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3rd Recreational Festival



Kids of all ages and abilities learning different recreational activities to remain active throughout the year.

Parent Network of WNY's 3rd annual Recreational Festival sponsored by Northtown Auto, Robert Warner Center for Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation at Oishei Children's Hospital, and the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism will be hosted on February 22nd from 10am to 1pm.

Organized to promote inclusive recreational activities and games for children of all ages with all abilities to remain active this upcoming summer.

The Recreational Festival will be held at The R.O.C.K. located at 425 Meyer Road, West Seneca, NY, 14224.

"Parent Network of WNY usually hosts our annual Rec Fest in June, however, after reviewing feedback from attendees the past 2 years, families wanted to have the event in the winter so they could be better prepared for the summer," said Destiny Lopez, Marketing and Development Coordinator, Parent Network of WNY.

The Recreational Festival will have various games and activities, Disney Princesses and Superheroes in attendance, face painting, a balloon artist present, and much more. All kids in attendance will receive a healthy snack provided by McDonalds.

All parents will receive a recreational directory with over 200 recreational programs, activities, camps, and inclusive playgrounds in WNY to help keep their child active and will be inclusive to all ages and all abilities. The directory will include pricing, *Continued on page six.*

SPCA Seeking Wildlife Volunteers

The SPCA Serving Erie County wants to add folks to the flock in its Wildlife Department as it schedules its annual Wildlife Volunteer Orientation for March 1.

The SPCA's Wildlife Department admits close to 4,000 wild animals each year, including birds and birds of prey, cottontail rabbits, squirrels, possums, and more. "In the spring, summer, and fall we accept the majority of these animals," says Wildlife Department Director Barbara Haney.

aged to learn more about the Wildlife Department. Responsibilities include caring for wildlife by monitoring behavior, feeding, cleaning, and helping in the handling of animals for assessment, medical care, and moves to new enclosures.



Also required? A commitment to and a love for animals of all species. "We start to see what we do in the world has an impact on the creatures in this world," says Haney. "It's really an incredible experience, seeing these creatures up

"Our goal is to rescue and, when possible, rehabilitate and release animals back into the wild, but we need a lot of help to do that."

Community members 18 and older who can dedicate at least one four-hour shift per week are encour-

close and personal. It gives you a sense of appreciation and awe."

Read more about becoming an SPCA Wildlife Volunteer and registering for the March 1 orientation at YourSPCA.org/Wildlife or contact SPCA Volunteer Services Man-

Shakespeare In The Park: Beware The Ides of March!

Shakespeare in Delaware Park (SDP) invites you to don your finest toga and join us for an unforgettable evening of indulgence and revelry at the long-awaited return of the Fabulous Feast—our first since BC (Before COVID).

BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH a Julius Caesar-inspired evening will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 6:00–10:00

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RSVP Deadline: March 3, 2025

Togas are highly encouraged, so channel your inner Caesar or Cleopatra for this grand celebration!

All proceeds from the Fabulous Feast will support Shakespeare in Delaware Park. *Continued on page six.*

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



February, 1992. SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED...Scholarship recipients pictured from left are Raissa Soloman, Nicole Aquino, Melinda Karwan, and Jay Wischerath.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH



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 (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:40 Wed 2/19: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00, 9:40
 Thur 2/20: (1:40), (4:20), 7:00
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 Sun 2/16: (11:30am)
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Noah McDuffie



Bennett High School Senior Noah McDuffie wearing the official colors of the Cornell University Big Red Football team on his official visit to the School last year. Early last week, McDuffie signed his letter of intent to continue playing football next season for the prestigious School.

"I'm feeling really good right now," said Bennett High School Senior Noah McDuffie, last weekend over the telephone to this newspaper. "This is a great opportunity for me and I'm grateful for the chance to continue playing the sport I love next season."

Early last week, McDuffie joined several other local high school football players at the Mount Olive Baptist Church on Delavan, near Grider with his family to officially sign a letter of intent to continue playing football in College for the Big Red of Cornell University in the fall. The Olmstead School Senior will graduate this June with high honors after being a four year starter and Championship team player for the Bennett Tigers football team, one of the area's best schools for teaching the game to inter-city boys while attending the Buffalo School. It's hard to believe that just over two years ago, McDuffie was a key player in the New York State Public High School Championship Bennett Tigers, the

first City School to win a State Championship besides a successful South Park High School Championship season several years ago.

"I'm really excited to start this new chapter in my life and so is my father and older brother. They have been with me every step of the way. My brother has worked hard to get where he's at and he's helped me become a better player since he's been in Green Bay," said McDuffie. "They're both happy for me and feel I can accomplish what it will take to join my brother."

McDuffie's older brother, Isaiah, wears number 58 for the Green Bay Packers football team and has played a mean linebacker position for the green and gold division team in the NFC Central. Their father, Steve, has been

the driving force behind the Bennett High School emergence as a local football dynasty the past several years as the School's head coach. Noah wishes to follow in his older brother's footsteps, playing in the defensive backfield position at Cornell and helping head coach Dan Swanstrom to winning seasons. "He's a great guy, real easy to talk to and very excited to have me on the team," said McDuffie.

While football has always been the subject of conversation in the family, McDuffie feels indebted to the North Buffalo Community as a whole for the value of sports outside the home. Long-time residents of North Buffalo, the McDuffie's encouraged their children to participate in youth sports. Isaiah, Gabby, an older sister, and Noah all grew up playing in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League. Presently, Gabrielle is playing Division 2 Basketball at Edinboro University.

McDuffie appreciates all the love and caring he's had from coaches like Anthony Scott, an assistant Coach at Bennett right on down to an HNPYBL volunteer coach like Michael Cheman when he was twelve years old. The 5'11, 175 lb Senior was outstanding for the Tigers this season. Against Lancaster on the road, McDuffie caught a Legends pass for a game winning interception and a 20-13 victory during the regular season.

Other area Schools liked what they saw in McDuffie's play this season. Fordham University showed some interest as well as UB but McDuffie loved the Campus when he visited. He also had to conversations with current Buffalo Bills players like Cam Lewis, Micah Hyde and Damar Hamlin. "It's great to be able to shake their hands and get to know them."

If McDuffie does what his older brother, Isaiah has done and get drafted into the NFL, he will be another bright and shining star in the eyes of WNY who have come to appreciate the play of the Buffalo Bills since Josh Allen was drafted. Go Packers. Go Big Red.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Breaking And Entering Thief Steals 42" Flat Screen Fleeing In Victim's Car

North Buffalo February 10, 2025
 Taunton Place - While officers were investigating a suspicious incident officers found the defendant in a New York registered vehicle. When officers asked defendant for his ID he tried to drive off but the vehicle was broken down.

February 10, 2025
 Florence Street - Detectives along with BPD Narcotics did execute a search warrant at 7 Florence Avenue following a 911 call for a man with a gun. Search warrant obtained by detective and signed by honorable judge. Suspect detained and firearm recovered.

February 9, 2025
 Tacoma Avenue - Defendant did strike complainant in the face with a closed fist and pulled complainant's hair.

West Side February 6, 2025
 Elmwood Avenue - Victim states defendant and self were in a road rage situation and during the altercation the defendant did display what appeared to be a pistol. Officer did recover a BB gun next to the driver's seat.

February 5, 2025
 Elmwood Avenue - On above date and location, patrol responded to a customer trouble call at 2100 Elmwood Avenue. Patrol encountered subject of the call in the parking lot. During investigation defendant did give patrol verbal permission to search his wallet for his NYS ID. Upon search of the wallet officers located small paper bags with

white powdery substance believed to be heroin.

Riverside February 8, 2025
 Ross Street - Defendant did break multiple glasses in complainant's home after an evening of drinking. Defendant did pick up a chair and start swinging it in the vicinity of the complainant in the presence of four juveniles.

February 8, 2025
 Kail Street - Complainant reports known defendant did enter his dwelling without permission. The defendant did hit and strike victim. When the victim attempted to defend himself the defendant grabbed two large kitchen knives and threatened to stab the victim. The defendant then fled the scene and was detained and arrested. There is a stay away order of protection in effect until 7/9/29.

February 5, 2025
 Avery Avenue - Victim states defendant did push her after verbal argument. Co-defendant not on scene, pending

charges, did push victim and did hit face into door causing pain and a mark to the right side of the nose.

February 4, 2025
 Ontario Street - On above date and location defendant did enter 543 Ontario Street by unlocked window and did take without permission a 42" flat screen TV along with keys to a New York registered vehicle and did flee with same. Incident caught on surveillance camera, ID'd by detective. Car recovered. Total value of stolen property is under \$1000.00.



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 5 Sprite
 8 Pedestal
 12 Like holiday decorations
 14 Ogled
 15 D.C. veteran
 16 Ms. Moore
 17 Pentagon gp.
 18 Mild cheese
 20 Singer Mann
 23 "— Las Vegas"
 24 Not that
 25 Verbal attack
 28 Yr. parts
 29 Some latte sizes
 30 Cut the lawn
 32 Italian corn-meal recipe
 34 Race finish
 35 Rapscaillions
 36 Word list, for short
 37 Goldberg on "The View"
 40 — Lingus
 41 Honker
 42 Refines
 47 Duel tool
 48 Investigates
 49 Holler
 50 "Mayday!"
 51 Taxpayer IDs

DOWN
 1 Venomous viper
 2 Earth (Pref.)
 3 "Friendly skies" co.
 4 Stage com-ments
 5 Oklahoma city
 6 Fond du —
 7 Fleet of ships
 8 Pandemon-ium
 9 Pro votes
 10 Big rig
 11 Tend texts
 13 Oklahoma tribe
 19 Currier's part-ner
 20 \$ dispenser
 21 Denny's rival
 22 Japanese soup
 23 Battery mea-sures
 25 Primitive flutes
 26 Apple desk-top
 27 Club in a Manilow song
 29 Office part-timer
 31 Charlotte's creation
 33 Toy train maker

34 Sculpted trunks
 36 Bridal cover
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 38 Great expect-ation
 39 Hurler Hershiser
 40 Swiss peaks
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 44 Storefront sign abbr.
 45 Poetic dusk
 46 Hot wok sound

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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: PASTRY WITH A MIDDLE HOLE

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About Claiming Social Security When I Have A Health Savings Account (HSA) – Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I have reached my full retirement age (66 plus 8 months) and plan to apply for Social Security this month, but I've seen articles which say that when I apply, I must also take Medicare Part A. This, even though I am continuing to work and am covered by my employer's health insurance (a high deductible plan). I contribute bi-weekly into an HSA (Health Savings Account). I've read that Medicare back dates Part A coverage by 6 months, which suggests I would have had to stop contributing to my HSA six months ago. If this is true, will I need to pay penalties and such to the IRS? I'm not able to find anything else about this topic, and I'm wondering what you might have to say. I have my wife and two children on my employer's HDHP. We contribute \$6,000 annually to our HSA and my employer contributes \$1,250 on January 1st each year. We can live without the

HSA, but the taxes and IRS penalties concern me.

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor. **Signed: Wanting to Claim SS (but concerned)**

Dear Wanting to Claim: I'm afraid that what you've read is correct – it is mandatory for you to take Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) when receiving Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part A is free to you, and even though you are still covered under your employer's creditable high deductible healthcare plan and can delay taking Medicare Part B, you must take Medicare Part A to collect Social Security after 65. Medicare and your employer's plan will coordinate healthcare benefit payments.

That does, however, also mean your Health Savings Account (HSA) will be affected because, as you have found, Medi-

care will backdate your Part A coverage by 6 months. And because Part A is not a high deductible plan (a requirement for HSA), any contributions you make after the effective date of Part A will be subject to an IRS penalty, and your HSA contributions won't be considered tax-exempt. This will mean the IRS will likely assess a 6% excise tax on any contributions made after your Part A effective date, and you'll need to pay income tax on those contributions.

What you may wish to consider is stopping your HSA contributions now and waiting an additional six months or so to claim your Social Security benefits (to get beyond the HSA penalty phase). This would have the advantage of avoiding the IRS penalty on your HSA contributions and would also increase your Social Security benefit due to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). You earn DRCs at the rate of .677% for each month beyond your FRA that you wait to claim, which means an SS benefit about 4% higher if you wait six months longer to claim SS.

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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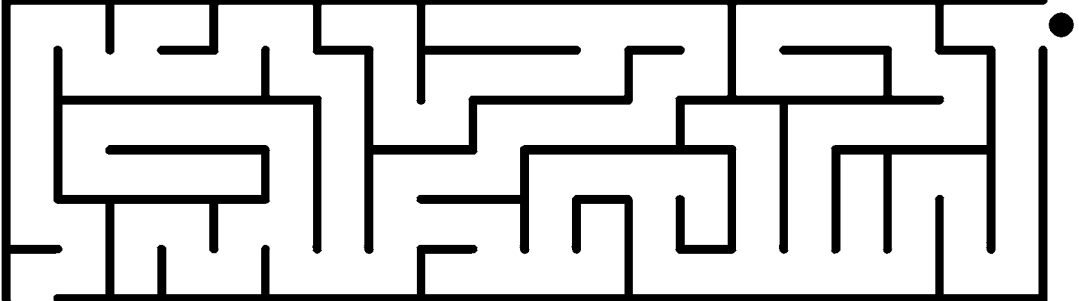
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Summer Camps At The Buffalo Zoo!



The annual Buffalo Zoo Summer Camp registration is now open!

Join the Buffalo Zoo for an unforgettable summer camp experience! Campers will embark on a thrilling journey of discovery, exploring the wonders of the animal kingdom. Through exciting activities like interactive habitat visits, up-close animal encounters, and engaging crafts, campers will learn about wildlife conservation, develop essential life skills, and make lasting memories. Experienced camp counselors will guide campers through a fun-filled day of learning and adventure, fostering a deep appreciation for the amazing animals and the vital work of the Buffalo Zoo in protecting wildlife.

2025 Camp Schedule and Topics

JULY 7-11 & JULY 28-AUGUST 1: What's on the Menu

Do you ever wonder what a giraffe would eat on their salad or would a lizard order crickets or a side of vegetables? Campers will learn the gigantic menu of the animal kingdom in the wild and in the zoo. You might be surprised by the interesting and yummy food some animals eat, even some food that can be found in your lunch box!

JULY 14-18 & AUGUST 4-8: Acting like Animals

Why do kangaroos hop? Why do turtles hide in their

shell? Why do bats sleep during the day? These are just a few behaviors seen in the animal kingdom. Campers will learn about interesting animal behaviors and why they do them. Campers will problem solve on how these behaviors help them thrive and survive and then will witness some of these behaviors in zoo exhibits and up close with our ambassador animals.

JULY 22-26 & AUGUST 11-15: Conservation Captains

Let's take charge and learn how to preserve the natural world and the animals that live in it! Campers will learn about recycling, conservation, sustainability, and habitat diversity. Campers will not only learn about the zoo's conservation efforts but also how they themselves can help. Even small tasks campers and their families can do can make a difference. Let's band together and make a change.

Keep in mind that members get \$35 off per weekly session, so if you've been thinking about a family membership for the summer, now's a great time to get it. There's always plenty of fun at The Buffalo Zoo! Learn more about everything that's happening on their buffalozoo.org.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What is the highest mountain in Canada?

- 2) Who is the host of the long-running reality series "Survivor"?

- 3) Which animals represent the Communist Party in "Animal Farm"?

- 4) Which state is the birthplace of the singer Elvis?

- 5) How long does it take the moon to orbit the Earth?

- 6) What is the score Elle receives on her law school admission test in "Legally Blonde"?

- 7) Which product's slogan is "Is It In You"?

- 8) What is an eraser called in the United Kingdom?

- 9) What are the four primary precious metals?

- 10) Valentine's Day arose from which Roman ritual?

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Party Pak	89.00
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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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3rd Recreational Festival

Continued from page one. locations, and information for all things to do and places to visit in WNY with their kids and families.

"This a great opportunity for kids to come out and have some fun for free, no matter what their age is or if they have special needs. There will be something for everyone to enjoy, including parents because the directory is going to make their summer planning so much easier." said

Kimberly Kadziolka, Executive Director, Parent Network of WNY.

There will be over 10 different local organizations present to raise awareness about the importance of keeping your kid healthy and active, especially during the summer months. They will be setting up various activities for kids to interact and engage with while parents learn more about the services available in WNY to

help support their child's well-being.

About the organization: Parent Network of WNY supports families and professionals to empower individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential. We provide 1-on-1 support and education on disabilities, special education, and additional services. For more information on our programs and resources, please visit <https://parentnetworkwny.org/>.

Shakespeare In The Park: Beware The Ides of March!

Continued from page one. aware Park's mission to bring FREE, high-quality Shakespearean productions to the Buffalo community.

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speare! Et tu?

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For more information and to purchase tickets, visit shakespeareindelawarepark.org or call 716-856-4533.

Ten Lives Club's 24th Birthday Party Open House

Ten Lives Club is hosting their 24th Birthday Party and Open House on Saturday, February 22nd at their main shelter located at 3741 Lakeshore Rd, Blasdell, NY 14219. The event runs from 12PM to 3PM and is open to the public where guests can visit with the cats and enjoy cupcakes and punch. Ten Lives Club is asking for guests to bring a gift and/or card for the cats. Gifts can be scoopable litter, cat toys, cash donations, paper towels and more! They are also having a can and bottle drive where guests can bring their recyclables to the main shelter or drop them off at one of Ten Lives Club's return centers such as Can Bottle Return located at 4255 Clark St, Hamburg, NY 14075. If you would like to drop off donations or make a monetary donation, visit Ten Lives Club

at their main shelter in Blasdell, NY. Monetary donations can also be made on their website.

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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!

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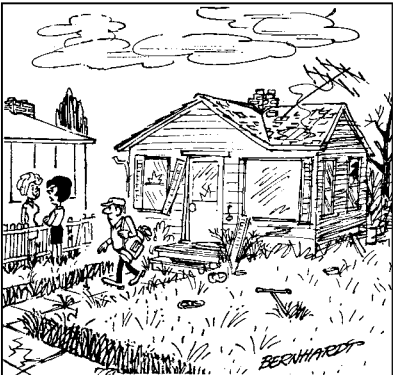
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TODAY'S WORD

Answers on page seven.



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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

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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

(SSNY) on 12/22/2024. 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 232 Crescent Ave, Buffalo NY 14214. Any lawful purpose. **9**

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

— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



Puzzle on page three.

GAMES

- TRIVIA: 1. Mount Logan. 2. Jeff Probst. 3. Pigs. 4. Mississippi. 5. 27.3 days. 6. 179. 7. Gatorade. 8. A rubber. 9. Gold, silver, platinum and palladium. 10. Luperclalia.

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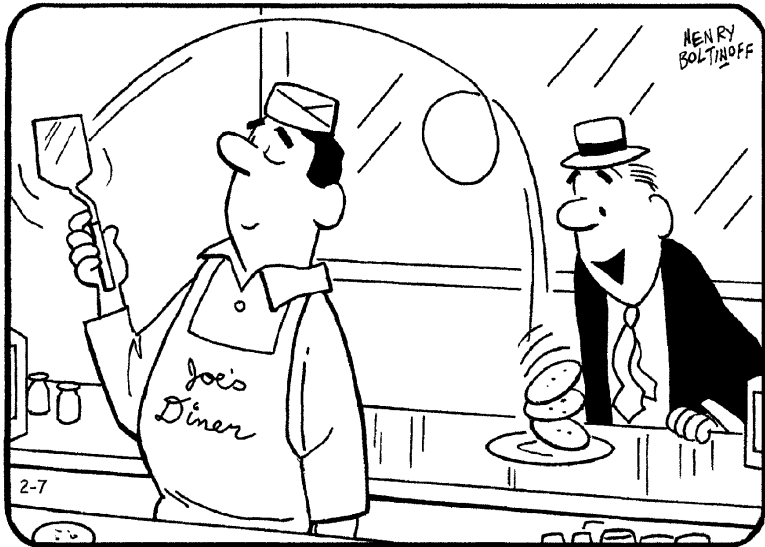
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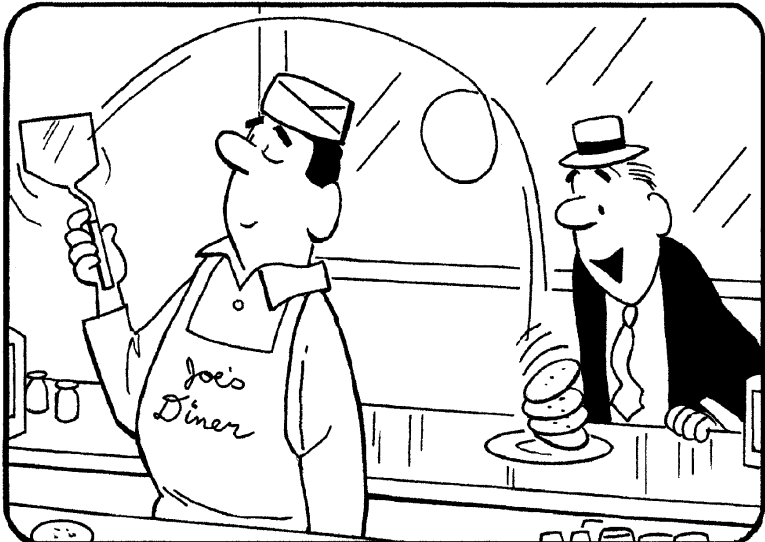
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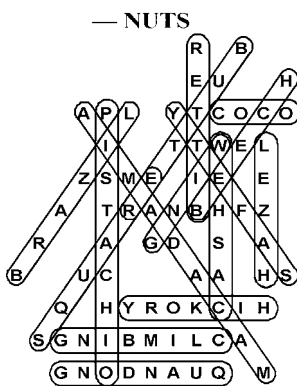
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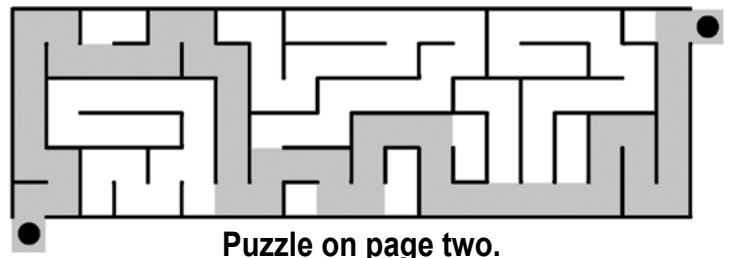
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Today's Word

TODAY

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Kids' Maze Solution



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