOB) site reuse at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 31st at Lafayette Presbyterian Church (875 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo). Sinatra & Company Real Estate and Ellicott Development Company jointly present on Project Program Focus, Timeline Considerations and View Architects Renderings for Initial Projects (Elmwood and Bryant; 125 Hodge St.) Site Plan for the 7+ acre campus. For any questions related to the meeting, please email at amy@sinatraandcompany.com. or call 220-8468 x118.

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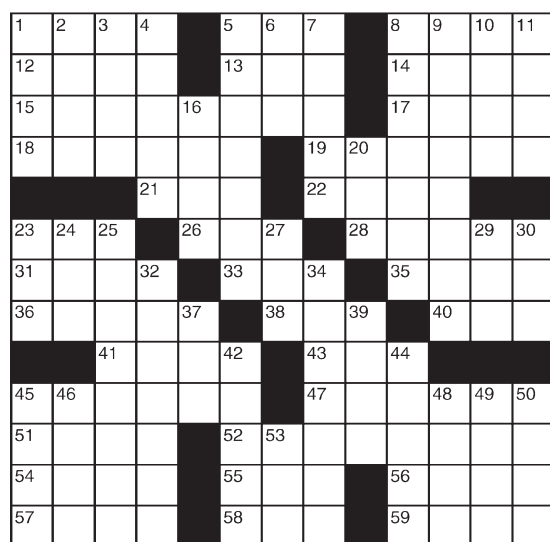


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- 28 Passenger
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- 41 A long time
- 43 Bugging device
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- 59 Untouchable Eliot
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North Buffalo

January 17, 2018

Norwalk Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entrance into the residence by raising an unlocked back window. Taken, without permission, a television set, a lap top computer, a gaming system and games.

January 18, 2018

Tacoma Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entry into his residence by unknown means. Missing from residence are a television set, a speaker system and a computer.

January 19, 2018

Sanders Rd. - Com-

plainant reports that when she returned home a back window of the residence was smashed. No sign of entry.

Riverside

January 16, 2018

Skillen St. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entry by kicking in the upper door. Taken, without permission, a television set, a gaming console and a lap-top computer.

January 17, 2018

Progressive St. - Complainant reports unknown person(s) threw a brick at her window, causing it to shatter and break.

January 17, 2018

Botsford Pl. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) entered her locked vehicle using force. Taken, without permission, a stereo, two small televisions, and a base box.

January 18, 2018

Riverside Ave. - Complainant reports parking her vehicle on the street overnight and when she returned the next morning it was vandalized. Windshield and driver's windows were smashed.

January 19, 2018

Skillen Ave. - Complainant reports walking down the street and being approached by two black males from behind. They hit him over the head and took his wallet and phone.

January 19, 2018

Evelyn St. - Complainant reports that the defendant came to her home in violation of a stay away protection order and started an argument in front of his children. He would not leave after being asked several times.

West Side

January 16, 2018


Delaware Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) started a fire in his garbage tote which was stored behind his residence.

January 16, 2018

Niagara St. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) gained entry to commercial garage and ransacked several vehicles. Unsure of anything missing at this point.

January 17, 2018

Potomac Ave. - Complainant reports that while her vehicle was parked on the street overnight, unknown person(s) forced the lock and gained entry. Taken from the vehicle, without permission, several dollars worth of change, a pair of designer sun glasses and a disposable lighter.



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tai to Sabrina is part of a breeding recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Species Survival Plan for snow leopards.

There are an estimated 5,000 snow leopards left in the wild and approximately 600-700 in zoos around the world. For this reason, it is essential that zoos continue promoting and educating the public about conservation efforts in the wild. Snow leopards are found in the mountains of Central Asia, parts of Siberia and the Himalayan Mountains, usually above 8,000 feet. The snow leopard has

a very soft and heavily-spotted coat that is typically gray or yellowish gray marked with large, dark, mostly-open gray rosettes. This coloration makes them almost invisible on the rocky slopes of their native habitat. With these thick coats, heavy fur-lined tails and paws covered with fur, snow leopards are perfectly adapted to the cold and dry habitats in which they live.

Buffalo Zoo guests looking to visit Altai are reminded that Zoo admission is just \$5 during January and February as part of the Buffalo Zoo's Polar Bear Days promotion.



Buffalo Groundhog Day

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en Buffalo Mack and his new live groundhog partner from hibernation to look for their shadows as the first groundhogs to predict the weather for the next six weeks.

"There is a lot of support for Buffalo Mack. This year, businesses have jumped on board and sponsored the event because they believe in it," said Adam Hernandez, Inner Circle founding member. If Punxsutawney is the 'Weather Capital' of the world, Buffalo is certainly the Winter Capital of the world. Here in Buffalo we don't fear the winter, we embrace it."

After a disappointing trip to Punxsutaw-

ney in 2013 a group of friends from Buffalo decided that the nation was in need of a better Groundhog Day celebration. They rented a groundhog costume and headed out on the town. Buffalo Mack, the costumed groundhog began to gain a following as a result of a series of odd-ball YouTube videos and the group soon realized that they could put their notoriety to good use by holding an annual party and donating the proceeds to local charities.

Groundhog Day is officially celebrated on February 2nd. According to tradition, if a groundhog sees its shadow after emerging from hibernation, it will

retreat to its burrow to symbolize six more weeks of winter to come. If the groundhog doesn't see its shadow, an early spring can be expected. Buffalo Groundhog Day is celebrated on the last Saturday in January by the Buffalo Groundhog Day Society Inc. a nonprofit organization dedicated to raise funds the benefit animals in Western New York that need shelter during the winter months. Since its inception, The Buffalo Groundhog Day Society has donated more than \$5,000 to Buffalo C.A.R.E.S. and the Buffalo Zoo. See buffalogroundhogday.com for tickets and more information.

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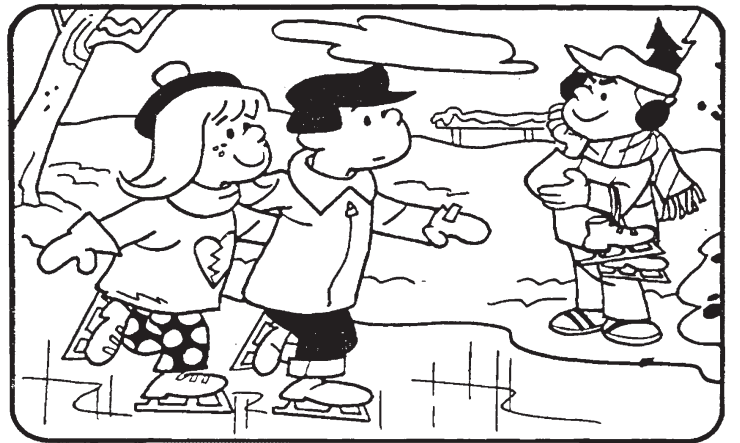
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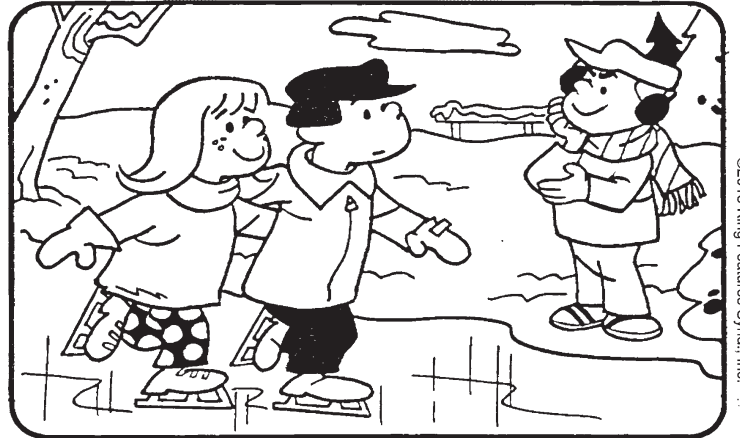
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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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