

Zoomagination 2023



The annual Zoomagination: The Festival of Lanterns and Lights hosted by the Buffalo Zoo is open to the public Wednesday-Sunday till August 20, 2023.

The Buffalo Zoo is featuring Zoomagination: The Festival of Lanterns and Lights presented by Five Star Bank. Zoomagination is a must-see summer attraction. Packed with an all-new lineup of lanterns, guests will immerse themselves in the larger-than-life displays of beautiful florals, curious creatures from under the sea, and breathtaking landmarks from around the world.

New this year will be the

addition of cultural performances at our newly built performance stage. Cultural performances will have three show-times each night (7:00 pm, 8:00 pm, and 9:00 pm) and will last about 20 minutes.

Expanding on last year, Wednesday evenings have now been added to our weekly schedule. Wednesdays will serve as value nights with each ticket type being \$1 less. Guests can visit Zoomagination any night

Wednesday - Sunday from 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm concluding August 20, 2023.

Each month the Buffalo Zoo will be featuring various value-added days highlighting certain animals or holidays. Each day will feature various activities, including animal enrichment and keeper talks, ambassador animals, and more. Event activities will be available from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and is free with Zoo admission. For more information about each upcoming event, visit BuffaloZoo.org.

Six-Week Summer Internship Provides Students With Hands-On STEM Activities



BEAM Students From left to right top: Zigabor Banuna, Atika Mwalimu, Tahmid Rahat, Ziyheir Pickens Bottom left: Mya Ei Ya Paw, Kyla General, Shamiah Brown, September Htoo.

The Buffalo office of services firm and the Buffalo-area Engineering Aware-

ness for Minorities (BEAM) have teamed up to offer a six-week summer internship program to ten students from Hutchinson Central Technical High School. The program begins on July 10 and is designed to introduce the students to a range of technical and professional experiences within the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines.

“Our relationships within the communities we serve

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East Side Garden Walk Returns This July 22nd

The East Side Garden Walk (ESGW) returns for a sixth year July 22 & 23, 10am-3pm. The tour is free and self-guided with more than 70 Gardens!

New this year: 500 Free backpacks of school supplies for children. PanchoPacks from the Teacher’s Desk will be distributed each day of the walk on June 22 and 23 between 12 and 2pm from the Box Avenue Good Neighbors Garden. Child(ren) must be present to receive a backpack.

Headquarters during the days and hours of the tour. Free maps are available and volunteers will answer visitors’ questions.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park near the Masten

district sign, close to Fillmore and North Parade (ESGW t-shirts will be for sale), People’s Park, Main Street and Jewett Parkway.

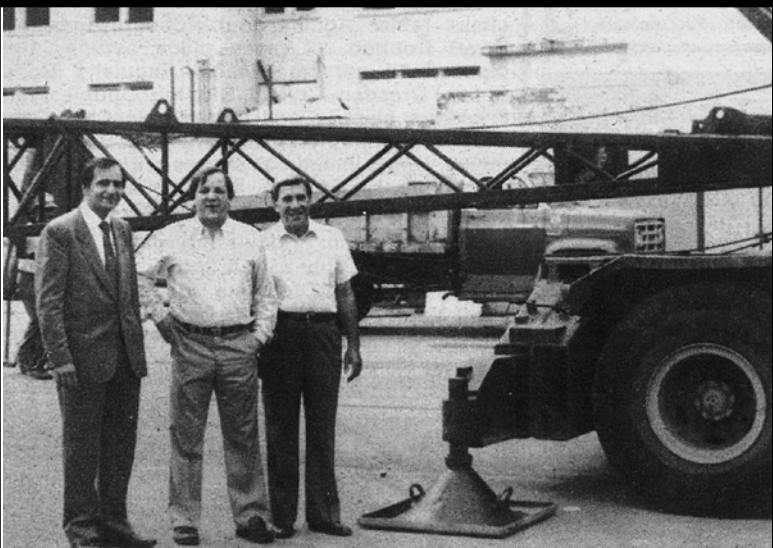
Find ESGW maps ahead of time:

Visit EastSideGardenWalk.com to download a print-friendly PDF.

More than a garden tour, the ESGW is a way for Buffalo’s East Side residents to take control of the narrative for their community. They share gardens, stories, and a spirit of perseverance with those from within and outside their neighborhoods. Learn about one of the many participating gardeners by watching a Walk with Iris through the Costner Garden.


Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



July, 1984. READY TO START...North District Councilman Dave Rutecki, Delaware District Councilman Al Coppola and Dr. Oscar Smuckler pictured at the future site of a shopping plaza that will replace PS21, slated for demolition.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH	FRIDAY, JULY 21ST	SATURDAY, JULY 22ND	SUNDAY, JULY 23RD	MONDAY, JULY 24TH	TUESDAY, JULY 25TH	WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH
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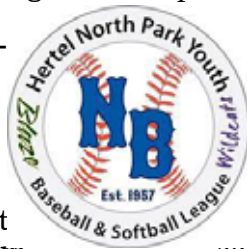
By Bill Snyder

WILDCAT WEEKEND!



Here are two North Buffalo Wildcats teams that competed in their own Softball Tournament held this past weekend in Shoshone Park ending early Sunday night. Ten year old girls were Brai Gaiter, Zahara Kyser, Tilly Scanlon, Autumn Schoos, Addie Ryan, Mary Ganci, Gabby Peek, Anna Senulis, Jaiana Thigpen, Carly Pacholek and Lili Arroyo. Nine year old girls included Reagan Hornung, Alek Gaiter, Ava Haisch, Bea Rich, Jackie Adams, Molly O'Sullivan, Morgan DeLaPlante, Olivia Murray, Rosie Bonaro, Sophie Devlin and Zeta Allen. The 10 year old girls defeated the 9 year olds 17-9 in the Championship game. Eight North Buffalo teams competed in the 22 team tournament held every year in Shoshone Park in July.

The 20th Annual Wildcat Weekend was a huge success for the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League this year, despite little rain late Saturday afternoon in Shoshone Park. Twenty two teams competed in four separate age divisions for the right to claim they're number one in local girls softball in 2023.



Nine North Buffalo Wildcats teams took to the diamonds in the three day tournament of 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U teams which included North Tonawanda, Orchard Park, Hamburg, Lakeview, Lou Gehrig, West Seneca, Chadwick Bay and the Inferno. Every year, teams from across WNY travel into North Buffalo and Shoshone Park to compete in an exciting Competition of stellar play in a sport that has grown Nationaly both on the Collegiate and Professional Level. By the end of most games, opposing teams all already crying "We'll see you next year."

Led By HNPYBL vice-president and Tournament Director Scott Gallivan, League coaches Jim Hornung, Eric Schmarder, Oren Helfrich, Patrick Barrett, Jodi Claeys and Kelly Kilonsky made sure

our girls were well represented on the Diamonds and gave the hundreds of spectators on hand competitive games and afterwards, winning trophies. "I'd like to thank all the girls for their excellent play during these games and all the coaches for getting these teams ready," said Gallivan afterward. "Most of all, I'd like to thank the parents for all their support for our League every year."

The Orchard Park Starz defeated North Buffalo 12-4 in the 12U Championship. The Inferno topped North Buffalo 12-9 in the 14U Championship and the Starz of Orchard Park defeated Lou Gehrig 6-5 in eight innings in the 16U Championship. Each girl received a winning trophy and wore medal-

lions presented afterward.

Playoff games are underway in the house instructional divisions for 2023. While no teams have been eliminated as of yet at this writing, each team has played one game thus far. In Rookie Girls, the Comets defeated the Ravens, the Shamrocks over the Devils, the Rebels over the Stars and the Wolfpack topped the Diamonds. Sadie Marcus went three for four with a double and scored three runs for the Rebels in the 6-5 win over the Stars.

In Rookie Boys, Jack Perry blasted a homerun to help lead the Red Sox to a 14-9 win over the Angels. James Spillman hit two homeruns, going three for three to lead the Guardians over the Rays. The Blue Jays topped the Twins, 7-2 and Jayce Ernst had two homeruns and six RBIs for an Oriole win over the A's. The Mariners rallied to defeat the Orioles early Saturday morning.

In Triple AAA Girls, the Gators defeated the Volunteers in a close game, 13-11 and the Bulldogs defeated the Purple Eagle, 17-14. The victories advanced the teams to match-ups with the Crimson Tide and the Spartans, respectively. Both teams drew a bye in the first round of their playoffs. In Double AA Boys, Dodger catcher John Catanzaro went three for three and had five RBIs, all while playing with a broken finger in leading the LA team to a 7-5 win over the Pirates. The Phillies defeated the Mets, 7-6 and the Braves topped the Brewers.

In the Majors, the Cardinals surprised the Braves, 10-3 and the Giants defeated the Phillies, 8-5 in their first round games. The Giants meet the Cubs next while the Cards take on the Padres, who surprised the Dodgers, 9-7 Monday night. There's nothing better than watching Major Boys games under the lights after 8:00 pm on the Hallmark Diamond in July at Shoshone Park. Play Ball!

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
July 15, 2023
Covington Road – Defendant did brandish a Maveric Arms 12 gauge shotgun at the victim and at some point during the altercation one round was shot into the ground.

July 15, 2023
Covington Road – Defendant did brandish and point a loaded .22 caliber Winchester 190 at the victim during a verbal dispute.

West Side
July 16, 2023
Boyd Street – Victim reports defendant began yelling at her mom and then approached victim and threatened to hit her in the head with a cane he was carrying.

July 16, 2023
Boyd Street – Victim reports that defendant did damage 4 windshield wiper arms on top of his vehicles that were parked in the driveway. Defendant did bend arms making them inoperable. Estimated total value of damage is \$140.00.

July 16, 2023
West Delavan Avenue – While on routine patrol, officers did observe a New York registered vehicle parked at the corner of West Delavan and West Avenue. Officers observed smashed out rear passenger window and 2 males did flee from front seats of vehicle. Officers did apprehend 1 juvenile at Congress and West Delavan and the defendant 1t 199 Congress. Defendant matched the description of the male fleeing the area of the vehicle.

July 15, 2023
Grant Street – Defendant was bothering customers at 171 Grant Street, 7Eleven. The store placed a 911 call and through investigation defendant was found to have had an active Buffalo warrant.

July 14, 2023
Auburn Avenue – A call came out for suspects stealing from cars at Bidwell Parkway on West Delavan. When officers arrived another call came out for suspect southbound on Ashland carrying a long board. Officers located and detained de-

fendant on bike with long board. Defendant was searched and found to be in possession of burglar tools and New York state ID and credit cards. Submitted by patrol officer.

July 13, 2023
Breckenridge Street – On the above day, time, and location patrol officer did observe New York registered vehicle travel on a one way street at Breckenridge. Patrol did conduct traffic stop on officers said vehicle. While on stop officers did observe a white powdery substance in a plain view. Upon further search officers did locate additional substance believed to be crack cocaine.

July 13, 2023
Grant Street – Victim stated while she was walking from the bar, the defendant walked up to her and harassed her and made threats. Defendant did hit victim with a closed fist the upper left lip causing pain and lacerations. AMR did transport victim to Kenmore Mercy Hospital for further medical attention.

July 12, 2023
Bradley Street – On 7/8/2023 at approximately 1830 hours at 40 Hawley Street in the city of Buffalo defendant did strike the victim with what appeared to be a hand gun in the right eye causing pain, bruising, swelling, and redness. Defendant did then threaten to shoot the victim while pointing what appeared to be a gun at the victim. Statement by detective on scene, photos, evidence, collected by patrol detective and search warrant issued by patrol officer.

July 12, 2023
Bradley Street – Victim states defendant did come into her home uninvited and did begin knocking on the windows. Victim stated defendant did forcibly remove screen on window on east side of home, breaking it. Actions by defendant did make victim feel fearful for her safety and this is an ongoing issue. Victim requests an order of protection.

July 11, 2023
Parkdale Avenue – The defendant and the victim

got into an argument over dirty dishes. This argument escalated and the victim grabbed her taser at which time the defendant did punch the victim in the face. The victim had a cut in her mouth. Victim refused treatment from AMR.

Riverside
July 16, 2023
Tonawanda Street – Defendant did reportedly pull a large knife from walker to give to individuals engaged in a fight. Four (4) various knives found on his person of various styles. Knives submitted by patrol officer.

July 16, 2023
Vulcan Street – Victim states defendant did charge at him with a kitchen knife while at Riverside Park during an altercation. Knives were recovered on scene by patrol officer.

July 16, 2023
Hamilton Street – Subject was observed driving New York registered vehicle following too closely to patrol vehicle and then when vehicle stopped driver became uncooperative and aggressive. Defendant left vehicle when told to get back inside his vehicle. Driver stated he left the bar and smelled of an alcoholic beverage and had glossy eyes. Officer performed the horizontal gaze test which he failed. A minor was also observed in the rear passenger seat of the vehicle.

July 16, 2023
Hamilton Street – While performing traffic stop officer had another male detained and the above defendant kept interfering and preventing officer from performing his official functions while other officers attempted to detain the above defendant she became uncooperative and spit in officer's face and in her mouth.

July 15, 2023
West Eagle – While at 121 West Eagle, during search of defendant, officers did find crack cocaine in right sock. Submitted by patrol officer.

July 14, 2023
Skillen Street – Defendant did choke the victim and tackled her to the ground and brandished a knife during a verbal altercation, placing the victim in fear for her safety. Gray knife recovered by patrol officer from top of dresser in bedroom and submitted by patrol officer.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Ego

5 Curved line

8 Easy targets

12 Geometric calculation

13 "The Matrix" hero

14 Conspiracy

15 Elephant's ancestor

17 Sultry Horne

18 Low isle

19 Pale yellow

21 Rice recipe

24 Colorations

25 Landed

26 Magazine staff listing

30 Leary's drug

31 Skin openings

32 TiVo precursor

33 Became an expert in

35 Actress Ward

36 — and crafts

37 Cancel

38 Where Gauguin painted

41 Football filler

42 Milky gem

43 Large dogs

48 Portrayal

49 Yale grad

50 Humdrum

51 Apple product

52 Game caller

53 Continental currency

9 "Roots" author Haley

10 Corn concoction

11 Jazz great Getz

16 Klutz

20 Reply to "Shall we?"

21 Tropical tree

22 "Casablanca" role

23 Pot covers

24 Long-eared hoppers

26 Philosopher

27 Always

28 Rights org.

29 Colorless

31 Impudent

34 Shadowed

35 Writer

37 Perch

38 Actress

39 Each

40 Angelic light

41 "Dream on!"

44 Pub pint

45 Winter ailment

46 Distant

47 HBO rival

DOWN

1 America's uncle

2 Historic time

3 Guitar expert Paul

4 Nabob

5 Tennis champ Murray

6 Old Oids

7 Mixed up

8 Swimming pool sound


52 Philosopher

53 Continental currency

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

Do Animals Have A Special Sense?



My Angel.

A former employee of the Rocket, many years ago, is still a friend on Facebook. Last week she posted an item about her little puppy. She was worried as it would go and sit in a certain spot away from everybody all day almost like she was hiding. It would not come out except only to eat and then go back. She was

so worried she took it to the Veterinarian. She was fine and eventually she resumed her normal life. Kind of hit home a bit as I have a similar experience. We have a little toy apricot poodle. Got it for my wife when she first started her illness. We always had bigger dogs like Golden Retrievers; they were great.

But they are not lap dogs. The one I have now is the second of two. Small 10 lb. lap dog. Teddy, the first one we rescued, was but 11 when we got him. Unfortunately, he only lasted 3 years. Enough to establish a bond and grief at his passing. After a “no more dogs” period we got Angel. Again, for my wife to cuddle and that she did. They were inseparable. Followed her room to room and rested at her feet. Spent the evenings together on the couch watching TV. Slept next to her side of the bed at night. It was a warm and wonderful relationship.

My wife, when she knew she was going to pass, wanted to be with her dog. Hospice set her up at home and she was again reunited with Angel. Angel was in her bed with her at her side when she left this world. Dogs can look sad and can show some happiness but it is hard to tell what they are feeling. If they are sick, they cannot tell you. If they are in pain, they cannot tell you. You look for signs. The signs were clear, the dog was hurting and confused.

She now became my dog. I was always second fiddle. There, but not the main person. Just there if she needed me for something. Suddenly I was the one as I was all she had. It was me she followed from room to room. It was me she tried to comfort in my grief. She must have felt it as she really did step up. She was my one and only constant companion. My dinner partner. Do not like to eat alone so looked for places with outdoor patios that I can bring her too. Few around here but plen-

ty in Florida. She is always at my feet no matter where I sit. Those who have dogs like this probably know how it is. Even the bathroom. So, when she is not there, you worry.

That happened the first time she disappeared. She just was always there. One night I looked down where she always is and she was gone. Thought maybe she went for a drink or something. After a while I decided I better look for her as this was unusual. Maybe I closed a door to a room with her in it. Maybe she is sick. I called her name over and over with no response. Panic started to set in as you think the worst. Where can she be?

I live in a big house, a ranch and it is a long way from one end to the other. Still, she would have heard my calling. I went room to room hoping I would not find her lying somewhere. Finally, at almost the furthest point in the house, our bedroom, she was there. Lying in the spot where she used to sleep when my wife was alive. She still did not move when she saw me. She just lifted her head and had this sad look. I then realized that in some way she was visiting the past and my wife. I let her be. Eventually she returned to her place

by my feet. Only this time she had to lay partially on my foot. Her being a rescue dog, she most likely was mistreated in some way and she needs her comfort zone. She needs to feel safe. Confused with the loss of her loving companion and having to shift to a new one took some time. Her rescuer from abuse was not with her anymore.

Now and then, a year and a half later, she still takes the trip to the bedroom and lies in her former spot by the bed and is there for hours. I let her be and wait for her return to me and my feet. It makes me feel better as it is my hope that there is some kind of connection there. As most of us do when we lose a loved one, we look for signs of their still being with us in some way. I take and hope that Angel’s visits to her spot is a sign that my wife’s spirit is still here with the two of us. Can dogs sense things that we can’t?

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

Six-Week Summer Internship Provides Students With Hands-On STEM Activities

Continued from page one. are an important part of our ongoing success at GHD and what better way to enhance those relationships than to provide the next generation of engineers with resources and a professional network,” said John Davis, GHD Project Manager.

“The program we created with BEAM provides opportunities for high school students interested in STEM disciplines to learn about our company and its people while teaching them skills that will support their future educational and career goals.”

With guidance and instruction from GHD’s engineering team, the students will learn about mechanical, chemical, civil, environmental and electrical engineering. Students will work on a variety of hands-on projects covering all engineering disciplines and will conclude with a final Pump Station Project. The program will

include field trips and culminates with a presentation made by each student. The students also will learn professional skills such as business etiquette, networking, presentation techniques and the creation and maintenance of a LinkedIn profile.

The GHD Foundation, the nonprofit arm of GHD, is providing a grant for laptops and iPads for each student to use and keep. These will be used to build their online profiles and create their closing presentations.

“BEAM’s partnership with GHD is invaluable preparation for students exploring careers in technical fields,” said Katherine Heinle, BEAM Executive Director. “The program allows students to work alongside engineers on hands-on projects and learn not only technical but professional skills that will provide them with lifelong resources to rely on for future endeavors.”



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Ask Rusty – Will WEP And GPO Affect My Wife’s Spousal Benefit?

Dear Rusty: My wife worked for the US Postal Service in New York for about 22 years, and then in the private sector for about 15 years. She began collecting her “deferred annuity” from the USPS at age 62 and she plans to collect her Social Security benefits at age 67, which is her full retirement age (FRA). Her Social Security benefit before the Windfall Elimination Provision is less than 50% of my Primary Insurance Amount, so the plan is for her to start collecting a “spousal” benefit from me at age 67. My question is: will my wife’s spousal benefit be reduced by both the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset (GPO)? **Signed: Inquiring Husband**

Dear Inquiring Husband: Your wife cannot separate her personally earned Social Security retirement benefit from her Social Security spousal entitlement from you – whenever she applies for Social

Security, your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for all benefits she is entitled to when she claims. Because your wife has a “non-covered pension” from the US Postal Service (USPS) – and assuming that pension is under the older “CSRS” (Civil Service Retirement System) – your wife’s personally earned SS retirement benefit will be reduced by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). WEP reduces Social Security retirement benefits for anyone who also has a pension earned while not contributing to Social Security. The Government Pension Offset (GPO) is different: the GPO will affect any additional amount your wife is entitled to as your spouse, which we refer to as her “spousal boost.” The “spousal boost” amount is the difference between your wife’s pre-WEP FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, which is your Primary Insurance Amount. Because of her

USPS pension, GPO will reduce your wife’s “spousal boost” by 2/3rds of the amount of her non-covered pension, which may eliminate her potential spousal boost.

So WEP will affect your wife’s personally earned SS benefit, and the GPO will affect her spousal entitlement from you. But, depending on the amount of her USPS pension, your wife will not be entitled to an additional amount as your spouse if 2/3rds of her USPS pension amount is more than her “spousal boost” amount. And if the GPO doesn’t completely eliminate your wife’s spousal boost, it will at least drastically reduce it.

I have previously published several articles about both WEP and GPO and how each provision works, which you are welcome to review at the AMAC Foundation’s special Social Security website – www.SocialSecurityReport.org. In particular, one such article providing more detail on how the GPO works can be found at this link: www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-government-pension-offset-gpo/

Social Security will make the final determination about your wife’s benefit entitlement under WEP and GPO when she applies for her Social Security benefits, but I’m afraid your wife’s entitlement may be much less than you are anticipating because of these two provisions. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us directly via email at SS-Advisor@amacfoundation.org or call us directly at 1.888.750.2622.

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Sweet And Sour

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Where we lived on Steuben Alley we could have cut our front “lawn” with a pair of scissors. Now I need a riding lawn mower to tackle the Amazon type growth in our front and back lawns. When I was a kid we had a rotary phone with a short cord, privacy wasn’t an option, and most of the time it was shut off anyway because our family couldn’t afford to pay the bill. Now our three-year-old son knows how to operate my laptop and cell phone better than I can. Our home had a working washing machine but not a clothes dryer, so we improvised, and not in a safe or wise manner. The Fire Marshall would not be happy. Necessity is the mother of all invention, so we would hang wet clothes over the stove, turn on the burners, and there’s your “living in poverty” clothes dryer. Do not try this at home. Ever. Who can forget the massive blocks of free cheese, powdered milk, and the infamous 50-gallon drum of peanut butter that had three inches of oil at the top? We ate so much free cheese I thought “USDA” was a name brand you found on the shelf Super

Duper. Ashley and I are blessed beyond belief to have a happy, functional home that’s a far cry from our humble beginnings on the East Side, now referred to as East Buffalo. We were dirt poor and didn’t have much from a purely financial standpoint, but I was quite rich because of the two gifts my mother gave me that didn’t cost one dime: she made sure I went to church every Sunday and to school Monday through Friday. It was an immeasurable gift that I am incredibly grateful for today. Faith and education are the great equalizers in America that can bridge the gap between rich and poor. My mom made sure my foundation of faith could be built upon with a quality education, and that someday I could experience life beyond the walls of struggle and succeed beyond my wildest dreams. Poverty and victimhood are states of mind. We choose. My wife improves the lives of many as a social worker, and I’ve lived the American Dream in my time as a journalist, elected official, and now Deputy Communications Director for Vivek Ramaswamy’s campaign for President of the United States. In the movie “Vanilla Sky” starring Tom Cruise, there’s a line about perspective: “I know sour, which allows me to appreciate the sweet.” Ain’t that the truth.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1) What is the name of the hot wind that blows from the Sahara Desert to the southern coast of Europe?

2. What is the name of the condition of seeing human faces in random or ambiguous objects or patterns?

3) What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom?

4) Which Broadway play features a helicopter on stage?

5) Who wrote the novel “One Hundred Years of Solitude”?

6) What is the common name for the ailment called epistaxis?

7) Which TV comedy popularized the phrase “Yabba Dabba Do”?

8) What is the nickname that Steven Spielberg gave the mechanical shark in the movie “Jaws”?

9) Why was “Jaws” named that?

10) When did the Boxer Rebellion take place in China?

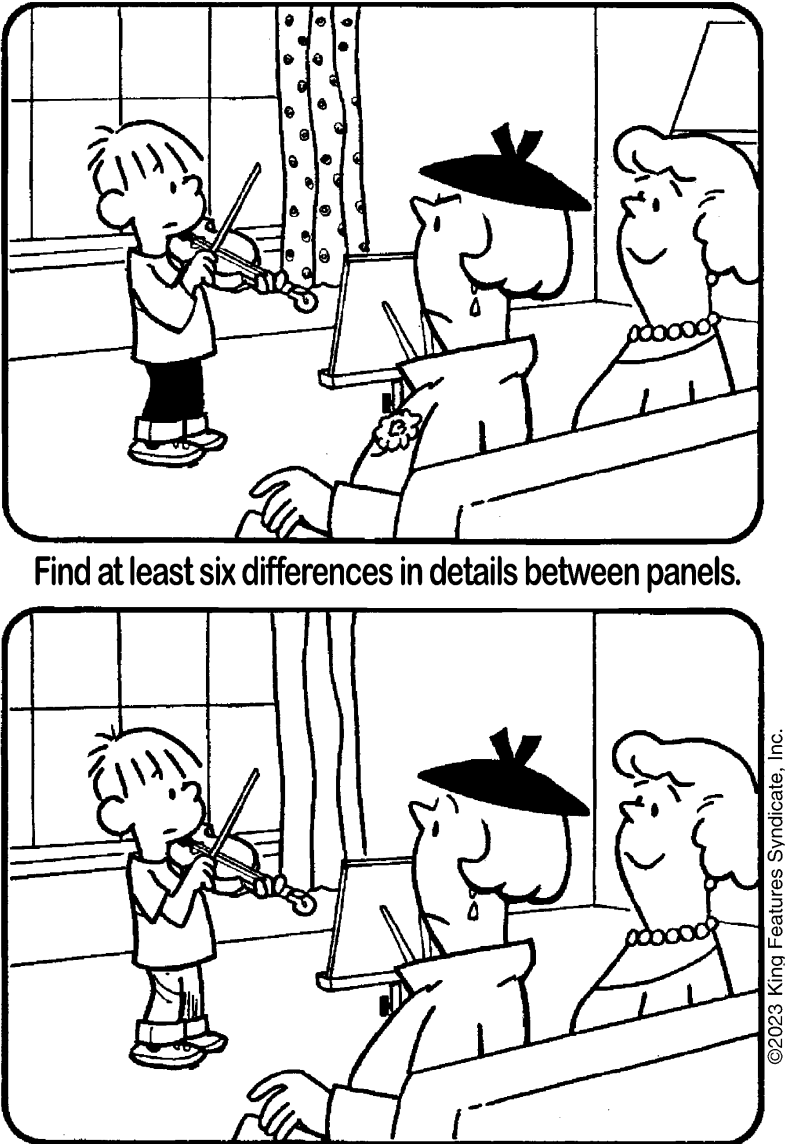
11) Which number doesn’t have a corresponding Roman numeral?

Last Answers: 1. Peanut. 2. Rutherford B. Hayes. 3. Julie Andrews. 4. Four: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. 5. Missouri. 6. Three. 7. Mount Olympus. 8. Carolina Reaper. 9. Insulin. 10. An animal with irregular patches of two colors, usually black and white.

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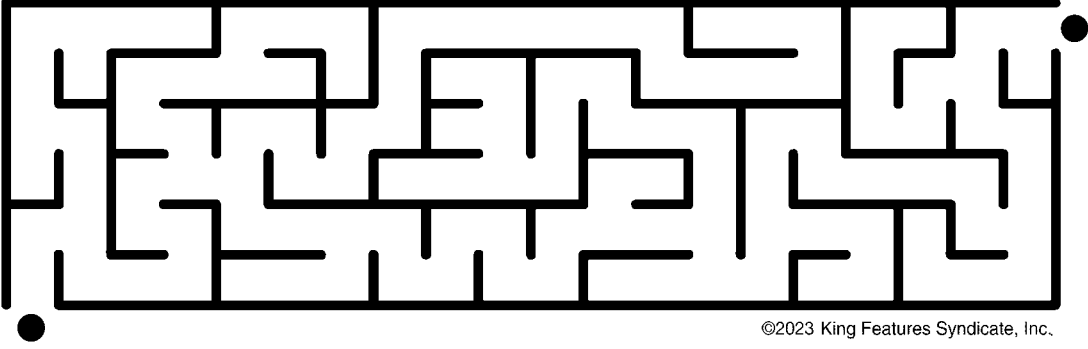
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Kids' Maze



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The Grapevine

BUFFALO AKG ART MUSEUM announces an evening with David Sedaris On Saturday, October 7, join best-selling author and humorist David Sedaris at the Buffalo AKG Art Museum for two special readings in the newly restored Stanford and Judith Lipsey Auditorium. Enjoy new and unpublished material fol-

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Shakespeare in Delaware Park's Romeo and Juliet Opens July 27. Measure for Measure took its final bow July 15th, now Shakespeare in Delaware Park eagerly invites theater enthusiasts, families, and friends to join us for our next endeavor. This production is directed by Chris Kelly, featuring Aidan Conklin and Erin

Grace Kelly as the iconic start-crossed lovers, supported by seasoned SDP actors Chris Hatch and Pamela Rose Mangus in the roles of the Friar Lawrence and the Nurse. Under the open skies of Delaware Park, ROMEO AND JULIET will ignite the imaginations of all who gather to witness this ageless tale of forbidden love. Amidst the verdant beauty of the park, patrons will be transported to present day Verona Beach, a seaside town pulsating with the intensity of youthful passion, family feuds, and the longing for a love that transcends all boundaries.

ROMEO AND JULIET runs July 27 –August 20. Main stage shows are held every evening (except Mondays) at 7:15 p.m. on Shakespeare Hill on the Saul Elkin Stage in Delaware Park, next to Hoyt Lake and behind the Rose Garden off Lincoln Parkway near the AKG. For further information and to find out dates and locations of WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A PLAY go to www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org or call (716) 856-4533. Make sure to follow us on Instagram and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shakespeareindelawarepark.

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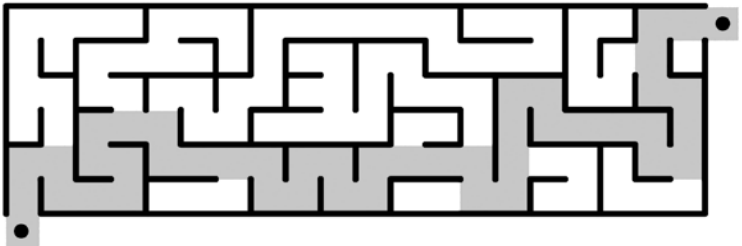
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