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Buffalo Orchid Fest 2025



A phalaenopsis orchid wrapped along one of three archways in the Palm Dome.

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens welcomes visitors to enjoy a flower-filled event like never before during their Orchid Exhibit and Orchids After Dark.

Enjoy over 2,000 orchids of all colors, shapes and sizes in an exciting trop-

ical escape this winter. The Orchid Exhibit will be open daily from now through March 9 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The exhibit will also be open in the evening with special lighting during Orchids After Dark on select nights and during several other special events. Orchids After Dark is open on February 1, 7-8, 11, 15-18, 21-22, 27-28, and March 1 and 8 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm.

The Orchid Exhibit will dazzle visitors like BUFFALO ME never before. With 2,000 over

Botanical stunning or-Gardens chids, and quadruple the num-

ber of blooms, there are incredible sights to see at every corner. The exhibit is made up of several different varieties, colors, shapes, and sizes of or-chids. They are arranged into incredible displays using several different methods of hanging and

wrapping. Visitors will not only enjoy the warmth and the views, but will also learn about the intricacies of orchid structures and their growth.

One of the favorite features of last year's Orchid Exhibit was the orchid arches. This year, there are three full arches in the Palm Dome. They are metal trellises covered in chicken wire and moss, planted with dozens of orchids allowing visitors to walk under and get a close look at the details of the orchids. Another fascinating feature includes the Kokedama orchid displays. Kokedama Continued on page six.

The 63rd Annual Variety's **Kids Telethon**

The 63rd Annual Variety Kids Telethon will take place on Saturday, March 8th, 2025 from 6pm- 11pm at 6114 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086 on WGRZ, Channel 2, AND Sun Landay, March 9th, 2025 from 10am-8pm on WBBZ, Channel 5 and

streaming online. We kindthe children's charity

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dren's Charity of Buffalo and Western New York supports children in our region who are facing illness, disability, or disadvantage with a range of programs from life-saving medical interventions

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nual Variety Kids thon, one of the nation's ly ask that of buffalo & western ny longest-running, localtelethons.

ly-produced Funds from the Telethon go to the Variety Tent #7 Robert Warner Rehabilitation Center and the Oishei Children's Hospital, as well as over a dozen local children's organizations in Western New York every year.

Learn all about the 2025 Variety Kids Telethon at varietybuffalo.

Black History Month At The Broadway Market

The Broadway Market invite City residents and visitors to support the 2025 Black History Month

the Broadway Market celebration. Every Saturday throughout the month of February, beginning Saturday, February 1st, participating Black retail participating Black vendors will be on site at the historic market, located at 999 Broadway, showcasing their unique products and items, from

9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mayor Scanlon will pay a visit to the market on Saturday, February 1st at

noon, to officially kickoff Black History Month at the Broadway Market with participating vendors and musicians.

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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



February, 1992. ANNUAL AUCTION HELD...The Elmwood Franklin School held its annual auction recently at the school. Using the theme, 'Where the Wild Things Are," guests experienced a safari theme. Dinner and a live auction followed cocktails and the silent auction. Proceeds benefit the school which is located at 104 New Amsterdam Avenue.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND **MONDAY. FEBRUARY 3RD**



High 26° Low 13°



Mostly Cloudy High 23° Low 17°



Cloudy High 29° Low 27°



Cloudy High 30° Low 20°



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For Love Of The Game!



Hertel North Park uniform jersey's like this show your support for the Baseball and Softball boys and girls teams. All players enjoy wearing these shirts all year round.

February's here. That means everyone in North Buffalo loves the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League.

While everyone celebrates Valentine's Day in their own special way, February 14th is generally when pitchers and catchers report to Major League Baseball Training Camps held in Arizona and Florida. The Blue Jays, Mets and Yankees are in Florida while teams like the Dodgers, Giants or Rockies settle in Arizona. This season, Opening Day is on Thursday, March 28th when approximately 15 umpires around home plate will yell "Play Ball!"

In North Buffalo, the season gets underway on Saturday, May 3rd but when you're a volunteer coach for a girls or boys house team, you've been practicing now in various buildings like the Kevin T. Keane Sports Park at Nardin Academy, All In Sports in Cheektowaga or the Sports Performance Park in Williamsville. Soon, however, the Thomas M. Smith Athletic Center will be opening its new doors in March and will be welcoming everyone in the HNPYBL an opportunity to meet and practice in a new facility just in time for the start of the baseball and softball season.

According to the City, the Thomas Smith facility is making great progress towards completion in the coming weeks and an announcement should be made soon as to when the Center will open. The building inside Shoshone Park has been looked upon by League officials as a "homerun" for the Community. With registration numbers over 1,000 boys and girls over the past few years since the Pandemic, both house and travel teams have always had to travel into the Suburbs around Buffalo to find facilities built closer to some other leagues in the area like Lou Gehrig, Mathewson/ McCarthy or Central Amherst Leagues. This created a hardship for some families, working hard to get boys and girls to these sites, sometimes during rush hour traffic.

The League has already been meeting for the 2025 season. Families are urged to register now and not wait until the weather changes. For years, the League has always had to make "waiting lists" of children registered to play after a League deadline. The League also informed families last week in a letter, that they will be unable to honor specific coach or teammate requests outside of relatives of a family. These changes are the result of the evolving size of the entire League and will make for a better season for all.

As we go to press, League board members are beginning to work on procuring the many area businesses that have sponsored teams in the past. Familiar Hertel Avenue names like Bob & John's LaHacienda, Johnny's Meats or Korona Jewelers are regular sponsors for the League every year but newcomers to the Park have included Clayton's Toys, Bertha's Diner and Moor Room. The name of a Hertel Avenue Business on a child's uniform jersey enhances the experience for the boy or girl playing in nearby Shoshone Park.

Last season, there were a total of 78 teams in the Park at least, who were battling for first place in ten different divisions every day, from early May until mid July. If you were there, you saw some incredible baseball and softball games being played nightly and on Saturday. In case you missed it, here are your win-

In Major Girls, the Griffs won the Championship over the Buckeyes in a double elimination playoff format. All playoff games in Hertel North Park are played within double elimination brackets where a team needs to keep winning in order to move on. If a team loses twice against any other di-visional opponent, their season is over. Again, it must be stressed, every team in Her-tel North Park is eligible for the playoffs.

InTriple AAA Girls, the Bulldogs went undefeated during the regular season and battled a surprising Purple Eagles team for the Championship victory. Even though a team may struggle

during the regular season, a team like the Purple Eagles turned their season around.

The Tigers won the Championship in Double AA with a first place finish in the standings and then fought the Razorbacks for the title in very exciting games. The Shamrocks won the Championship in Rookie Girls over the Angels in some spectacular softball play from girls ages six or seven. Their games were some of the most exciting played, according to many families on hand to watch.

On the Boys side, the Phillies and the Mets turned out to be the best two teams in the Major Boys Division and in a very close, 1-0 final, the Philadelphia team scored early and hung on to win the Championship. In Triple AAA, the Athletics won the Championship over the Mariners in some great Baseball of two highly talented teams that battled til the end. Other teams like the Angels, Royals and Tigers made the playoffs interesting but the green and gold of the A's won out.

Oh, yes, there is a Dodgers team in Shoshone Park too and these eight year old boys defeated the Phillies in Double AA and they didn't even need a Japanese hitter named Ohtani. The Royals defeated the Red Sox and the Orioles defeated the Angels in Rookie Boys.

The Devils defeated the Wolfpack in Rookie Girls. The Dodgers defeated the Mariners in Senior Boys and the Longhorns defeated the Wolverines in Senior Girls.

To register your son or daughter to play this season, go to the League's website www.hnpybl.com and click on the registration tab. If you are new to North Buffalo and Shoshone Park, the League asks politely for a copy of your child's birth cer-tificate and for as little as \$150.00, your child will be guaranteed a turn at bat, a position on a diamond and a uniform to wear all season. More information is available on the website or you can call (716)862-0243 anytime and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

On February 6th, Paul Nasca, the head coach of the Baseball St. Joe's Marauders will come to Shoshone Park to speak with volunteer coaches at 7:00pm. Carm Panara will be at Shoshone February 12th at 7:30pm, Ron Torgalski, from the University of Buffalo will speak February 18 at 8:00pm and Nichols head coach Brian Bizarre will be at Shoshone at 8:30 pm. All meetings are part of the Hot Stove portion of the HNP season and are free and open to all coaches. Contact Jim Daley to make reservations.

At this writing, Opening Day for the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League

is just 95 days away.



The Blotter **Felonies**

From "D" District

Assailant Breaks Television and Kitchen Window After Assaulting Victim

North Buffalo January 27, 2025

North Park Avenue - On the above date, time, and location, the suspect did intentionally damage the television of the victim and did behave in a manner that caused the victim to feel fear and alarm. The suspect also damaged the victim's kitchen window along with pushing and shoving victim. The suspect did violate order of protection issued by presiding judge.

January 26, 2025

Hertel Avenue - On above date at 1252 hours, arrested did take without permission merchandise that he concealed in a black bag and placed into a shopping cart and other miscellaneous items he concealed on his person (total value \$358.97) and bag was taken by an unknown white male who then passed all points of purchase without paying and arrested passed all points of purchase (with items on person) without paying.

January 25, 2025

West Eagle Street - Defendant did select \$99.90 worth of merchandise from 2626 Delaware Avenue (Target) and did walk past all points of purchase without paying. Detective has video of the incident.

January 23, 2025

Delaware Avenue - On above date and location at approximately 1300 hours, defendant was inside of 2626 Delaware Avenue trespassing.

Riverside January 26, 2025

Amherst Street - Complainant reports suspect did take without permission merchandise from store and passed all points of purchase without paying. Complainant also reported store did retrieve all stolen merchandise back. Total value of stolen merchandise \$899.24.

January 25, 2025

Crowley Avenue - Defendant did threaten to stab and knock victim out after starting a verbal argument with her. Defendant then proceeded to grab victim by the neck and began choking her leaving red marks on right side of the neck and almost causing her to lose consciousness. Defendant did this in front of victim's daughter.

January 24, 2025 Amherst Street - Defendant did enter Wegmans and did take without permission merchandise (value \$48.20), passing all points of purchase without paying for same.

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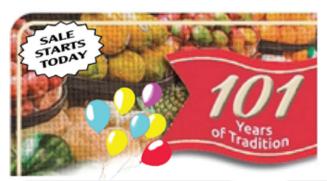
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Jan. 30th through to Feb. 5th



























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About Widow's Benefits vs. Benefits from my Ex-spouse - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: In November I will be 60 and eligible for widow's benefits. My late husband's Social Security was approximately \$2,300 when he passed around 7 years ago. FYI, my ex-husband is still working and will probably receive the highest SS when he retires in about 5 years (we were married for more than 10 years). Either of these is more than my own Social Security will be, so how does this work? Will this turn into my Social Security? Can I start on one and switch to the other later?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.
Signed: Wondering *Widow*

Dear Wondering Widow: Provided you have not remarried before age 60, you have a choice which benefit to receive - either your deceased husband's benefit as his surviving spouse, or your ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband while he is still living. Taking your survivor benefit from your deceased husband will likely be best because it is based on 100% of his SS amount when he died, whereas your exspouse benefit from your living ex-husband is based on 50% of his FRA entitlement. To get an ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband (which you can't get until you are 62), your own SS retirement benefit would need to be less than 50% of your ex's FRA entitlement.

As you know, you will be eligible for survivor (widow's) benefits from your deceased husband when you are 60 but be aware that by taking your survivor benefit at 60, it will be reduced for early claiming. Rather than 100% of your husband's SS benefit, at age 60 you will get about 71.5%. Your surviving spouse benefit reaches maximum at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67 and will grow to that point but will be reduced if taken prior to that.

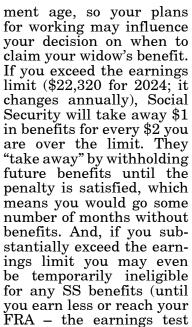
Also, if you are working, Social Security's "earnings test" will apply until you reach your full retirefor working may influence your decision on when to claim your widow's benefit. If you exceed the earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024; it changes annually), Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" by withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied, which means you would go some benefits. And, if you substantially exceed the earnbe temporarily ineligible FRA – the earnings test

obviously, you'd chose the higher of the two).

None of this, however, happens automatically. To claim your surviving spouse benefit you will need to contact Social Security directly at 1.800.772.1213 (or call your local SS office) to make an appointment to apply for widow's benefits.

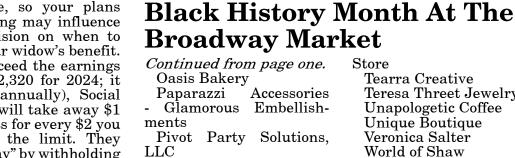
Thank you for submitting your question to our Social Security Advisor department. Be sure to share our link with your family and friends.

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goes away at your FRA). If you claim your surviving spouse benefits from your deceased husband first, and your ex-husband later dies, you do have the option to switch to the higher survivor benefit from your ex-husband. In effect, if both husbands are deceased, you have a choice which benefit to take (and,

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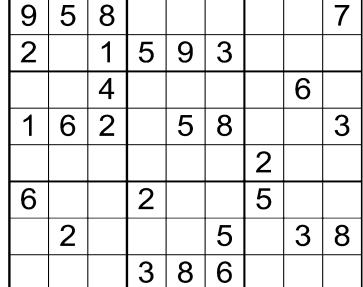
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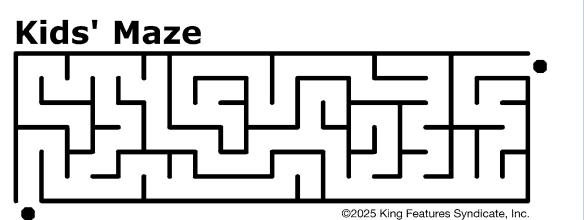
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Michael P. Kearns Erie County Clerk Guest Columnist

Unfair Interest Rates On Property Owners Behind On Taxes

Erie County, New York-Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns, in collaboration with the WNY Law Center, proposed a compelling resolution to the Erie County Legislature seeking to Amend the Erie County Tax Act.

By backing this resolution, the Erie County Legislature would strongly urge the New York State Legislature to introduce a bill that will reduce the interest rate in the Erie County Tax Act from 18% to 12%. This change is essential to alleviate excessive interest rates on homeowners while also preventing blight and abandonment throughout all of Erie County.

'As of November 2024, a total of 20 Erie County home-owners owed Erie approximately County \$4.5M," stated Kearns. "I also call on the Erie County Legislature to implement a payment plan prior to the foreclosure process.'

Research by the Law Center has shown that homeowners in low to moderate income zip codes are particularly vulnerable to the effects of delinquent property taxes. Jordan Modrzynski, Managing Attorney of Housing at the WNY Law Center said, "Our clients are not willingly avoiding their property taxes. Often, people fall behind due to a medical diagnosis, job loss, family emergency, or death in the family. A compounding interest rate of 18% makes it so these homeowners are never able to climb over the wall of debt that accumulates.'

It is important to know that the majority of tax delinquent properties are occupied. As of November 2024, a total of 20 Erie County homeowners owed Erie County approximately \$4.5 million.

In Erie County, a staggering amount of over \$50 million is owed on 7,043 properties by residents who are behind on their property taxes by more than \$500. In fact, \$18, 991,413.54 is just in interest alone, with one property owner owing Erie County over \$750,000. This significant debt not only puts a strain on individual homeowners but also has far-reaching implications for the community as a

Throughout the summer, Erie County Clerk Kearns and his staff worked tirelessly to address this pressing issue. Recognizing the urgent need for action, they collected over 5,000 signatures in support to lower the exorbitant 18% interest rate that is currently in place for delinquent property taxes.

Kearns added, "Not adopting this Resolution would mean that the steep 18% interest and penalty rate in Erie County would continue to remain unchallenged and that the interest accrued consumes a substantial portion of home equity when that homeowner is eventually foreclosed upon."

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What year was the first Barbie doll released?
- 2. What is the name of the island in the "Jurassic Park" film?
- *3) What are baby rabbits called?*
- 4) Which state is the home of Mount Rushmore?
- 5) When were emojis invented?
- 6) In the TV series "The Walking Dead," what was the character Rick Grimes' profession previously?
- 7) What is the name for the pivot on which a lever turns?
- 8) Which country is home to the ancient city of Petra?
- 9) Which of Taylor Swift's songs was first to appear on the Billboard Hot 100?
- 10) Which element is also known as quicksilver?

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Shea's 2025 Free Family Film Series schedule is below: Inside Out 2 Activities and community support provided by Spectrum Health Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 1:00PM (Doors open at noon) Akeelah And The Bee Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 1:00PM (Doors open at noon)The Lorax Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 1:00PM (Doors open at noon) Up. Tickets are free to the public; however, seating is limited. All four 2025 films are rated PG. Tickets will be available online approximately three weeks prior to each film. Free tickets are now available on the Shea's website for the first film, Inside Out 2: https:// www.sheas.org/performances/free-family-film-series-inside-out-2/.



Gardens Buffalo Niagara invites passionate artisans and vendors to showcase their creativity at the 15th annual Garden Art Sale in partnership with the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. It is set to be held: Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29, 2025 Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 Šouth Park Ave, Buffalo, NY 14218. Artisans and vendors are encouraged to apply to this juried show and become a part of this exceptional event. Online applications and additional information can be found by visiting GardensBuffaloNiagara.com/ vendors. The application deadline is Tuesday, March 25, 2025.



Shea's Buffalo's CATS, tickets are on sale with performances February 27 - March 1 at Shea's 710 Theatre in downtown Buffalo, NY. Leading the cast are Broadway's Alyssa Fox (Wicked, Frozen) as Grizabella, Major Attaway (Aladdin, Little Shop of Horrors) as Old Deuteronomy, and Ashlyn Fenn (A Chorus Line, CATS) as the featured dancer Victoria and others. Joining them are Buffalo stars Charmagne Chi, Anne DeFazio, David P. Eve, Alex Garcia, Jetaun Louie, Vinny Murphy, Maria Pedro, and Dan Urtz. The Starring Buffalo Community Chorus will be featured, alongside professional and student dancers from the Western New York region. CATS, the winner of seven TONÝ Awards, features some of Andrew Lloyd Webber's greatest melodies, and promises to be a great night out for the whole family. Presented in Starring Buffalo's signature staged concert format, artistic director Drew Fornarola directs, with music direction by Matt Marco, and choreography by Jeanne Fornarola. For additional information and tickets please visit StarringBuffalo.org or www. sheas.org/performances/



Submit Your
Community Event to

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Buffalo Orchid Fest 2025

Continued from page one. is the Japanese word for, "moss ball" and refers to the practices of planting orchids and other types of plants in a sphere of soil and moss. These floating orbs take on a new design this year and are sure to amaze returning and new visitors. Those interested in Kokedama can learn how to create their own, custom kokedama during the Kokedama Workshop on March 22, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Perhaps the most exciting addition to this year's Orchid Exhibit is the inclusion of Watercolor Orchids. These unusually colored orchids have been manipulated by horticulturalists and growers to produce uniquely colored flowers. These striking hues of teal, green, purple, peach and multi-color are nothing like the colors that would be found naturally in the wild. To create this effect, colored dye is carefully injected into the stem of a white-flowering orchid. The dye is a special, water-based formula that does not harm the orchids. The dye gradually makes its way through the stem to the flower and new colors will appear on the bloom. The flowers will retain the dye through the end of their current bloom cycle. These whimsical orchids are incredibly saturated and are strikingly different from the average

Visitors can enjoy the exhibit day or night, with select evenings of the Orchids After Dark exhibit on display. Thousands of twinkling lights will bathe the orchid displays in brilliant colors and light. The lighting effects create a whole new experience with different visuals, shadows, highlights, and spotlights that change the perception of the plant collections. Organizers recommend seeing the exhibit both during the day and at night for two incredible experiences. Orchids After Dark makes for a great night out with family, friends, or a date, and is also a great opportunity for photographers. Photographers should review the photography policies listed on the Botanical Gardens website.

To make the most of the

Orchids After Dark exhibit, visitors can also partake in special events like Thurs-Date Nights, Love is Art Night, Love is Love Night, Courses in the Conservatory, and Orchid Fest. These special events take place at night and include admission to the Orchids After Dark exhibit. Thurs-Date Nights, Love is Art Night, Love is Love Night and, Courses in the Conservatory are part of the Botanical Gardens' annual Love Week celebration in February and are a great way to celebrate Valentine's day.

ety will bring hundreds of exotic and award-winning orchids to nearly double the size of the Orchid Exhibit. Special displays will be added for visitors to enjoy throughout the entire conservatory. Orchid vendors and experts will also be on site during the Orchid Fest to talk about their specialized orchids and sell products for aspiring orchid growers and orchid lovers.

Tickets can be pre-purchased online for all exhibits and events at buffalogardens.com. The Orchid Exhibit is open daily from 10:00am-4:00pm and tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for students and seniors (62+), \$9.50 for kids ages 3-12, and kids 2 and under and Botanical Gardens members are free but must have a ticket. Orchids After Dark is open select nights from 6:00pm to 9:30pm and tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for students and seniors (62+), \$10 for kids ages 3-12, and kids 2 and under are free. Botanical Gardens Members save \$2 on adult, student, and senior tickets.

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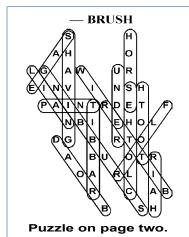
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King Crossword — Answers Solution time: 26 mins.

Puzzle on page three.

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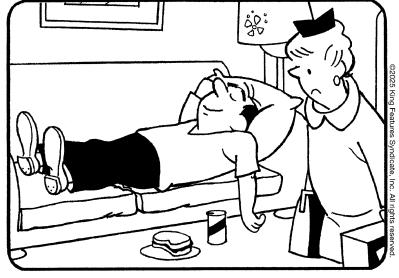
- 1. Dream 2. Rustle;
- 3. Bizarre; 4. Nestle

Today's Word

BASEMENT

Puzzle on page two.

Kids' Maze Solution



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Frame is moved. 6. Shirt has a Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Can is reversed. 3. Sandwich is



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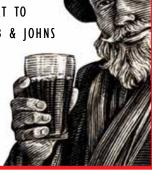
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