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## It's Cookie Time!



**The Girl Scouts of WNY 2026 summer camp registration is opening Jan. 7.**

Girl Scouts of Western New York kicks off the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie season as Girl Scouts explore more possibilities through the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world. The Girl Scouts of WNY 2026 summer camp registration is also officially underway with registration for day and overnight camps opening Jan. 7.

New this year, Explore-mores are joining the Girl Scout Cookie lineup for the 2026 season. Inspired by rocky road ice cream and filled with chocolate, marshmallow, and toasted almond-flavored creme, this new cookie celebrates the spirit of exploration that defines Girl

Scouts.

In addition to the exciting new cookie, the 2026 cookie lineup will include fan favorites such as Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties and Trefoils.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program provides invaluable entrepreneurial skills for Girl Scouts across the country and funds experiences such as service projects, international travel, and summer camp. From a curious kindergartener amazed by jellyfish at the local aquarium, to a middle schooler finding the courage to go on her first overnight trip with her troop, Girl Scouts know the road to discovery starts

with exploration.

All proceeds from cookie sales stay with local councils and troops to power Girl Scouts' amazing experiences year-round.

How to purchase Girl Scout Cookies

•If you know a Girl Scout, reach out to her.

•If you don't know a Girl Scout, use the Girl Scout Cookie Finder by entering your ZIP code. There, you can find a troop selling at a nearby booth, or you can purchase cookies to be shipped directly to you from troops nationwide. This link can also be used to find a local booth, purchase cookies, and/or to donate cookies for local community causes.

•You can also text COOKIES to 59618 to stay informed about Girl Scout Cook-  
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## Botanical Gardens Announces Brand-New Wedding And Event Venue— The Canopy

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens announced the name of their brand-new event space, The Canopy. This addition to the Botanical Gardens event venue creates new offerings, benefits, and highly-requested amenities for newly engaged couples

and those looking to celebrate any special occasion in one of Buffalo's most historic and unique places. The Canopy is available for booking now and is anticipated to open early 2027.

Nestled within the beauty of the Buffalo and Erie County  
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BUFFALO AND  
ERIE COUNTY

Botanical  
Gardens



**The Canopy - Events Center.**

## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



**January, 1994. UNBELIEVABLE...The Occupational Training Center, 1695 Elmwood Avenue, was the subject of an inquiry by the Mayor's Office because of serious allegations involving fire safety and falsified records. Shock and disbelief were the common reactions to a school plan that would evacuate the handicapped by throwing them out windows.**

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

Partly Cloudy  
High 42°  
Low 40°

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

Rain/Snow  
High 55°  
Low 34°

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

Rain  
High 45°  
Low 29°

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Rain/Snow  
High 32°  
Low 26°

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Mostly Cloudy  
High 33°  
Low 31°

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Mostly Cloudy  
High 40°  
Low 32°

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST

Rain/Snow  
High 35°  
Low 23°

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Bob Schonebeck

**"Frankly, I'm against aid to education — we've got too many educated \_\_\_\_\_ on hand as it is."**

# 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!

Discuss \_\_\_\_\_

**ENFORC** \_\_\_\_\_

Inherent \_\_\_\_\_

**ANTENI** \_\_\_\_\_

Classic \_\_\_\_\_

**GIANTEV** \_\_\_\_\_

Plod \_\_\_\_\_

**MCHEES** \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD**

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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### Assailant Destroys Sign At Citizen's Bank On Elmwood

**North Buffalo**  
**January 12, 2026**  
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did enter Target store at 2626 Delaware Avenue and take \$345.58 worth of merchandise past all points purchase making no attempt to pay. The defendant was ID'd by the complainant and is a known frequent shoplifter. Detective did obtain video of the incident.

**January 10, 2026**  
Elmwood Avenue - The defendant caused damage to property at 1893 Elmwood Avenue, Citizens Bank. Defendant pulled a metal sign from the ground and destroyed said sign. The cost of damages caused is estimated to exceed \$1,500.00. The defendant was identified by patrol officer. Supporting deposition was acquired by patrol officer and video evidence collected by detective

**January 9, 2026**  
Delaware Avenue - While investigating a separate larceny incident, the complainant reviewed video surveillance footage and observed a suspect concealing merchandise and leaving store without rendering payment. The suspect entered 1716 Kenmore Avenue, Price Rite, concealed two beef roasts and left without paying . Total value of merchandise approximately \$40.00.

**January 9, 2026**  
Delaware Avenue - The victim is the assistant store manager for Starbucks, 2730 Delaware Avenue. The defendant entered the store and demanded the clerk give him food for free. Defendant became irate in the store, swearing at employees and the victim causing alarm and annoyance. The victim walked the defendant outside and asked the defendant to leave to which the defendant refused, coming back into the store. The defendant was apprehended in the parking lot of Delta Sonic, 2590 Delaware Avenue and brought back into the store. Positive identification was made by the victim.

**West Side**  
**January 11, 2026**  
Lafayette Avenue - Defendant did hit victim 2 and became aggressive. Victim 2 and defendant were wrestling when defendant did take victim 2 to the ground and did take \$100.00 in cash and a knife that had "#1 Daughter" en-

graved in the handle from victim 2's pocket. Co-Defendant did join in the fight and did hit victim 1 in the head causing a knot to the back of her head. Victim was treated by AMR. The knife was recovered in defendant's front right pocket.

**Riverside**  
**January 12, 2026**  
Ontario Street - The defendant did take approximately \$100 worth of candy and pass all points of purchase. The de-

fendant's actions did violate a stay away order of protection issued by honorable judge.

**January 12, 2026**  
Court Street - Defendant did 423 Main Street unlawfully by kicking in the door causing approximately \$1,200.00 in damages and took victims cellphone violating order of protection issued by honorable judge.

**January 11, 2026**  
Germain Street - Defendant did shove complainant into a wall following a verbal argument.

**January 11, 2026**  
Chadduck Avenue - Defendant did with a closed fist strike juvenile brother in the face and chin causing redness and punched stomach causing pain.



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### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Post-WWII alliance

5 Life story

8 Quick kiss

12 Challenger's words

14 Oklahoma tribe

15 Misses an opportunity

16 Without acting

17 Prattle

18 Contacts, e.g.

20 Vowel group

23 " — Misbehavin' "

24 Japanese noodle

25 Anthology

28 Pvt.'s superior

29 To the third power

30 Green shade

32 Cruised in style

34 Furnace fuel

35 Region (Abbr.)

36 Natural talents

37 Nap

40 Extinct bird

41 "Hulk" star Bana

42 Distributes

47 "Smallville" girl

48 Coffee bar order

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51

**DOWN**

1 Zilch

2 Hubbub

3 Prof's aides

4 Salem's state

5 Invitation initials

6 Debtor's letters

7 Summarized

8 Unspecified travel destination

9 LAX postings

10 Natalie or Nat

11 Piano pieces?

13 Isaac's eldest

19 Author

20 Ger. neighbor

21 Jittery

22 Speck

23 Fossil resin

25 Incensed

26 Atop

27 Bicycle part

29 Guitarist

31 Gore and Pacino

33 MD's diagnostic order

34 Stopped

36 Dutch word for "farmer"

37 Actress Ward

38 401(k) relatives

39 Drei minus zwei

40 Star athletes, briefly

43 Equi-

44 Sugary suffix

45 Mex. neighbor

46 Great weight

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## MAGIC MAZE ● ON TOP OF THINGS

R	F	R	P	M	J	G	D	A	X	V	S	S	Q	N
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Q	O	O	O	R	N	M	J	H	E	E	F	H	C	A
Y	S	M	R	S	T	W	U	R	N	R	P	G	N	L
J	T	E	Y	T	E	H	N	A	T	R	F	I	D	B
Z	I	S	P	E	N	R	P	W	H	U	X	L	V	T
T	N	R	P	E	N	R	I	Q	O	T	O	Y	M	K
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Y	O	W	V	L	T	K	I	G	S	R	C	S	Q	O
T	N	L	O	E	K	I	I	H	E	H	F	D	C	A
Z	T	S	E	N	S	W	O	R	C	X	W	V	U	S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: ON TOP OF A CAKE

Antenna	Domes	Solar panels	Toupee
Chimney	Peak	Spire	Turret
Crow's nest	Penthouse	Steeple	Wig
Crown	Skylights	Tierra	

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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2				3	6	9	7	5

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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## I'm Divorced; Can I Get Benefits from my Ex-husband? - Ask Rusty

**Dear Rusty:** After 16 years of marriage, we were divorced. I have never remarried, but he has. When he starts collecting Social Security (he is 64 now and still working), is it true that I can claim ex-spousal benefits or does that go to the current wife? How would I find this info?  
**Signed: A Divorced Spouse**

**Dear Divorced Spouse:** The fact that your ex-husband has remarried has no influence on your ability to collect benefits based on his record. If you are eligible for ex-spouse benefits (because you did not remarry), you can get those benefits regardless of whether his current wife collects

benefits on his record. In other words, both you and his current wife can both collect spousal benefits from your ex-husband's earnings record.

Your eligibility for an ex-spouse benefit is determined by comparing your own SS retirement benefit amount at full retirement age (FRA) to his – if your own SS benefit at your FRA is less than 50% of your ex's FRA benefit entitlement, and you were married to your ex for more than 10 years, are not currently married and are at least 62 years old, then you can get a "spousal boost" (an amount added to your own Social Security retirement amount). In fact, if you have been divorced for

over two years, you can get an ex-spouse benefit even though he is not yet receiving his own SS retirement benefit.

Be aware, however, if you claim any Social Security benefit (both your own SS retirement amount and your ex-spouse "spousal boost") before you reach your full retirement age, the monthly amount you get will be reduced according to how much before your full retirement age you claim. Spouse and ex-spouse benefits reach maximum at your full retirement age but are reduced if claimed earlier than your full retirement age. Claiming your benefits as an ex-spouse will also result in you receiving your own SS retirement benefit (reduced if you haven't yet reached FRA).

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to make a telephone appointment to evaluate whether you are entitled benefits as an ex-spouse. If your own SS retirement benefit at your FRA is less than half of your ex's FRA entitlement, you will be. To apply for those benefits you will need a copy of your divorce decree (and perhaps your marriage certificate), and your ex-husband's Social Security number (if you do not have his SSN, you can provide his date and place of birth and his parents' names, and SSA will likely be able to locate your ex's SS record).

SSA will be able to tell you what your total monthly benefit as an ex-spouse will be when you meet with them, at which point you can decide whether to claim your benefits early or wait until your FRA to achieve your maximum amount as an ex-spouse.

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## Senior TRIVIA

### Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What is the Code of Hammurabi?
- 2) Which letters in the English version of Scrabble are worth 10 points each?
- 3) What is the name of Dr. Evil's cat in "Austin Powers"?
- 4) What is the common name for somnambulating?
- 5) What is the name of the town where "Veronica Mars" is set?
- 6) What is the first play written by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway?
- 7) What is the official language of Austria?
- 8) What is the smallest prime number?
- 9) What is the only U.S. state with a one-syllable name?
- 10) What is the home of the Norse gods?

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**This Week's Featured Friend: CRANBERRY**

**OUR SHELTER IS OVERFLOWING WITH DOGS!**

Meet Cranberry! Honestly, this name is quite cute for this smaller breed gal that has a love for life, and would surely be a "life of the party gal" if she were a person. She has awesome coloring, a little stockier physique, but don't let that fool you..... she is packed with energy and determination. Cranberry does not present well in her kennel. She is itching to get out, do some laps in the yard, play some tug, and find ways to keep herself engaged and in check. She recently went on a run with a shelter volunteer, and he stated, she could easily do a 5K. Cranberry does know sit, and she will excel with further training to keep her little mind working.

If you would like to meet any of the adoptable dogs, please fill out an application online (if you are not already pre-approved), call the shelter, and leave a message with your name and phone number and the dog you're interested in. Have patience, and they will call you back when they can. From there, a time will be scheduled for you to come and meet the dog. Please be patient, and remember they are very short staffed at the moment. Applications can be found at <https://friendsolcibas.org/adopt>

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# It's Cookie Time!

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•Community Cookie booth locations start Feb. 28.

Girl Scouts of WNY opens registration for 2026 summer camp season

Your adventure begins now! Registration for the 2026 Girl Scouts of WNY summer camp season is officially open. From day camps to overnight adventures and group camping experiences, this year's camp offerings provide girls with opportunities to explore the outdoors, try new activities, and build lifelong skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Girl Scout camp is designed to help girls grow in confidence, independence and leadership while having fun and making lasting friendships. Campers participate in hands-on experiences such

as hiking, outdoor exploration, creative activities, boating, ropes courses, and classic camp traditions that foster resilience, curiosity, and a sense of adventure. Through these experiences, campers are encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, discover new interests, and build skills they can carry with them beyond the summer.

Camp programs take place at Girl Scouts of WNY's scenic camp properties and are led by trained staff who prioritize safety, inclusion, and positive youth development. Each program is thoughtfully designed to meet girls where they are while empowering them to grow in courage, confidence and character.

Families are encouraged to visit [gswny.org](http://gswny.org) to learn more about the 2026 cookie and camp season, explore program options, and register for an unforgettable year of adventure

and discovery.

More about Girl Scouts of Western New York: Girl Scouts of Western New York serves girls and adult volunteers across the GSWNY jurisdiction, including Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties. The council's administrative service centers are located in Buffalo, Jamestown, Lockport and Rochester.

Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for cli-

mate justice, or make their first best friends. Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voice

es and make changes that affect the issues most important to them.

To volunteer, reconnect, donate or join, visit [www.gswny.org](http://www.gswny.org) or call 1-888-837-6410.

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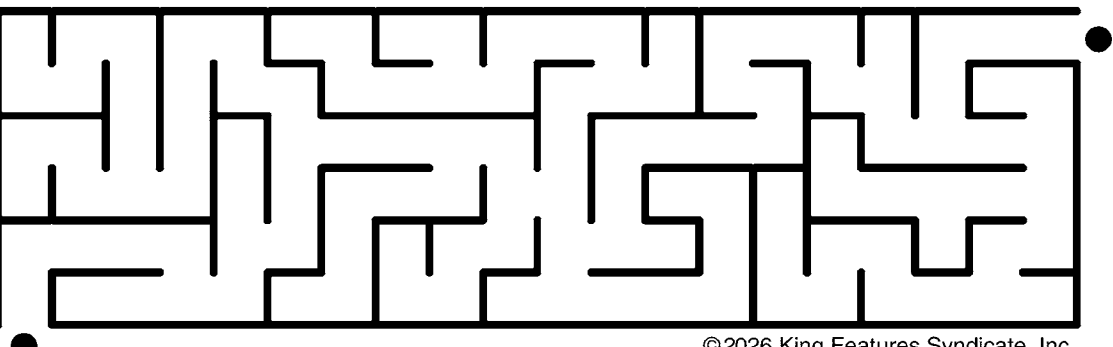
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Kids' Maze



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Great Clips.....2678 Delaware Avenue  
Hertel Coin Laundry.....1274 Hertel Avenue  
Hertel Park Senior Apartments1631 Hertel Avenue  
Hertel Parker Liquors.....1859 Hertel Avenue  
Home Taste (Chinese Cuisine).....3106 Delaware Avenue  
Imagine Salon.....1527 Hertel Avenue  
Macy's Place.....3100 Delaware Avenue  
Joey's Place.....83 Niagara Street  
Johnny's Meats.....1191 Hertel Avenue  
Knights of Columbus.....1530 Kenmore Avenue  
Korona Jewelers.....1588 Hertel Avenue  
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North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue  
North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue

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**WEST SIDE**  
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**Delaware Apartments**.....1217 Delaware Avenue  
**Dibble Hardware**.....262 West Ferry Street  
**Elmwood Square Apts**.....505 Elmwood Avenue  
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**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  
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**House of Sandwich**.....800 Tonawanda Street  
**M&T Bank**.....788 Tonawanda Street  
**Niagara Deli Pizzeria**.....2043 Niagara Street  
**Nickel City Bottle Return**.....2209 Niagara Street  
**Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr**.....155 Lawn Avenue  
**Pat's Pizzeria**.....544 Ontario Street  
**Pizza Bella**.....1133 Tonawanda Street  
**Riverside Market**.....740 Tonawanda Street  
**Riverside News Stand**.....Tonawanda Street  
**Roland Insurance Agency**.....432 Amherst Street  
**Sun Restaurant**.....1989 Niagara Street  
**Up To You Deli**.....2189 Niagara Street

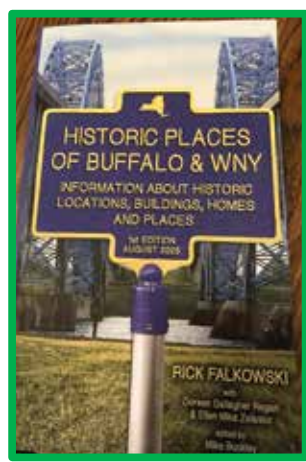


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**Shea's Performing Arts Center** announced registration is now open for "Sing Your Story," a camp for students ages 10 – 17 running during the February school break. Through a song of their choice, students in this camp will explore their unique life 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/>.



**M&T Bank Presents Third Thursdays at the Buffalo Zoo** will continue for 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](http://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](http://buffalozoo.org).



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## Botanical Gardens Announces Brand-New Wedding And Event Venue— The Canopy

*Continued from page one.* Botanical Gardens campus comes its brand-new event space, The Canopy. With soaring ceilings and tree-top views, this new addition to the living museum and event venue guarantees that party guests will feel the lush embrace of nature. With its wall-to-wall windows and timbered frames, this nature-inspired event space will comfortably accommodate over 250 guests. The Canopy is made up of two rooms, the Palm Room and the Orchid Room, with customizable options that provide ease and comfort for any celebration. This space will create unforgettable memories for newly engaged couples looking to host small or large weddings as well as those looking to host a bridal shower, baby shower, birthday party, corporate party, holiday celebration, team-building events and meetings, or any type of celebration or gathering.

With a growing demand for weddings, showers, special celebrations, and corporate gatherings, this historic transformation of the Botanical Gardens was intentionally designed to enhance comfort and functionality for event guests where current spaces in the living museum present limitations and challenges.

The Canopy is part of their larger expansion and renovation project that includes 16,000 square feet of new construction, and over 90,000 square feet of renovated and new outdoor gardens. Some of the features include:

**Welcome Center** — a brand new entrance/admission center.

**The Canopy** — made up of the Palm Room and the Orchid Room, a large, tropically-inspired, climate-controlled event space

**Solarium** — a reimagined greenhouse for special events

**Terrace** — an outdoor patio for events.

**First-Look Garden** — a private, secluded garden for first-looks and special moments

**Central Courtyard** — an

enclosed courtyard for protected plant collections and works of art

Additional guest parking lot — a North and South Parking Lot for daily visitors and event guests

Sustainability initiatives — solar panels, stormwater management and energy efficient designs

Accessibility initiatives — including a relocated entrance with a drop-off circle, all-gender and family-focused restrooms, a parents' room, visitor lockers, and many more guest-friendly amenities.

"The Botanical Gardens has long been a place where people have celebrated some of their most special and treasured days with us, and we are thrilled to bring even more exciting spaces and picture-perfect backdrops that will allow people to create beautiful life-long memories. Our community is lucky to have a place like The Canopy to celebrate and gather for any occasion in one of the most beautiful, whimsical, historic places in Buffalo," said President/CEO Erin Grajek.

"The Canopy has all of the charm of everything people love about the Botanical Gardens' conservatory with the modern amenities and luxe comfort needed to make any event absolutely perfect. I can't wait for our community to have the opportunity to be one of the first to have their wedding or special event in our new spaces," said Wedding and Event Manager, Asher Snell.

The Canopy is available for booking all event types now. Those interested in booking the brand-new event space should visit [buffalogardens.com/the-canopy](http://buffalogardens.com/the-canopy) to inquire and book a tour. The Botanical Gardens team encourages inquiring well in advance for booking all event types as they expect dates and reservations to book quickly.

The community is encouraged to follow the Botanical Gardens and The Canopy on social media. For galleries, updates, and more, follow @thecanopy-

buffalo and @buffalobotanicalgardens on Instagram.

The Botanical Gardens' mission is to deepen the connection between people and plants through beautiful gardens and extraordinary experiences. This mission will be furthered by providing spaces where people can connect with both plants and each other. These new offerings and amenities are rooted in community connection and celebration. The establishment of these foundational programs and amenities will ensure that generations of families will continue to have a place for learning, gathering, celebrating, and connecting with nature for another 125 years and beyond.

About Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens

Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that welcomes all to enjoy its living plant collections, breathtaking conservatory, and educational programming. Opened in 1900, the Botanical Gardens is located within a park system designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Support for the organization is provided by public funds from Erie County; the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; members; donors; and friends.



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INDEX NO.: 809750/2022 Date Filed: 11/17/2025 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE MORTGAGED PREMISES: 64 Academy Road, Buffalo, New York 14211 SBL #: 101.58-6-25 Plaintiff designates ERIE County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE State of New York Mortgage Agency, Plaintiff, vs. Erie County Public Administrator, as Administrator of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Kelvin H. Lee, as Heir to the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Michael J. Lee, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Amber Bennett aka Amber J. Lee as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Terri Lynne Bennett, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Brianna M. Bennett, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Wayne H. Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Dennis Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Richard J. Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Deborah R. Manalopoulos aka Debbie R. Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Randy S. Davey, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey; Kim Bennett; Stephen J. Scarfone d/b/a Surety Remodeling Group; City of Buffalo o/b/o People of the State of New York; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; New City Funding Corp; Erie County Department of Social Services; ML Factors Funding Limited Liability Company; Midland Funding LLC dba in New York as Midland Funding of Delaware LLC; Kalienda Health; E-Z Loan Auto Sales, LLC; New York State Office of Victim Services; State of New York; The United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING

AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$67,800.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Erie on July 30, 2022, in Book 13007 and Page 9463, covering premises known as 64 Academy Road, Buffalo, New York 14211, SBL #: 101.58-6-25 The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendants Michael J. Lee, as Heir of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey and Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Marjorie L. Davey, and all heirs-at-law and all the heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Mary L. Slisz, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Madison, dated November 5, 2025 and filed November 7, 2025. Dated: December 15, 2025 /s/ Kyle Jacobs Kyle Jacobs, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, State of New York Mortgage Agency HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT

AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at [www.dfs.ny.gov](http://www.dfs.ny.gov). FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. 5

Notice of Formation of Sterling Delaware, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/2025 Office at 360 Delaware Ave., Suite 400, Buffalo, NY 14202, Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Attn: Christopher Marks, 360 Delaware Ave., Suite 400, Buffalo, NY 14202. Any lawful purpose. 4

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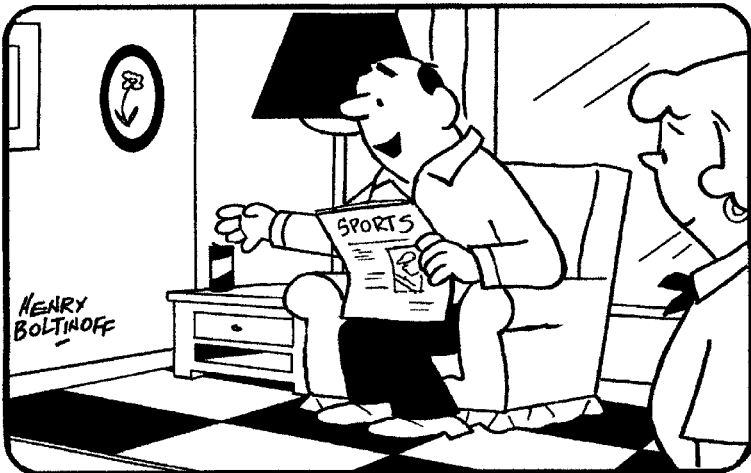
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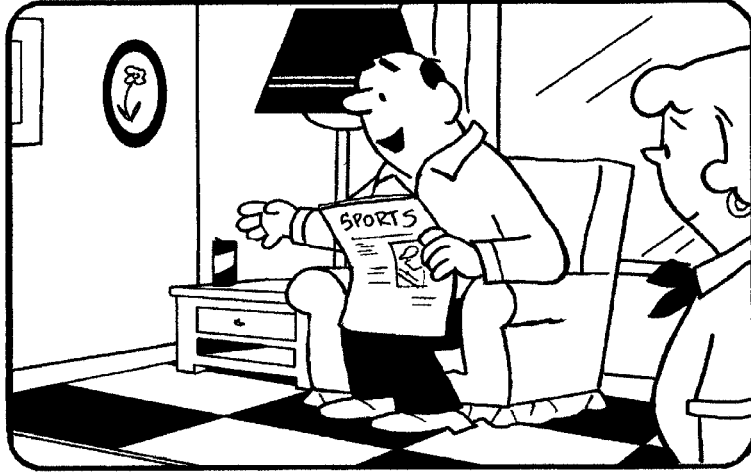


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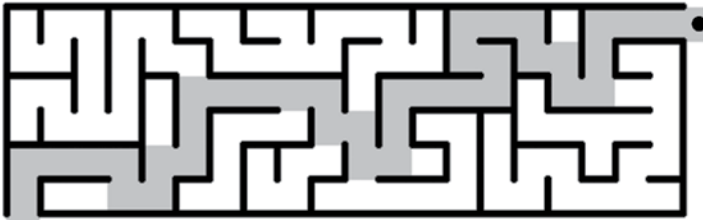


Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Window sill is higher. 3. Bow is larger. 4. Paper is shorter. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is different.

GAMES

1. One of the earliest and most complete written legal codes established by the Babylonian King Hammurabi. 2. Q and Z. 3. Mr. Bigglesworth. 4. Sleepwalking. 5. Neptune, California. 6. "A Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry, 1959. 7. German. 8. 2. 9. Maine. 10. Asgard.

Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzle on page five.

King Crossword  
Answers  
Solution time: 22 mins.  
NATO BID PECK  
IDAREYOU OTOE  
LOSESOUT JOLLY  
GAB TENSES  
AETOUAINT  
JON OMNIBUS  
SOT CUBED PEA  
YACHTED GOAL  
TERR BENTS  
SIESTA MOA  
ERIC GIVESOUT  
LANA ESPRESSO  
ASSN DOS DEAN  
Puzzle on page three.

ON TOP OF THINGS  
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M R S T N R R  
E K T E N A T R I L Y  
S P E N K P H U J  
P E N K P H U J  
U P O M F U R K  
O L K I G S  
O E T H E  
T E N S W O R D  
Puzzle on page three.

Weekly SUDOKU  
Answer  
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8 5 7 4 2 1 6 9 3  
4 2 1 3 6 9 5 8 7  
9 4 5 6 8 3 7 2 1  
1 3 8 7 9 2 4 5 6  
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3. Vintage; 4. Scheme

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Puzzle on page two.



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