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Buffalo Lenten Fish Fry



Fish fry's during Lent are taken very seriously here in the Western New York region. The most prime places for fish fries are always in Buffalo, NY.

Lent begins Wednesday, February 18th, Ash Wednesday and fish fry season in Buffalo is taking off! As a long and beloved tradition, fish fry's take the place of meat for celebrators of Lent every year.

The fish fry is popular all over but few take it as seriously as in the Western New York region. Every Friday during Lent, most restaurants who

serve a fish fry make sure to stock up and cook it to perfection, served with all the correct sides (bread, mac & cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, tartar sauce and of course, lemons).

There are plenty of stellar places for a good fish fry in Western New York, but voted the best by Buffalo's own Artvoice multiple times is The Wellington Pub, located next door to Bob & John's.

Bob & John's is also offering fish fries everyday. The MT Pockets Restaurant also dishes out a fantastic fish fry. And Johnny's Meats is selling fresh haddock for your purchase in case you want to stay home and make your own.

For more fish fry spots in and around Buffalo, please visit stepoutbuffalo.com/iconic-fish-frys-spots-around-wny/.

Shea's Celebrates 100 Years With Historic Tours

The public is invited to a guided experience showcasing a century of architecture & artistry.

In celebration of Shea's Buffalo Theatre's centennial anniversary, Shea's Performing Arts Center announced the return of historic tours in 2026. These guided experiences invite guests to step inside the iconic

landmark and discover the stories, artistry, and rich history that have defined a century of live entertainment.

Visitors will explore the theatre's stunning architectural details, while pulling back the curtain on the moments that have shaped Shea's enduring legacy. The tours highlight

Shea's lasting impact on Buffalo's cultural landscape and reaffirm its continued role as a premier destination for world-class live performances.

2026 Historic Tour Dates & Times:

Monday, February 23 - 6:00 PM

Monday, March 9 - 6:00 PM

Monday, April 27 - *Continued on page six.*



DMV Auto Bureau Services To Resume February 18

DMV services, both in person and online, will fully resume on Wednesday, February 18. To ensure a smooth transition, appointments will be required for all in-person visits from February 18 through February 20 at all Erie County Auto Bureau Branch Offices. Mobile DMV services in Grand Island and Concord will remain suspended during this period and are expected to resume the following week.



delays in the days immediately following the launch and are asked for patience as everyone adjusts to the new system. Appointments can be made 24/7 online at erie.gov/clerk or by calling the Clerk's Outreach Center (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and on Thursdays until 7pm) at 716-858-8864. Residents can also stay informed by following the Erie County Clerk on social media (X, Facebook, and Instagram) for real-time updates before and after services resume, as well as the Clerk's website at erie.gov/clerk.

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



February, 1994. **FIRST BLOOM?...** Rocket photographer Tom Petry snapped these steel mushrooms in LaSalle Park last weekend just before the snow vanished after a rain of several days.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
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Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Announces 2026-27 Concert Season

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra today announced its 2026-27 season, a powerful and expansive year of music that balances timeless masterworks with bold new voices, world-class guest artists, and moments designed to bring audiences together in shared reflection and celebration.

Led by Music Director JoAnn Falletta, the season opens with a landmark event—Opening Night with Lang Lang, featuring Beethoven's radiant "Emperor" Piano Concerto—and unfolds across the year with deeply human stories, historic premieres, and music that speaks across generations. From a once-in-a-lifetime world premiere oratorio to an immersive Beethoven festival marking a major anniversary, the 2026-27 season affirms the BPO's role as both steward of tradition and champion of artistic evolution.

Among the season's defining milestones is the world premiere of Francis by acclaimed composer Richard Danielpour, commemorating the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death. Blending orchestra, chorus, and narration, this sweeping new oratorio represents one of the most ambitious artistic undertakings in the orchestra's history.

Throughout the Classics series, celebrated soloists take center stage, including Yefim Bronfman, Bella Hristova, Natasha Paremski, Orion Weiss, William Wolfram, and rising stars Clayton Stephenson and Michael Davidman. The season also proudly showcases Buffalo's own musical leadership, with Associate Concertmaster Amy Glidden featured as soloist and University at Buffalo professor Melissa White appearing in a Mozart program that bridges elegance and emotional depth.

Film music and the concert hall converge as Falletta leads a special celebration of John Williams—timed to honor the legendary compos-

er's 95th birthday—reminding audiences how orchestral music continues to shape modern storytelling. Williams' trademark sound also fills Kleinhans Music Hall on Thanksgiving weekend for Home Alone in Concert. Other family-friendly Film in Concert offerings include Disney Pixar's Coco, followed by the annual Festival Encanto to Hispano, and Dream Works' How to Train Your Dragon.

The spring brings one of the season's most immersive experiences: Beethoven in Retrospect, a four-concert, two-weekend festival tracing the composer's evolution and commemorating the 200th anniversary of his death. Culled from across Beethoven's extraordinary output—from the poetic Fourth Piano Concerto to the rhythmic beauty of the Seventh Symphony—the festival invites listeners to hear familiar works anew, in context and conversation with one another.

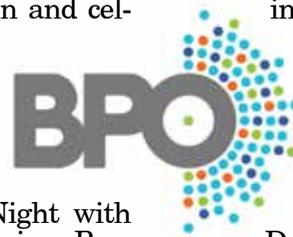
The Pops series complements the Classics with concerts designed as shared nights out—programs that blend sophistication, nostal-

gia, and joyful release. Highlights include a birthday celebration of George Gershwin, a breezy yacht-rock tribute, a glamorous Valentine's weekend with Tony DeSare, and an elegant evening with trumpet icon Chris Botti. Seasonal traditions return as well, from Halloween's macabre orchestral thrills to the region's most beloved Holiday Pops performances.

Together, the 2026-27 season reflects what the BPO does best: pairing artistic excellence with a deep sense of welcome, creating experiences that resonate long after the final note fades.

Season subscriptions are on sale now online at bpo.org, at the Kleinhans Music Hall Box Office, and by calling (716) 885-5000. Subscribers also have the option to add on announced Special events, including A Gospel Symphony Tribute to Richard Smallwood, Ben Folds with the BPO, Cody Fry's Christmas special, and all Films in Concert. Single tickets go on sale in July.

JoAnn Falletta is available for interviews the week of February 16. For interview requests, contact Simone Viola at sviola@bpo.org. Find images here. For more information, visit bpo.org.



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TODAY'S WORD

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Man On Military Threatens Victim With A Golf Club

North Buffalo February 15, 2026
Hertel Avenue - Defendant did have 1 glass stem in his hand, 1 glass stem found in front left pocket and 1 small baggie with a rock-like substance.

February 15, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Officers did respond to a trespass call for apartment 6 of 2429 Delaware Avenue. Officers observed signs of no entry on front door of apartment. After further investigation revealed that apartment was unoccupied and the defendant did not have permission or lawful authority to be inside the premises. Upon arrival officers did detain and place under arrest defendant who was inside vacant apartment without permission. The defendant did admit to entering the apartment through the window and complainant did see him enter through window.

West Side February 15, 2026
Breckenridge Street - Defendant has a refrain from order of protection and violated by arguing and did punch complainant in head causing pain.

Riverside February 16, 2026
East Street - Officers did respond to domestic call at 428 East Street where officers did observe arguing and commotion between defendant and girlfriend. Was reported to officers defendant did kick in door damaging same during argument which did cause alarm and annoyance to defendant's girlfriend and family. Domestic report completed.

February 16, 2026
Thompson Street - Defendant during an argument did grab this victim by her neck and pushed her to the wall resulting in a scratch in this right side of neck. Once victim was sitting down the defen-

dant pushed the victim onto the floor.

February 14, 2026
Military Road - Victim reports defendant is highly intoxicated and belligerent. Victim also reported defendant threw a plate of food. Defendant is in direct violation of order of protection, issued by honorable Judge.

February 14, 2025
Military Road - Officer arrived on scene and saw defendant holding an 8 iron swinger in the air while facing victim and refused verbal commands to drop

the golf club. Golf club recovered and submitted by patrol officer.

February 14, 2026
Military Road - Defendant did display a pocket knife while taking a cellphone, speaker, and tablet from victim 1. Victim 2 attempted to intervene at which point defendant held the knife up to her throat before fleeing. Defendant was apprehended and knife was recovered by patrol officer at 430 Hertel Avenue and identified by Victim 2.



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- 4 Radiator sound
- 7 Explosion
- 12 Bottom line
- 13 Ref
- 14 - Ababa
- 15 Hindu honorific
- 16 Obstruction
- 18 Work unit
- 19 Incursion
- 20 Frog's relative
- 22 - Aviv
- 23 Chumps
- 27 Fan's shout
- 29 Owing money
- 31 Choir member
- 34 Like anchovies
- 35 Hour follower
- 37 Dog's foot
- 38 Yuletide tune
- 39 GPS suggestion
- 41 Lounge about
- 45 Toe woes
- 47 Nev. neighbor
- 48 "Psycho"
- 52 Chemical suffix
- 53 Petrify
- 54 "QB -" (Uris novel)
- 55 Cacophony
- 56 "One L" author Scott
- 57 Right angle

DOWN

- 2 Small pack animal
- 3 Spanish girlfriend
- 4 Ride the waves
- 5 Suave
- 6 Memoir by Prince Harry
- 7 Infant
- 8 "Bad" cholesterol
- 9 Commotion
- 10 Bracketed word
- 11 Chiding sound
- 17 Painter
- 21 Slobber
- 23 Shoulder wrap
- 24 "You've got mail" co.
- 25 Agt.'s cut
- 26 Cloud setting
- 28 Rainbow
- 30 Code-breaking gp.
- 31 Great weight
- 32 Green prefix
- 33 Mets' div.
- 36 Ray of McDonald's
- 37 Writing instrument
- 40 Treasure stash
- 42 Lab liquids
- 43 "The Fraud" author - Smith
- 44 Justice Kagan
- 45 Enjoy gum
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- 48 FDR follower
- 49 Post-op area
- 50 Sailor
- 51 - -Magnon

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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: CRANIAL COMPUTER

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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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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 Security 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). We have little doubt that the reform needed will happen (it would be political suicide for Congress if it did not), and hopefully soon. You can read about AMAC's proposed solution at this link: www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee

Again, thank you for your feedback and commentary. Please know that we very much appreciate your thoughts and are always willing to discuss these issues.

Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) What is a bunch of bananas called?

2. Who is Neo's nemesis in "The Matrix"?

- 3) The Broadway show "Jersey Boys" is about which music group?

- 4) In which U.S. city is the sitcom "New Girl" set?

- 5) What is the name of the helicopter that transports U.S. presidents?

- 6) The Lake of the Ozarks is in which U.S. state?

- 7) When did construction begin on the Berlin Wall?

- 8) What fear is represented in the condition called *mageiropophobia*?

- 9) Which planet in our solar system has the Great Red Spot?

- 10) Which country is the setting for the novel "The French Lieutenant's Woman"?

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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://friendsofcbas.org/adopt>

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Erie County Clerk
Guest Columnist

Earned Income Tax Credit Puts Money In Your Pocket

Federal and State Tax Credits can add up to \$8,046 in EITC Refund. If you worked at all last year, you may be leaving money on the table. Federal and state tax credits, especially the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), help low to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break. Claiming the credit can reduce the tax you owe and

may also give you a larger refund to make sure you get every dollar you deserve.

For the 2025 tax year, the EITC can be worth up to \$8,046 for families with three or more qualifying children. Eligible single filers and heads of household earning under \$61,555, or married couples filing jointly earning under \$68,675, may qualify.



That's real money back in your pocket and a big reason the Erie County Clerk's Office is proud to promote United Way's MyFreeTaxes program.

Through a partnership with the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, MyFreeTaxes offers two free options: you can prepare your taxes yourself using easy-to-follow online tools, or you can have your return prepared by volunteer tax preparers, who are fully trained and IRS certified, to complete and e-file your return at no cost to you. This program is a lifeline for low- and moderate-income individuals and families, helping them access critical tax credits and other benefit programs without the stress or expense of professional tax preparation.

The EITC is a refundable federal tax credit created in 1975 to support working individuals and families, reduce poverty, and strengthen the economy. The credit is based on earned income (such as W-2 wages) and typically increases for taxpayers with qualifying children.

Even better—if you were eligible for the EITC but didn't claim it in the past three years, the IRS encourages you to file an amended return so you can still receive that refund.

To qualify, you must:
Have earned income under \$69,000
Have investment income below \$11,950 for tax year 2025

Have a valid Social Security number by the due date of your return

Be a U.S. citizen or resident alien for the full year

Not filed Form 2555 (foreign earned income)

The IRS estimates that four out of five eligible workers claim the EITC—but millions still miss out. Last year, nearly 24 million workers and families nationwide received close to \$70 billion through the credit. The average EITC refund

was \$2,894 nationwide and \$2,753 in New York State. These dollars help families pay rent, buy groceries, cover childcare, and stay financially stable.

Tax season is now in full swing. If you think you may qualify, I strongly encourage you to act now. Have your taxes prepared for free through the IRS's VITA or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs before the electronic filing deadline of April 15, 2026.

To find a free tax preparation site near you and make an appointment, call 211, text your zip code to 898-211, or visit 211WNY.org. Don't miss out, every dollar counts, and this credit was designed to help hardworking families just like yours.

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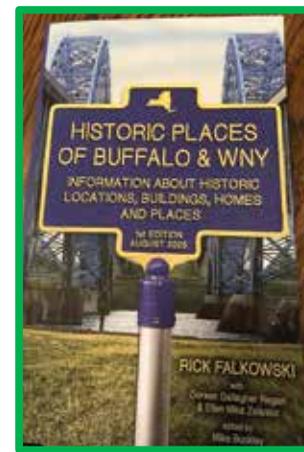
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Shea's Performing Arts Center announced registration is now open for "Sing Your Story," a camp for students ages 10 – 17 running during the February school break. Through a song of their choice, students in this camp will explore their unique life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



Polka Lessons at Skoobs! Skoobs will be hosting Polka Lessons getting you ready for Dyngus Day! Wed. Evenings – March 11, 18, 25, 2026 . Check-in 6:30 pm, Lessons 7-8 pm, \$10 a week, sign up for one or all four weeks. Learn a new dance each week. Call (716)983-5084 to register. Space is limited! Menu for drinks and dinner available before or after class! So

stick around and make new friends. Skoobs is located at 50 Central Ave., Lancaster.



As part of Irish Heritage Month, the Tewksbury Lodge will hold Irish Heritage presentations every Wednesday in March. A \$10 donation is encouraged. Food and beverages will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. No reservation necessary. March 4th will feature Mike Casella – Board Member of the Buffalo Harbor Museum & site seeing guide on the Buffalo River – will do a presentation on the Irish and their involvement in the "Building of the Buffalo Harbor." On March 11th Erin Barr, Ph.D. – SUNY Assistant Professor of History & Social Studies – will discuss "Red, White, Blue and Green, the NY Irish Regiments of the Civil War." Timothy Bohlen – local author of "Against the Grain" and "Emerald Thread" – on March 18th will be discussing "The Irish and the Erie Canal that Made America." And on March 25th, Thomas Edward Caulfield, Ph.D. – a locally noted expert on Irish history and politics will present on the topic of "The 1980-1981 Irish Hunger Strikes." If you need more information on these Irish history presentations contact Peg Overdorf at 716-553-8350.

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Shea's Celebrates 100 Years With Historic Tours

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Monday, October 19 – 6:00 PM
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Tickets for the historic tours are \$25 per person, with each tour limited to a maximum of 20 guests. Tours sell out quickly. Advance reservations are required and can be made in person at the Shea's Box Office (650 Main Street) or online at: www.sheas.org/historic-tours.

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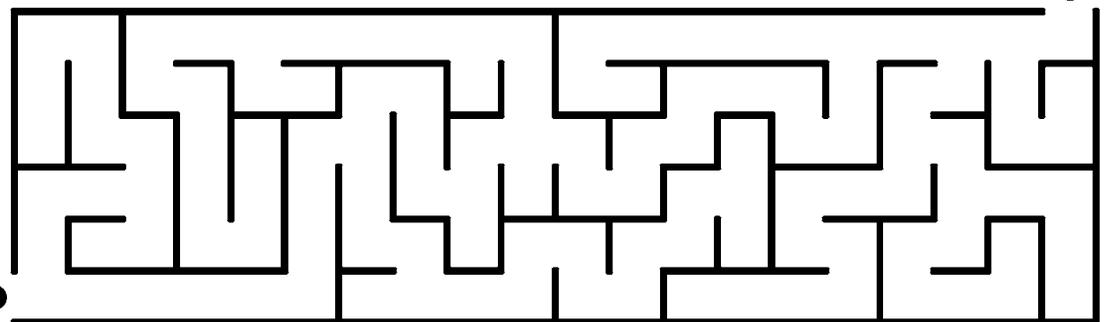
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LEGAL NOTICE 59 CRANE DEPEW, LLC filed Articles of Organization in New York on January 29 th , 2026. The LLC's office is in Erie County. The Secretary of State has been named as agent of service of process against the LLC and shall mail such process 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 Secy of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The Secy 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

Notice of a Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company LEGAL NOTICE Name of LLC: Creighton Optical, LLC Date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: 01/21/2026 Office of LLC: Erie County, Principal office: 80 Southwest Parkway, Lancaster, NY 14086. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. Secretary of State of New York State shall mail process to Ashley Zakrzewski, 80 Southwest Parkway, Lancaster, NY 14086. Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act. No specific duration or dissolution date. 13

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Jerome Ragans Unit 2F529, Maria Watkins Unit LL26A, Kashaunna Brito Unit2F415, Erthel Rayner Unit 2F225, Dimani Walls Unit 2F350, Jacqueline Anderson Unit LL31, Tometta Holley Unit LL79 & LL84, Joe Crawford Jr Unit LL97, Juliette Maldonado Unit BK205 and Robert Givens Unit BK200 & 2F264. All units are contents of the storage unit. This list is an incomplete, representative sample only. All items are subject to redemption before the sale, and are sold "as is, where is." 15% Buyer's Premium. Cash Auctions 716.282.8466. ssynia Thorton, H111; Natalie Brooks, I111; Erica Williams, E137; Claudia Brown, E115; Michael Bowman, B105. The Auction will be online at www.STORAGETREASURES.COM starting on March 5, 2026, at 5:00 PM EST and ending on March 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM EST. Owner reserves the right to bid at auction, reject any/all bids, cancel or adjourn sale. To resolve this claim contact Lincoln Self Storage, 716-874-1380 9

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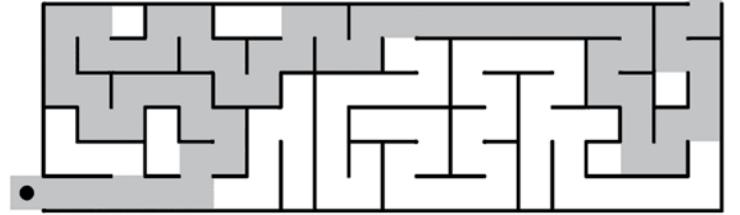
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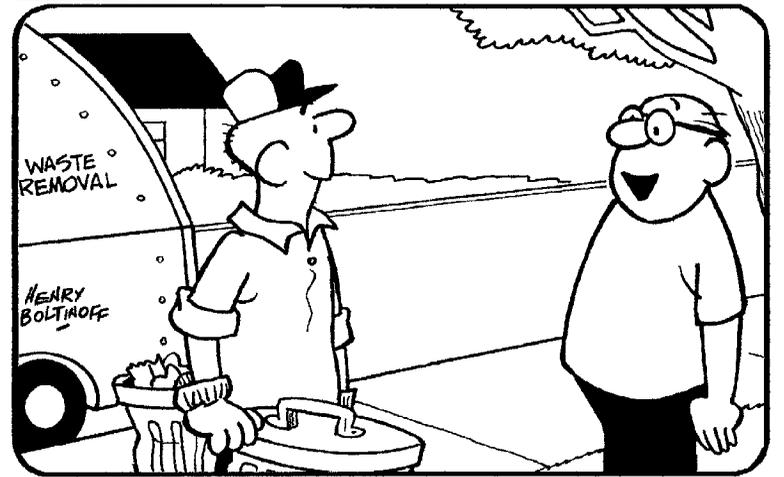
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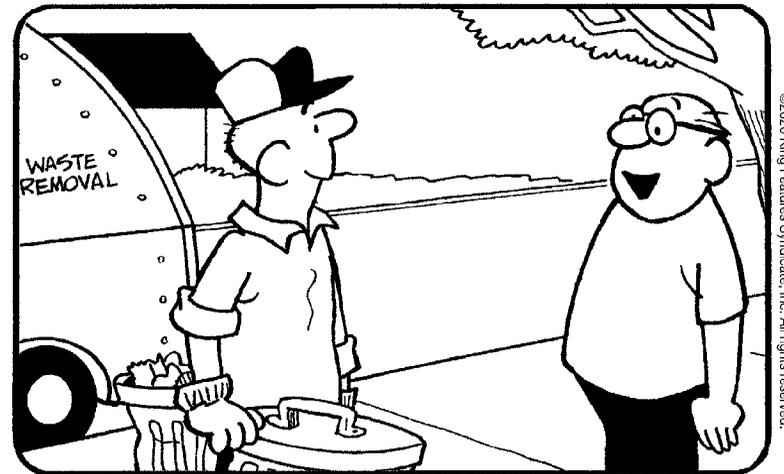
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Wheel is larger. 2. Hat is larger. 3. Window is missing. 4. Button is missing. 5. Sleeve is longer. 6. Sidewalk is wider.

1. A hand, and each banana is a finger. 2. Agent Smith. 3. The Four Seasons. 4. Los Angeles. 5. Marine One. 6. Missouri. 7. 1961. 8. A fear of cooking. 9. Jupiter. 10. England. © 2026 King Features

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Answers
Solution time: 26 mins.

ABA	SSS	BLAST
SUM	UMP	ADDIS
SRI	ROADBLOCK	
ERG	FORAY	
TROAD	TICL	SHAPS
RAIN	THROCK	
TENOR	SALTY	
OCLOCK	PAW	
NOEL	ORTE	LAZE
CORNS	CAL	
HITCHCOCK	TIDE	
SCARE	VIT	DITIN
TURROW	FLU	SEA

Puzzle on page three.

RAIN OR SHINE

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Puzzle on page three.

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Answer

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2. Binder
3. Stride;
4. Knead

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