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## It's Cookie Time!



Photo Courtesy: Girl Scouts of Western New York.

### Girl Scouts of Western New York Kicks Off 2025 Cookie Season and Opens Summer Camp Registration starting January 8 through March 30, 2025.

Girl Scouts of Western New York (GSWNY) is excited to announce that two of its most highly anticipated seasons have arrived – Girl Scout Cookie Season and Summer Camp Registration! While cookie lovers prepare to indulge



in their favorite treats, families across the region can now plan for an unforgettable summer filled with adventure, personal growth, and fun at GSWNY's renowned camps. By purchasing Girl Scout

Cookies, customers are not only receiving a sweet treat, but they are also lending support to young entrepreneurs as they level up their business acumen, strengthen their team-building talents, and get on-the-ground experience learning im-

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## JBLC Invites Acclaimed Poet, Donika Kelly

Applications are now open for Just Buffalo Literary Center's Poetry Fellowship, judged in 2025 by Donika Kelly. The award, which is open to adult poets of all ages and career stages, includes a \$2,000 honorarium; a month-long residency in Buffalo, New York, during August 2025; and the opportunity to perform as a featured reader alongside Kelly at Just Buffalo's acclaimed Silo City Reading Series.

"It's going to sound like an exaggeration if I say my time in Buffalo felt life-changing, but it's not," says Diana Cao, the 2024 Poetry Fellow. I've never had four straight weeks dedicated to reading and writing for my own projects. The time and space allowed me to imagine/

pushed me to imagine ways I could keep making time and space for my work and for other ways of being."

The JBLC Poetry Fellowship was established in 2020 as a way of raising the visibility of both the selected Poetry Fellow and the city of Buffalo as a home and destination for innovative literary arts in the



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United States. Now in its sixth year, the fellowship has previously honored Keith S. Wilson in 2020, Porsha Olayiwola in 2021, Ashia Ajani in 2022, Ae Hee Lee in 2023 and most recently, Diana Cao in 2024.

This year's judge, Donika Kelly, is the author of *The Renunciations* (Graywolf Press), winner of the Anisfield-Wolf book award in poetry, and

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## Buffalo Waterfront 2025 Upcoming Events

Happy New Year! Come ring in the new year and dive into our winter activities and events at Buffalo Waterfront:

Every Tuesday from 11am-3pm, come join us at the Ice for our Lunch Break Skate! Hang with us during your lunch hour for FREE skating admission at the Ice at Canalside.

Join us at the Ice every Wednesday for ROAR Community Skate from 4pm-8pm presented by Roar Logistics! Admission is FREE, skate rentals are not included.

Friday nights just got a whole lot cooler with Friday Night Lights! Come embrace the chill with

a different theme every Friday, food and beverage specials, and giveaways.

Skating Through the Decades - On January 10th, come hangout at the Ice with us and skate through the decades! Cruise back in time with top hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and beyond! Be entered to win a gift card to the Riviera Theatre.

Silent Disco - On January 17th, head down to the Ice for a Silent Disco with SE2 Silent Disco! Tickets can be purchased here.

Kings & Queens of Country - On January 24th, dust off your cowboy and cowgirl hats and boots and join us for a night of country gold! Be entered

to win a pair of tickets to the Warren Zeiders show at Terminal B.

Jam Band Fest - On January 31st, jam out with us at the Ice to some of your favorite Jam Bands! Be entered to win a Terrapin Station gift card.

Saturdays at the Ice are also for Special Event Saturdays! Come embrace the chill and celebrate a different event at the Ice every Saturday.

Indian Cultural Night - On January 4th, make your way to the Ice as we celebrate Indian Cultural Night! Enjoy a night of celebrating the culture of India in partnership with the India Association of Buffalo.

Sabres Night - On January 11th, join us for a night of hockey excitement. Be entered

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## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



January, 1992. NBCDC ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONTINUED SERVICES...from L to R: Angelo Provenzano, Joseph Vircillo, Joseph Soos, Phyllis Rogers, Bill Buyers, Maureen Parks, and Tom Agostino.

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH

Snow/Wind  
High 23°  
Low 17°

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Mostly Cloudy  
High 28°  
Low 24°

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

Snow  
High 31°  
Low 23°

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Snow/Wind  
High 29°  
Low 25°

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH

Snow  
High 31°  
Low 23°

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

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High 25°  
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## Opening Day Set For Saturday, May 3



A picture of last years Opening Day festivities in Shoshone Park with Buffalo Common Council President Christopher Scanlon, second from left next to State Senator Tim Kennedy (with the tie) along with HNPYBL Board members James Hornung, Timothy Robertson and Paul Fuzak. Former Board member and retired Buffalo chief City Court Justice Thomas Amodeo was also on hand with his granddaughter to help pay tribute to the life of Don Morris.

Mark your Calendar this year for Saturday, May 3rd when the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League (HNPYBL) opens their 2025 season in Shoshone Park.

Hundreds of Boys and Girls, ranging in age of six to sixteen will have registered to play Baseball or Softball this Summer, wearing new jerseys and baseball caps and yelling "Play Ball" to start playing in the successful North Buffalo League that begins its 68th season in Shoshone Park.

Since 1957, thousands of boys and girls, living in North Buffalo, learned the game of Baseball or Softball in the tiny Park near the corner of Hertel and Main Street in North Buffalo and have made long-time friendships with neighbors and classmates over the years. Shoshone Park has grown to become a jewel in the community with its many diamonds where all games are played almost dai-

ly from early May until mid August.

Registration is now open for the 2025 season, its 68th year in North Buffalo and can be done by going to www.hnpybl.com and clicking on the Registration tab. There's close to 80 house teams that are formed every year in ten divisions of boys and girls play so there's no reason to think your son or daughter will not play. Boys ages six to sixteen and girls ages six to sixteen are urged to sign up now, or as early as possible to assure a great season where everyone makes the play-offs. T-Ball Divisions are also available for boys and girls, ages four and five year olds. If you have any questions about the League, the Park phone number is (716) 862-0243 where you can leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

If the Sun is shining over green grass on May 3rd,

you'll first find the League gathered a mile away, at the corner of Hertel and Saranac, getting ready to march as a team through the busy retail corridor of Hertel, to the Park, around 11:00 am. Under the guidance of the Buffalo Police Department Traffic Division and a Buffalo Fire Truck, boys and girls will follow League officials and volunteer coaches to walk safely over the Eastbound lane of the busy Street.

Hundreds of people will line Hertel Avenue on both sides of the Street to watch these young boys and girls pass by, showing off their new uniforms, all made possible by the merchants and businesses in the Community through sponsorship of a team. The League's Board of Officers will welcome Community leaders to the festivities and share in the joys of giving all children a chance to play ball in Shoshone Park.

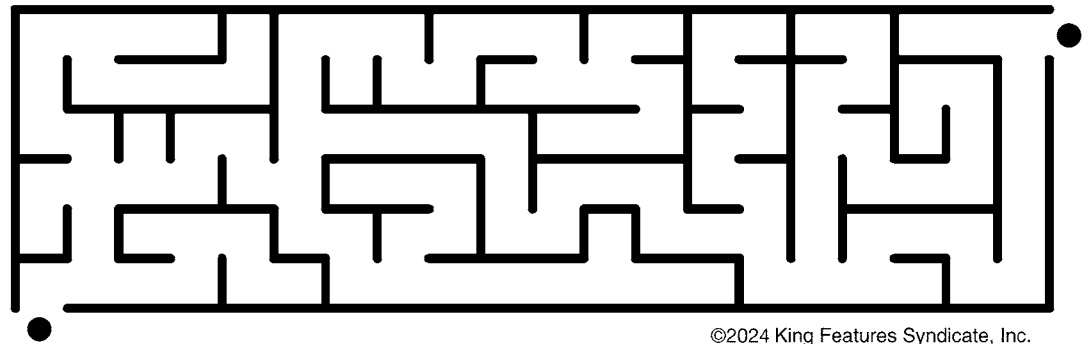
Last year on Opening Day, the League paid tribute to the life of Donald E. Morris, the long-time past president of HNPYBL, who passed away in late 2023 after suffering from poor health. In 1993, he began a 30 year career as a volunteer president of the League and transformed the image of North Buffalo through youth sports in a Park that needed more activity. Since his death, Hertel North Park has kept his memory alive with memorialabilia and the Don Morris Fields at Shoshone Park.

Registration numbers have increased since 2020, the year of the pandemic and while it's no longer a concern, Hertel North Park always urges all players and families to register now or as soon as possible to ensure your son and daughter will play.

This season, the League will use the new Thomas M. Smith Athletic Center that will be open in the coming weeks. This beautiful building will be able to help all teams to practice and get ready for the season. The new facility was built in honor of Thomas Smith, a long-time

City of Buffalo Parks Department manager who was instrumental in procuring the funds to make his dream possible. Hertel North Park cannot wait until Opening Day. It's only 116 Days away.

## Kids' Maze



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### About Investing Social Security Money In The Stock Market – Ask Rusty

**Dear Rusty:** For most folks collecting Social Security, you get back what you put in within 3-5 years, so for those that scream –

“SS is not an entitlement, it is my money”- that is not entirely accurate beyond 3-5 years. For me personally 4.4 years is the

number. But had I been able to invest that money over the 43 years I worked at a modest 6% interest, I expect the amount would have been a lot more. And of course, the stock market averaged 9.5% over that time. Perhaps Social Security should invest in the stock market instead of U.S. Government treasury bonds.

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social

Security Advisor.

**Signed: Interested Observer**

**Dear Observer:** You bring up a point we frequently hear – that if, instead of paying into Social Security, I had invested the same money in the stock market I would have gotten more. That, of course, might be the case if you had the unwavering discipline to religiously invest the equivalent

amount in the market, avoiding the temptation to use that investment for any other reason. And life is full of good reasons – financial emergencies, for example, or the simple temptation to buy something desperately needed, or just occasionally skipping a month to pay bills. Also, the stock market is notoriously volatile, which can create substantial angst for investors who are faint of heart. The fact is that Social Security provides guaranteed financial growth from the age of eligibility (normally 62), up to age 70 when the maximum benefit is attained. Benefits claimed at one's full retirement age are about 24% – 32% more than if taken at age 62 (depending on full retirement age), and benefits taken at age 70 are about 75% more than benefits taken at age 62. And that is guaranteed growth for those with the patience to wait longer to claim.

You may recall that the idea of investing Social Security reserves in the stock market has been floated a few times in previous years, but accompanying risks made Congress essentially unwilling to even entertain the idea.



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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### Violent Assailant Punches Victim And Breaks Car Windows With Hammer

**North Buffalo**  
**January 5, 2025**

Hertel Avenue - Defendant did arrive at above location yelling and screaming and did kick and break the front door off then broke the upper door while the victim was trying to barricade it. Once inside defendant did push victim over a chair and then get on top of her and punched her in the face while taking her phone preventing from calling 911. Defendant did then take victim's phone and tried to leave when he was apprehended outside. Victim declined medical attention. She did have redness on her face.

**January 5, 2025**

Hertel Avenue - Defendant did punch victim in the face outside of 968 Hertel Avenue.

**January 5, 2025**

Colvin Avenue - On above date and location at approximately 1220 hours patrol did respond to an accident

that occurred at the intersection of Colvin Avenue and Hertel Avenue where a gray Chevrolet Equinox did rear a black Nissan Pathfinder. Officers did speak with driver of Chevrolet vehicle and did observe defendant to have glassy bloodshot eyes. Defendant did also have slowed speech and did also have slowed motor coordination when defendant was looking for his drivers license. Defendant did then state that his license was suspended. A strong odor of alcohol did emanate from defendants breath. Defendant did perform only 2 of the field sobriety tests due to having two herniated discs. Defendant did show nystagmus while performing maximum deviation, lack of smooth pursuit, and angle prime to 45\*. Defendant did move head during test no following directions. Defendant did then perform the nose touch test and had slowed under coordination. Defendant was then placed under custody

and refused a breath test.

**January 5, 2025**

Fairfield Street - Suspect did strike victim multiple times and slammed victim to the ground. Suspect did then smash out the front windshield and 4 back windows of her vehicle with a hammer. Upon search of male located in his left front pocket was a small plastic bag with multiple colored pills. Suspect did state they were Ecstasy.

**West Side**

**January 5, 2025**

Auburn Avenue - On above date and location, the mother of child victim states her son uncoerced disclosed accounts of abuse by defendant. Victims mother states defendant admitted to abusing victim while inside of 241 Auburn. Mother will sign charges on behalf of victim.

**January 5, 2025**

Elmwood Avenue - On above date and location at approximately 1020 hours, defendant was observed panhandling in drive thru at 2200 Elmwood. Upon further investigation it was found that defendant had multiple buffalo warrants.

**Riverside**

**January 6, 2025**

Carolina Avenue - Defendant was in a verbal altercation with victim leading it to be physical. Victim did exit the New York registered vehicle and defendant did flee in vehicle with their child inside. Defendant does have an active order of protection issued by presiding judge.

**January 6, 2025**

Niagara Street - Defendant did grab victim pulling her

and then did punch victim in the face causing swelling, bruising, and welts to victim's mouth and left cheek of face.

**January 3, 2025**

Tonawanda Street - New York registered vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation. Defendant was passenger in vehicle. Driver and

passenger had suspended licenses. Passenger was smoking weed while driver was driving vehicle. Upon safety pat down of defendant, officer was handed a pill bottle containing two baggies containing a white rock like substance by defendant from his underwear in his front waistband. Evidence submitted to lab.

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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: PANAMA —, FL

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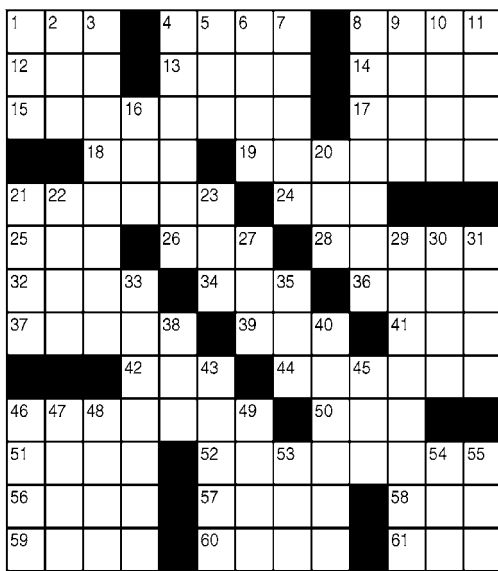
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 TV schedule abbr.
- 4 Rotate
- 8 Exerciser's target
- 12 Slithery fish
- 13 Layered cookie
- 14 Greek vowel
- 15 Selflessness
- 17 Seize
- 18 Chapeau
- 19 Slogan
- 21 Garden figurines
- 24 Use henna
- 25 Post-op area
- 26 Apply cream
- 28 College study
- 32 Close by
- 34 "Gee, ya think?"



- 60 French perfume brand
- 61 Prom rental
- DOWN**
- 1 Afternoon get-together
- 2 Ann Gershon
- 3 However
- 4 Praised loudly
- 5 Mentalist
- 6 Take it easy
- 7 Wanderer
- 8 Biblical cover-up?
- 9 Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 10 — impasse
- 11 Innocent one
- 16 Ewe's mate
- 20 Workout venue
- 21 Actress
- 22 Mark Harmon TV series
- 23 Melancholy
- 27 Fella
- 29 "Atlas Shrugged"
- 30 Exam format
- 31 "Ratatouille" rat
- 33 Patty Hearst, for one
- 35 "Tell —" (Streisand/Dion song)
- 38 Fr. holy woman
- 40 Monopoly job
- 43 Seafood selection
- 45 Cyclades island
- 46 Stated
- 47 Lighten
- 48 Baby's bed
- 49 Boo-Boo's buddy
- 53 — -Magnon
- 54 Lucy of "Elementary"
- 55 Box office buys, slangily

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- Century 21.....1705 Hertel Avenue
- Corner Store.....2815 Delaware Avenue
- Dash's Supermarket.....1770 Hertel Avenue
- Delaware YMCA.....2564 Delaware Avenue
- Enchanted Hair Salon.....3030 Delaware Avenue
- Evans Bank.....2670 Delaware Avenue
- Fig Tree Patisserie.....3062 Delaware Avenue
- Finishing Touches.....2820 Delaware Avenue
- Ginnane Funeral Home.....3215 Delaware Avenue
- Gloria J. Parks Community Ctr.....3242 Main Street
- Gamma Mora's.....1465 Hertel Avenue
- Great Clips.....2678 Delaware Avenue
- Hertel Coin Laundry.....1274 Hertel Avenue
- Hertel Park Senior Apartments.....1631 Hertel Avenue
- Hertel Parker Liquors.....1859 Hertel Avenue
- Home Taste (Chinese Cuisine).....3106 Delaware Avenue
- Imagine Salon.....1527 Hertel Avenue
- Macy's Place.....3100 Delaware Avenue
- Joey's Place.....83 Niagara Street
- Joe's Panini Grill.....3024 Delaware Avenue
- Johnny's Meats.....1191 Hertel Avenue
- Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue
- Korona Jewelers.....1588 Hertel Avenue
- North Buffalo Community Ctr.....203 Sanders Road
- North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue

- North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue
- Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street
- Paul Wolf Agency.....2890 Delaware Avenue
- Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue
- Price Rite Market.....1716 Kenmore Avenue
- Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue
- Salon Coronado.....2870 Delaware Avenue
- Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue
- Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue
- Studio Sophia.....1094 Hertel Avenue
- Sunoco Gas Station.....4505 Main Street
- Theater Apts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue
- Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue
- Vince's Pizza.....1803 Kenmore Avenue
- Wesselman's Inc.....564 Colvin Boulevard
- Wellington Pub.....1541 Hertel Avenue

**WEST SIDE**

- Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue
- Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter
- BMHA Housing.....245 Elmwood Avenue
- CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue
- Corner Store.....Forest & Grant
- Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue
- Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street
- Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue
- Fast Stop Food Mart.....326 Military Road
- Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street
- First Niagara Bank.....Elmwood at West Utica
- M&T Bank.....130 Grant Street
- Military Coin Laundry.....1134 Military Road
- Santasiero's Restaurant.....1329 Niagara Street
- Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue

- Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue
- West Market.....1032 West Avenue
- West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

**RIVERSIDE**

- AmVets.....25 Review Place
- Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street
- Boys & Girls Club.....54 Riverdale Avenue
- Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street
- D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue
- Doyles Deli.....1981 Niagara Street
- Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street
- Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road
- First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue
- First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street
- Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street
- House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street
- M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street
- Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street
- Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street
- Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue
- Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street
- Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street
- Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street
- Riverside News Stand.....432 Amherst Street
- Roland Insurance Agency.....432 Amherst Street
- Sun Restaurant.....1989 Niagara Street
- Up To You Deli.....2189 Niagara Street



**Michael P. Kearns**  
Erie County Clerk  
Guest Columnist

**Erie County Auto Bureau In Eastern Hills Mall To Resume Services**

The Erie County Auto Bureau announced that it will resume New York State Department of Motor Vehicle operations in the Eastern Hills Mall which was closed temporarily due to heating issues in its leased space. The Branch will reopen Tuesday, December 31st and continue its normal business hours which is 10:00 a.m. to 6:00

p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3p.m. This location is closed on Mondays, and it will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1st in observance of the New Year's holiday.

For a complete list of Auto Bureau locations or to schedule an appointment go to [erie.gov/clerk/autobureau](http://erie.gov/clerk/autobureau). Those requir-

ing a reasonable accommodation or who do not have access to the internet can call the Clerk's Outreach Center, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 716-858-8864.

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- 4) When was the first iPhone released?

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- 5) What kind of fish is Nemo in "Finding Nemo"?

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- 6) What is the final course on Mario Kart video games?

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- 7) How many planets in our solar system have moons?

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- 8) Which president was licensed as a bartender?

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- 9) What is a more common term for somniloquy?

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- 10) How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?

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Answers on page seven.

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**Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group** is looking for contestants for their 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on Sunday, January 19, 2025. The event runs from 12:30pm to 3pm and will be held at Woodlawn Fire Company, located at 3281 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, NY 14219. Whether you make a delicious traditional chili or a unique recipe with a twist, Ten Lives Club welcomes you to sign up to be a contestant! This is a supporter-favorite event, you won't want to miss! Ten Lives Club welcomes all chilis: professional, restaurant, amateur, vegetarian, spicy, you name it! By entering the contest, contestants

have a chance to win money prizes for five categories: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, Best Vegetarian Chili and Best Chili Display! The first 40 registrants will receive an apron and their entrance into the event is free as well as one guest per contestant. Each contestant will be entered for a chance to win a door prize and given free tickets to the basket raffle. Each contestant must bring their own crock pot filled with their chili, along with a ladle for serving. Ten Lives Club will provide the bowls, spoons, and bread and butter. For \$15, guests can enjoy samples from all contestant chili tables with a side of bread and butter! Desserts will be available for purchase during the event. Admission for children aged 10 and under is \$10. During the event, there will be a theme basket raffle, 50/50, buy-it-now table and adoptable cats. There is no pre-sale for this event and admission donations are taken at the door. For more information on this event, or to enter the contest, visit Ten Lives Club's website. Email [bglover@tenlivesclub.com](mailto:bglover@tenlivesclub.com) for more information.



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## JBLC Invites Acclaimed Poet, Donika Kelly

*Continued from page one.* Bestiary (Graywolf Press), the winner of the 2015 Cave Canem Poetry Prize, a Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for Poetry and the Kate Tufts Discovery Award. Kelly's poetry has been a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Publishing Triangle Awards, the Lambda Literary Awards, and longlisted for the National Book Award. A Cave Canem graduate fellow and member of the collective Poets at the End of the World, she has received an NEA fellowship, a Lannan Residency Fellowship, and

a summer workshop fellowship from the Fine Arts Work Center. She earned an MFA from the Michener Center at the University of Texas at Austin and a PhD in English from Vanderbilt University. Her poems have been published in The New Yorker, The Atlantic, The Paris Review, and elsewhere. Donika lives in Iowa City with her wife, the nonfiction writer Melissa Febos, and is an associate professor in the English Department at the University of Iowa, where she teaches creative writing.

applications is February 27, 2025; the 2025 Poetry Fellow will be announced in mid April. Fellowship details, application guidelines and eligibility requirements are available at [justbuffalo.org](http://justbuffalo.org).

Just Buffalo Literary Center's mission is to create and strengthen communities through the literary arts. For over 45 years, the organization has brought groundbreaking writers to Buffalo, hosted poetry events and readings, and supported the development of young writers. For more information, visit [justbuffalo.org](http://justbuffalo.org).

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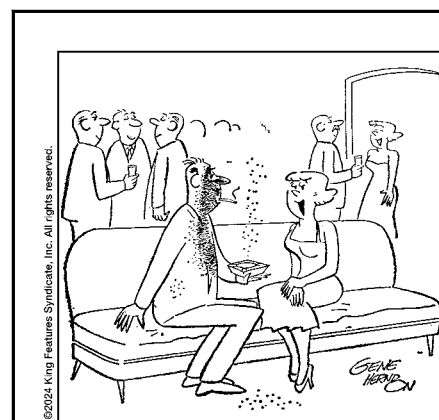
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"Now, where were we before I \_\_\_\_\_?"

Answers on page seven.

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Dear ZIPERD  
Kind WESET  
Easy PIMSEL  
Seize INKPAD

TODAY'S WORD

# Buffalo Waterfront 2025 Upcoming Events

*Continued from page one.*  
 ary 11th, come hangout at the Ice for Sabres night! Wear your best Sabres gear for \$1 off admission, enjoy discounted select beverages, and be entered to win a Sabres jersey.  
 Ice Fest - On January 18th, embrace the chill at

the Ice and celebrate Ice Fest with us! Grab a beverage from the Ice luge, checkout snow sculptures, a live ice carving demo, be entered to win a hotel stay giveaway, and more.  
 Asian Cultural Night - On January 25th, the Ice is celebrating Asian

Cultural night! Enjoy authentic Asian cuisine and Asian arts and craft vendors.  
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## LEGAL

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: Cassaderma Esthetics LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: 2/03/2023 Office of the LLC: 682 Abbott Road Buffalo NY 14220 Erie County The

NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at 682 Abbott Road Buffalo, NY 14220 Purpose of LLC: A wellness center that blends esthetics with yoga modalities for the majority of services.

No specific duration attached to LLC.4  
 Notice of Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company Albanesi Pasta Co. LLC's Arts of Org were filed by the NY Dep't of State on 11/15/24. Its The office location is Erie County. Its purpose is any lawful purpose. NY's Sec'y of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The Sec'y shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 238 Grant Pl, Buffalo, NY 14213. 5

Notice of Formation of (COMPANY NAME Ace Monet LLC), LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on (DATE OF FILING 10/07/2022). 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 (ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT\_152 Phyllis Buffalo, NY 14215). Any lawful purpose. 7

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## GAMES

**TRIVIA:** 1. Burj Khalifa, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. 2. HyperText Transfer Protocol. 3. Rabbits. 4. 2007. 5. Clownfish. 6. Rainbow Road. 7. Six of the eight planets. 8. Abraham Lincoln. 9. Talking in your sleep. 10. Seven.

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Puzzle on page three.

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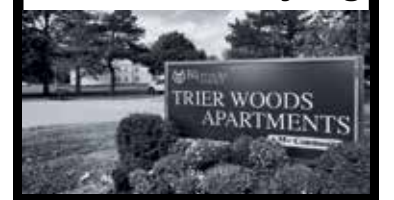
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# SCRAMBLERS

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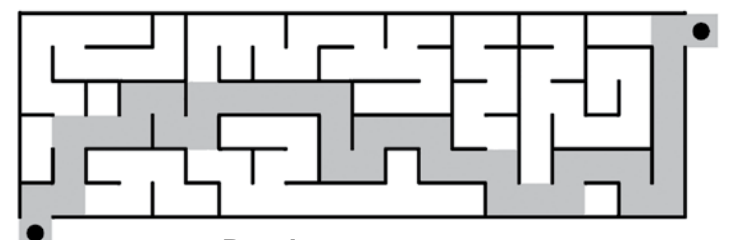
1. Prized
2. Sweet;
3. Simple;
4. Kidnap

Today's Word

# SNEEZED

Puzzle on page six.

## Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page two.

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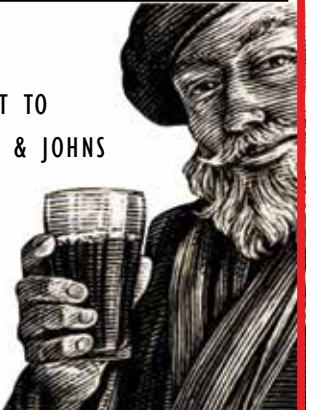
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