

Happy Thanksgiving!



This year's Thanksgiving is coming up on Thursday, November 27th. Ask yourself, what are you thankful for this year?

It's that time again. The fourth Thursday of November, Thanksgiving. We once more join jubilant celebration with our friends and loved ones in giving back and showing gratitude for the things given to us as well as look back on the long



history of this joyous holiday. America's Thanksgiving holiday, born in the 1500s, mythologized in 1621, and observed even during the bleakest hours of the Civil War, now stands as one of the nation's most anticipated

and beloved days. Family, friends, food, and football have come to symbolize Thanksgiving — a rare celebratory holiday without an established gift-giving component. Instead, the day urges all of us to be grateful for things we do have.

Shea's Announces December Schedule

Shea's Performing Arts Center released the schedule of productions and events for December. The month's lineup includes the Cirque Du Soleil touring production of 'Twas the Night Before...', as well as outstanding local productions presented by Neglia Ballet, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, MusicalFare Theatre, and O'Connell & Company. The full December schedule is below:

November 21 – December 7 for Multiple Performances



The Golden Girls – The Lost Episodes VII
Produced by O'Connell & Company
Shea's Smith Theatre, 654 Main Street, Buffalo
December 4 – 21 for Multiple Performances
Irving Berlin's White Christmas
Produced by MusicalFare Theater
Shea's 710 Theatre, 710 Main Street, Buffalo
December 5 – 7 for Multiple Performances
The Nutcracker
Produced by Neglia Ballet, The Buffalo Phil-

harmonic, and Shea's
Shea's Buffalo Theatre, 646 Main Street, Buffalo
December 10 at 7:00PM
A Charlie Brown Christmas Tour Live on Stage
Shea's Buffalo Theatre, 646 Main Street, Buffalo
December 12 at 7:00PM
Elf - Shea's Free Film Series
Shea's Buffalo Theatre, 646 Main Street, Buffalo
December 14 at 3:00PM
Sister's Christmas
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Annual Poinsettia Exhibit Opens At Buffalo Erie County Botanical Gardens

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens' annual Poinsettia Exhibit is open now at 10:00am and will be open daily from 10:00am to 4:00pm through Sunday, January 4. Step into the warm embrace of the tropical conservatory, filled to the brim with brilliant poinsettias of all sizes and colors with

unique varieties in vibrant reds, pinks, yellows, and oranges. The exhibit will be brought to life at night during Poinsettias After Dark, happening on select nights from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. This Western New York holiday tradition is a perfect holiday activity for families or for a romantic date night.



Family fun during Santa's visit to Poinsettias After Dark at the Botanical Gardens.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



December, 1993. HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE COMPANY PRESENTS 'THE WIZARD OF OZ'... Buffalo residents who are getting into the holiday spirit by volunteering their services in Holiday Performance 93' are: Anne Levisy, Karen Nemeth, Mary Pat Wiedeman, Sandra Sardina, Jon Summers, Bernadette O'Donoghue and Dominic Telesco.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH	MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST	MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND	MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
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**SPORTS**
By Bill Snyder

A Park Bench For Joey!



Joseph B. Panzarella.

As families gather around their Thanksgiving tables this year to give thanks, one North Buffalo family prepares a feast of friends to join them in a "Turkey Bowl!"

Cheryl and Vince Panzarella of North Buffalo take their son's love for Football and continues a tradition he started long before his untimely death in 2009. Their son, Joseph B. Panzarella passed away suddenly of an apparent heart attack in his sleep at home. He was a student at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, playing for the Marauders football team and studying business management and

working part-time. Every year, "Joey" would gather all his friends to Delaware Park on Thanksgiving Day morning and have a pick-up football game behind the Park's Juicery stand off of Meadow Drive rain or shine. For

15 years now, the tradition continues with close to 100 sometimes showing up, including his best friend, Connor Gallagher and his family. Sometimes under cloudy skies or an early morning rain, the Panzarella's welcome all his friends from his days at St. Mark's Parish and the North Buffalo Community that Joey had met while growing up and

playing Sports in Shoshone Park. At 12 years old, Joey was a catcher for the New York Yankees Major Boys team in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League in the early 1980's. He made lots of friends in the Park like Alex Anzalone, Jimmy Boyack, Owen Doyle and the Lepovich twins, Brad and Brett.

Since his death, Vince and Cheryl have set up a Foundation in his name, the "Joseph B. Panzarella Foundation" through St. Mark's Parish where they award a deserving eighth grade graduate student for exemplifying the life that their son tried to serve and help both in School and in the Community. At Graduation every year, the list has grown to include many North Buffalo students who have attended the Woodward Avenue School.

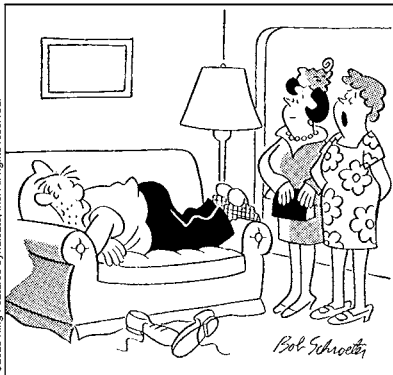
Vince Panzarella writes on a recent Facebook Post:

"Over the years, I have come to understand the true value of friendship and how easily it can be overshadowed by the demands of daily life. Observing Joey's friends gather gives me great satisfaction as it reflects your willingness to take a moment to reconnect with those you may not see as often as you like."

A heartfelt message that is presented along with hot coffee or chocolate and some fresh baked goods before the Turkey Bowl.

"We wanted to keep this going for Joey," said Connor Gallagher, "in honor of his friendship, at last year's Turkey Bowl. "This is what he would have wanted."

This year, Cheryl, Vince and their friends will be wishing a happy 35th heavenly birthday to their son and announcing a plan to add something to Delaware Park in Joey's memory. With the help of the City of Buffalo, the Panzarella's are asking their friends to help in the purchase of a park bench in Joey's honor to place in this area of Delaware Park. "If anyone wishes to contribute to the cost of a bench for my son," said Panzarella, all funds can be made payable to the JBP Foundation."



"He's a model husband — unfortunately this model happens to be a _____."

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!

Convey
RAMPIT

Scrub
LANCE

Foe
MEENY

Flaxen
BOLDEN

TODAY'S WORD

Answers on page five.



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

6 Juveniles Damage Property At "The Terrace" On Lincoln Parkway

North Buffalo
November 24, 2025
Amherst Street - Victim states she was walking down the street when defendant did approach her brandishing what appeared to be a black pocket knife and stated, "Drop the bag, I'll kill you b***h," in an attempt to take without permission her bookbag causing her to fear for her safety.

November 22, 2025
Amherst Street - Complainant reports that the defendant stole \$164.49 worth of merchandise from TOPS. While attempting to stop the defendant, the complainant was punched and spat on repeatedly by the defendant. Upon officers arrival, the defendant also punched a patrol officer in the face. Stolen items were returned to TOPS.

November 21, 2025
Unity Island - Defendant was found in Unity Island after dark. Defendant did state to officers that the black backpack in the New York registered vehicle was his. What appears to be 5 grams of cocaine was found in the black backpack while vehicle was inventoried. City ordinance issued.

November 21, 2025
Amherst Street - Defendant did leave 2 juvenile children alone in her New York registered vehicle for approximately one hour while she was in Wegmans shopping.

November 21, 2025
Fairfield Street - Suspect did shove victim to the ground causing the victim to not be able to move. Victim stated her hip felt like it was broken. Victim was taken to ECMC.

November 20, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Defendant and victim got into a verbal argument about defendant using cocaine again. Victim stated defendant put his hands over victim's mouth not allowing her to scream. Defendant did throw victim's phone across the room not allowing her to call 911. Defendant did flee from scene and was apprehended by officers down the

street. Victim does want an order of protection.

November 20, 2025
Delaware Avenue - The complainant, landlord for suspect's residence, was called by another tenant regarding the defendant being parked in a driveway without permission. The complainant advised the defendant that he could not park on the driveway at which time the defendant told him that he was going to burn his house down with him in it. The threat caused complainant to be fearful for his safety of himself and his property believing he may be injured by arson. Order of protection requested. Victims statement taken by detective.

West Side
November 22, 2025
Elmwood Avenue - Defendant did jump on victim's New York registered vehicle and did punch the windshield of said vehicle, breaking the windshield, causing approximately

\$500.00 in damages. Defendant did intentionally damage window and has no right to do so.

November 19, 2025
Lincoln Parkway - The defendant admits that she did drive her New York registered vehicle, a 2021 Mitsubishi Outlander, black in color, while occupied by herself and 6 juvenile children and she did stop her vehicle in the vicinity of 199 Lincoln Parkway. While under her care, custody, and control, the defendant failed to exercise reasonable diligence in the control of these juveniles and allowed the juveniles to wander from the vehicle where juveniles did damage and destroy property including windows and furniture at "The Terrace" restaurant, located at 199 Lincoln Parkway. Damages were in excess of \$1,500.00. Defendant was aware of the juveniles past behaviors and allowed and encouraged said behavior to occur. Video footage of incident is available.

Riverside
November 23, 2025
Glor Street - Defendant did follow complainant while making threats to kill him. Defendant did display a metal fence spike and threaten complainant with it. Spike was recovered by patrol officer.

King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Novelist Carr
6 Posture
12 Criminal's "why"
13 Tribulation
14 Small beard
15 Japanese automaker
16 Queue after Q
17 500 sheets
19 Pot brew
20 Elite alternative
22 Standard
24 Non-Rx
27 Yoga class pads
29 Modern "carpe diem"
32 No. 1 hit by Men at Work
35 Wife of Jacob
36 Rebuff
37 Sean, to Yoko
38 Ultra-modernist
40 Recipe meas.
42 Paper Mate rival
44 Amorphous mass
46 "House" actor Omar
50 Surround with light
52 Woodwind player
54 Radio components

DOWN
1 Dove calls
2 Rat-
3 Illuminated
4 Prior night
5 Six-pack units
6 Slugger
7 Sammy
8 Wood-shaping tool
9 Uncharged particles
10 Birthday cut-up?
11 Director Kazan
12 Store boss (Abbr.)
18 Corrode
21 "— Believer"
23 Sailor's assent
24 Barn bird
25 Commonest English word
26 One of a news show pair
28 Unwilling to budge
30 Privy
31 Have "Evita" narrator
34 Small ammo
39 Gawked at
41 Drudges
42 Hotel furniture
43 Monogram pt.
45 Privation
47 Brad of Hollywood
48 Unpaid TV ads
49 Cardinal cap letters
51 Nabokov novel
53 Spelldown

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MAGIC MAZE ● UNDER —

Q N K H D A X U R P S M J G D

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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: THE MEAT WAS UNDER —

Arrest	Dog	Pay	Staffed
Carriage	Exposed	Perform	Suspicion
Cut	Financed	Sea	Utilized
Developed	Graduate	Siege	

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FREE PIZZA: Cathryn Hibbard, 227 Middlesex Rd., 14216

Weekly SUDOKU

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5	6				9			8
9	1	7					3	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Is Social Security Really A “Good Deal?” - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: You’ve said in the past that most people recoup their SS contributions within five years of starting benefits, thus Social Security “is an exceptionally good deal.” Your calculation is correct but misleading; if it were not, SS would have been insolvent long ago. I will, in fact, get “my” contributions back in about five years, but my employer’s contributions will take another five years, and that is money that my employer could have been paying me, so they are really “my” contributions. But even that ignores the time value of money. I did a calculation as if my contributions, along with those of my employer, were invested in an account earning 5% per year. That would provide me the equivalent of SS income for 24 years, approximately what my life expectancy was when I retired. So, it’s not a bad deal, but it is hardly exceptional. It is roughly the equivalent of me investing that money throughout my career and using the total to buy an annuity.

Of course, Social Security does have the advantage of certainty, at least until it goes broke. My portfolio would not earn a steady 5% every year, though that is at the low end of what financial managers would expect over a long period. And it does force people to save, many of whom would otherwise make no provision for retirement. **Signed: Realistic Senior**

Dear Realistic: Thanks very much for your feedback on my previous article. I think it’s important to draw

a distinction for SS contributions made by an employer, because that is not money the individual personally pays, but rather an obligation for employers to help fund the Social Security program. Without that federal obligation, it is doubtful that employers would, instead, provide employees with equivalent additional compensation, so the thought that these are really your contributions is not a fair assessment. Indeed, they are contributions which happen to be tied to your earnings level (to a cap), for which employers receive relief on their corporate income tax, and likely would not make if not required by law.

As you have noted, Social Security has the advantage of certainty, something which is lacking when it comes to investing the equivalent amounts in the financial markets. And, as you have hinted, there exists a substantial failure by future American retirees to save adequately for their retirement, a problem well known in most financial circles. Thus, the certainty of Social Security makes it a crucial part of everyone’s retirement planning – and it will be there! Despite all the angst attributed to the current financial issues facing the program, there is little doubt that Social Security is here to stay. The question is – what reform is needed to make the

program fully solvent for generations of future Americans? The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has developed a proposal to sensibly reform Social Secu-

rity and avoid the currently projected 2033 date that the SS Trust Funds are expected to be depleted (which will necessitate an across-the-board cut for everyone).

Senior TRIVIA ???

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What is the name of the dragon in “The Hobbit”?
2. Which holiday is being celebrated at the end of “When Harry Met Sally”?
- 3) Which country is home to the famous Angkor Wat Temple?
- 4) In which year did the Internet become available to the public?
- 5) Which wrestler is known by the nickname “The Rock”?
- 6) What is cryptophobia?
- 7) In which state was the sitcom “Newhart” set?
- 8) How many sides does a nonagon have?
- 9) Which singer/songwriter wrote the soundtrack for the animated movie “Tarzan”?
- 10) What is the essential spice in paella?

Answers on page seven.

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’Twas the Night Before
Part of the Five Star Bank 2025-26 Broadway Season
Shea’s Buffalo Theatre, 646 Main Street, Buffalo
Great tickets to WICKED are still available at Shea’s Box Office at 650 Main Street in Downtown Buffalo or through the Shea’s website at: <https://www.sheas.org/performances/wicked>. Groups requesting 10 or more tickets can contact Mary Oshei at 716-829-1153 or moshei@sheas.org. Theatre patrons and the community are invited to bring non-perishable food items to donate at collection bins located at the Shea’s Box Office

(650 Main Street in Buffalo) and at Shea’s Buffalo Theatre entrances during all performances of WICKED, which is on the stage at Shea’s for a three-week engagement running November 12 – 30. FeedMore WNY encourages donations of healthy, shelf-stable items including:
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Holiday favorites: applesauce, cranberry sauce, gravy, and cornbread or muffin mix.

To purchase tickets or for more information on Shea’s events visit www.sheas.org.
Groups requesting 10 or more tickets can contact Mary Oshei at 716-829-1153 or moshei@sheas.org.
Shea’s Buffalo Theatre, the historic crown jewel of Shea’s PAC, opened in 1926 under the moniker of “The Wonder Theatre” as the dream of Michael Shea. Originally serving as a movie house under Paramount Pictures with “an acre of seats,” it would later stage vaudeville shows and play host to the likes of the Marx Brothers, Frank Sinatra, and more.

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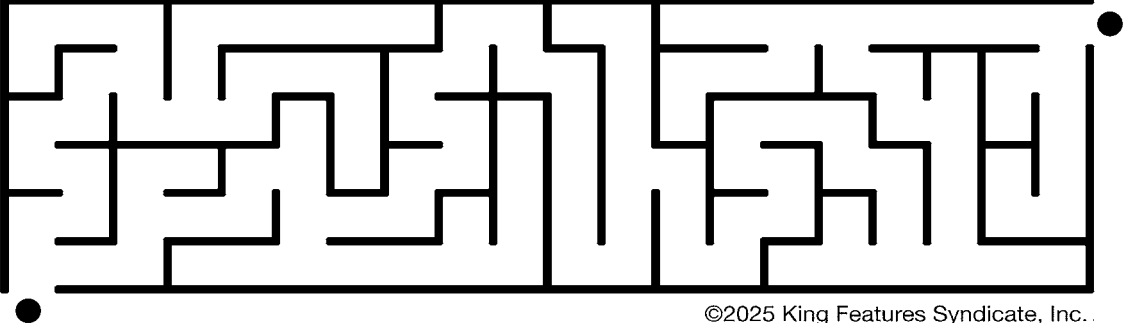
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Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Impart; 2. Clean;
3. Enemy; 4. Blonde

Today's Word

LEMON

Puzzle on page two.

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Joey's Place.....83 Niagara Street
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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
Doyle's 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
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Hertel Holidays: The Holiday Season is right around the corner, and Hertel is ready for another great experience! Join us December 5th and 6th for our Hertel Holidays Weekend event! Join us on Friday December 5th, starting at 6PM until 9PM, at St. Margaret's Parish, for the annual Tree Lighting, sponsored by councilman Feroletto. Get a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Then on Saturday get started on your holiday shopping on Hertel! Join us throughout the day for great deals and meals from the local businesses and restaurants along the street!



Shea's Performing Arts Center announced registration is now open for "Sing Your Story," a camp for students ages 10 – 17 running during the February school break. Through a song of their choice, students in this camp will explore their unique life experiences to create a personal monologue and sing their story. Under the guidance of Shea's lead teaching artist Alejandro Gómez, participants will develop their own ideas, lighting, and costumes, culminating in a one-of-a-kind performance where they are the star! Sing Your Story concludes with a community showcase on the Shea's Smith Theatre stage, celebrating each student's

creativity and voice. The week-long camp will run February 16 – 20 from 9:00AM – 4:00PM daily. Space is limited. The cost of the camp is \$250 for the week, with assistance available to those in need. To register, visit: <https://www.sheas.org/camps/sing-your-story/>.



Solitary Walks Along the North Sea At the Burchfield Penney Art Center, Dec. 11, 2025 5:30pm On Thursday, December 11 at 5:30pm, Ann C. Colley, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Emerita, will present a screening and talk on her recent work, Solitary Walks along the East Anglia Coast at the Burchfield Penney Art Center, Buffalo State University. This book is a significant departure from Professor Colley's academic books. Professor Colley's talk will include both audio and visual components, including magnificent windswept visuals of the Anglia Coast in England. Professor Colley has thoughtfully chronicled her weekend walks along the coast, while she was living in Cambridge, England. At the time, she was working on her 2023 literary study, Coleridge and the Geometric Idiom: Walking with Euclide. As a respite from her work in Cambridge, Professor Colley, would board a train destined for one of England's seaside towns. These historic towns reflect memories of a former time when these coastal communities were popular destinations for the British. Today, they see far fewer visitors, leaving the coastal beach – at times – near empty. Thus, according to Professor Colley, the deserted shores of the North Sea make for a near perfect walk. Please join us for this beautiful audio-visual event in the Burchfield Penny Art Penney Art Center. Free and open to the public. For More information, please contact: Susan McCartney, Buffalo State University: 716.878.4030 | Mccartsa@buffalostate.edu.



M&T Bank Presents Third Thursdays at the Buffalo Zoo will continue for one more Thursday in 2025 – December 18 – and three Thursdays in 2026 – January 15, February 19 and March 19. To participate, guests will need to reserve their free tickets online before arriving at the Zoo. Tickets can be reserved at mtb.com/ThirdThursdays. There will be a limit of 10 tickets per group, with timed ticket entry still available between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. While tickets are honored all day, visitors are asked to arrive at the time they signed up for. Special programming on November 20 will feature several Zookeeper Talks including: 11 a.m. – Snow Leopard Keeper Talk at the Vanishing Animals North Exhibit 12 p.m. – Tawny Frogmouth & Wallaby Keeper Talk at the EcoStation Exhibit 2 p.m. – Bison Keeper Talk at the Bison Exhibit Current members of the Zoo are always admitted, even in the event of a "Third Thursday" sellout. Please note that rides, concessions and parking are not included in the free admission. As the Buffalo Zoo marks its 150th anniversary this year, the M&T Bank Presents Third Thursdays at the Buffalo Zoo program adds to the Zoo's ongoing celebrations, which are taking place through December 2025. M&T is a longtime partner of the Buffalo Zoo and remains the lead sponsor of the M&T Bank Rainforest Falls exhibit. To learn more about the Buffalo Zoo and its latest special events, visit buffalozoo.org.



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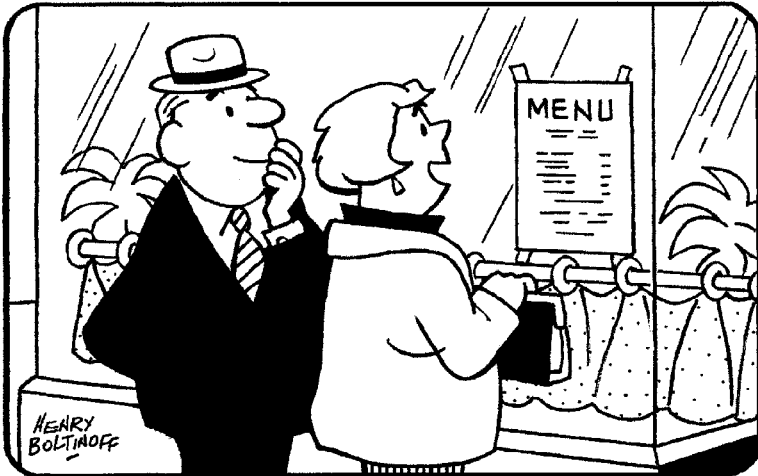
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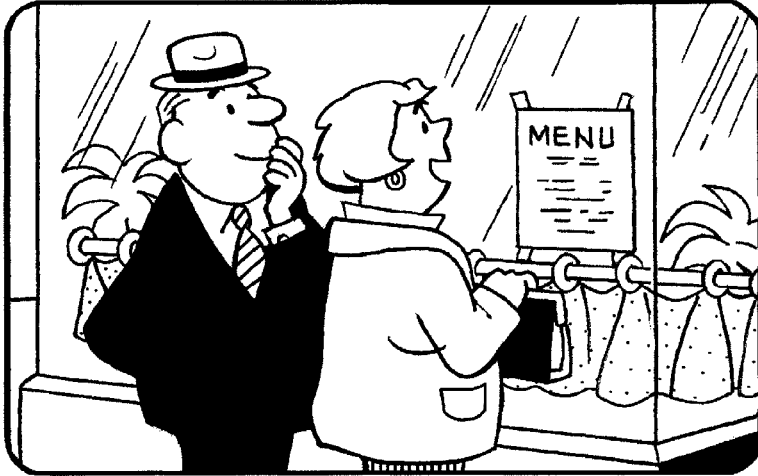


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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Curtain is shorter. 2. Menu is smaller. 3. Plant is not as tall. 4. Collar is different. 5. Pocket is added to coat. 6. Earring is different.

GAMES

1. Smaug. 2. New Year's Eve. 3. Cambodia. 4. 1993. 5. Dwayne Johnson. 6. A unique language developed between twins. 7. Vermont. 8. Nine. 9. Phil Collins. 10. Saffron.

Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page five.

King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

C	A	L	E	R	S	T	A	N	C	E
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Puzzle on page three.

UNDER—

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Puzzle on page three.

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

1	9	5	7	4	8	6	2	3
8	2	4	3	6	5	9	7	1
3	7	6	9	1	2	8	5	4
7	8	1	4	5	6	3	9	2
6	5	3	2	9	1	4	8	7
2	4	9	8	7	3	1	6	5
5	6	2	1	3	9	7	4	8
9	1	7	5	8	4	2	3	6
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Puzzle on page three.

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