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Heat Your Home Safely



Fire departments see an increase in home fires during winter.

Winter is in full swing, bringing with it freezing temperatures and snow. As New Yorkers turn on their heat this winter and curl up next to their fireplaces, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) wants to remind everyone to follow some simple tips when heating their homes.

Heating is the second leading cause of U.S. home fires, deaths and injuries, according to the National Fire Prevention Association,

with December, January and February being the peak months for heating fires. As more people are staying home during the day to the COVID-19 pandemic, New Yorkers may face an increased risk for home fires.

"Many people are working and learning from home this year, which has people turning up the dial on their home heaters," said FASNY President John P. Farrell. "Fire departments throughout the state typically see

an increase in the amount of fires they respond to during winter months, with many caused by improperly operated equipment."

Space heaters and fireplaces can increase the risk of a home fire when used improperly. Space heaters are responsible for 25,000 residential fires and around 6,000 burn injuries that require an emergency room visit each year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Home-
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New Traveling Exhibition

The Buffalo Museum of Science today announced that it will welcome a new traveling exhibit, Medieval To Metal: The Art & Evolution Of The GUITAR. Developed by The National GUITAR Museum (NGM), Medieval To Metal celebrates the technological advancements and artistic developments of the guitar. The exhibit opens at the

Buffalo Museum of Science on Saturday, February 13, 2021, for a limited engagement. Tickets are on sale now.

Guitars and other modern stringed instruments evolved from two ancient types of musical instruments. The origin of these instruments goes back to at least 3000 BC, the beginning of recorded histo-

ry. Since the inception of the traditional guitar we've come to know today, guitar makers have experimented with hundreds of forms looking for the perfect blend of beauty and sound—whether it be bowls, flat surfaces, slightly curved lines, or dagger sharp angles.

Forty historical and notable instruments within
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Hertel Pennant Campaign

Thank you for your participation in the Hertel Pennant Campaign. We sold out of our first batch of pennants immediately and quickly did a second run due to the continued interest. Many were purchased but some still have not been picked up. Don't forget to grab them while you're out on Hertel. Pickup location: Spoke & Dagger Co. 1434 Hertel Avenue, Wednesday-Friday 1-6, Saturday 11-7, Sunday 11-4.

Haven't purchased one yet but want to? Don't



worry, there are still a few left. Grab one before they're gone! www.hertel-ave.com/hertelholidayscampaign.

Nutrition Assistance Initiative

The Community Action Organization of WNY (CAO) has launched their Covid-19 Nutrition Assistance Initiative through CARES Act Funding. The initiative has enabled CAO to expand its reach in Western New York by hosting more mobile food pantry events and delivering groceries to eligible seniors

and those living with disabilities.

Beginning on January 27, CAO's mobile food pantry will begin servicing zip code 14204 at the CAO JFK Community Center and residents of Angola, Brant, Farnham, and Derby, NY at the CAO Angola Resource Center. CAO will continue
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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



1976 School 54, 2358 Main street. Pre-kindergartener Jonathan Baker, left, sits with these seasoned Kindergarteners, Stephanie Wild, Dawn Harvey, Yuri Simon, Paul Lampe, Philip Millet and Kevin Clark while they work on popcorn projects. Teacher was Mrs. Mary Phillips.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28



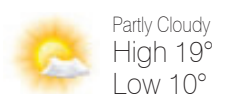
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31



Cloudy
High 27°
Low 21°

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1



Snow Showers
High 30°
Low 23°

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2



Mostly Cloudy
High 30°
Low 21°

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3



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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo January 25, 2021

Chatham Parkway – Victim states unknown person(s) did enter his garage through the side window and once inside did take without permission a 2004 Kawasaki 250 dirt bike (value at \$4,500.)

January 25, 2021

Oxford Place – Complainant reports to AVIS rental car that vehicle was taken without permission from driveway. Key fob was left in vehicle console. Also taken without permission was complainant's I-Pad (value \$1,000.00), which was left in vehicle.

January 25, 2021

Humboldt Parkway – Victim reports an unknown person or persons entered her apartment at different times, possibly with a key, taking without permission various jewelry (valued at \$500.00,) 1 electric frying pan (valued at \$20.00,) 1 vacuum cleaner (valued at \$50.00.)

January 25, 2021

Delaware Avenue – Victim walked into Target and an unidentified dark colored pickup truck with a partially affixed white rear plate and a yellow front plate did pull into the parking spot next to the victim's vehicle. The operator of the unidentified vehicle did open the passenger door of the victim's vehicle and take without permission a customized TEMI backpack that contained a HP laptop and a Rolex watch

approximately \$9,850.00 tot value. The victim's vehicle door was left unlocked and no damage was reported to the vehicle. Then the unidentified vehicle left the parking lot through southwest exit between Target and the Regal Movie Theatre. Target security camera captured the incident, but the footage is not clear enough to see plate or suspect description.

Riverside

January 25, 2021

Tonawanda Street – Officers arrived on scene where victim told officers that defendant did harass him by throwing pills at his face and shoving him twice. Victim did tell and show court order to officers showing defendant was violating an order of protection. Defendant told officers that she wasn't going to jail and held onto a metal fence to prevent officers from arresting her. Officers had to forcibly place her hands behind her back. Domestic incident report completed.

January 25, 2021

Grote Street – Victim reports that ex-boyfriend told her via Facebook Messenger that he was in her house and was going to break her belongings. When officers arrived on scene subject fled in a black SUV heading westbound on Grote. Officers entered dwelling and discovered property was damaged by suspect without having any right to do so.

January 24, 2021

Ullman Street – Complainant

states she left the house for the day and came home to find her keys gone from inside the house and her vehicle missing from the driveway. Female stated her son had taken the vehicle before from her. Suspect is a male, brown curly hair, skinny build, roughly 5'9". Suspect is unlicensed and possibly headed to Cheektowaga area.

West Side

January 25, 2021

Hoyt Street – Victim reports after having a brief bathroom issue at Sam's Club he did return directly to his home on Hoyt Street. Complainant states he did place the firearm on a table located in the laundry room and taking a short nap he noticed that the firearm was nowhere to be found within the home. Complainant stated that he did retrace his steps along with checking his vehicle and was still unable to locate the firearm. Complainant believes the firearm to be loaded with 5 rounds that would appear to be hollow points. He stated that no rounds should be in the chamber. The complainant would like this to be pursued with any police actions. 9mm Glock semi auto.

January 25, 2021

Ashland Avenue – Victim states person(s) unknown did take without permission from his vehicle his wallet containing his M&T bank card, Bank of America card, Capital One card, Chase VISA card, Best Buy credit card, JCPenney credit card, KeyBank health savings account card and his Univera health card. Also taken were several CD's (value \$100.00). M&T card was used at 7-Eleven store and the Key-Bank was used at the 24 Hour Store. Victim is checking other cards.

January 25, 2021

Garner Street – Victim and defendant did engage in a mutual verbal argument that became physical when defendant did hit victim's face with a bedroom door as well as punched victim in the face. Victim suffered bruising, pain and swelling to eye and right side of face as well as a laceration and bleeding on her forehead. Victim was taken to ECMC for injuries. Defendant also sustained scratches to his torso but declined medical treatment. Defendant became uncooperative and attempted to retreat into his home to avoid

arrest before being apprehended and arrested by officers on scene.

January 24, 2021

Elmwood Avenue – Complainant reports that persons unknown smashed the door of his business, Acropolis, and entered without permission. While doing so, persons unknown took cash from 2 registers and 7 liquor bottles. Complainant states he has 3 cameras inside the business and 1 outside. There is an M&T Bank directly across the street that may have possible additional footage.



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ACROSS

1 Wordsworth work
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12 Against
13 Granada gold
14 Sea eagle
15 500 sheets
16 Chess piece
17 Right on the map?
18 On an angle
20 Dines
22 Donald Duck's outfit
26 Birth-related
29 "Exodus" hero
30 Vitamin stat
31 Prior nights
32 Pvt.'s superior
33 Grant basis, at times
34 Seminary subj.
35 Take to court
36 Smartens (up)
37 Produce aisle display
40 Pan handler?
41 Rookie
45 Boyfriend
47 Business mag
49 Press
50 Formerly, once
51 French vineyard

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1 Law firm aide, for short
2 Till bills
3 List-ending abbr.
4 Brunch cocktails
5 "Only Love" actress Marisa
6 Lyricist Gershwin
7 Monarch's spouse
8 Army vehicles
9 Test-paper smudges
10 Reply (Abbr.)
11 Court divider
19 Chum
21 Swiss canton
23 Beer type
24 Nantes notion
25 Tiny amounts
26 Soft ball?
27 Say it's so
28 Put on the air

32 Be enough
33 Blockheads
35 That lady
36 Golfer Michelle
38 Closes
39 Full-length
42 Party cheese
43 Greek vowel
44 Seth's son
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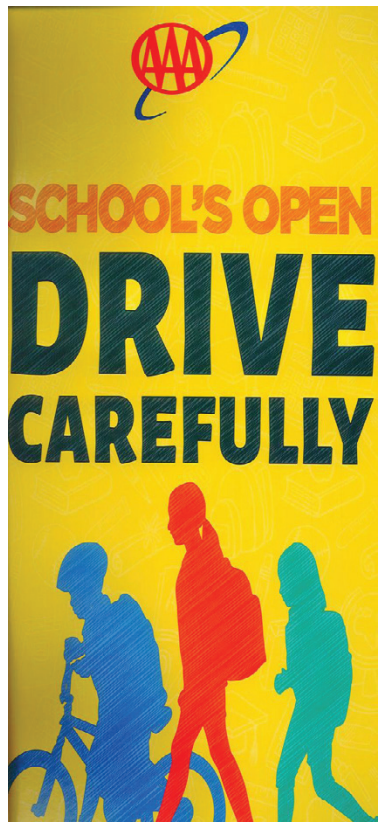
This Week's Featured Friend: FRANK

Meet Frank pet id 46251564
Frank the Tank! This guy is a big meatball that loves life. He's as sweet as they come and is as kind as he is handsome. He's about 6 years old and was found as a stray. He has some bald spots and pressure points but we know with some TLC he will shine. During his assessments he showed us he really didn't want to have much to do with the other dogs, so we are betting he'd be happiest as king of the castle. He is sponsored with some funds towards training classes so his new family can get started on the right foot with him.

Because of the COVID19 situation, the shelter is closed to the general public. 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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Ask Rusty-Delayed Claiming; Am I Now Getting the Right Amount?

Dear Rusty: I am having problems getting answers from the national Social Security office or the local agent who I first spoke with to apply for my benefits. I am 70 in January 2021 and applied for benefits at the end of August 2020. I asked to have benefits start in October 2020 with my first payment received in November. I was told that the benefit for applying at age 69 & 9 months would not be received until January of 2021. Until then I would receive the 69 years and 0 months payment, which I received in November and December of 2020. In January 2021 however, I received the same 2020 payment plus the COLA increase. I've asked what's up at the local office and have been waiting for a return phone call. My first question: is the amount I received in November and December last year correct, i.e., it is only the age 69 amount, not the 69 and 9 months benefit for the age I was at the time?

And second, if that's true, when in 2021 should I get my full amount? Signed: Confused

Dear Confused: I'll try to clear this up for you. Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) of 0.667% are earned monthly for each full month you delay claiming after your full retirement age (which for you is 66). But although you earn delayed retirement credits monthly, Social Security only applies them in January of each year. You don't lose them; they just don't do the benefit adjustment until January of each year. That's why you got only the age 69 benefit when you started your benefits in October and why your payment in November and December didn't include those DRCs.

The SS payment you received in January was actually for your December benefits, and included the 2021 COLA increase (which is computed using your December benefit). And just as an FYI, they do

apply DRCs immediately for anyone who claims at age 70, regardless of the month they claim. What happened to you was because you claimed before you were 70.

The additional 6% DRCs you earned between January and September last year should be applied in January of this year and should be included in your next benefit check, which you will receive in February (SS pays benefits in the month following they are earned). When they do that computation, they'll automatically adjust your COLA using your new benefit amount. So, what you were told by the Social Security agent is essentially correct – your benefit payment won't reflect those additional DRCs for 2020 until your January 2021 payment, which you will receive in February.



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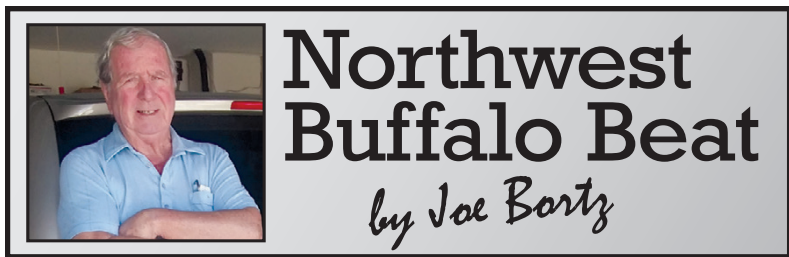
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Guess the Fruit

Try to guess the fruit by the clues provided. Can you guess all ten?

1. Couple _____
2. Big City _____
3. Edsel automobile _____
4. Trim the bushes _____
5. Pristine, perfect _____
6. Accurate in both directions _____
7. Hide under hay _____
8. Sad Manilow _____
9. Italian Grandma sheep _____
10. Unable to marry _____

Last week's answers: 1. James Kelly, 2. Bruce Smith, 3. Andre Reed, 4. Thurman Thomas, 5. Cornelius Bennett, 6. Josh Allen, 7. Stefon Diggs, 8. Cole Beasley, 9. Steve Tasker, 10. Orenthal Simpson



Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Barty

Sorry Bill's Mafia

Bills mafia, sorry but I want to give my opinion of the Buffalo Bills Championship game. You may not like it as there are some negatives. First, let me qualify myself as a huge Bills fan for 60 Year. Had season tickets for 50 of those years and attended, in person, three of the four Super Bowls the Bills played in. I think I have watched, either in person or on TV, every game the Bills have ever played. I even go back before the Bills and watched the Cleveland Browns with Otto Graham and Jim Brown. When Buffalo got the Bills franchise, that was forever my Sundays during football season. Watching them at the old Rock Pile used to leave me horse on Monday as I used to cheer so loud. Sunday, go to the football game, Monday horse, like clockwork. Watching them on TV was just as bad. How many times did I throw the TV

guide at the screen when there was a bad call against my beloved Bills. When they scored I would run into the kitchen and hug and bounce my wife. She was busy cooking so the dinner was ready exactly at halftime.

I think that would give me the right to say what I thought of Sunday's game. I like most Buffalo fans could not wait for the game to begin. Had to wait for the battle of the Bays to finish, Tampa Bay and Green Bay. Is that the color of the water? Tom Brady, again, is headed to his tenth Super Bowl. Amazing feat as most NFL players never get to achieve that goal.

Finally it is Bills time, get the snack ready as it is going to be a long night. Due to the timing of the first game and when it ended, there was not much in between to watch our pre-game hype. It was not too long before our game was about to start. A young man

played the National Anthem on a guitar and did it very well, but different. I was very impressed to see the KC players standing with their hands over their hearts like all the players and the 70,000 fans used to at Rich stadium all those years. We used to sing along with the person singing, it was just part of being there. Then it showed the Bills coming out of the locker room as they chose to not participate. Something they claim they have done all year. I have heard all kinds of reasons for that trying to justify why. I personally would have loved to see them do the same as the Chiefs. As a matter of fact when I seen all this happen, I turned to my wife and said, "I will not feel so bad if the they lose to this team after that". Lots of people here in Florida agree with that and they are not Bills fans. In fact some said it gave them a team to pull for since they were undecided. They went for the Chiefs, as most are seniors and a lot of Veterans.

Then we get to the game. The Bills looked good for the first few minutes. Then it was over for us. They have different names for defenses, like cover 2 and blitzing, we had what should be called the invisible de-



Chief's players stand for National Anthem.

fense. When KC had the ball looked like the defense was invisible. Our defense was nowhere to be seen or heard from. Our stars, Milano, Edmunds and White seemed to take the day off. The chiefs were so good they made it look that way. We were completely outplayed and outclassed. My opinion is if our team played that same team ten times, we would lose them all.

One last classless thing our beloved quarterback did at the end of the game, he threw the ball at the defender who sacked him. Never seen that before in all of my years of watching football. Not something Jim Kelly ever did. Can't imagine Patrick Mahomes doing that, he just seems to enjoy what he is doing. Never seen star quarter-

backs like Peyton Manning, Drew Brees or even Tom Brady do that. Here on National television with millions of people watching? It was disappointing to see our star player act in such a un-sportsman and undignified manner. I heard the argument it was frustration or the heat of the moment. No, he is a professional and is expected to behave like one. Like they all are, no matter what the circumstances and how bad it gets. It is a violent sport and it hurts to get hit, both physically and mentally. But they get paid big bucks to be the best in the business, both physically and mentally. Takes a lot and I respect those players who behave in the way we are proud of as representatives of our great city. Go Bills!

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owners should check that all their heating equipment is functioning properly and double check that all their carbon monoxide and smoke detectors have fresh batteries.

“Always make sure your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarms have batteries and are operational,” said President Farrell. “We recommend everyone place carbon monoxide alarms outside of sleeping areas in the home, especially as it gets colder and snow may block exhaust pipes in homes. We want all New Yorkers to be fire-safe this winter and remember— if

there is a fire: get out, stay out, and call 911”

Here are some home heating tips from FASNY and the NFPA:

Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment.

Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.

Never use your oven to heat your home.

Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.

Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

New Traveling Exhibition

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the exhibit detail this design and technological evolution, ranging from the intricately inlaid Moorish oud and six-foot-long Renaissance theorbo to the modern Italian design of the Eko and transparent acrylic body of California’s BC Rich guitars. Spanning centuries of design and craftsmanship, the exhibition takes visitors through the history of an object that is one of the most recognizable items on the planet.

Medieval To Metal also includes life-size photorealistic illustrations of historically important guitar designs from noted artist Gerard Huerta, and 20 photographs of acclaimed musicians and their guitars from Neil Zlozower, one of the world’s premier concert photographers.

While still operating within New York State’s mandated 25 percent capacity, Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences President and CEO Marisa Wigglesworth said she is excited that the Museum will be able to safely offer a low-risk indoor entertainment option while continuing to be a resource for informal science learning for



Medieval to Metal.

the Buffalo Niagara region.

This is the second guitar-focused exhibition the museum has offered in recent years. The 2016 traveling exhibit GUITAR: The Instrument that Rocked the World was a different exhibition produced by NGM that focused on pop culture and the science of sound.

After a temporary closure, the Museum began its gradual reopening in July 2020 and has welcomed guests back into its second, third and fourth floor science studios to members and non-members. With the opening of Medieval To Metal, the BMS will expand its operating hours to five days a week, Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entry to Medieval To Metal is included with general museum admission (\$16 adults; \$13 children 2-17, seniors, students and military) and free for BMS members. In order to maintain the NYS-mandated 25 percent capacity, entry is timed and all admissions must be reserved in advance online at [sciencebuff.org](https://www.sciencebuff.org) or by calling the Museum at (716) 896-5200.

Guests are encouraged to review the latest safety guidelines before their visit on the Museum’s website at <https://www.sciencebuff.org/plan-a-visit/covid-19-reopening-plan/>.

For more information on the exhibit, visit <https://www.sciencebuff.org/exhibits/medieval-to-metal/>.

Nutrition Assistance Initiative

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these services on the fourth Wednesday of each month. CAO has already been serving the LBJ Apartment Complex and residents in 14208 and 14209 zip codes. Still, Brandi Haynes, Director of CAO’s Emergency & Family Services Department, is thrilled to bring mobile food pantry services to more rural communities in Western New York.

“There is no shortage of those in need in Western New York,” Haynes said. “It’s incredible to be able to serve those living in rural areas near Angola, NY; they are often overlooked. My department is looking forward to connecting with these communities and sharing more information on CAO’s expanded programming.”

Mobile Food Pantry Information

Site 1: BMHA LBJ Apt Building

167 W. Humboldt Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14214

When: Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 am - 2 pm

Who: Residents of LBJ Apts. and 14208 and 14209 zip codes

(Clients residing in other zip codes need a referral.)

Site 2: CAO JFK Community Center

114 Hickory Street, Buffalo, NY, 14204

When: Every 4th Wednesday of the month from 10 am - 12 pm

Who: Residents of 14204 zip code only

Site 3: CAO Angola Community Center

251 N. Main Street, Ango-

la, NY, 14006

When: Every 4th Wednesday of the month from 1 pm - 3 pm

Who: Residents of Angola, Derby, Brant, and Farnham, NY, only

Due to Covid-19 precautions, CAO’s mobile food pantries will not be accepting walk-up clients. Residents must apply in advance and provide the following documentation: photo ID, proof of address, proof of income, and identification for all additional household members.

CAO has also launched the CARES Emergency Home Delivery program this week. The program will assist low-income seniors ages 65 or older, disabled individuals, and individuals and families without secure access to food due to the Covid-19 pandemic with obtaining nutritious food items to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

“Once a month, our friendly, Emergency and Family Services Team will deliver a bag of groceries to homebound individuals who are unable to visit a food pantry in their local community,” Haynes said. “This program is designed to assist clients who can prepare their meals but lack the mobility to utilize a traditional food pantry.”

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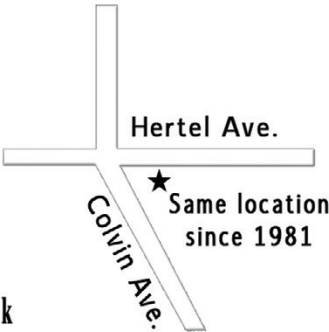


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