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Buffalo Marathon 2024



The annual Buffalo Marathon held in downtown Buffalo, NY, 2023.

With less than two weeks until the highly anticipated Buffalo Marathon Weekend, excitement is building as preparations reach their final stages. Promising weather forecasts, boasting temperatures in the comfortable 60's, set the stage for an unforgettable event. As the city gears up for summer, festivities commence with a lively Friday night



happy hour on Chippewa. This year, we proudly announce our continued resurgence, inching back towards pre-pandemic levels with a remarkable turnout and we have just reached capacity. Over 6,900 athletes hailing from 17 countries and 46 states will grace the event, marking a remarkable 10% growth from the previous year and a stag-

gering 123% increase since 2021. Testament to its popularity, events began selling out as early as February, with the half marathon reaching full capacity by the first week of May. A highlight of this year's marathon is the continued Heart-To-Heart fundraising initiative, benefiting the best in class cardiac programs at Buffalo General Medical Center/Gates *Continued on page six.*

Grand Re-Opening Of Erie County Auto Bureau



Erie County Clerk Mickey Kearns and New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (NYS DMV) Commissioner Mark Schroeder cut the ribbon during the Grand Re-Opening of the Erie County Auto Bureau in the Urbandale Plaza in Depew.

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns, along with state and local government officials, Auto Bureau staff

and local business leaders, cut the red ribbon marking the official Grand Re-Opening of the Erie County Auto

Bureau located in the Urbandale Plaza in Depew. "After undergoing extensive renovations and a lease renewal process, we are once again open to conduct your local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) business here in Depew, stated Kearns. "In-person transactions no longer require an appointment. However, they are strongly encouraged, as appointments do take priority. The hours of operation for this Auto Bureau branch will be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The new facility features new flooring, energy efficient LED lighting, updated electric service, a customer-only restroom, ADA compliant automatic doors and counters, as well as an *Continued on page five.*

With Summer Around The Corner, Water Safety Should Be Top Of Mind

May is National Water Safety Month. YMCA Buffalo Niagara is encouraging parents to play an active role in promoting water safety and providing these tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable swimming experience for all.

Make sure children know to always ask permission before going in or near the water. Teaching your children to be water smart is the first step in water safety – be sure they understand the importance of asking permission before going in or near the water.

Never swim alone or without a water watcher. When children are swimming, make sure they are actively supervised at all times. Teach your children that they should only swim in locations where a lifeguard is on

duty, or where a responsible adult agrees to watch the children in the water without distractions.

Supervise your children whenever they're in or near water. Whether it's bath time or taking a dip in a pool or water-



front, make sure your children are within arm's reach at all times.

Don't engage in breath holding activities. Both adults and children should not hold their breath for a prolonged amount of time while swimming, as this can be dangerous.

Wear a life jacket. Inexperienced or non-swimmers should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

Don't jump in the water to save a friend who is struggling in deep water. If an adult or child finds *Continued on page five.*

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



November, 1992. CHASE COLOR LABS INC... The crew at Chase Color Labs, from left, Becky Cahse, Phyllis Chase, Dale Chase, Al General, Tim Chase, Charlene Chase, Lisa Scibetta, and Joan Corey.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

Cloudy
High 55°
Low 47°

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

Thunderstorms
High 59°
Low 42°

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

Rain
High 49°
Low 35°

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

Partly Cloudy
High 48°
Low 37°

MONDAY, MAY 20TH

Partly Cloudy
High 57°
Low 42°

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

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SPORTS
 By Bill Snyder

Like Father, Like Son.

We're just over a week into the new season for the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League and already, boys and girls are both making headlines on the new Don Morris Fields at Shoshone Park. Let's take you out there right away and catch you up on all the games since Opening Day.

Shea Whelan blasted a two run homerun over the fence in leftfield in the bottom of the third inning to extend the Reds lead to 9-3 as they went on to defeat the Cubs in the first game, just after the Opening Day ceremonies. Whelan had two big hits on the day while teammate Eamon Smith had two hits, including a triple in the 13-3 final. The Phillies and J.R. Hornung homered in the bottom of the fourth inning that broke a 4-4 tie and sent Philadelphia to its first victory over the Mets, 5-4. Linus Ward singled in a run and closed the game on the mound. Odin Sharping made a diving catch in left field to end an inning.

Girls were playing their hearts out as well. Vera Zyglis had two triples to lead the Angels to a 5-0 shutout of the Comets in a Rookie Girls game. The Gators won their first game of the year as four girls led the way in a 9-4 win over the Purple Eagles. Vivienne Crispell-Cooney, Tess Capolupo, Brailyn Gaiter and GiGi Vallery led the Gators to their first win in the Triple AAA Division.

Clive Oberholtzer, James Devlin and Gardner Crawford all hit big doubles for the Cardinals in a 5-0 shutout over the Brewers in Double AA. Liam Lundquist blasted two homeruns for the Rookie Boys Red Sox over the Guardians.

Maren Trillo homered and hit a triple and teammates GiGi Barbar and Grayen Williams both doubled to lead the Shamrocks over the Ravens. Olive Barrett doubled in two runs, going three for four in a 4-2 Crimson Tide win

over the Spartans. Brody Huard had two hits and three RBI's in a Braves 7-1 victory over the Dodgers in Double AA. Anne Senulis hit a double and a triple while teammates Autumn Schoos, Ella Huard and Peyton Warford led the Volunteers over the Yellow Jackets. Taamir McCray knocked in teammate Omeir Cannon from third base in the top of the sixth inning that broke a 3-3 tie that helped lead the Yankees to a 4-3 victory over the arch-rival Red Sox in a Rookie Boys game last Monday night. Joellys (Jo Jo) Hernandez hit a game tying, two run double in the third inning to lead the Bears to an 8-6 victory over the RazorBucks in a Double AA game. Aaron Graves knocked in teammate Andrew Szymanski with a two run homerun in the third inning to help lead the Athletics to a 4-1 win over the White Sox. Rich Balsamo, Zack Schoos and Brendan Cannan had multiple hits and RBI's to lead the Twins over the Orioles in Rookie Boys.

Joe LoTempio won't ever forget this night. A first year player in the Major Boys Division, LoTempio and the Reds, were battling the Giants last Thursday night May 9 before a full crowd around Diamond One. With the score tied at 6-6 in the bottom of the 6th, LoTempio came to the plate with two outs and blasted a walk off homerun over the leftfield fence for a 7-6, come from behind victory. "I didn't think I hit it over!" said an excited Joe, just after crossing the plate while his teammates congratulated him. It was an unbelievable moment, said his father, Lawrence, who also played in Hertel North Park, while growing up in North Buffalo.

In other games, Giani Graves hit a two run triple and Stella Sarkovics

doubled in two runs to lead the Bulldogs to a 3-2 victory over the Gators in Triple AAA. John Brace, Bryce Periere, Jack Gerken and Perry Molisam all went three for three and scored three runs for a Blue Jays win over the Angels in Rookie Boys.

Olivia Veasley and Jalauna Munn had two hits and two RBI's each to help lead the Volunteers to a 15-5 win over the Purple Eagles. Luke Kuwik hit a big triple in the top of the fifth inning to help lead the A's to a 10-2 victory over the Tigers.

Every team in the Park has played at least one game now and while it's too early to see how all teams might finish, games are exciting and worth a look on a nightly or a Saturday visit to Shoshone Park. The Major Girls Division hasn't begun yet but will be competitive with five teams. Senior Boys and Senior Girls won't begin until after the Memorial Day weekend.

Next week, a big Wildcat Tournament begins on May 24th. Those Wildcats can be mean and nasty, even in Shoshone Park!

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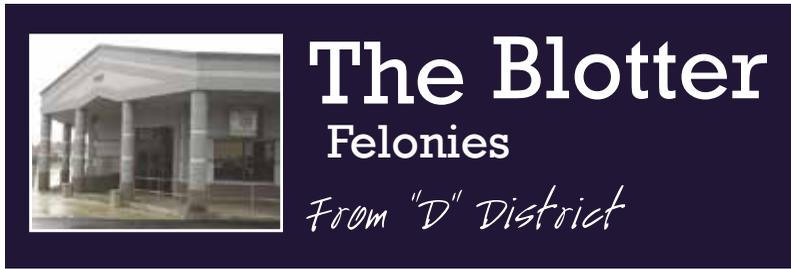
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Felonies

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Passed-Out Driver Fights Officers

North Buffalo
May 12, 2024
 Delaware Avenue - Defendant was apprehended outside 2626 Delaware Avenue after officers responded to trespass call at Target. Defendant was seated by front door upon officer arrival and never entered Target store. Defendant has trespassed on store property many times and has been warned verbally and in writing. Appearance ticket issued.

May 12, 2024
 Grant Street - Defendant was driving New York registered vehicle with foot on the brake. Defendant was passed out behind the wheel. Officers broke rear driver window to unlock the driver door. Defendant did fight officers and did get hurt. Defendant grab and throw officers' body camera. Defendant did attempt to take officers' tazer. Defendant apprehended by force.

West Side
May 13, 2024
 Amherst Street - Officers responded primary to shoplifting of above address defendant did take without permission \$144.30 worth of steak and passed all points of purchase. Defendant also has Buffalo warrant. Defendant has already trespassed on location.

Riverside
May 12, 2024
 Tupper Street - Victim states defendant did poke him in the face during a verbal altercation at Burger King. No injuries. Defendant also has multiple warrants.

May 12, 2024
 Grote Street - Victim

states that suspect did come home, cause a verbal altercation. During the argument suspect did place his hands around victim's neck with intent to stop the victim from breathing.

May 12, 2024
 Grote Street - Defendant did get into verbal argument with victim because she told police his name regarding a shots fired call. Defendant did hit victim in the face causing pain.

May 11, 2024
 Rebecca Park Lane - Defendant did knowingly violate family court order issued 5/10/24 by honorable judge and defendant was made aware of stay away order in court. Violating said order by physically driving New York registered vehicle to 162 Rebecca Park Lane, home of protected and parking in driveway physically witnessed by officers. Defendant was also seen driving down street away from protected's house and defendant admitted being there to see his daughter. Defendant while being searched at City of Buffalo booking did have contained on his person: (1) baggy of a white powdery substance (suspected cocaine). Defendant stated, "If it's anything it's cocaine," when asked what the substance was. Defendant was asked 3 times before being searched and processed if he had anything illegal, narcotics, or otherwise on him before. Felony considered contraband with the intent to sell.

May 10, 2024
 Rebecca Park Lane - Victim and arrested did get into a verbal argument and arrested did hit her with a slipper. Issues are related to arrested's substance abuse as per victim. Victim requests arrested gets help for these issues as this is an on going problem and police have been involved before.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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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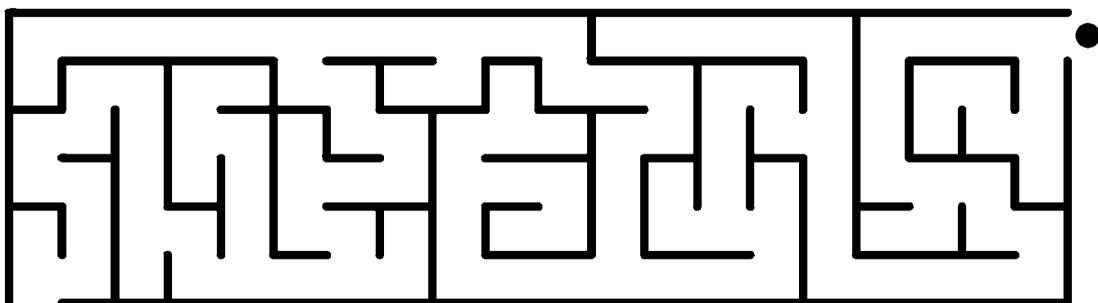
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Kids' Maze



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Ask Rusty – Future Retiree Worried About Social Security’s Future

Dear Rusty: My wife and I have taken a Social Security “Cut” — no 3.2% raise for us, due to something called “IRMAA,” based on our income. We actually took, together, a \$400 a month cut. As far as I can tell from what they told me, we are means tested and were too successful, so our Medicare premiums were much higher, which resulted in our reduced Social Security for 2024. Have you sorted this out? And, if so, can I appeal this disgusting situation?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Baffled Senior
Dear Baffled:

We’re very familiar with the “Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount” — not so affectionately called “IRMAA.” IRMAA catches many Social Security beneficiaries by surprise, not only higher earners such as you, but also those who make large withdrawals from a tax-deferred account, who sell property, or who have any other kind of sudden large bump in their taxable income. Essentially, if your income is over certain thresholds for your IRS filing status, you pay a higher “IRMAA” premium for your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services) and your Part D (prescription drug coverage). And since your Medicare premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment, your net monthly Social Security payment goes down.

Any COLA added to your Social Security benefit is often consumed by an IRMAA

increase to your Medicare premiums. And, to further complicate matters, your Medicare premium for the current year is determined by your income from two years prior, which means your 2024 Medicare premiums were determined by your 2022 income.

The IRMAA thresholds are different depending on your income tax filing status, but assuming you file your taxes as “married/jointly,” your combined 2022 income had to be more than \$206,000 to cause IRMAA to apply in 2024. With income between \$206,000 and \$258,000, each of your Part B premiums would be \$244.60 (instead of the standard \$174.70), and your Part D premium (if you have Part D) would incur another \$12.90 on top of your regular Part D premium amount. IRMAA premiums further increase on a sliding scale, and those with income of \$750,000 or more would pay a maximum Medicare Part B premium of \$584/month and would incur another \$81 per month added to their normal Part D premium. Thus, as you have noted, Medicare premiums are, indeed, “means-tested.”

Can you appeal “this disgusting situation?” Well, you can always appeal any Social Security determination, but appealing IRMAA will only be successful if you can prove that the income they used to determine your 2024 Medicare premium was incorrect, or if you can convince them to use a more recent year with a lower income to calculate your Medicare premium. If you

believe you can be successful, you should call Social Security (1.800.772.1213) to formally appeal the IRMAA premium, or you can submit form SSA-44 to appeal based on a “life-changing event.”

I know that understanding how IRMAA works won’t soften your dismay, but I can only explain the rules and how they work. Your 3.2% COLA increase for 2024 was used to offset some of the IRMAA Medicare premium increase caused by your higher income, and it is IRMAA which caused your net Social Security payment to go down. FYI, your Medicare premiums are recalculated each year, so if your income goes down to below the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status, then your Medicare premium will revert to the standard amount for each year.

I hope this clarifies why your Social Security payments went down and why you didn’t see your COLA increase, but the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer any ques-

tions you may have about Social Security.

Thank you for submitting your question to our Social Security Advisor department. Be sure to share our link with your family and friends.

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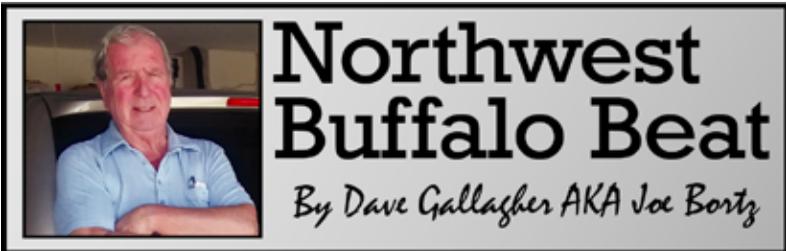
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West Virginia, Country Road.

Time for the snowbird to fly back north, season is over. Decision to make again whether to fly or drive. Long drive and circumstances had it, I would have to make the trip alone, either way. Me and my little doggie. Have made the trip dozens of times and pretty much knew the route and the ups and downs, literally. Ups and downs being the mountains of West Virginia. Both of the best directions north take you through the winding, curved roads and tunnels of this hilly state. If it is clear weather, it is ok, but rain or snow make it a little tougher.

So, it is a three-day drive of about 8 hours a day. First day is flat, I-75 to 301, through Georgia on the I-95 and into South Carolina with the first motel stop near Savannah. A place called Hardyville, S.C. This part is flat, clear, and easy. Left on Saturday morning so traffic was light. Had gotten a triptik from AAA so I would know the rest areas, and gas stops. Figured how far I could go on a tank of gas and approximately where to refill. First being the border into Georgia, which I did. The second would be in North Carolina, somewhere around Charolette. That proved to be the most interesting. My second day on the road was a Sunday so this huge city for once posed no problem, traffic wise.

Looking at my triptik I saw a stop just a bit past the larger part of this enormous city. So, I pulled in and like always inserted my credit card. It did not work. Tried a few times without success.

Went inside and asked the clerk, "Why?" She said some of the pumps do not work and you have to pay first. So, I went out and tried a different pump. Still did not work. Frustrated at how long this was taking, I drove out and went across the street to another different gas station. Only to find the same thing. No matter what credit card I used, it did not work. So, I went inside and was again told you must pay first as the pumps no longer accept credit cards for some reason. So, I gave her my credit card and we had to determine the amount to take out. I had no idea as the price of gas varies from state to state. I told her I just wanted to fill the tank. I asked what if I overpay? She did not have an answer as most just gave her \$20.00. I told her to take out \$45 just to be sure. It came to \$43. I hesitated to go back in for the two dollars. I did and the fun began.

They had hot food there and thought I would get something and eat it on the way as I was there for so long. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and pizza. She said they just made them, so they are fresh. I took a pizza. Little round thing a little smaller than a pan size pizza. Took it to the counter and she said the price was \$7. Thought it was a little pricey, but then she said there is a special, two for \$5. I said to her that does not even make sense. What the heck, so I went back and got a second one, why not? Upon my return to the counter after waiting in line again, she said the special was over and it was \$6 for one. Like

a dummy I asked if the overcharge of \$2 for the gas could be applied. She said she did not know how to do that. At this point, after being there forty-five minutes for a simple fill up, all I wanted was to get out of there. I still had the mountains to contend with.

Even though I took a different highway through the mountains it was still a roller coaster ride. On the flat roads you can put it in cruise at 78-80 miles an hour. Not here. It was actually very scenic, but you needed to drive. No cruise control and no 80 miles and hour. Up and down and around with nothing but huge carved out rock allowing these ribbons or road to pass through. I am always amazed at the engineering skills it took to build these highways. The best is the long tunnels at the top of some of the mountains. You must make sure you have enough gas as the gas stations are few and far between.

Even though it is a long ride I have done it so many times I know the pitfalls. There was a forty-five minute back up at the Big Walker tunnel. Hit a thunderstorm with heavy rain and low visibility. Unknown glitches at gas stations. Motel reservations made days ahead not there upon arrival. Seems every year something new pops up. Still for some reason I still enjoy the ride. It is long, some parts are challenging, there is some danger, and always the fear of a breakdown that did happen once. My days of doing it are becoming limited, especially alone. But I am here, back home for another enjoyable summer in Western New York.

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

With Summer Around The Corner, Water Safety Should Be Top Of Mind

Continued from page one. their friend in deep water unexpectedly, their natural reaction may be to jump in the water to try to save them. Even if they are a great swimmer, a panicked person will overpower them, pulling the rescuer underwater. The Y's Safety Around Water program teaches the "reach, throw, don't go" concept of using a long object to reach for

them and pull them to safety. By using this technique an adult or child can help their friend without compromising their own safety.

Interview opportunities are available with Vincent Riddle, YMCA Buffalo Niagara's Vice President of Aquatics. Please contact Mike Baggerman at (716) 565-6000 x112 or mbaggerman@ymcabn.org to schedule an interview.

Grand Re-Opening Of Erie County Auto Bureau

Continued from page one. updated interior & exterior painting and vinyl graphics, making the space more functional, efficient and environmentally pleasant for customers.

Innovative Property Services, the owner of the plaza, hired contractor Dave Bender, owner of BDM Construction and his team of high-quality remodelers to conduct the build-out. Streamline Designs created and installed all the interior and exterior window graphics.

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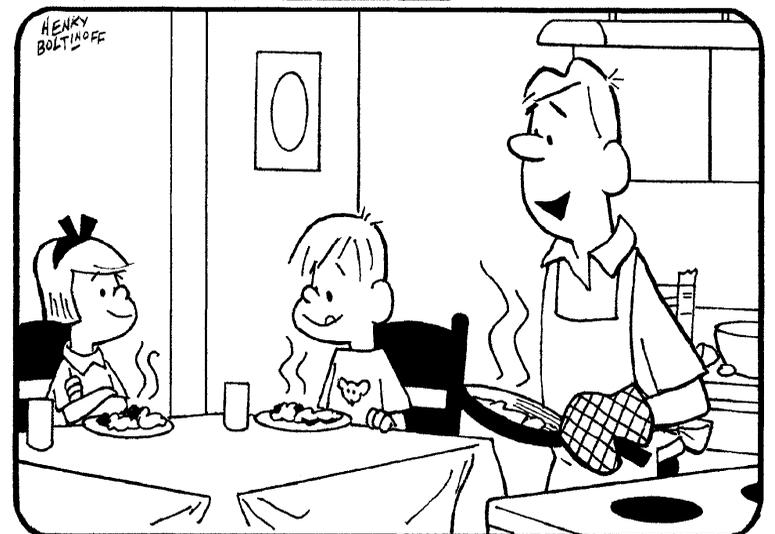
uments, registration of motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, vessels and all-terrain vehicles, turn-in license plates and motor vehicle enforcement transactions. As always, motorists are encouraged to "Renew Local" and patronize the Erie County Auto Bureaus when renewing their vehicle registrations and driver's licenses.

For a complete list of Auto Bureau locations or to schedule an in-person appointment go to erie.gov/clerk. For those requiring a reasonable accommodation, or do not have access to the internet, can call the Clerk's Outreach Center at 716-858-8864.

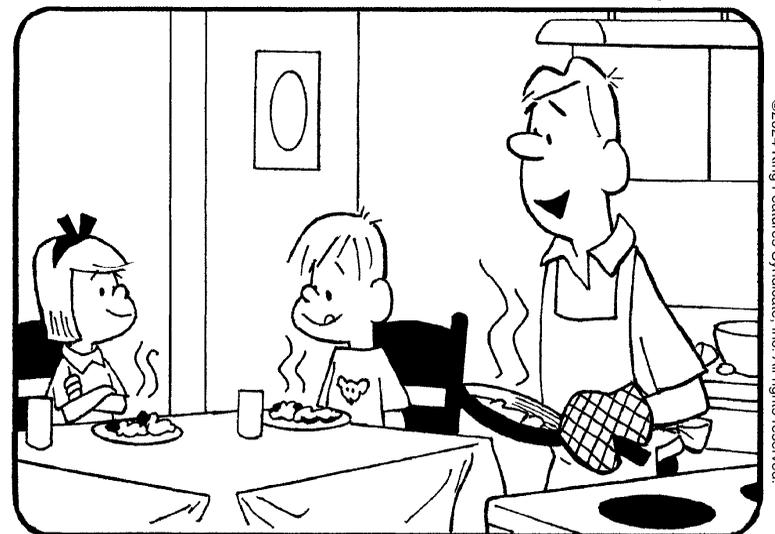


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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Burner is larger. 2. Hand is not showing. 3. Plate is moved. 4. Glass is moved. 5. Box is missing. 6. Hair is longer.

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Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk: Plant and Seed Exchange May 18, 2024, 10am-2pm University Presbyterian Church, 3330 Main St. at Niagara Falls Blvd Free plant & seed exchange. Bring your perennials and seeds to share and get some new plants and seeds for your garden. In addition, pots, planters, and garden art will be for sale. Donations of used pots, garden ornaments, and other garden paraphernalia are welcome. Sponsored by Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk and Artseeds. Contact us: capengardenwalk@gmail.com



The Western New York Scout Council is pleased to announce that the council has organized a bike rodeo / safety fair / touch-a-truck event on Sunday May 19 from noon-3pm at Raymour & Flanigan parking lot 3464 McKinley Pkwy Hamburg. "This event is a great opportunity to get kids out, bring their bikes, and have some fun in a safe and well organized setting", said Ed Kane, Event and Red Jacket District Chair. Activities during the event include: Bike rodeo - organized by Bert's Bikes Safety demonstration Scouting unit sign-up opportunities Participating community organizations include: Bert's Bikes & Fitness Erie County Sheriffs NYS Police NYS Dept of Transportation NYS Forest Rangers NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation Hamburg Police Orchard Park Police Newton-Abbott Fire Co Woodlawn Fire Co Boston Fire Co- Fire Prevention Trailer Hamburg Highway Sponsors for the event, include: Raymour & Flanigan Sketchers Bert's Bikes and Fitness Tim Hortons Additional details and registration for the event at: <https://www.wnyscouting.org/registration/calendar/detail>.



The Choir of St. Louis Church presents "A CHORAL EVENING" Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:30 PM St. Louis Church Main and Edward Streets Buffalo, NY 14202 The St. Louis Choir recaps its 2023-2024 season with works of Farrant, Ouseley, Gabrieli, Palestrina, and many more. Admission is free and all are welcome! The Choir of St. Louis Church and Camerata di Sant' Antonio Chamber Orchestra also present Friday, June 7, 2024 7:30 pm St. Louis Church Main and Edward Streets Buffalo, NY 14202 The Choir joins the Camerata in works of Vivaldi.



The Buffalo History Museum: Pan-American Exposition returns in a new exhibit —the Exposi-

tion's only planned, permanent structure. The Pan-American Exposition was a world's fair held in Buffalo between May and November of 1901. The new exhibit launching on May 2 inside the Museum's State Court, "Return to the Rainbow City: Buffalo's Pan-American Exposition," will recount the story of the fair—its planning, construction, and legacy—and feature a variety of Pan-Am artifacts, paintings, and photographs. The display will include nearly 100 Pan-Am keepsakes – from cups and mugs to paperweights and playing cards – that souvenir manufacturers created for the fair. During the Exposition's six-month run, more than eight million guests from around the world passed through its gates to explore the fair's 350 acres bounded by Delaware Park, the New York Central railroad line, and Delaware and Elmwood Avenues. The fair aimed to celebrate the achievements of the Western Hemisphere and foster better relations between the nations of North, South, and Central America. It showcased industrial, cultural, and technological progress—the centerpiece being the large-scale use of electricity to illuminate its buildings each night.



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Buffalo Marathon 2024

Continued from page one. Vascular Institute. Anticipated to surpass \$700,000 in total contributions since its inception in 2019, this endeavor underscores our commitment to supporting world-class cardiac care. Furthermore, the Buffalo Marathon Weekend has proudly raised over 1.7 million dollars, aiding more than 50 nonprofit organizations through volun-

teer support. Continuing our philanthropic efforts, donations in support of our cardiac care initiatives are still being accepted through Saturday via our website at buffalomarathon.org. The Buffalo Marathon Weekend Athlete Guide, course maps, and Road closures for the weekend can all be found on our website as well.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL OF GEORGIA

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Answers on page seven.

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Application for Authority of Goldstar Fashion LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/2/2024. The fict. name under which the LLC will do business in NY is Goldstar Crystals LLC. Formed in MD 4/16/2021. Office loc.: Erie County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to and the office address in MD is c/o Halil Aslan, 4384 Eagle Court, Waldorf, MD 20603. Arts. of Organization filed with Daniel K. Phillips, Interim Dir. of Assessments and Taxation, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 25

Notice of Formation of D & L Laundromat, LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on April 16, 2024. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 5775 Broadway, Lancaster NY 14086. Any lawful purpose. 25

Notice of Formation of Eve Holberg Planning LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on March 19, 2024. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 71 Norwalk Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216. Any lawful purpose. 21

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, -against- NATASHA D. MCCAIN, if living, and if she be dead, any and all persons unknown to Plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons

deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to Plaintiff, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants. INDEX NO.: 812449/2023 FILED: May 7, 2024 TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant an Order of Raymond W. Walter, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Erie County, dated April 25, 2024 and entered April 30, 2024. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage in the amount of \$78,551.00 recorded in the Erie County Clerk's/ City Register's Office on May 22, 2019 in Book 13896 of Mortgages at Page 8327 covering the premises known as 64 ONTARIO STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14207. Thereafter, the Mortgage was assigned to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, by an

Assignment of Mortgage dated July 8, 2020 and recorded with the Erie County Clerk on July 14, 2020, in Book 13946 at Page 8923. The loan was then modified by a Loan Modification Agreement dated April 26, 2022 and recorded with the Erie County Clerk on August 3, 2022, in Book 11405 at Page 7112. The loan was further modified by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 15, 2023 and recorded with the Erie County Clerk on March 9, 2023, in Book 14084 at Page 5614. The relief sought in the within action is a final Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Erie County is designated as the place of trial on the basis of the fact that the real property affected by this action is located wholly within said County. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME if you do not respond

to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your Property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Westbury, New York, March 28, 2024. Maria Sideris, Esq., DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP PLLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 242 Drexel

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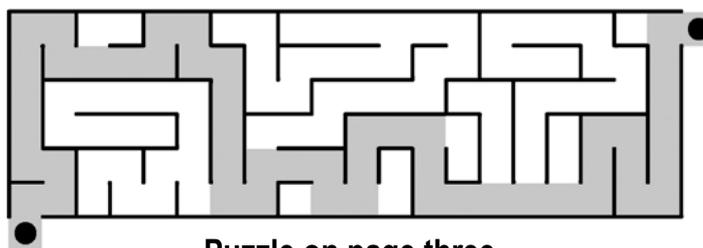
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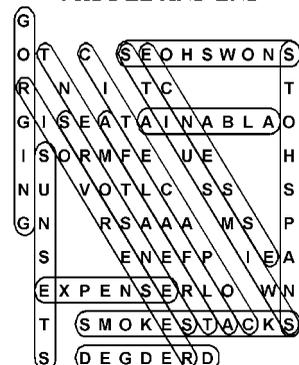
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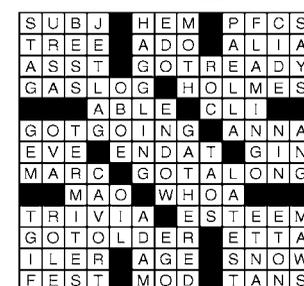
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Puzzle on page six.

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



Puzzle on page three.

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