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CCI Fantasy World: Italian Animators



Our Generations exhibit has been shaped by stories, voices, and our shared history, but the time has come to say arrivederci, for now. Join us on February 27 for a closing reception as we celebrate the life of this exhibition before it makes way for what's next.

The Centro Culturale Italiano di Buffalo is preparing for an exciting transition in its exhibition gallery as it prepares the space to welcome Fantasy World: Italian Americans in Animation, presented in partnership with the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles



(IAMLA). As part of this transition, Generations: Italian Immigration and Impact in Western New York will conclude its current run on February 28, 2026. While the exhibit will be taken down at that time, this marks a farewell for now, not a permanent goodbye. The

team at the Centro looks forward to spending this time shaping the next chapter of Generations with more voices and stories in the future.

All donated and loaned materials from Generations will be carefully stored during the interim. Community members who lent items to the exhibit will be able to retrieve them. *Continued on page six.*

Early Registration Opens For The Summer's 31st "Ride for Roswell"

The summer tradition that paves the way for a future without cancer is back! Registration is now open for the 31st Ride for Roswell. This year's event will be held at the University at Buffalo's North Campus on Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27.



There are nine routes to choose from, ranging from 4 to 100 miles. See the routes here.

This year, Ride for Roswell is introducing a new 44-mile Niagara Falls route to replace the previous Canada route, which is no longer available due to construction. Participants will now be able to ride over Goat Island and stop for a photo before heading back to UB. This unique experience isn't typically available for cycling events, and we're thrilled to be able to share it with this year's fundraisers.

All Ride for Roswell participants 16 and older

commit to raising at least \$200 for the cause; the Niagara Falls route has a \$750 fundraising minimum. Riders can earn Extra Mile Club status by raising \$1,500.

"The Ride Community is incredible. From our fundraisers to our volunteers and community partners, each person plays a critical role in the continued success of the event," said Andrea Gregory, Ride for Roswell Director. "Their efforts are fueling change in the world of cancer care, and together, we are truly making a difference *Continued on page six.*

Kearns Expands Hours to Assist Travelers Apply for U.S. Passports

To better serve Erie County travelers and working families, Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns has announced expanded evening hours at the Clerk's Outreach Center for U.S. passport applicants.

During the month of February, the Clerk's Outreach Center will be open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, in addition to its regularly scheduled extended hours on Thursdays until 7:00 p.m. The Clerk's Outreach Center is conveniently located right next door to the Erie County Auto Bureau at Southgate Plaza, 1086-B

Union Road, West Seneca, NY 14224.

Wednesday extended hours will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

February 11
February 18
February 25



These additional hours are designed to assist first-time passport applicants, as well as those looking to renew a passport book or passport card, particularly for residents and families who are unable to visit during normal business hours. If demand remains high, extended Wednesday hours may continue alongside Thursdays.

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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



February, 1994. SWEARING IN...N.Y.S. Assemblyman, Robing Schimminger swears in the news board members of HNBBA. Pictured are, from left to right: Bill Cosgrove, Paul Blumenbaum, Barbara Licnerski, Robin Schimminger, Sherwood Alt, Tom Lenz, Pat Williams, and Bob Ryan. BELOW: Master of Ceremonies, David Gallagher and Tony Piccolo present Richard Barone with the Man of the Year award.

Local Weather

| THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH | MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH | TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH |
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SPORTS
 By Bill Snyder

Sports Opening Day May 2nd!!

Late last week, the North Buffalo Baseball & Softball League sent a direct email to all families playing in Shoshone Park, that they will open their 69th Season this year on Saturday May 2nd with their annual parade and first pitch.

Registration is now open for the 2026 season for all interested boys and girls who have never played the game before or are new to the area. With less than 100 days until opening day, North Buffalo Baseball and Softball strongly urges you to go to the League website at HNPYBL.com and click on the registration tab located on its home screen.

The e-mailed letter states: "We have to stress that almost every age level in the league had a waiting list last season, so we urge everyone to register as soon as possible." In 2025, there were over 1,300 boys and girls registered and playing in this North Buffalo League that has been in Shoshone Park since 1957. Thousands of men and women today who grew up in North Buffalo since the late 50's and 60's all got their start playing in Hertel North Park Youth Baseball in this tiny Park located on Hertel Avenue near Main Street.

If you register before Sunday, February 15th, you will receive an early bird discount on the cost of the \$150.00 fee for each child. The \$150.00 charge by the North Buffalo Baseball and Softball League is by far the lowest cost for playing baseball or softball for your child in the WNY area over the last several years. If your

son or daughter will play t-ball due to their age of four and five years old, the cost is only \$100.00.

If you are a returning player from last year's successful season, you can rejoin your teammates if you register by March 1st.

There are over 100 teams formed each year in House and Travel Divisions. If your son or daughter plays Travel baseball (Blaze) or softball (Wildcats) teams from last year, they must also play on one of the many House teams that are formed before Opening Day.

With an annual enrollment of over 1,000 boys and girls every year since 2020, boys and girls play on as many as 70 teams that are formed for House baseball or softball. Boys teams have been identified by the nicknames of the Major League Baseball teams of today like the Yankees or Dodgers. Girls teams are named after the local and national College teams that are in existence today, like the Bonnies, Purple Eagles or the Spartans of Michigan.

The House season runs from the first Saturday in May until July. Games are played every night during the week, Monday through Friday beginning at 6:00 pm and usually last until almost 8:00 pm. Each game has just six innings of play where boys and girls can swing a mighty bat at the plate or pitch on the mound with runners on second and third. These are very exciting games.

On Saturdays, games are scheduled almost all day, starting at 9:30 am and running until almost 6:00 pm. There are four set

time frames for as many as six games at a time. Because of the layout of the many diamonds in Shoshone Park, all seven diamonds can be used at one time in various divisions. If a game on diamond one begins at 9:30 am, three more games will follow the rest of the day. The next one is set for 11:30, then 1:30 then finally at 3:30pm. There are never any House games scheduled on Sundays.

After your son or daughter learns the game of t-ball, they will join a Rookie boys or girls team the next season. They are six and seven year olds and they swing a bat and throw and pitch and catch and it's really a sight to see how they cheer for each other on the baseball or softball diamonds. After the Rookie Division comes Double AA for seven and eight year olds. These boys and girls are really starting to pitch from a mound as well as hit a ball far to score runs. It's a great division.

Next is Triple AAA boys and girls and they are nine and ten year olds. As a child grows older and learns the game every year, whether on the mound or on the basepaths or at the plate, the happiness and excitement grows especially if they've been playing with their friends now for years. They may go to the same school together or live in the next block on the same street. Shoshone Park becomes an extension of their lives beyond the brick and mortar School buildings.

Please register and sign-up to play baseball or softball this Summer in Shoshone or McCarthy Parks. There's a new building in Shoshone now named after a man, Thomas Smith, who passed away suddenly from illness but felt it was important for all children, besides his two sons, to learn the game all year round, inside a building that was so close to the actual diamonds of Shoshone Park. It's almost time to Play Ball.



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!

Plan
 DANAGE

Cache
 RHOAD

Glow
 LEGAM

Brisk
 DRAIP

TODAY'S WORD

"I wondered why you never returned my _____"

Answers on page seven.



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Thief Steals Over \$500 Of Merchandise At Wegmans

North Buffalo February 3, 2025
 Delaware Avenue - Victim reports defendant did sneak into the bedroom she was sleeping in and did wake her up while touching her in an inappropriate manner. The incident did place victim in fear of her safety.

February 3, 2026
 Amherst Street - Defendant did enter 601 Amherst Street (Wegmans) and did steal miscellaneous merchandise passing all points of purchase. Total amount stolen is approximately \$524.50.

February 2, 2026
 Amherst Street - Defendant did strike victim several times, choking her against the wall. Defendant did then threaten to shoot the victims mom's house if she called 911. Defendant did show the victim the gun several times when the victim did attempt to call 911 the defendant did snatch her phone away to prevent her from doing so. All of these event occurred in the presence of their 3 year old.

February 1, 2026
 Amherst Street - The defendant entered 601 Amherst Street, selected various merchandise items and proceeded to leave without rendering payment for said merchandise. The value of stolen property is approximately \$253.75. The defendant was identified by patrol officer, the supporting deposition and video evidence was obtained by detective.

February 1, 2026
 Amherst Street - Victim stated suspect came home intoxicated, being too loud. Victim stated suspect tried to go into children's room, victim tried to stop suspect, then suspect slapped and pushed victim across face with an open hand. Victim did not want to press charges.

January 30, 2026
 Hartwell Road - Complainant reports that at 131 Hartwell Road Apartment 1 that her and her daughter got into a verbal argument about

cleaning up the house. Complainant then stated that her daughter did push her to the floor. Defendant did then admit to also hitting the complainant. Complainant did also suffer a scrape on left knee. ADI refused.

West Side January 30, 2026
 Chenango Avenue - Officers did observe New York registered vehicle running outside at arrest address. Defendant (driver) apprehended walking back to the vehicle. Co-defendant apprehended in passenger seat. Keys located in ignition.

January 27, 2026
 Lafayette Avenue - Victim states that she was in a verbal argument with her ex-boyfriend that escalated when he threw an unknown liquid in her face, hair and clothing. He then yelled obscen-

ities for her to exit her vehicle out of fear for her safety.

Riverside January 30, 2026
 Military Avenue - Complainant reports while working on defendants New York registered vehicle. Vehicle was damaged on right side panel. Defendant was upset with complainant and complainant stated defendant made threats to kill and harm complainant. Complainant does not want defendant back on the property and wants a restraining order.

January 28, 2026
 Progressive Avenue - Defendant was observed inside of 64 Progressive Avenue in the upper violating a stay away order of protection.



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 T E P M I L X B R E G U A W V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Angelic Musical Instrument**

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| Abalone | Conch | Fig | Melongina |
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| Babylon | Cowrie | Helmet | Umboonium |
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King Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Table support
 - 4 Mosque leader
 - 8 Island near Java
 - 12 Terre Haute sch.
 - 13 Terse denial
 - 14 Poetic tributes
 - 15 Ecol. watchdog
 - 16 Faints
 - 18 Word list, for short
 - 20 Japanese pond carp
 - 21 Sty chow
 - 24 Rebuffs
 - 28 Review in detail
 - 32 Pesky insect
 - 33 Friendly leader?
 - 34 Albacore and yellowfin
 - 36 Playwright Levin
 - 37 Finn's floater
 - 39 Revamp
 - 41 Vampire, by nature
 - 43 Nobelist Walesa
 - 44 Bar bill
 - 46 Savory taste
 - 50 Begin anew, as on January 1
 - 55 - Angeles
 - 56 California valley
- DOWN**
- 1 Schreiber of "Ray Donovan"
 - 2 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
 - 3 Avocado dip, for short
 - 4 Rorschach pattern
 - 5 Curly's brother
 - 6 Devoured
 - 7 Moo juice
 - 8 Fan disapproval
 - 9 Pt. of speech
 - 10 Author Harper
 - 11 Leb. neighbor
 - 17 "Mayday!"
 - 19 Bat wood
 - 22 Egg
 - 23 Prison-related
 - 25 Rice or Auburn (Abbr.)
 - 26 Naked
 - 27 Rating unit
 - 28 Basil or thyme
 - 29 Smoothie berry
 - 30 Cushy
 - 31 Yard tool
 - 35 Locks down
 - 38 Block-dropping video game
 - 40 Resistance unit
 - 42 Scoundrel
 - 45 Connection
 - 47 Edison's middle name
 - 48 Disposition
 - 49 Actress Fisher
 - 50 Retired jet
 - 51 Dead heat
 - 52 "I - Rock"
 - 53 Half of XIV
 - 54 Shade tree

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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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Why is my Social Security Retirement Benefit So Small? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: Can you help me understand? I have paid into Social Security since I started working in 1978. I did have a lot of tax deductions, but I don't understand why I only receive \$350 a month from Social Security. **Signed: Befuddled Senior**

Dear Befuddled Senior: Your Social Security benefit is based upon your average monthly earnings for the 35 years over your lifetime that you earned the most while contributing to the Social Security program (however, your benefit isn't based on your contributions to SS). Your average lifetime earnings amount is called your "AIME" or "Average Indexed Monthly Earnings," which are adjusted for inflation for years

before you turn 60. Your earnings (your net earnings if self-employed) are provided to the SSA by the IRS. Your average lifetime earnings number (your "AIME") is subjected to a formula which calculates your "Primary Insurance Amount" or "PIA," which is the SS benefit you receive if you start benefits in the month you reach your full retirement age. Your personal full retirement age (FRA) depends on the year you were born which, if you were born in 1960 or later, is age 67. However, if you claim Social Security before reaching your FRA, you will get only a percentage of your PIA (reduced from what you would get if you claimed at your FRA).

For example, if you claimed at age 62, you

would only get 70% of the amount you would have gotten had you waited until age 67, or if you claimed at age 63 you would get 75% of your age 67 benefit. The reduction is less as you get closer to your FRA; if you claimed at age 65, you'd get about 87% of your full retirement age amount.

You can see your lifetime Social Security earnings record at your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount (you will need to first create that online account), or you can call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to request an "Earnings Statement" be sent to you. That statement will show your lifetime earnings by year, the 35 highest of which were used to calculate your PIA (your Social Security benefit at your FRA). Generally, your Social Security FRA benefit will be about 40% or less of your average indexed monthly earnings.

So, to recap, your SS retirement benefit isn't based on your contributions to the program; it's based on your average monthly lifetime earnings. If you had less than 35 years contributing to the program, SS would still use 35 years in the benefit formula by using zero dollars in earnings for some number of years, which would result in a smaller AIME. Thus, if you claimed before your full retirement age of 67, your SS benefit was reduced because you claimed early. And if you had less than 35 years of SS-covered employment, your AIME was less, resulting in a smaller PIA. And that is likely why your monthly Social Security retirement benefit is low.

One other thought to consider: if you are married and your spouse's monthly SS benefit is considerably more than yours (e.g., more than twice as much as yours), you may want to explore your options for spouse benefits.

I hope this explains how your SS benefit is calculated, but if you still question your monthly SS retirement amount, I suggest you first obtain your "Earnings Statement" to review the lifetime earnings SS has on file for you. If there are any discrepancies in your Social Security's earnings record, there are correction remedies available to you. If that is the case, please feel free to contact us again for more information.

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Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What color is Sonic the Hedgehog in the video game?

2. What is the former name of the U.S. Virgin Islands?

- 3) What are the colors of the striped sweater Freddy Krueger wears in "A Nightmare on Elm Street"?

- 4) What is a more common name for pneumothorax?

- 5) By which name is Martha Jane Canary more commonly known?

- 6) What is Hawkeye Pierce's real first name in the "M*A*S*H" series?

- 7) What is a group of larks called?

- 8) Which car company uses the ad slogan "Driven by passion"?

- 9) What is the head of the Egyptian god of death, Anubis?

- 10) What is the currency of Japan?

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The Book of Mormon Returns To Shea's Buffalo Theatre June 19 - 21

Back by popular demand, **THE BOOK OF MORMON**, which last entertained Buffalo audiences in 2019, returns to Shea's Buffalo Theatre June 19 through June 21, 2026. The limited five performance engagement is part of the Gallagher Encore Specials, presented by Shea's Performing Arts Center and Broadway presenting partner Albert Nocciolino. Tickets to **THE BOOK OF MORMON** are now available in the Shea's Box Office at 650 Main Street in Downtown Buffalo or online at <https://www.sheas.org/performances/the-book-of-mormon>. Group orders of 10 or more may be placed by

contacting Robin Rebelo at 716-847-1410 or rrebelo@sheas.org.

THE BOOK OF MORMON features book, music and lyrics by Trey Parker, Robert Lopez and Matt Stone. The Broadway production is directed by Parker and two-time Tony Award winner Casey Nicholaw, and choreographed by Nicholaw. The tour is directed and choreographed by Jennifer Werner based on the original Broadway direction and choreography. Set design is by three-time Tony Award winner Scott Pask, costume design is by Tony Award winner Ann Roth, lighting design is by five-time Tony Award winner Brian MacDevitt, sound de-

sign is by two-time Tony Award winner Brian Ronan, and hair design is by Josh Marquette. Orchestrations are by Tony Award winner Larry Hochman and two-time Tony Award winner Stephen Oremus. Music supervision and vocal arrangements are by Stephen Oremus. Casting is by Carrie Gardner.

Since opening on March 24, 2011, **THE BOOK OF MORMON** has become one of the most successful shows in Broadway history, breaking the Eugene O'Neill Theatre house record more than 50 times. In addition to nine Tony Awards including Best Musical and the Grammy for Best Musical Theatre Album, **THE BOOK OF MORMON** won five Dra-

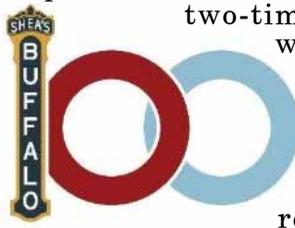
ma Desk Awards including Best Musical, the NY Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, the Drama League Award for Best Musical and four Outer Critics Circle Awards including Best Musical.

The West End production opened in February 2013, winning four Olivier Awards including Best New Musical, and breaking the record for the highest single day of sales in West End history. The first-ever UK and European tour launched in Manchester in June 2019, winning 'Best Theatre Show' at the Manchester Evening

News City Life Awards before touring throughout the UK and Europe.

THE BOOK OF MORMON has been performed on three continents and has won over 30 international awards. The musical has smashed long-standing box office records in New York, London, Melbourne, Sydney and in cities across the U.S. and the world.

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- 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
- North Buffalo Community Ctr.....203 Sanders Road
- North Buffalo Dental.....1600 Hertel Avenue
- North Park Library.....975 Hertel Avenue

- Parkside Community Center.....2318 Main Street
- Paul Wolf Agency.....2890 Delaware Avenue
- Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue
- Price Rite Market.....1716 Kenmore Avenue
- Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue
- 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

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- Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street
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- Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street
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- Doyles Deli.....1981 Niagara Street
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ATTENTION
Community Members You Are Invited To Attend

COMMUNITY BENEFITS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

December 8, 2025 11AM

ECC South Campus Building #5 Room 5102; 4041 Southwestern Blvd, Orchard Park, NY 14127

The Community Benefits Oversight Committee (CBOC) is established to provide monitoring, oversight, and accountability in connection with the construction, maintenance, and operations of the Buffalo Bills new stadium project.

This meeting invites community members to attend and learn more about the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) that is in place. Time is reserved at the end of the meeting for community members to share comments on local vulnerabilities and priorities.

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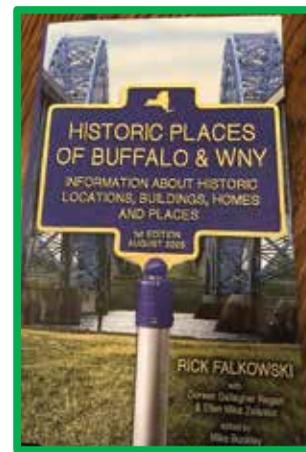
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Shea's Performing Arts Center announced registration is now open for "Sing Your Story," a camp for students ages 10 – 17 running during the February school break. Through a song of their choice, students in this camp will explore their unique life 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 two Thursdays in 2026, 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.

Reunion for ALL YEARS of Nativity of the BVM School on Albany Street in Buffalo will be held July 12th (from noon-5pm) at Buffalo River Grove (formerly Fontana's Grove)-2299 Clinton Street, Buffalo, NY 14227. Reservations are a must! RSVP by 6/30 to Rosie Mendolera at 716-881-1306.

Submit Your Community Event to

editor.buffalorocket@gmail.com

CCI Fantasy World: Italian Animators

Continued from page one. exhibit and would like them returned at this time are warmly invited to contact Toni Marie Di Leo / tonimarie.dileo@ccibuffalo.org to coordinate retrieval.

Fantasy World: Italian Americans in Animation explores the creative legacy of Italian Americans in animation, celebrating artists and stories that have shaped the field across generations. Addi-

tional details, including the exhibition's opening date, will be shared in the coming months.

The Centro extends its heartfelt thanks to the individuals and families who entrusted it with their stories and artifacts for Generations. Their generosity continues to shape the work of the Centro and the stories it is able to share.

At this time, the Centro team is focused on the

careful transition of the gallery space. Updates and announcements will be shared through official Centro channels as they become available.

Media inquiries: Members of the media may direct questions to Lianna Tatman at lianna.tatman@ccibuffalo.org. Please note that additional details regarding upcoming exhibitions will be shared in a future announcement.

Early Registration Opens For The Summer's 31st "Ride for Roswell"

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now.

Andrea Gregory has availability for interviews upon request. Please contact Jackie at (716) 480-1311 to arrange an interview. Text is preferred.

Kearns Expands Hours to Assist Travelers Apply for U.S. Passports

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No appointment is required, applications and additional forms are available, and passport photos can be taken onsite for a \$10 fee, making the Outreach Center a convenient, one-stop location for passport services.

"With cruise and international travel demand remaining high, we want to make it as easy as possible for Erie County residents to obtain their passports," said Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns. "Expanding our evening hours in February provides added flexibility for working families and travelers preparing for the upcoming spring travel season."

Residents are encouraged to apply early and allow sufficient processing time prior to any scheduled travel. Currently, passport process can take 4-6 weeks, but expedited service (2-3 weeks) is available for urgent travel,

with an additional fee of \$60.

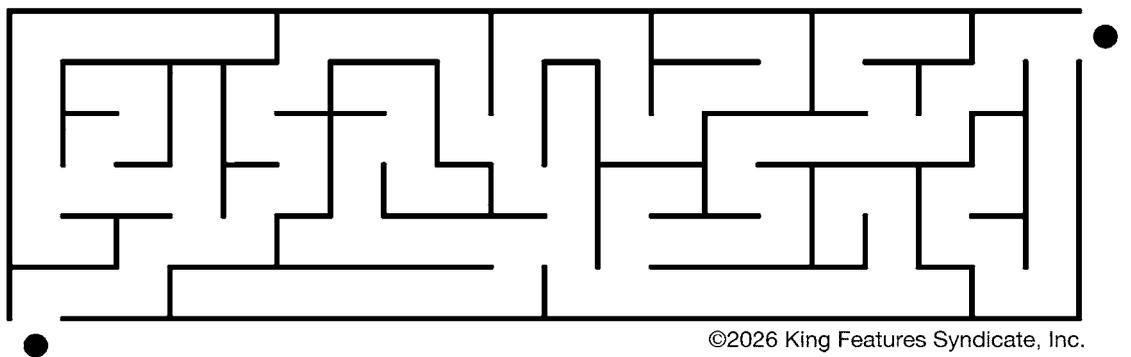
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LEGAL NOTICE 59 CRANE DEPEW, LLC filed Articles of Organization in New York on January 29 th , 2026. The LLC's office is in Erie County. The Secretary of State has been named as agent of service of process against the LLC and shall mail such process to 61 Terrace Lane, Elma, New York 14055. The LLC is formed to carry on any business for which an LLC may be formed in NY. 11

Notice of Formation of TRUE NORTH RIDGE HOLDINGS LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on January 14, 2026. 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 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY, 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 11

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ERIE PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Erie County Public Administrator, as Limited Administrator of the Estate of Carol R. Elliott a/k/a Carol Elliott, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered November 20, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the first floor Closing Room of the Erie County Clerk's Office, 92 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202 on February 10, 2026 at 10:10AM, premises known as 771 Eagle Street, Buffalo, NY 14210. All that Tract or parcel of land, situate, in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York, Section: 111.83 Block: 3 Lot: 1.6. Approximate amount of judgment \$108,509.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 800651/2024. Christopher Pannozzo, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 2, 2025 88274 7

Notice of Formation of a Domestic Professional Limited Liability Company Black Rock Mental Health Counseling, PLLC's Arts of Org were filed by the NY Dept of State on 1/8/25. Its office location is Erie County. Its purpose is mental health counseling. 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 PLLC at 36 Woodette Place, Buffalo, NY 14207. 9

Notice of Formation of Life Is Festive, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on January 13, 2026. 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 331 Depew Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214. Any lawful purpose. 10

Notice of Formation of Whitney Place Stays LLC, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 5, 2026. Office located in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of the LLC upon Whom the process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to PO BOX 249, Buffalo, NY 14205 11

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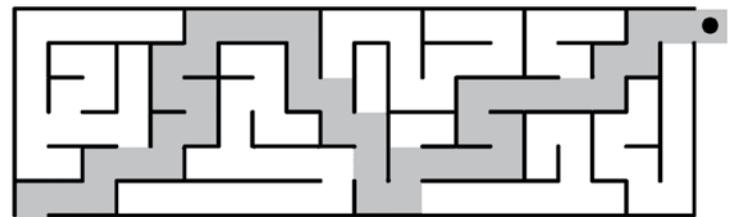
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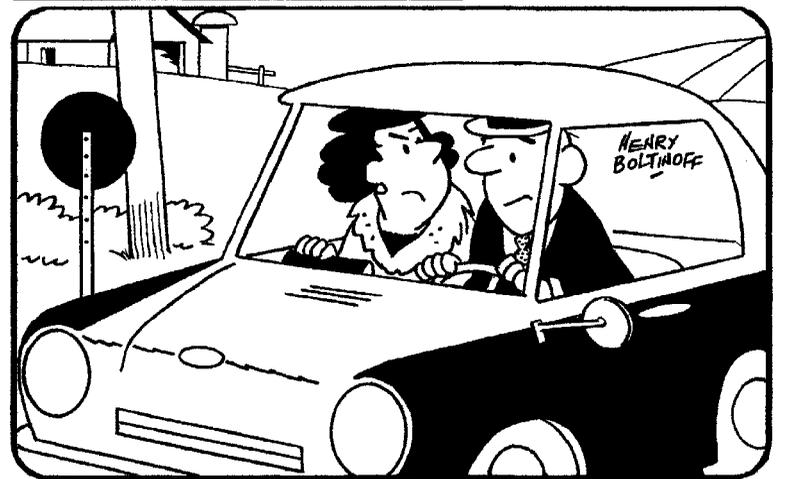
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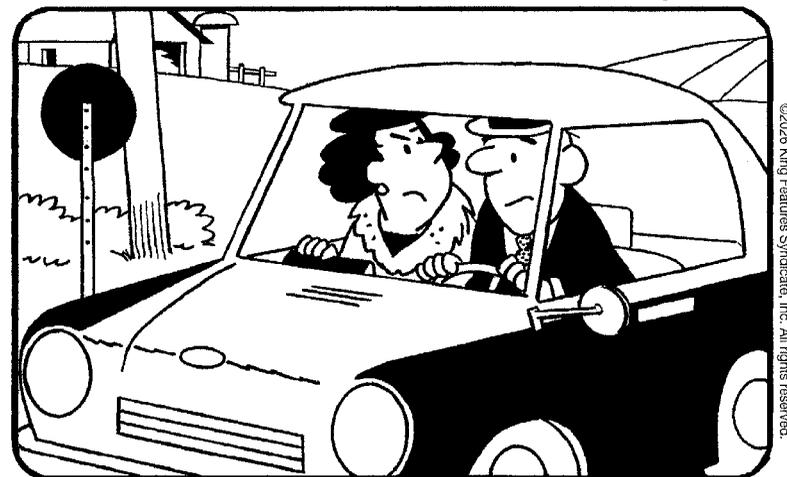
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Side mirror is moved. 2. Grille is different. 3. Sign is taller. 4. Door handle is different. 5. Fence is different. 6. Headrest is added.

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2. The Danish West Indies.
3. Red and green.
4. Collapsed lung.
5. Calamity Jane, a sharpshooter in Western history.
6. Benjamin.
7. An exaltation.
8. Fiat Automobiles.
9. A jackal.
10. The yen.

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Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.

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SEA SHELL TYPES

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