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Shakespeare In The Park's 51st Season



Shakespeare in Delaware Parks Pericles in full swing!

Shakespeare in Delaware Park (SDP) has officially launched its 51st season of free outdoor theatre, continuing a beloved Buffalo tradition that welcomes thousands of audience members to Delaware Park each summer.

The 2026 season features two mainstage productions—Pericles, Prince of Tyre and The Taming of the Shrew—along with the touring production Fools and Foes, which is traveling to communities throughout Western New York.

Pericles, Prince of Tyre, which opened June 18, runs through July 12 on the Saul Elkin Stage in Delaware Park. Produced by SDP for

the first time in its history, this epic tale takes audiences on a sweeping journey of adventure, romance, loss, and redemption.

The second production of the season, The Taming of the Shrew, opens July 23 and runs through August 16, bringing Shakespeare's spirited comedy to the stage. Mainstage performances are presented Tuesday through Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

SDP's touring production, Fools and Foes, is also underway, bringing a fast-paced, family-friendly celebration of Shakespeare's most memorable clowns and villains to audiences across the region. Tour highlights in-

clude a special performance at Buffalo Bisons' Sahlen Field on August 24. A complete touring schedule is available at shakespearein-delawarepark.org.

"We are thrilled to welcome audiences back to Delaware Park for another summer of free professional theatre," said Lisa Ludwig, Executive Director of Shakespeare in Delaware Park. "As we begin our 51st season, we're proud to continue making Shakespeare accessible to everyone while creating memorable experiences for both longtime patrons and first-time visitors."

All performances are free and open to the public. Audience members are encouraged to bring a chair. *Continued on page five.*

Kenmore Porchfest Returns June 28th

Kenmore Porchfest returns on Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., transforming the Village of Kenmore into a walkable celebration of live music, community,

and local creativity.

Now in its sixth year, the grassroots music festival will feature more than 140 musicians and bands performing on 68 porches throughout the village.

The official festival schedule will be released on June 22 at KenmorePorchfest.org.

The community is also invited to attend the Ken- *Continued on page five.*

Artisan Market at Reinstein Woods

Friends of Reinstein Woods invites the WNY community to its annual Artisan Market on Saturday, July 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free, rain-or-shine event will take place at Reinstein Woods, 93 Honorine Dr. Depew, NY 14043. This year's market will feature more than 45 artisans and vendors selling hand-made jewelry, soy candles, paintings, photographs, and more.

"Each year we look forward to the Artisan Market as an opportunity to enjoy the summer beauty of Reinstein Woods while also supporting local craftspeople and businesses who share our appreciation for nature," said Friends of Reinstein Woods President Daniel

Haeusser. "Whether you're a long time member or a new visitor, everyone is welcome to view the always stunning art, to shop for collectibles and gifts, to savor the varied food truck offerings, and to further discover what Reinstein Woods has to offer our community."

The event, sponsored by Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union and Roofs by Bryan, will also feature an exciting basket raffle and four food truck vendors. All proceeds will support Friends of Reinstein Woods's mission: to cultivate a lifelong appreciation of nature through education, stewardship, and shared experiences within and beyond the unique ecology of Reinstein Woods.



FRIENDS OF
Reinstein
WOODS

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



June, 1995. NORTH BUFFALO HAS A NEW PARK... The man responsible for securing the funds for the new park behind Lafayette Rink and School 81, Delaware District Council Member Alfred T. Coppola (shown standing second from left), is pictured above with Mrs. Giambra's 1st grade class at School 81, as well as the three men from Regent Blacktop (back, center) who created the new basketball and tennis courts.

Local Weather

THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH



Thunderstorms
High 78°
Low 48°

FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH



Thunderstorms
High 55°
Low 68°

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH



Partly Cloudy
High 70°
Low 56°

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH



Partly Cloudy
High 71°
Low 57°

MONDAY, JUNE 29TH



Partly Cloudy
High 69°
Low 56°

TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 31ST



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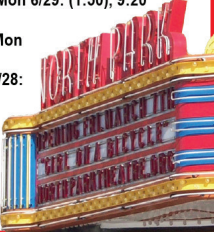
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TWIN PEAKS SEASON 2: EPISODES 2 and 3 (1990) Fri 6/26: 9:30 Sat 6/27: (11:30am), 9:30 Sun 6/28: (11:30am), 9:30 Mon 6/29: 7:00 Tue 6/30: 7:00 Wed 7/1: 7:00, 9:20 Thur 7/2: 7:00, 9:20

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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Get Your Hot Dogs Here!

Ava Marshall, Penelope Mucitelli, Elizabeth Hornung and Elizabeth Lester help serve all families with delicious concession foods from behind homeplate at nearby McCarthy Park watching as many as three games at night, during the week. They're a big hit for the North Buffalo Baseball Softball League.

Last week, we travelled over to nearby McCarthy Park, located on the other side of Route 5. It's just a baseball throw away from Shoshone Park.

Well, not really. But the two Parks are joined in the hearts and minds of everyone involved in the North Buffalo Baseball Softball League. Nowadays, NBBSL couldn't be as successful for all the boys and girls playing without the help of these nearby diamonds in a patch of North Buffalo secluded from the everyday traffic of Main Street and Hertel Avenue.

Five diamonds are laid out around a Memorial Stone, dedicated to the baseball life of "Marse" Joe McCarthy, a Hall of Fame player and manager of the New York Yankees. It's said that he spent some time here in WNY after his illustrious career with the Bronx Bombers and found a comfortable home here, away from the big apple and Yankee Stadium.

But here in North Buffalo, Shoshone Park became a comfortable place to form a baseball league for boys in 1954 while the Yankees were winning several World Series games in Major League Baseball. But I digress. Last Monday night, the 13-15 year old Senior Boys of

North Buffalo Baseball were battling it out on the diamonds of McCarthy Park on a beautiful night for some ball in a Park not far from Bennett High School and even the Erie County Medical Center.

The Phillies were taking on the Diamondbacks in a slugfest that ended in a 10-9 victory for the Phils while nearby, the Dodgers defeated the Tigers. 4-1. All four teams consist of boys playing for area high schools like Bennettwho continue to play in the Summer months.

Thank goodness for McCarthy Park.

Just before the Juneteenth holiday and Father's day weekend, Baseball and Softball continues bringing families together around the diamonds of both Parks. In Rookie Boys, the Rangers upset last season's Champ Royals, 10-9. The Athletics top the Rays. 9-1 and the Twins tied the

Astros 7-7. In Rookie Girls, the Angels battled the Rebels 6-5 in a close game.

Hunter Gallagher hit a two run homerun over the fence in right center field in the fifth inning, knocking in teammate John Catanzaro from third base to clinch an 8-5 victory for the Padres over the Cardinals in Major Boys. The Reds won their fourth game in a row with a 9-5 win over the Dodgers. The Phillies defeated the Nationals, 6-3 and the Mets shut out the Cubs, 5-0.

In Triple AAA games over at McCarthy, The White Sox defeated the Yankees, 6-3. The Orioles topped the Angels, 8-1 and the Twins won their first game of the season, big over the Red Sox.

In Triple AAA Girls, the Purple Eagles defeated the Orange. The Crimson Tide defeated the Yellow Jackets, 9-4 and the Volunteers got by the Bulldogs, 11-3.

In Double AA Boys, the Pirates have won two in a row, the last one, a 6-5 win over the Brewers in the last inning. The Braves defeated the Phillies, 8-2 and the Cardinals took care of the Mets.

In Senior Girls, The Longhorns just got by the Red Raiders, 13-12. The Wolverines topped the Bulls, 15-7 and the Tigers defeated the Sooners, 12-11.

In Major Girls, last year's defending Champ Huskies kept rolling along with two more wins on their undefeated season, 15-3 over the Bruins and an 8-3 win over the Buckeyes.

Owen Meyer, John Hurley and Daniel Blenk led the Red Sox to a 6-3 win over the Guardians Saturday. The Athletics shut out the Mariners. the Astros won again over the Yankees, 7-1 and the Twins were swinging those bats in a big win over the Orioles all before Father's Day in Rookie Boys Saturday morning.



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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Man Pulls Gun On Motorist They Brake Checked For Over A Mile

North Buffalo
June 10, 2026
Delaware Avenue - Patrol did observe a New York registered vehicle, a 2009 White Toyota pick up truck head southbound on Elmwood Avenue and Hertel Avenue with a large crack in center of windshield. Vehicle did continue southbound turning into parking lot of 1833 Elmwood Avenue passing through parking lot and entering back on to Hertel Avenue from backside of parking lot. Patrol was able to conduct the traffic stop of above vehicle at Delaware Avenue and 198E on ramp. Defendant/Operator of said vehicle did have a suspended NYS license ID only with a total of 4 scoffs on 1 date. Co-defendant was seated in the front passenger seat of the vehicle. During inventory search of vehicle patrol officer did recover a black TaurusG2c 9mm loaded with no round in the chamber.

June 11, 2026
Amhesrt Street - Victim states that after an argument defendant did display a knife and threaten to stab her, then suspect did push and try and pull her out of vehicle. Victim does have part of incident on video with male holding knife.

West Side
June 17, 2026
Grant Street - Defendant did go to 376 Grant Street (The Gypsy Parlor) knowing that the complainant was there. The complainant did immediately leave and the defendant did follow her to her car asking for her to forgive and take him back. This was in violation of an order of protection signed by honorable judge.

June 11, 2026
Heath Terrace - Defendant did tell officers victim was pregnant and bleeding and made false 911 call dispatching AMR to 113 Heath Terrace where victim was found to be

not pregnant and not bleeding and told officers defendant was her ex-boyfriend. Defendant did violate order of protection signed by honorable judge presiding.

June 15, 2026
Garner Street - Complainant stated that he was picking up a friend near Forest Avenue and Hoyt and had pulled up to the parking lot. While backing out, another vehicle bypassed him and sounded its horn. The complainant allowed vehicle to pass, at which point

suspect began brake checking him and eventually stopped on Parkdale Avenue. The complainant yelled out his window when he attempted to drive around the suspect. Suspect then rolled down window and pointed a handgun at him. Suspect now fled southbound on Parkdale. Suspect was eventually detained on 145 Garner Street, gun was recovered at 72 Dewey. Suspect spoke to detective and admitted whereabouts of gun and also turned himself in.

June 13, 2026
Genesee Street - Officers were attempting to clear large group in parking lot of 1185 Genesee Street. Officer did observe defendant run from the crowd as officer approached. While running defendant did reach for his waistband. Defendant



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was stopped at 1185 Genesee Street. In the direct path defendant ran, officer did recover 1 firearm with black Taurus slide and serial number and white frame with no serial number. Next to firearm was a 12 round magazine loaded with 8 rounds. Recovered by patrol officer. Submitted by detective.

MAGIC MAZE ● INTERESTING WORDS

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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: LOLLY— : WASTE TIME

Bowyang	Discombobulate	Mugwump	Snool
Bumfuzzle	Ganzo	Ornery	Wabbit
Codswallop	Kerfuffle	Quire	Xertz
Collop	Malarkey	Skedaddle	

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Answers on page six.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Caught ya!"
4 Spring melt-down
8 Baby's bed
12 Barbecue seasoning
13 Meditative exercise
14 Verdi heroine
15 Muffin-like treats
17 General — Chicken
18 Couturier Christian
19 Bracelet site
20 Liniment targets
22 "Arrivederci —"
24 One-named supermodel
25 Castle features
29 Unruly group
30 Ram
31 Solidify
32 Short extracts
34 Taj Mahal site
35 TV host Kelly
36 Analyze
37 Poultry choice
40 Humdrum
41 Honker
42 Marching band section
46 Scrambled wd.

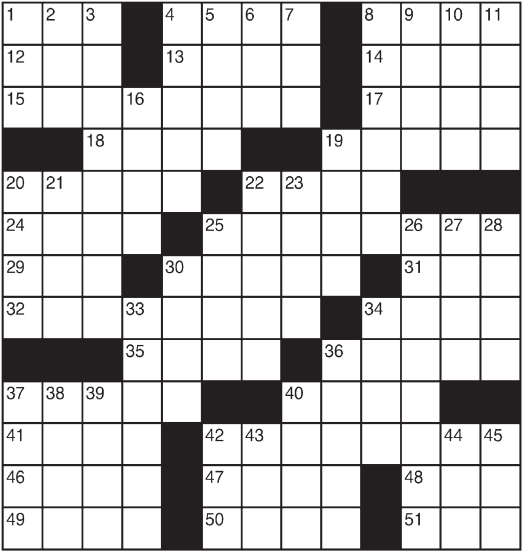
DOWN

1 Curved line
2 "Ben- —"
3 Middle
4 Printing errors
5 Farmer, at times
6 Literary rep

47 Gumbo need
48 Language akin to Thai
49 Sleep phenomena
50 Whig rival
51 Bagel topper

7 Existed
8 40 winks
9 Jeopardize
10 Teen fave
11 Pyramid part
16 Carriage
19 You love (Lat.)
20 Goals
21 "Let's go!"
22 Indian yogurt dish
23 Unrefined metals
25 Get ready, briefly
26 Paint finish
27 Prefix with byte

28 Do in
30 Neat as —
33 Plug parts
34 Now, on a memo
36 Makeup brand
37 Scorch
38 Highly rated
39 Baby carriage
40 Duelist Aaron
42 Youngster
43 MGM rival
44 Eastern path
45 Boston team, for short



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Answers on page six.

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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When Should My Wife Claim Social Security? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: We could use guidance on optimum dates for my spouse to begin taking Social Security (SS). She doesn't have enough work credits on her own, so she will be using mine for spousal benefits. I was born in 1955, and I now get \$3,886 in monthly SS benefits. My wife was born in 1961. We currently receive about \$50,000 per year in royalties and VA disability payments that will stop upon my death.

So, with that in mind, can you suggest optimum dates for my wife to claim, based on my projected death in early 2027 or early 2030?

My wife is very healthy and will likely live beyond 2040. Of course no one can predict their own passing; these are just random dates I came up with based on probabilities with my health issues.

Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning Ahead: Life expectancy and financial need are primary factors for your wife to consider at this point, plus whether she is now working. Her full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is age 67 and, if she takes her spouse benefit before that, the monthly amount will be reduced (by about 8.3% for each year early), and she

will also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earning Test which limits how much she can earn from working prior to reaching her FRA.

Statistically, your wife's life expectancy is about 87 (that's average longevity for a woman your wife's current age). Even though she isn't eligible for her own SS retirement benefits, she can still get a spousal benefit while you are both living and will get an even higher surviving spouse benefit when you die. That's because her spousal benefit (while both living) will be based on 50% of your full retirement age (FRA) entitlement, but your wife's surviving spouse benefits when you die will be based upon 100% of the benefit you were receiving at your death.

Generally, if you believe you will pass within the next few years, and your wife isn't working, her best option would be to claim her regular spouse benefit now. Although she will initially get less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, that amount will be replaced automatically by her higher survivor benefit when you pass. Depending on her age when you pass, she will get the full \$3,886 monthly amount you are receiving at your death (plus any COLA yet to be awarded). If that happens before she reaches her full retirement age, her monthly survivor amount will be actuarially reduced based upon how far before her FRA it is claimed. Generally, the survivor benefit reduction will be about 4.75% for each full year claimed early (about .396% for each month early).

So, to a large degree, your wife's options for spouse and survivor benefits are based on your expected longevity. If you have reason to believe you will pass within the next few years, then your wife should probably claim her spousal benefit now (while you are both living). Because she is a bit shy of 65 years old, her initial SS spouse benefit will be reduced (she'll get about 42% of your FRA benefit amount, instead of the 50% she would get if she claimed at age 67). She can collect that amount until you die, at which time she will receive her survivor's benefit as your widow. If she has reached age 67 when that happens, your wife's benefit will become the same as yours was when you died (the \$3986, plus any COLA since awarded). And she will collect that higher SS survivor benefit for the remainder of her life which, from what you've shared, would likely be about 20+ years. Assuming her life expectancy is at least average, that is how your wife would get the most cumulative Social Security benefits over her lifetime.

Senior TRIVIA ???

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1. Which TV sitcom features a pet pig named Arnold Ziffel?
2. Which three countries make up Scandinavia?
3. When was the euro currency introduced?
4. What is a more common name for myocardial infraction?
5. Who is the Egyptian god of the underworld?
6. What is the building whose steps Rocky Balboa climbs triumphantly in the movie "Rocky"?
7. Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be water signs?
8. How many wooden blocks are in a game of Jenga?
9. Which state is home to the Petrified Forest National Park?
10. Which system in the human body is responsible for hormone production and regulation?

Answers on page seven.

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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.



Step Out Buffalo's Buffalo Artisans & Flea Returns for 3-Day Summer Kickoff + First-Ever Night Market. Step Out Buffalo's signature summer shopping event is back and kicking off the season in a big way. The Buffalo Artisans & Flea returns to Downtown Buffalo's Cobblestone District for three full days this June, featuring 125+ local makers, vintage curators, food trucks, and more. And new for 2026, the event expands with its first-ever Friday Night Market, giving shoppers an early start and a golden hour experience in the city. **EVENT DATES & LOCATION:** Friday, June 26 (3-9 PM) - Night Market, Saturday, June 27 (10 AM-5 PM), Sunday, June 28 (10 AM-4 PM)



PEACE, Inc. has announced the Healing and Hope Conference 2026: Rebuilding lives after a violent death and restoring safety in the community. This is a two-day event focusing on gun violence prevention and traumatic grief. Conference Details: Date - Thursday, June 18th & Friday, June 19th, 2026. Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm (registration

opens at 8:30am). Location: Buffalo State University JLV Alumni & Visitor Center, 667 Grant Street, Buffalo, NY 14213. Registration Fee - \$75.00 (includes continental breakfast, lunch, and conference materials). Registration: Visit www.peace-buffalo.org or mail checks to P.E.A.C.E., Inc., PO Box 1495, Buffalo NY 14240. For more information, call 716-429-6404.



Grover Cleveland class of '76 50 year reunion celebration with two events (Pre-sale only) Friday, July 31 5 PM at Charlie's boatyard 1111 Furman Blvd. Buffalo, \$60 include buffet, tax and gratuity, cash bar. Contact MaryRose at 716-628-8632. Saturday, August 1, 3 to 5 PM Moondance catamaran ride 329 Erie St. (Erie basin Marina). \$30 Contact Adrienne at 716-866-8513.



Riverside Baptist Church (corner of Ross/Ontario St.) is having a Parking Lot Give-away on Saturday, 6/27/26 from 9am-2:30pm. All items are free of charge.



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Kenmore Porchfest Returns June 28th

Continued from page one. more Porchfest Preview Event on Sunday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kenmore Village Green during the opening day of the Kenmore Farmers Market. The preview event will feature performances by AUGUSTUS, TomTom, Raspy Jones, and Karma Queen, along with the presentation of two \$300 Kenmore Porchfest scholarships recognizing young local musicians.

"What started as 16 bands on nine porches in 2021 has grown into one of the largest community music events in Western New York," said Eric Nagel, founder and president of Kenmore Porchfest. "We're excited to welcome neighbors and visitors alike to experience the incredible talent and community spirit that make Porchfest so special."

Following the festival, attendees are invited to the Official Kenmore Porchfest After Party at Fattey Beer Co. in Kenmore from 6 to 9 p.m., featuring a live performance by Gimme Gimme.

For more information, visit KenmorePorchfest.org.

Kenmore Porchfest is a grassroots music festival where neighbors turn their porches into stages, featuring more than 100 bands performing throughout the Village of Kenmore each year. What began as a small neighborhood event has grown into a vibrant celebration of local music, arts, and community. Kenmore Porchfest is a registered 501(c)(3) public charity, dedicated to sup-

porting the arts and building community through music. The organization is led entirely by volunteers

who believe music brings people together and helps make Kenmore a stronger, more joyful place to live.



Kenmore Porchfest is transforming the Village of Kenmore once again into a walkable celebration of live music, community, and local creativity this June.

Shakespeare In The Park's 51st Season

Continued from page one. or blanket and enjoy an evening of theatre in one of Buffalo's most beautiful outdoor settings. While admission is free, goodwill do-

nations are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

For more information, visit shakespeareindela-warepark.org or call 716-856-4533.

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Key Clubs are electing executive board to lead clubs in the next year
May 12 Aktion Club Dinner meeting 5:15-6:45 pm
May 19 Kiwanis Club zoom General Business meeting 5-6pm
TBD Aktion Club K family and planting Cleanup
Tim Russert Park West Seneca

May 27 Annual Memorial Day Dinner, 5:30-7:00 pm,
Chef's Restaurant, 291 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY

June 25, Thursday 5-7:00pm
Kiwanis education for new and prospective members

Roswell Park Community Outreach and Engagement Center
907 Michigan Street, Buffalo, NY 14204

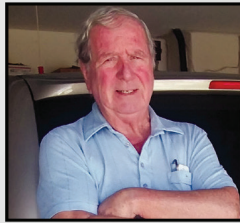
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Up To You Deli.....2189 Niagara Street



Northwest Buffalo Beat

By Dave Gallagher AKA Joe Bortz

My Mom.

On Twitter, or X, someone asked, “What restaurant smells do you remember from childhood?” I had to admit that when I was young, my family could not afford to eat out. I was the fifth of eight children—four boys and four girls—born just after the Great Depression. Although my father worked, we still had to scrape by. The only restaurants I remember from those days were Sargent’s and Roy’s, where my dad would take my mother for a Friday night fish fry as a treat. Both were at the foot of Ferry Street on Buffalo’s West Side, just before the Ferry lift bridge. You would have to be old enough to remember those Friday night hot spots. A fish fry cost only 50 cents. They were the only restaurants I recall visiting, and while they were nothing fancy, they served the best fish fries in town back then.

We ate, and we ate well. My mother’s parents had immigrated from Sicily, where women rarely left the house and were expected to handle the household chores and feed

large families. My mother was one of eight children—five girls and three boys—and, like many immigrant families, they were raised with a strong work ethic. She carried that same determination into our home. At times, I could hardly believe how hard she worked to care for us, doing things that are almost unheard of today. We had a washing machine but no dryer, so clothes had to be hung outside or in the cellar. Since there were no wash-and-wear fabrics, everything had to be ironed; I used to iron the handkerchiefs. Each morning she made the beds, cooked breakfast, packed lunches, cleaned the house, and then prepared dinner. Without a car, shopping meant buying from the huckster outside, walking to the corner grocery store, or occasionally going to the A&P. At night she knitted, crocheted, darned socks, and sewed while we listened to the radio for entertainment. She was always busy.

When it came to food, my mother made her own dough and used it

to bake bread—the best homemade bread I have ever tasted, even today. She also made cinnamon rolls for breakfast, covered with frosting, and homemade pizza without pepperoni because we could not afford it. I do not remember everything she put on it, but I know it had cheese, anchovies, and a tomato-based red sauce unlike the kind used today. She made her own pasta and ravioli, and I remember sealing the ravioli edges with a fork. Her spaghetti sauce was made with fresh tomatoes, which were central to her cooking. We had a large garden filled with tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, peas, and zucchini, but tomatoes were the biggest harvest. In the fall, she would can the vegetables.

Canning was a major undertaking. I remember it taking days, and it was hot, difficult work because the jars had to be heated to seal properly. There were racks and racks of glass jars—dozens of them—filled to last through the long Buffalo winters. Afterward, they were stored in a basement room. I can hardly imagine people doing that today. What I remember most is my mother working tirelessly to preserve our harvest. One of my chores was to go down to the storage room and bring up the vegetables and fruit needed for dinner.

Back then, we found many ways to cut corners.

We bought day-old doughnuts because they were cheaper. Since we could not afford butter, we put olive oil and basil on my mother’s fresh-baked bread. Our sandwiches were usually bologna with mustard or peanut butter and jelly; I did not have a ham sandwich until I was 15. I even remember putting a drop of butter in coffee and dunking toast in it for the taste. We used salad dressing instead of mayonnaise, and water was the only drink served with dinner. Spaghetti was on the table at least two or three times a

week. I never had steak until I was married. My father, who was Irish, wanted steak and mashed potatoes because he did not like spaghetti, so my mother cooked him a separate meal every night. It never bothered us; we simply thought that was the way things were.

In the end, we survived and did well because of our hardworking mother. As you might guess, none of us were overweight as children. We always had enough, and it was always satisfying. I wish I could thank her one more time.

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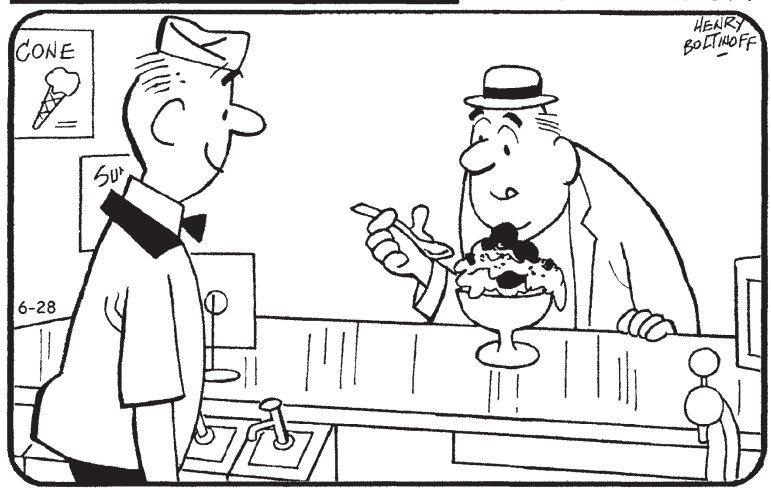
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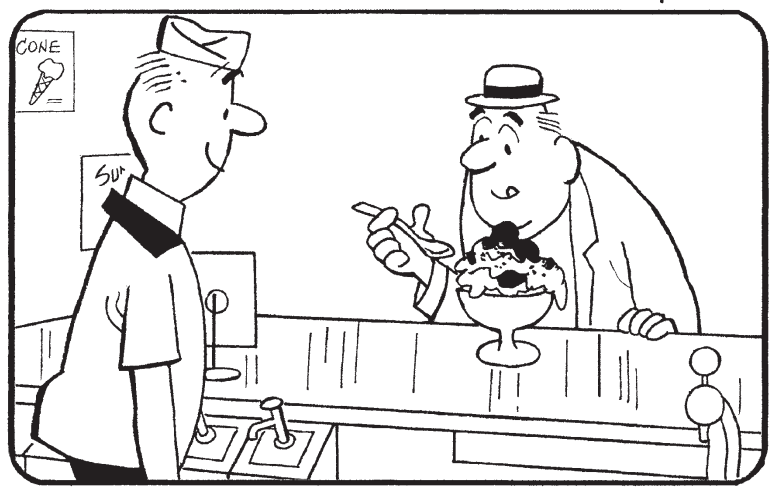
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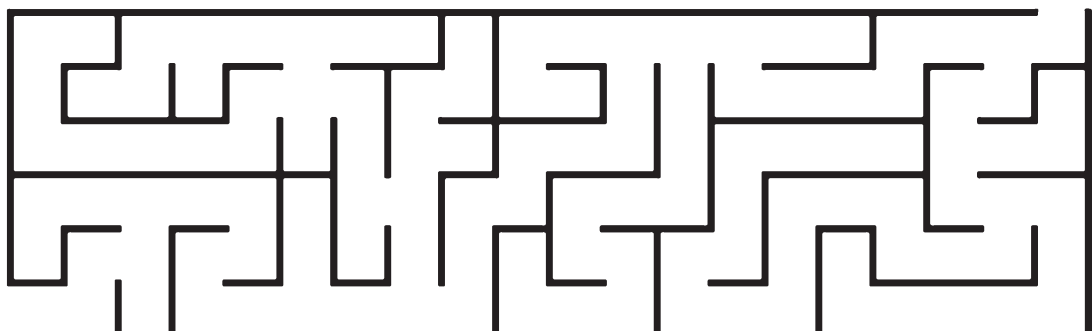


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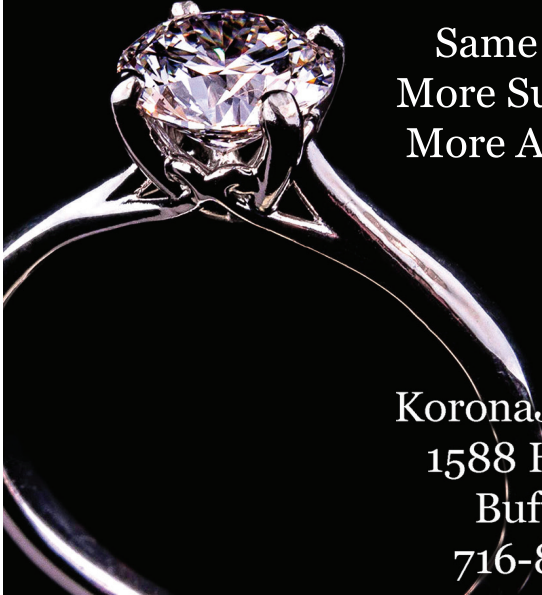
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