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## Buffalo Lenten Fish Fry



Fish fry's during Lent are taken very seriously here in the Western New York region. The most prime places for fish fries are always in Buffalo, NY.

Lent is here once more and fish fry season in Buffalo is taking off! As a long and beloved tradition, fish fry's take the place of meat for celebrators of Lent every year.

The fish fry is popular all over but few take it as seriously as in the Western New York region. Every Friday during Lent, most restaurants who serve a fish fry make sure

to stock up and cook it to perfection, served with all the correct sides (bread, mac & cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, tartar sauce and of course, lemons).

There are plenty of stellar places for a good fish fry in Western New York, but voted the best by Buffalo's own Artvoice multiple times is The Wellington Pub, located next door to Bob & John's. Bob

& John's is also offering fish fries everyday. The Empty Pockets Restaurant also dishes out a fantastic fish fry. And Johnny's Meats is selling fresh haddock for your purchase in case you want to stay home and make your own.

For more fish fry spots in and around Buffalo, please visit [stepoutbuffalo.com/iconic-fish-frys-spots-around-wny/](http://stepoutbuffalo.com/iconic-fish-frys-spots-around-wny/).

## Eclipse Emergency Preparedness Workshop

As Buffalo gears up to host the solar eclipse, one of the most-watched celestial events of our lifetimes, the influx of visitors on April 8 presents opportunities and challenges for the hospitality industry. Help ensure everyone's safety: Join Visit Buffalo Niagara, the Erie County Executive's office and partners for a special Eclipse Emergency Preparedness Workshop 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, February 29 at the Buffalo Convention Center, 153 Franklin St.



Speakers include Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Visit Buffalo Niagara President and CEO Patrick Kaler, Deputy Erie County Commissioner of Homeland Security-Preparedness Greg Butcher, Erie County Emergency Services Coordinator Darien Pratchett, and Deputy Erie County Commissioner of Health-EMS Greg Gill.

They will talk about transportation safety, law enforcement, emergency planning and traffic man-

agement for hospitality venues. The presenters will also cover:

- First aid and CPR training suggestions
- Advice about large crowds in public spaces
- Distribution sites for safety glasses
- Pre-planning steps for communications services, guidelines for mobile phone service limitations and emergency channel options
- Public awareness campaigns and press conferences

We encourage hospitality partners and other interested parties to come to the

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## Ice at Canalside Celebrates Final Weeks Of The 2023-2024 Season

As the Ice at Canalside wraps up its 2023-2024 winter season, Buffalo Waterfront will host several special events and activities for the final days at the rink. Sunday, Feb. 25 will mark the last day of skating.

"We had a fantastic season at the ice this year and we encourage anyone who hasn't made it out yet this season to join us during Winter Break or during our final two weekends for a skate down our iconic canal," said Lauren Ford, general manager, Buffalo Waterfront.

Ice Fest This weekend marks Buffalo Waterfront's

annual Ice Fest. In addition to ice sculptures, Saturday's festivities will include a live snow sculpture demo, ice bar, a DJ, special promotions and open curling, with instructions from The Buffalo Curling Club from 7 to 10 p.m.

Sunday will be a family-fun day with sculptures, a visit from the Snow Sisters, free cotton candy & a free kids craft, plus an ice mimosa bar for the adults.

Black History Month As part of its Black History Month celebration, Buffalo Waterfront will host four pop-up shops for Black-

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## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



September, 1992. GRADUATION EXULTATION... Judette Armenia, wife of Richard Armenia Jr., Pastor of the Life Fellowship church on Tacoma Avenue, guides Jonathan Trilizio on a pony ride. About 30 area children anxiously awaited their turn.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND



Rain  
High 39°  
Low 27°

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD



Cloudy  
High 31°  
Low 22°

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH



Cloudy  
High 26°  
Low 23°

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH



Snow  
High 35°  
Low 26°

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH



Mostly Sunny  
High 38°  
Low 29°

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH



Cloudy  
High 40°  
Low 27°

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH



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**SPORTS**

By Bill Snyder

## Opening Day Is Saturday, May 4th

The countdown is on. By the time this column hits the streets of Delaware or Hertel in North Buffalo, there will be approximately 70 days remaining until Opening Day and the start of another season of the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League.

Hard to believe the days are going by when the boys and girls who have had their parents sign them up again for another year in Shoshone Park, will be practicing their game with a new coach or team. All the play-by-play action will get under way on Saturday, May 4th around 1:30pm on a Diamond in Shoshone Park, the home of the League since 1957.

This year though, everyone should get an up close look at the building of the new Thomas M. Smith Athletic Center that is being built for the future boys and girls who will someday play in this Park all year round. That's one of the best presents this Community has ever received from the men of the City of Buffalo, who work Downtown and represent

this strong Community of North Buffalo, like the Delaware, the North and the University Districts.

These leaders, these representatives for us, listened to our pleas when League president Don Morris said "Tear down this swimming pool and adjacent building so we can park more cars and erect another building, open to the public year round."

It worked. And every day that passes, is another day closer to an even better Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League.

Plans are being made now to open the 67th season in celebration of the new build and pay tribute to those who have made it happen. While the building is far from opening its doors, the League welcomes all current and former players in the Park, League coaches and team managers and the general public to Shoshone Park on Saturday, May 4th to Open their season, "It's the best Day of the year," according to the former president, Don Morris, who passed away on Decem-

ber 29th, when discussing the league's annual Opening Day festivities. Every year, Morris would lead a parade of all the boys and girls, playing in his League that started at the corner of Hertel and Saranac with Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown and walked in step with North Buffalo through the business district of Hertel Avenue. At 11:00am, thanks to a Buffalo Police Department escort and a hook and ladder fire truck maybe, the children all showed off their new uniform jerseys and caps worn paid for by the businesses that sponsored their teams.

Crowds would gather on both sides of the street, baby strollers and dogs on a leash would all take notice of the children and their coaches, welcoming in the Spring season on their way to Shoshone Park. In previous years, the parade would stretch for blocks behind, slowing traffic in an eastbound direction through North Park, Parkside and Starin Avenue.

At the Park, the teams would gather around the first Diamond from the first base line to third base and watch the men and women from Downtown speak into a microphone and tell them to have fun each season. Then they patiently waited while the people would throw a ball from the mound. A small group of girls would sing the Star Spangled Banner and then Mr. Morris would take the microphone back and told everyone he needed help from them to say the two magic words real loud!

"PLAY BALL"

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Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue  
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Roland Insurance Agency.....432 Amherst Street  
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Up To You Deli.....2189 Niagara Street





# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### Man Steals Washing Machine Out Of Unoccupied Building

**North Buffalo**  
**February 14, 2024**  
Ramsdell Avenue - Suspect and victim did get into a verbal altercation which motivated the suspect to damage the victim's fan. The suspect appeared to have been intoxicated. The victim did state she doesn't feel safe around the suspect. The suspect stated to the victim while damaging the fan, "This is what I want to do to you."

**February 16, 2024**  
Grant Street - While on patrol, officer did see defendant pull into 492 Grant Street, park and then proceed to press a glass pipe with a white4 crystal like substance up to his mouth. Defendant upon being de-

tained, stated that it was crystal meth. Defendant license revoked. Substance in open container weight 7.7 grams.

**West Side**  
**February 17, 2024**  
Auburn Avenue - Witness states that he saw suspect removing a washing machine out of a known unoccupied building. Property manager states that no one is allowed inside of the property and that the washer was valued at \$250.00 and that the door was kicked in causing approximately \$200.00 of damage to the building door. Two glass pipes with white residue recovered from front pocket of gym pocket.

**February 17, 2024**  
Grant Street - Officer's were flagged down by citizens to report that there was a female asleep in the vestibule of M&T Bank located at 130 Grant Street. Once identified, she was found to have active Buffalo Warrant. Once in custody female was found in possession of one glass pipe with residue. Pipe was recovered by patrol officer from defendant's right coat pocket and submitted to lab.

**February 17, 2024**  
Richmond Avenue - Defendant did kick in rear door to 882 Richmond causing more than \$250.00 in damage and causing alarm to the victim.

**February 16, 2024**  
Elmwood Avenue - Defendant did take \$60.20 of store property after being told he was not welcome in the store. Defendant was told to leave by staff multiple times and did swing a stick at staff while stealing.

**February 13, 2024**  
Niagara Street - Defendant did enter Family Dollar store and pick \$150.00 worth of beef jerky sticks from the shelf and passed all points of purchase stealing said items. Defendant was apprehended outside the store in the parking lot with then stolen items and issued appearance ticket. Complainant provided video of the incident. Officer took pictures of the transaction screen an the register and of the stolen items. Defendant has repeatedly been told on multiple occasions he is not allowed in the store and habitually steals from the store. Most recent trespass report taken on 2/12/2024.

**Riverside**  
**February 15, 2024**  
Newfield Avenue - Defendant did violate order of protection issued by honorable judge of Buffalo City Court by returning to his residence at 316 Newfield Avenue. Appearance ticket issued.

## MAGIC MAZE

## GRAINS AND OILSEEDS

R W T Q N J G D A X U R O L J

S A F F L O W E R G D A X V S

P S N K I F C C A X V S Q O L

J H E E C A X A V T R P N L J

H S O R G H U M M U S T A R D

F D B Y C R Y E S E V I L O X

V T R P X Y E L R A B O O M K

I G E D A O N I U Q B Z N X W

U T R Q L O C N R O C N A L J

I G F D F E T A E H W K C U B

C A Y S T U N A E P X W V T S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: AND KETCHUP

Barley	Corn	Pennycress	Safflower
Buckwheat	Flax	Quinoa	Sorghum
Camelina	Olives	Rice	Wheat
Canola	Peanuts	Rye	

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Pep

4 "Get Here" singer Adams

9 Opposite of "post-"

12 Equal (Pref.)

13 Jeremy of "Entourage"

14 Corn serving

15 Prepaid convenience for cell users

17 Texter's "Enough!"

18 Common verb

19 Spiritualist

21 Oliver Twist, for one

24 Cabinet dept. head

25 "Norma —"

26 Snake's warning

28 Mexican snacks

31 Actor Richard

33 UFO crew

35 Commanded

36 Enticed

38 Rep.'s rival

40 "Diamonds" singer

41 Goatee's spot

43 "O Pioneers!" author

45 Long recliner

47 Magic, on scoreboards

48 "A spider!"

49 Cell user's practical joke

54 Conk out

55 Dodge

56 Classic car

57 Hosp. areas

58 Opposite of most

59 Watch chain

**DOWN**

1 Red-carpet type

2 "Kinda" suffix

3 Cow's greeting

4 Verdi works

5 Permit

6 Hollywood's

7 Semesters

8 "Still ..."

9 Fund for minor expenses

10 Male of "Bohemian Rhapsody"

11 Guitarist Clapton

16 "Unh-unh"

20 Wound cover

21 Pitcher

22 Pasta sauce brand

23 Fruity baked goods

27 Norm (Abbr.)

29 Garfield's pal

30 Blacken

32 Classic soda brand

34 Extra helpings

37 Put to rest

39 Grocery store

42 Audacity

44 Patient's need, briefly

45 Give up

46 Estate recipient

50 Bond rating

51 Canine cry

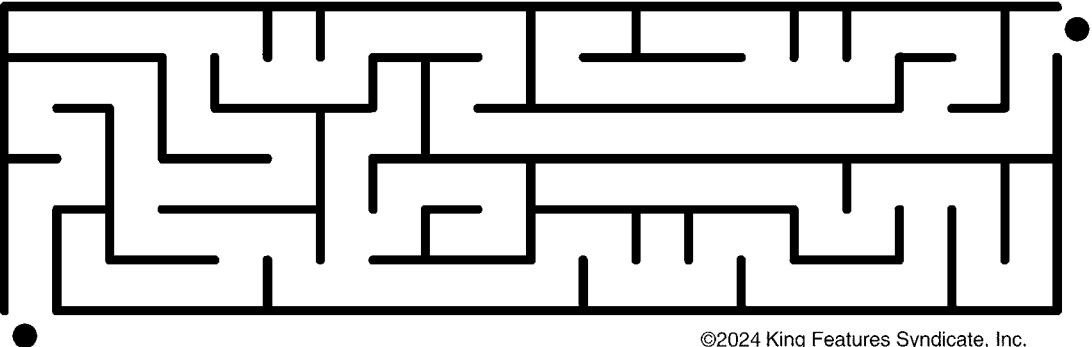
52 Zodiac feline

53 Arced tennis shot

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## Kids' Maze



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## Ask Rusty – About Medicare’s Dreaded “IRMAA” Provision

**Dear Rusty:** My wife is on Medicare and receiving Social Security benefits each month. We built a house and used money from our investments to pay for it. We knew we would pay taxes on that withdrawal, but my wife got a letter from Social Security saying that because the money we withdrew was listed as income, her 2024 Medicare premium went up over \$500. And since Medicare is taken out of her Social Security, that results in a \$6,000 loss to our budget. Is there anything that can be done about this situation? We sent a letter to Social Security, but they responded that unless her situation was one of only a few categories (loss of house, divorce, etc.)

nothing could be done for the year. The money was used strictly on another investment – our new house. It wasn’t like we took it out and spent it wildly. Can you please advise? Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor. Signed: Frustrated Homeowner

**Dear Frustrated:** Unfortunately, it sounds like your wife is a victim of the Medicare provision known as “IRMAA” – the “Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount.” Each person’s Medicare Part B premium (coverage for outpatient healthcare) is determined yearly from their income from all sources as reported to the IRS two years prior. IRMAA sets income thresholds, depending on

your IRS filing status, and if those thresholds are exceeded you must pay a higher Medicare Part B premium (and also a higher Part D premium if you have prescription drug coverage). Assuming you file your taxes as “married/jointly,” if your combined 2022 income as a couple was between \$206,000 and \$258,000 your wife’s 2024 Part B premium is \$244.60 (instead of the standard \$174.70); if your combined 2022 income was between \$258,000 and \$322,000 then your wife’s Part B premium for 2024 is \$349.40; if your combined in 2022 was between \$322,000 and \$386,000, her Part B premium is \$454.20; if your combined 2022 income as a married couple was between \$386,000 to \$750,000 then your wife’s 2024 Part B premium is \$559; and if your 2022 income as a married couple was over \$750,000 your wife’s Part B premium is \$594. If your wife also has private Part D prescription drug coverage, IRMAA also increases those premiums. Note that the IRMAA thresholds are different for other income tax filing statuses.

## Senior TRIVIA

### Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What is the capital of Canada?
- 2) What was the first animal to be cloned?
- 3) In the children’s book series “The Bobbsey Twins,” what are the names of the two sets of twins?
- 4) What is the symbol for the chemical element platinum?
- 5) What is the title of Elvis Presley’s first commercial single?
- 6) What is the first U.S. national park?
- 7) What is a common name for xerosis?
- 8) What is a sommelier?
- 9) Who was the first president to visit all 50 states?
- 10) What were the principal powers of the Axis in WWII?

Last Answers: 1. “Outer Banks.” 2. 2004. 3. David Bowie. 4. England. 5. An ostentation or a pride. 6. BMW. 7. Id est (that is). 8. The Labyrinth. 9. “Fight Club.” 10. 37.

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# Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

## Buffalo Bills



### 30 for 30: Four Falls of Buffalo now on Netflix.

Netflix has a new special movie about the 90's Buffalo Bills and the run to the four Super Bowls. Something I really enjoyed as I remember and seen it all. I know the history and there was almost nothing I did not remember. It almost seems like it was scripted the way it happened. No team has ever gone to four Super Bowls in a row. And of course, no team has ever lost four Super Bowls in a row.

The cast of characters are Jim Kelly, Thurmond Thomas, Scott Norwood, Bruce Smith, Steve Tasker, Don Beebe, Marv Levy, Bruce DeHaven, Darryl Talley, Frank Reich, and Vic Carucci. They all play a part in this presentation with interviews taken now and some from the past and at the time. It is a true story and well presented. Watching it, I relived the past, the game that mattered in this astounding history. What a story. How seconds could have changed the way it all turned out.

Clips of Jim Kelly be-

ing interviewed back when he refused to come to Buffalo after being drafted by the Bills. Reporter asked him why he passed on the NFL, his reply was, "Where would you rather play, in Buffalo or Houston?" He played college ball in Florida and he liked the warm weather. He was from Pennsylvania. We all know he had to come to Buffalo, how he adjusted, became great, and how he now loves the city and the fans.

So many parts of the movie are heart wrenching to watch again but like I said it seems it was meant to be. The football Gods just chose to have it happen that way. The thrashing of the Oakland Raiders 51-3 leading up to the first Super Bowl making them the favorite to beat the Giants. "Wide right" has lived in infamy in Buffalo. Scott Norwood, clips of him then and him now. That is what they did with most of the players. It was well done and fun to watch. They have all aged but still seem in

decent shape.

You could not make this up the way it played out. The greatest comeback against the Houston Oilers, the lost helmet against Washington, nine turnovers against Dallas, and the famous Don Beebe run down of Leon Lett. Lots of history. So many small reasons that things could have been different. That story has been told.

We now have a new story to tell about the present Buffalo Bills. There is destiny here. The tale has not ended. This city has been blessed with one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever throw a football, Josh Allen. Just recall in your mind the way things have transpired since he has arrived. A new history is being written in modern times. The way we lost in the playoffs. Just think about that. Again, you cannot make this stuff up. This team should have gone to the Super Bowl but has not. Is there a reason? Do the football Gods have something special in store for us Buffalo Bills fans. Let me say this, I have seen every game the Buffalo Bills have played since 1960, including the very first against Oakland. The way this is now play-

ing out, there is more to add to this tale. We have seen the prelude, now we have to see the conclusion. Stay turned.

Do you have a birthday greeting you would like to see here? Birthdays, anniversaries, in-

teresting 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

## Ice at Canalside Celebrates Final Weeks Of The 2023-2024 Season

*Continued from page one.* owned businesses in the igloos at the ice rink throughout the weekend. Colored Girls Bike Too will also set up a table at the rink this weekend to pass out resources.

For the next two Sundays, \$1 from each admission will benefit an organization dedicated to the advancement of Buffalo's Black community. Plus, anyone who brings in a piece of winter clothing to donate to Ladies Let's Be Real will receive a free skate rental.

**Winter Break**  
During students' Winter Break next week (Feb. 19-23), the ice will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25.

Highmark Blue Cross

Blue Shield will be offering free skating for all guests on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with free curling available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Final Weekend**  
The final weekend celebration will include Pride Night at the Ice on Friday, Feb. 23 and a Silent Disco on Saturday, Feb. 24. The season will cap off on Sunday, Feb. 25 with a final family-fun day.

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



**The Hull Family Home & Farmstead** is holding an orientation for new docents on Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, April 7 at its headquarters at 5962 Genesee Street in Lancaster, NY. It will take place from 1:00-4:00PM each day. The training will include demonstrations of various types of docent assignments, discussion of period clothing for those interested in portraying Hull family members, and opportunities to learn about the Hull family and the historic period of the early 1800s. To register or for further information, contact Suzanne Jacobs at 716-681-5494 or at [sjacobs@hullfamilyhome.org](mailto:sjacobs@hullfamilyhome.org).



**Nativity of the BVM School:** A reunion for ALL YEARS on Albany Street in Buffalo will be held July 21, 2024 at FONTANA'S GROVE- 2299 Clinton Street, W. Seneca. Reservations are a must! Call Helen Brown Kurzdorfer at 716-400-7977 or Rosie DiLiberto Mendolera at 716-881-1306 before 5/15/24.



**Friday Fish Frys** The Catholic tradition of fish frys during Lent has become very popular with the

broader community. Many parishes within the Diocese sponsor fish fry events from their churches. These events are not only fundraisers for the parish but also events for the neighborhoods to come and meet the people of the parish and make some new friends. The Catholic Community of Buffalo, North is hosting fish frys on five days at two sites. Fridays, 3/22, & 3/29, they will be served from St. Mark church, 399 Woodward. Pre-sale tickets can be ordered from [smk-hns.square.site](http://smk-hns.square.site). On Friday, March 1st, St. Margaret church will be serving from the American Legion Post 1041, 533 Amherst Street. Pre-sale tickets can be ordered from [https://www.stmargaretbuffalo.com/](http://www.stmargaretbuffalo.com/). All events are dine-in or take-out and take place between 4:30 & 7:00 p.m. Both sites are handicap accessible.

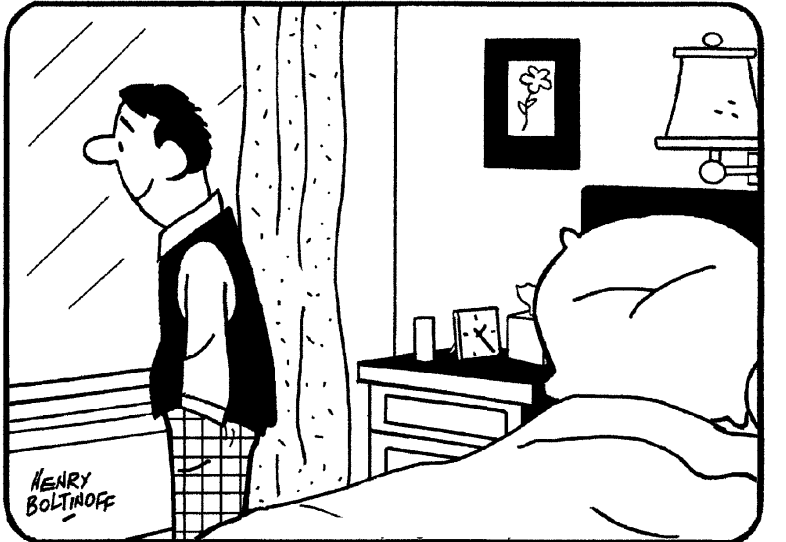


**Ten Lives Club** is excited to announce the opening of its newest adoption center at the Walden Galleria

Mall in Cheektowaga. The cat rescue group will be partnering with the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter to pull friendly cats and have them available for adoption at their new adoption center. When its population allows, the SPCA Serving Erie County will also participate in the program. Best Friends Animal Society is providing a grant to cover some of the costs to get each cat tested, vaccinated, and spayed or neutered and made ready for adoption. Ten Lives Club will be partnering with other local rescue organizations as well to help them adopt out their cats. The center will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. On Sundays the adoption center will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Wednesdays. To volunteer at the Walden Galleria Mall location, contact Ten Lives Club at 716-919-1006 or by email at [tlcgalleriamall@gmail.com](mailto:tlcgalleriamall@gmail.com).

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by Linda Thistle

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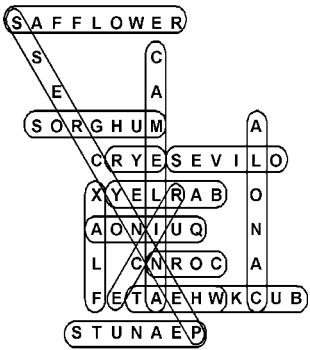
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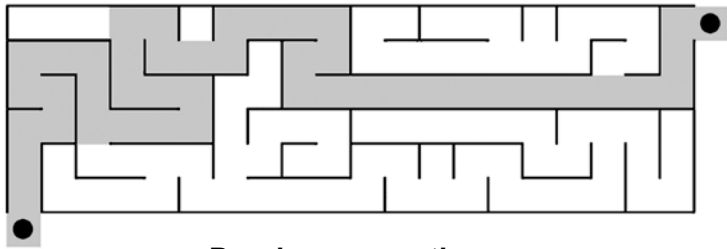
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