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Happy Valentine's Day!



Heads up! Valentine's Day is right around the corner, taking place on Friday, February 14th, 2025.

Valentine's Day occurs every February 14th of each year since 270 AD. Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. The ancient Roman ritual of Lupercalia welcomed spring to the card-giving customs of Victorian England. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Val-

entine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

Americans probably began exchanging handmade valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap."

In addition to the Unit-

ed States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century.

Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year (more cards are sent at Christmas).

The BPO Valentine's Day Concert Festival

On Valentine's Day weekend, February 14-15, jazz singer and pianist Tony DeSare performs the adored hits of Frank Sinatra in Sinatra in Love, accompanied by the full orchestra. A romantic journey through Sinatra's vast catalog, the concert promises an experience filled with love, nostalgia, and the melodies that made Sinatra a musical icon. Following Saturday's performance, the celebration continues with the annual Sweetheart Dance in the Mary Seaton Room, featuring music by Buffalo-based act, Big City Horns. Dance admission is included with attendees' concert tickets.

In a new tradition after last concert season's Rachmaninoff Festival, Music Director JoAnn Falletta, the BPO, and special guests present a two-weekend festival of orchestral works by beloved

Romantic-era composer, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. On February 7-8, esteemed Canadian pianist Sheng Cai makes his BPO debut in Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2, and on February 21-22, Polish cellist Marcin Zdunik plays Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme alongside the orchestra's performance of Tchaikovsky's sixth symphony, "Pathétique". Zdunik also gives a solo recital on Thursday, February 20 at the Clement House (786 Delaware Ave.) in his Buffalo debut performance, with a personally curated program of cello works by Polish composers and his own improvisations.

For a complete list of concerts, visit bpo.org/events. Tickets can be purchased online at bpo.org, in-person at the Box Office in Kleinhans Music Hall, or by calling (716) 885-5000.

February Festivities At The Waterfront!



Igloos at The Ice at Canalside, Buffalo NY.

It's the last month of the Ice at Canalside - don't miss out on embracing the chill with us! From skating, to curling, to igloos, and everything

in between, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The Ice at Canalside presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield

will be open for extended hours the last week of February!

February 17th - 10AM-8PM

February 18th - 10AM-8PM

February 19th - 10AM-8PM

February 20th - 10AM-8PM

February 21st - 10AM-10PM.

Embrace the chill at the Ice with our week of Winter Free Play brought to you by Project Play WNY *Continued on page six.*

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



February, 1992. **MOTHERS' LOVE WINS VALENTINE'S TRIP TO SALON...** St. Margaret's second grade winning essayists pictured at Salon Du Bouchett are Kristina Vitale and Michael Steffan. Behind them are their teachers, from left, Mary Bunich and Rose Johnson, with owner Joyce Gugino.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

Snow
High 38°
Low 21°

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

Mostly Cloudy
High 25°
Low 18°

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Snow
High 30°
Low 24°

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

Snow
High 28°
Low 12°

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

Mostly Cloudy
High 27°
Low 19°

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

Snow
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Low 18°

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High 25°
Low 14°

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Valentine's Sweetheart Skate At Rotary Rink



Photo courtesy of Buffalo Place Inc.
2024-25 Free Ice-Skating Season at Rotary Rink Presented by Evergreen Health.

Friday, February 14, 2025 Evergreen Health will present a Valentine's Sweetheart Skate at Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza. Evergreen Health serves as Presenting Sponsor of the 2024-2025 free ice-skating season at Rotary Rink. Rotary Rink is located in the heart of Downtown Buffalo, Main Street between Chipewa and Huron Streets, and surrounded by many of Buffalo's architecturally significant buildings.

Rotary Rink will be open with extended hours from 11am-9pm on February 14th. In addition to always free ice-skating, all guests will enjoy free ice-skate rentals. As always, guests are welcome to bring their own ice-skates. In celebration of the holiday, the first 214 skaters will receive a delicious free Valentine's cut-out cookie, created by Lola's Bakeshop, and enjoy giveaways including Valentine's headbands, sunglasses, and Evergreen Health promotional items. Event details are available at: <https://bit.ly/4hGRelJ>

Buffalo Place thanks Evergreen Health for their Presenting Sponsorship of the free ice-skating season at Rotary Rink. Buffalo Place also thanks our official Media Sponsor and Partner, The Buffalo News.

Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza Regular Hours of Operation: Monday: CLOSED; Tuesday - Friday: 11am-2pm & 5pm-9pm; Saturday: 11am-9pm; Sunday: 11am-6pm. Extended holiday hours will be offered during the

February Break week, February 17th through February 21st from 11am-9pm. Ice-skate rentals end 30 minutes before closing. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase at the concession stand.

About Evergreen Health: Evergreen Health fosters healthy communities by providing medical, supportive, and behavioral services to individuals and families in Western New York – especially those who are living with chronic illness or who are underserved by the healthcare system. For more information, visit www.evergreenhs.org.

About Buffalo Place Inc.: Buffalo Place is the not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the economic health and quality of life in the Downtown Buffalo business improvement district. The organization strives to manage public and private sector resources to create the best possible environment in which to live, work and play. For more information, visit www.buffaloplace.com.

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First Niagara.....	201 Amherst Street
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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Armed Thief Steals BMW, Arrested, Then Owner Arrested For Suspended License

North Buffalo January 29, 2025
Amherst Street - Defendant did enter Wegmans Grocery on above date and location, located at 601 Amherst Street. Defendant did take \$180.00 worth of soap without permission. Defendant did pass all points of purchase without paying. Defendant identified by probation officer.

January 28, 2025
Hertel Avenue - Defendant did enter store and did select \$50.00 worth of merchandise and did pass all points of purchase without paying. When staff member tried to stop the suspect, he did threaten physical harm, causing staff member to be alarmed. Defendant fled in a New York registered vehicle, a gray Lexus. Defendant was positively identified through photo array.

Riverside February 2, 2025
Progressive Street - On above date and location at approximately 1721 hours at Hinman and Military, officers observed a Georgia registered vehicle which is a switched plate that was affixed to a stolen 2017 white BMW X3. Officers did then observe the defendant park the car near Tonawanda and Progressive Street and walk eastbound on Progressive. Defendant was apprehended on 60 Progressive and officer removed the key fob to the vehicle that defendant had thrown into the snow at 30 Progressive. Vehicle was returned to owner at the scene. Operator did have suspended license. Officer did then have all occupants exit the vehicle since the vehicle was going to impound. As officer did an officer safety pat down, officer did discover a silver Colt 38. Special revolver through

plain feel in defendant's fanny pack. The firearm was loaded with 6 rounds. Gun recovered and made safe by officer. Evidence submitted to lab.

January 31, 2025
Baxter Street - On above date and location at approximately 2246 hours while at 72 Baxter Street, after a verbal argument defendant did shoot complainant in the left buttocks, causing physical injury. Complainant was treated for injuries at ECMC hospital. Defendant apprehended by patrol officer in Riverside Park. Found by lieutenant at Tonawanda and Crowley was a Kel Tec PF9 9mm with one in the chamber. 7 capacity magazine found several feet away empty. Firearm collected by detective.

January 30, 2025
Elmwood Avenue - Defendant did enter Tops at 2101 Elmwood Avenue. Once inside defendant did take a total of \$304.98 in merchandise past all points of sale, with no attempt to pay.

February 1, 2025
Bush Street - Victim reports that defendant did threaten to get a weapon to use on her.

Victim stated to officers that defendant pushed her multiple times and called her ugly and victim did states she is two months pregnant and very fearful.

February 1, 2025
Esser Avenue - Suspect did punch victim in the head multiple times and did pull her hair. Suspect did do this in front of their children. Suspect was highly intoxicated. Victim did have headache from this incident.



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ACROSS

1 Beanies
5 Enfold
9 Stanley Cup org.
12 Luau dance
13 Roof overhang
14 Parisian "yes"
15 Pedestal occupant
16 Sketch
17 Trio after Q
18 Church organ feature
19 Retrieve
20 Bogus
21 Canonized Fr. woman
23 Soul, to Sartre
25 "Fantasia" ballerinas
28 Esteem
32 Commence
33 Biblical king
34 Gave a speech
36 Sipping aids
37 Weep
38 Spigot
39 "Holy cow!"
42 Away from SSW
44 Foot fraction
48 Flight stat
49 "Misery" star James
50 Olympian Lipinski

DOWN

1 Poker token
2 BMW rival
3 Fall into a chair
4 Merchant's spiel
5 Hunks of cheese
6 Exceptional
7 Online icon
8 Church seat
9 Director Ephron
10 Corn cover
11 Low-calorie
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25 "Westworld" network
26 Suffix with hotel
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40 Shoppe description
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45 "The Lion King" lion
46 Gullet
47 Slugger Aaron
49 Purring pet

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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: JUST ONE OF — THINGS

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Why Was Social Security Money Moved To The General Treasury? – Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: Why were the Social Security funds moved from the Social Security account to the General Fund with the government? Is it not then called a tax making it an entitlement? That then gives the government control of our retirement. Most of us feel that someone should be in charge and use the Social Security fund with investments that grow our savings.

I invested my 401K and savings, and the original amount made me money during the Trump years, and I'm now trying to catch up. I make this statement because I draw more from my investments than I receive from Social Security.

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

Signed: Questioning Senior Citizen

Dear Questioning Senior: I'm afraid I must inform you that no Social Security funds have ever been moved from the Social Security account to the government's Gener-

al Fund – this is a pervasive myth which we have refuted many times over the years. For information, here is one of many articles I have published on this topic, which I hope you find interesting: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-about-repaying-social-security-money-taken-by-politicians/>

Someone actually is charged with monitoring our Social Security funds – a board of Social Security Trustees consisting of the Secretaries of Treasury, Labor, and Health & Human Services, as well as the Commissioner of Social Security plus two Public Trustees. Each year the Social Security Trustees do a complete analysis of the Social Security program, especially its financial status and outlook for the future. If you have interest in the Trustee's latest annual report, here is a link to the 2024 analysis: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/tr24sum->

mary.pdf

What you will find in the Trustees' report is that Social Security will run out of reserved funds in about 2033, necessitating an across the board cut of about 21% for everyone, unless Congress acts soon to reform the program and restore it to fiscal solvency. The Trustees have warned Congress about this problem for many years, but Congress has yet to find the bipartisan cooperation needed to fix the problem. AMAC (the Association of Mature American Citizens) has steadfastly offered proposals to Congress which would restore Social Security to solvency and will continue to do so with the new 119th Congress, which convened on January 3, 2025.

Please know that we appreciate your feedback and commend you for the wise use of your 401k investments, something that many of our members find necessary to supplement their Social Security. Remember, Social Security was never intended to provide all your retirement income, so earlier saving to supplement your retirement financial needs was a very wise move on your part.

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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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Michael P. Kearns
Erie County Clerk
Guest Columnist

Unfair Interest Rates On Property Owners Behind On Taxes

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns is reminding residents that the deadline to obtain an Enhanced or REAL ID is May 7, 2025. This form of identification is necessary to board domestic flights or enter certain federal buildings, including military bases, unless you possess a valid U.S. passport or another federally accepted form of identification.

To assist residents in obtaining a REAL ID, Kearns will host information sessions and extend hours at the Erie County Auto Bureau, located at 2122 George Urban Blvd. in Depew. These sessions will answer questions, explain the required documents, and issue REAL ID documents to those ready to meet the new requirements ahead of the May 7 deadline. They have the

option of an Enhanced Driver License (EDL), a REAL ID version, or can choose to maintain a Standard ID or Driver's License

The REAL ID events will take place on select Tuesdays from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM: February 18, March 11, April 8, and May 6, as well as Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM: February 22, March 22, April 12, and May 3. Individuals have the opportunity to select from a variety of identification options: an Enhanced Driver License (EDL), a REAL ID version, or a Standard ID or Driver's License. Choosing the right option can enhance your travel experience and ensure compliance with the latest identification requirements.

Don't miss out! Anyone interested in obtaining their REAL ID during these extended hours

events must make a reservation at erie.gov/clerk or call the Clerk's Outreach Center at 716-858-8864. The informational portion of the events is free and open to the public. Appointments are not required for the Q&A portion.

"We want the public to choose the document that best suits their needs and time is ticking. Many people have questions and we hope these Q&A and Extended Hours events give them the opportunity in obtaining which ID is right for them, as there are options," Kearns stated. "While REAL IDs are not necessary for driving, not having the star or U.S. flag on your ID may lead to security issues or delays for domestic airline travelers," he added.

Upgrading to a REAL ID or EDL during the renewal period incurs no additional costs. However, when processed outside of the renewal period, the fees are \$12.50 for a REAL ID and \$42.50 for an EDL. An Enhanced Driver's License or non-driver EDL incurs an extra fee of \$30. Please note that neither the REAL ID nor the Enhanced versions can be used for international

travel; a valid U.S. Passport book is required for all overseas flights to foreign countries.

To learn more about the REAL ID Act and re-

view the list of acceptable documents needed to meet the new compliance standards, or to schedule a future appointment online, please visit erie.gov/clerk.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What is the name of the spaceship on the TV drama "Firefly"?
- 2) What is the only tropical rainforest in the United States?
- 3) What is the title of author Oscar Wilde's only complete novel?
- 4) What is the name of the killer in the movie "Silence of the Lambs"?
- 5) What are the three branches of science?
- 6) Which fast-food chain's slogan is, "What you crave"?
- 7) How many NFL teams are named after animals (including birds)?
- 8) In which state is the U.S. Naval Academy located?
- 9) How many constellations are visible from Earth?
- 10) What is the Japanese art of arranging flowers called?

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Ziti with Meatball.....	13.95
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<i>Large Specialty Pizza with Double Wings (20) and 1 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
Thirty Specialty Pak	60.75
<i>Large Specialty Pizza with Triple Wings (30) and 2 Bleu Cheese. (add \$1.80 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
Family Specialty Pak	82.25
<i>Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
Specialty Party Pak 1	92.50
<i>(1) Large Cheese and One Item Pizza and (1) Large Specialty Pizza with a Bucket of Wings (50) and 3 Bleu Cheese. (add \$2.45 for Barbecue and/or Specialty Wings)</i>	
Specialty Party Pak 2	96.00
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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 South 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 TONY 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/cats.



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February Festivities At The Waterfront!

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From Monday, February 17th - Friday, February 21st between the hours of 10am-12pm, admission, rentals, and skate walkers at the Ice are FREE.

Come skate the morning away with us!

Every Tuesday from 11am-3pm, come join us at the Ice for our Lunch Break Skate!

Hang with us during your 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.

Raise money for you non-profit organization and have fun while you're at it - Thursdays at the Ice at Canalside are 'Fundraiser Skates'!

How it works:
-Must have a certified 501C3 organization
-Minimum of 20 people
-Receive 50% of revenue back

It's the last month of the Ice, and we've got some pretty cool Friday Night Lights events! Come embrace the chill with a different theme night every Friday, while also enjoying food and beverage specials and giveaways.

Beyonce's Beyhive - On February 7th, get in formation with your Beyhive and chill at the Ice with us for a night of Beyonce's greatest hits! Be entered for a chance to win a Cowboy Carter crewneck in honor of Queen B.

R&B Vibes - On February 14th, grab your sweeties and spend Valentine's Day at the Ice with us while skating to R&B classics played by a live DJ!

EDM Glow Night - On February 21st, join us at the Ice for a night of EDM and Electronica mixes! Get encapsulated with sick drops, heavy beats, and energizing melodies as you glide along the ice.

Don't miss out on Special Event Saturdays for the remainder of the season!

Black History Month Celebration - On February 1st, come celebrate with us at the Ice as we kick off Black History Month! Shop local

Black-owned businesses, grab some grub from Black-owned food trucks, enter to win giveaways from local Black-owned businesses, enjoy live children's book readings, and be entertained by a drum circle and a live DJ!

Pride Night - On February 8th, join us at the Ice for Pride Night! Shop LGBTQIA+ vendors, enjoy a Marsha P. Johnson specialty drink, and more.

Club Penguin Night - On February 15th, come on down to the New Club

Penguin at the Ice! a free, snowy, non-virtual world based on the original Club Penguin. Waddle and skate around and meet new friends. We'll have a pop-up night club, coffee shop, snow forts, and more!

End of Season Blow-out Bash - On February 22nd, wrap up the Ice season with us by coming to our Blowout Bash! Enjoy food and beverage discounts, as well as igloos, curling, and skate rental discounts.

Beat the cold by coming to take a brisk walk along the Independent Health Wellness Trail!

Starting at Lakeside and ending at Lakeside, the Independent Health Wellness Trail brings you along some of the best views of the waterfront, including Terminal B at the Outer Harbor, the Bell Slip overlook, and then continuing through the new Lakeside Bike Park also sponsored by Independent Health.

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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!

Facet	_____	_____	_____
CAPSET	_____	_____	_____
Cover	_____	_____	_____
LOCKA	_____	_____	_____
Shrink	_____	_____	_____
ITHREW	_____	_____	_____
Scant	_____	_____	_____
PASSER	_____	_____	_____

TODAY'S WORD



"Attention, everybody! This is our neighbor, Mr. Hinkler, who has a _____!"

Answers on page seven.

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LEGAL

PUBLIC AUCTION to satisfy overdue storage charges pursuant to UCC Code Section 7- 209, 210, and/or Articles 8 and 9, Sections 182, 184, 201, 201A-203 of the Lien Law of the State of New York, February 9, 2025 - February 16, 2025 online at www.cashauction.com. The following units will be auctioned from Metro Storage; Maryellis Pellicci UNIT 2F479, Darryl Peoples, UNIT LL67, Jacqueline Anderson UNIT LL31, Paul DeFrain UNIT LL125, Ivy Johnson UNIT LL89, Bianca Morris UNIT 2F414, Hunter Charles UNIT BK204A, Christopher Wolf UNIT2F436, Nanette Arrington UNIT LL131, Daniel Acker UNIT2F553, Charles McPheeters UNIT LL45, Karen Watson UNIT C88. All units are contents of the storage unit. This list is an incomplete, representative sample only. All items are subject to redemption before the sale, and are sold "as is, where

is." 15% Buyer's Premium. Cash Auctions 716.282.8466. 7

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

Notice of Formation of (CERASANI ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS LLC), LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on (11/29/2024). 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 (34 STERLING

AVE, BUFFALO, NY 14216). Any lawful purpose. 7

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) First Line Handyman & Home Services LLC Articles of Org. filed with New York Secretary of State (SSNY) January 2, 2025. Office of the LLC located at 86 Gettysburg Ave, Tonawanda NY 14223 in Erie County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 86 Gettysburg Ave, Tonawanda, New York 14223. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. 8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Erie, Mortgage Asset Management, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Any and all known or unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees and all other Parties Claiming an Interest By, Through, Under or Against the Estate of Mary Rose Barrett, deceased, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on July 26, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the first floor closing room of the Erie County Clerk's Office, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202 on February 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., premises known as 88 Marbeth Court a/k/a Marbeth Street, Buffalo, NY 14220. All that

certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, Section 123.79, Block 3 and Lot 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$86,456.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #813601/2021. Rebecca A. Bylewski, Esq., Referee Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff 7

Notice of Formation of Ousley Consulting LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY

Notice of Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company Niblock Technology Solutions LLC's Arts of Org were filed by the NY Dep't of State on 11/25/24. Its 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 1763 Hertel Ave, Buffalo, NY 14216. 7

GAMES

GAMES

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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ABB	ORES	
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DATED	SORE	
IHOP	MACHO	MAN
LOOP	CHOO	AMO
LYLE	SAWS	TAG

Puzzle on page three.

TRIVIA: 1. Serenity. 2. El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico. 3. "The Picture of Dorian Gray." 4. Buffalo Bill. 5. Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Formal Sciences. 6. White Castle. 7. 14 (Atlanta Falcons, Arizona Cardinals, Baltimore Ravens, Carolina Panthers, Chicago Bears, Cincinnati Bengals, Denver Broncos, Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Rams, Miami Dolphins, Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks). 8. Maryland. 9. 88. 10. Ikebana.

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Puzzle on page three.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

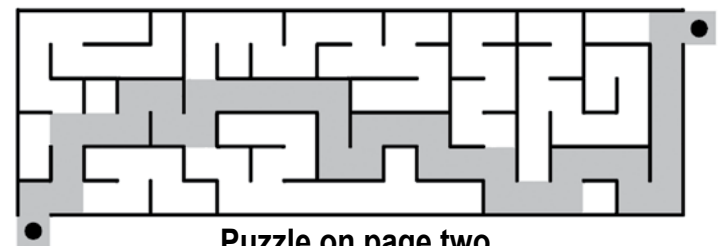
1. Aspect
2. Cloak;
3. Wither;
4. Sparse

Today's Word

PROTEST

Puzzle on page six.

Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page two.

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