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It's Curtain Up Buffalo!



Buffalo's annual Curtain Up Street party, 2025.

Celebrate 43 years of live theatre in Western New York on Friday, September 18th at Curtain Up! 2026 in the Buffalo Theatre District! This will be the 43rd in-person celebration of the opening of Buffalo's professional theatre season. Curtain Up! is produced by the Theatre District Association of WNY, Inc. Founded in 1979, Theatre District

Association of WNY, Inc. is a not-for-profit community association dedicated to the promotion of the health and well-being of Buffalo's neighborhood known as the Theatre District. Curtain Up! 2026 is sponsored by M&T Bank | Wilmington

Trust.

The Theatre District Association will begin a week-long celebration with the highly anticipated Plaza of Stars Induction Ceremony. On Monday, September 14th, longtime arts leader and children's theatre pioneer Meg Quinn will be honored with a star in the Buffalo Theatre District. The installation ceremony will begin at 5:30PM in the lobby of the newly renovated

Shea's 710 Theatre, followed by the unveiling of the star outside on the Plaza of Stars. A reception will follow immediately after at The Bijou, 646 Main St.

Curtain Up! 2026 Sched-

ule: Curtain Up! will be held on Friday, September 18th in Downtown Buffalo. As always, Curtain Up! is a "make your own" night signature event. Join us at the Kickoff party or select a place to dine in the Theater District, purchase tickets for any of a wide variety of shows, and then enjoy free entertainment on the street throughout the Theater District. Complete details regarding Curtain Up! 2026 may be found online at: tda-wny.com/event/curtain-up-2026.

Act 1 - Cocktail Kickoff Party

The Curtain Up! Kickoff
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Then and Now...

Hertel Avenue floods June 1987 between Saranac and Delaware. Comedy Trap, remember that? Fishing in front of Anthony Leone office at 1349 Hertel. Fanara Travel 1176 Hertel. Last week saw the return of the infamous flood on September 3, 2026. The more things change, the more they stay the same.



Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

8U Blaze at Sahlen Field!



The 8U North Buffalo Blaze team had a great time at the Bisons game last Friday night at Sahlen Field, pictured here with the famous "Conehead" before the game.

Do you know how great North Buffalo Baseball and Softball is?

I'll give you nineteen (19) reasons why and how in this column. First, some background. When your Mother or Father signs you up to play Baseball in Shoshone Park for the first time, you might be just four or five years old. That's the perfect age for t-ball when you try and swing a heavy baseball bat at a ball nestled in a cup, coming up from an almost square plate on the ground.

You need to hit that ball with the bat and hope it goes far. Once you hit it, you can run to first base and meet another coach there and touch another plate.

Do you remember those days?

Shoshone Park is just the beginning place where friendships happen. All your new friends become teammates and at the end of a season, you know how to play baseball and you receive a trophy from the

League for playing. Your first trophy!

Late last week, the Buffalo Bisons were in town, playing Downtown in Sahlen Field. They played a team from Worcester, Massachusetts called the Red Sox. And here are nineteen (19) reasons how great the North Buffalo Baseball and Softball League is.

Thanks to Bob and Mindy Rich and all the fine people at One James D. Griffin Plaza, 19 players of the 8U North Buffalo Blaze Travel Team were down on the field,

along the third baseline and were formally introduced, one by one in front of the many people watching from the stands. They were Ari Fuerst, Austin Lee, Connor Morenzi, Eli Ando, Greyson DiPalma, Henry Martin, Hunter Farah, Huxley Lane, Jack Biggie, Joe Shaw, Kealan Sinnott, Kevin Cullinane, Levi Mirwis, Luke Capolupo, Noel Miller, Quintin Becker, Quinlin Kraus, Rocco

Bruno and Sawyer Capuanna.

Under the watchful eyes of their head coach and North Buffalo Baseball and Softball Boys Travel Director Jim Daley, a microphone from the Bisons' Press Box correctly pronounced each players name and the camera's zoomed in on each face that was shown on the scoreboard in Centerfield with huge smiles on all their faces.

"The Bisons help us do this every year," said Daley. "The boys all love it!"

Then the Triple AAA affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, the Buffalo Bisons and the Worcester Red Sox players all step out onto the field and line up to await the playing of our National Anthem just before game time on a beautiful night for baseball Downtown in Sahlen Field.

"What an absolutely fabulous evening at the ballpark for the 8U Buffalo Blaze," said Marc Bruno, on his Facebook page. "They all got introduced on the scoreboard. A huge thanks to Coach Daley and all our wonderful assistant coaches. Go Bisons and most importantly, Go Blaze!"

While the Blue Jays try to earn the third and final Wild-card spot in the American League Playoffs now, teams like the Yankees and Red Sox have stayed right behind the Rays in the American League East. Two other teams, the Guardians and the Rangers are also vying for that third and final Playoff spot so a Blue Jays return to the postseason this year will be much harder to attain in the final month of the season.

In other local Sports news, the Bills open their new season this Sunday, September 13th under first year head coach Joe Brady against the Texans in Houston at 1:00pm. With a new wide receiver in DJ Moore from the Bears to help in the offense, Pete Carmichael Jr. needs to keep Josh Allen upright behind the line of scrimmage all season long. Go Bills!



The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

September 8

At approximately 12:50 a.m. this morning, A district officers responded to a shooting call in the 400 block of Perry Street. Officers located a 15-year-old male victim suffering from gunshot wounds to the head and hand. He was transported via AMR to Children's Hospital to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

September 6

At 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Buffalo Police responded to a report of a cyclist struck by a vehicle near 51 Ontario Street. The vehicle that hit the person fled the scene traveling eastbound on Ontario Street. The cyclist sustained critical injuries, he was transported to Erie County Medical Center, and died the following day from those injuries. The BPD Accident Investigation Unit is investigating the incident.

September 5

At approximately 11:30 p.m. Friday night, E district officers responded to a shots fired call at a mass gathering at Northland Avenue and Grider Street. Two adult male shooting victims were identified, one suffering from a gunshot wound to the shoulder and the other suffering from a gunshot wound to the foot. Both victims were transported to ECMC to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

UB Center For The Arts Announces Fall 2026 Season

The University at Buffalo Center for the Arts (UBCFA), Western New York's premier arts hub, announces its fall 2026 season, with programming spanning music, comedy, film, dance, free events and the university's Distinguished Speakers Series. From nationally touring artists to creative work happening across UB, the season offers audiences a wide range of ways to experience the arts.

"There's so much happening at the Center for the Arts this season," says Jamie Enser, UBCFA executive director. "We hope audiences will explore our

full calendar, discover something new and find their next experience."

On Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m., comedian, writer, producer and musician Fred Armisen brings Comedy For Musicians But Everyone Is Welcome to UBCFA. An 11-season veteran of Saturday Night Live, Armisen is the co-creator and co-star of Portlandia and Documentary Now! and served as bandleader of the 8G Band on Late Night with Seth Meyers from 2014–24.

October continues with the supernatural classic Ghostbusters in Concert on Friday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Experience the beloved 1984 film like never before as it is presented on a large HD cinema screen, fully synced to a live orchestra performing Academy Award®-winning composer Elmer Bernstein's spine-tingling score. Blending film, live music and iconic 1980s nostalgia, the event offers a memorable October night out for families, film lovers and longtime fans.

Art in the Open returns on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m. with a free, immersive evening celebrating the cre-

ativity of the UB arts community. Guests are invited behind the scenes to explore studios, galleries and rehearsal spaces; meet student and faculty artists; and enjoy performances, film screenings and installations offering a glimpse into the creative process across disciplines.

Award-winning performer Carisa Hendrix brings her charming socialite and cocktail enthusiast Lucy Darling to the Mainstage on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m. In The More the Merrier, Lucy is joined by pianist TJ Shanoff and multi-instrumentalist Mark Ettinger

for a touring variety show blending comedy, music, magic and audience interaction, with playful improvisation making each performance different.

Punch Brothers return to the UBCFA on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. as part of their Unsung North American Expedition tour. The Grammy-winning, boundary-pushing acoustic quintet features mandolinist and vocalist Chris Thile, guitarist Chris Eldridge, bassist Paul Kowert, banjoist Noam Pikelnny and violinist Brittany Haas. The tour follows the July release of The Unsung Adventures of Punch Brothers, the band's seventh album, its first all-instrumental recording and its first with Haas.

On Friday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m., Gary Owen brings his No Hard Feelings Tour to the Center for the Arts. Entertaining audiences for more than two decades, Owen is known for sharp observational humor and fearless storytelling drawn from his personal life, military service and the everyday absurdities that connect people across backgrounds.

Closing out the month, The Wailin' Jennys take the stage on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Heather Masse have grown from a one-time performance in a Winnipeg guitar shop into one of today's most beloved international folk acts, known for their distinctive harmonies and acclaimed live performances.

The fall calendar also features work from UB's creative community, including theatre and dance productions presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance, exhibitions by UB Art Galleries and the Department of Art, and performances by the Department of Music in Slee Hall, along with other university events. Additional fall performances and events will be announced in the coming weeks.

UB's Distinguished Speakers Series returns this fall with a lineup of world-renowned speakers. The series begins on Friday, Oct. 2, with award-winning journalist and bestselling author Andrew Ross Sorkin. On Tuesday, Nov. 10, former U.S. Representative Liz Cheney takes the stage for Defending Democracy: A Conversation with

Liz Cheney. Award-winning engineer Dr. Moogega Cooper, planetary protection engineer for the Mars Perseverance Rover, will visit UB on Thursday, Feb. 11. The series concludes on Tuesday, March 9, with paleoanthropologist, evolutionary biologist and PBS host Ella Al-Shamahi. All events begin at 7 p.m.

Looking ahead to spring, UBCFA Presents Parsons Dance on Saturday, April 3, 2027, at 7:30 p.m. Known for its energized, athletic and joyous style, the internationally renowned company is celebrated for bold ensemble work and an innovative approach to contemporary American dance. Parsons Dance celebrates its 40th anniversary during the 2026–27 season. More spring programming will be announced throughout the season.

Tickets for ticketed performances are available now at ubcfa.org or through Ticketmaster. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the UB Center for the Arts Ticket Office. Visit ubcfa.org for current Ticket Office hours.

For group sales, engagement opportunities, or more information, contact Jamie Enser at 716-645-6254 or jenser@buffalo.edu.

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Buffalo River Fest Park 2026 Charity Golfing Tournament BW's Barbecue Dinner: On Friday, September 11th Buffalo River Fest Park LLC will hold its annual Charity Golf Tournament Dinner. Golf will be \$80 per person, 4 person scramble with a noon shotgun start at Cazenovia Park Golf Course, 1 Willink Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14210. It will be followed up with dinner starting at 3:30 p.m. By BW's Barbeque at the Ironworkers Hall located at 196 Orchard Park Road West Seneca, NY 14224. There will be contests and prizes throughout the day including a basket raffle! Proceeds will go toward maintaining the park.



Kids Escaping Drugs invites the community to join the 7th Annual Rise for Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Canalside. Registration for the 7th Annual Rise for Recovery Walk is now open at www.ked.org/rise-for-recovery.



"Hike, Bike, or Roll: Scenic Trails in Western New York." Co-authors Jennifer Hillman and William McKeever will discuss their books "Biking the Empire State Trail: A Guided Tour from Buffalo to Albany" and "Secret Places of Western New York: 25 Scenic Hikes" at the Cazenovia Neighborhood Library, 155 Cazenovia St., Buffalo, NY 14210, on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. To reserve your seat, call 716-821-0564 or visit the Cazenovia Neighborhood Library.



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Fall Fest Brings Festive Fun to Canalside September 26th

A chill is in the air, Buffalo — and Canalside is ready. Western New Yorkers can embrace the new season and all that comes with it at Buffalo Waterfront's annual Fall Fest on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Fall Fest 2026 is presented by Citizens, with support from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. Free activities for the whole family will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The lineup includes:

- Storytimes & giveaways by Barb's Book Buddies
- Mini driving range by First Tee of Western New York where kids can put their golfing skills to the test using real golf clubs and foam balls
- Goat Yoga with River Road Ranch and Soma Cura Yoga (links to register for each session are available here).
- Bounce house
- Live music on the Boardwalk
- Vendors and food and beverage options including 716 Sips, Nema's Café and S'mores by Nicole

"Citizens is proud to support experiences that strengthen community connections and make our region more vibrant for everyone," said Ted Smith, Upstate NY Citizens President. "As presenting sponsor of Fall Fest at Canalside, we're honored to help create a free, family-friendly event where residents can come together, celebrate the season and enjoy Buffalo's iconic waterfront. Investing in opportunities that bring people together is one of the many ways we demonstrate our commitment to Western New York."

While the event is free to attend, a \$5 "kid ticket" guarantees a pumpkin to decorate and a Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield bag with trinkets and activities. In addition, the first 300 purchasers of a ticket will receive a voucher for one free skating admission and rental for the Ice at Canalside this winter, courtesy of Rich Entertainment Group (REG). Tickets can be

purchased at Fall Fest or in advance online.

"Canalside has become a vibrant community hub where people come together to celebrate, stay active and enjoy the beauty of Buffalo's waterfront throughout the year," said Michael Ball, vice president of community affairs, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. "Highmark is thrilled to support programming that fosters connection, wellness and a sense of belonging, from summer fitness activities and winter skating to seasonal favorites like Fall Fest. We're excited to help bring another season of memorable, family-friendly experiences to our community."

Fall Fest attendees can also enter to win additional prizes from REG's portfolio of businesses, and the first 500 children to enter the event will receive an exclusive, child-friendly REG giveaway.

More details can be found at the Fall Fest website.

Buffalo And Erie County Botanical Gardens "Growing Back To School"

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and M&T Bank are welcoming kids 12 and under and their families to visit the Botanical Gardens for a special discount during their 'Growing Back to School' promotion this month. Throughout the whole month of September, kids 12 and under will receive free admission to the Botanical Gardens. Families in the community are encouraged to take advantage of this special discount to enjoy many of the new exhibits, activities, and plant col-

lections that the Botanical Gardens has to offer.

The Botanical Gardens and M&T Bank teamed up to offer the community a discounted opportunity for kids and their families to be able to enjoy the interactive exhibits and plant collections at the Botanical Gardens. Kids 12 and under will receive free admission to the Botanical Gardens, which is open daily from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Families can bring their kids for an after-school activity or a weekend getaway. Kids can enjoy being immersed in the plant-life and play-

based learning in their Playspace, seed planting activities, and at the end of the month will also enjoy a brand-new exhibit filled with fall fun, called the Scarecrow Trail.

The Botanical Gardens is open daily from 10:00 to 4:00pm and tickets can be purchased online at buffalogardens.com. For the month of September admission for kids 12 and under is free and tickets for Adults are \$18.00, Seniors and Students are \$16, and Botanical Gardens members are always free. The Botanical Gardens recommends planning an hour to an hour and a half during each visit.



It's Curtain Up Buffalo!

Continued from page one.

Party will be held in the lobby at Scene One Market Arcade Cinemas on September 18th from 5pm through 7 pm. Guests will enjoy a two-hour open bar and delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres. Stomachs will be full and happy with the amazing spread catered by The Bijou! A limited number of tickets are available and priced at \$100 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets, call Shea's Buffalo Theatre Box Office at (716) 847-0850. Tickets can be purchased through this link: am.ticketmaster.com/sheas/buy/cupcocktail. Or dine at one of the Theatre

District's wonderful restaurants. For a full list of restaurants in the Theatre District and surrounding Central Business District, go to <https://www.buffaloplace.com/play/eat-and-drink>.

Act 2 – Theatre Performances

7:30 pm - Curtains rise at productions at area theaters. Advance reservations are recommended. Guests should check with the theatre venue to review start times, run times, and ticket pricing.

Lineup Of Curtain Up! 2025 Theatrical Performances (Act 2)

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BECKY SHAW by Gina Gionfriddo

Run dates: September 12 - October 3, 2026

Ticket Price: Single tickets start at \$43

Buffalo United Artists

GULP! The Gay Beach Musical, Book by John Glines & Stephen Greco / Music by John Glines / Lyrics by John Glines & Robin Jones

A 1970s queer musical comedy that follows a closeted lifeguard saved by five eccentric characters on Gay Liberation Day at Coney Island!

Run dates:

September 11th - 7:30 p.m. / September 12th - 5:00 p.m. / September 18 - 7:30 p.m. / September 19th - 5:00 p.m. /

September 20th - 5:00 p.m. / September 25 - 7:30 p.m. / September 26th - 5:00 p.m. / September 27th - 5:00 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$30 - General Admission / \$20 - Students / Industry Rates Available

A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN by Randy Johnson

Run Dates: September 11-October 3, 2026; Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Ticket Price: \$5.00 - \$59.00

EMMA by Kate Hamill, based on the novel by Jane Austen

Run Dates: September 18 - October 3, 2026, Curtain times are 7:30pm for Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; and 2pm for Saturday and Sunday

Matinees.

Ticket Price: \$45

THE DA VINCHI CODE, Adapted by Rachel Wagstaff and Duncan Abel / Based on the novel by Dan Brown

Performance dates: September 18 - October 18, 2026 Thursday / Friday / Saturday at 7:30pm / Sun-

day at 2:00pm

Ticket prices: \$55-\$60

HAIR Book & Lyrics by Gerome Ragni and James Rado and Music by Galt MacDermot

Performance Dates: September 17 - October 4, 2026

Thursdays & Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 2:30pm & 7:30pm, Sundays at 2pm

Ticket Price: \$69 General Admission/\$30.55 Students

GUYS AND DOLLS, Music & Lyrics by Frank Loesser, Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

Performance Dates:

September 11 - Fri - 7:30pm, September 12- Sat - 7:30pm, September 13- Sun - 2pm, September 18- Fri - 7:30pm,

September 19- Sat - 7:30pm, September 20- Sun - 2pm, September 25- Fri - 7:30pm, September 26- Sat - 2pm,

September 26- Sat - 7:30pm, September 27- Sun - 2pm

Ticket Price: \$25 - \$42

BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB by Marco Ramirez

Performance Dates: September 12 - 18, 2026

7:30PM Saturday, September 12th

1:00PM and 6:30PM Sunday, September 13th

7:30PM Tuesday, September 15th through Friday, September 18th

Ticket Prices: \$51 - \$111

JUICY and DELICIOUS by Lucy Alibar

Performance Dates: Sept 17th, 18th, 24th, and 25th at 7:30pm and September 19th, 20th, 26th, and 27th at 4:00pm

Ticket Prices: \$30 pre sale / Pay-what-you-can at the door

Act 3 - Free Street Party 10 pm When the curtains fall, the free Theatre District Street party goes into high gear. Free outdoor entertainment on Main Street between Chippewa and

Tupper Streets will feature a variety of music and specialty acts.

Act 3 Entertainment will include:

Pianist Griffin Kramer, playing showtunes, classics, and your favorite sing-along songs in the Alleyway Theatre bar area.

WIDE RIGHT, Buffalo music award winners performing current Radio Hits, Classic Rock, County, Disco, Motown and more, will be playing outside The Bijou. Pyromancy, a premier fire performance troupe, will be in front of the Levy, King & White building, across the street from The International House. Max Davis will be ticking the ivories inside 42 North at the Flats Don't miss The Francis Bacon Experiment, Buffalo Aerial Dance, and many more acts all along Main Street!! Complete details regarding Curtain Up! 2026 may be found online at: tda-wny.com/event/curtain-up-2026.

Once again this year, Theatre of Youth will be presenting Curtain Up for Kids! on Sunday, September 20th beginning at 9am.

It is a Family Fundraising Event Benefiting Theatre of Youth (TOY). Join TOY for a day of creativity, imagination, and family fun at Curtain Up For Kids! This special fundraising event invites children and their grown-ups to step into the spotlight together while supporting Western New York's only professional theatre dedicated exclusively to young audiences. For a minimum donation of \$10 per person, enjoy interactive theatre workshops, hands-on activities, crafts, story stations, and a special staged reading of one of Theatre of Youth's upcoming productions, The Little Engine That Could: The Musical.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Seniority

Must I Enroll in Medicare at Age 65? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security. My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don't want Medicare? I am on my wife's employer plan, and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier. She doesn't plan on retiring for another 8 yrs. Also, I would like to wait till my full retirement age (FRA) before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point? **Signed: Retired but Curious**

Dear Retired but Curious:

As long as you are covered by a "creditable" healthcare plan (such as that from your wife's US Postal Service employer), you can defer enrolling in Medicare until your Postal Service Health Benefit (PSHB) coverage from your wife's employer ends. When that happens, you (and your wife) will enter a Medicare "Special Enrollment Period" (SEP) during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances, you don't need

to do anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it, and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your wife's employer (even while you are collecting Social Security).

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part B because you are still covered by your wife's USPS employer healthcare plan. Then, when your wife retires and you lose your USPS

healthcare coverage, you can enroll in Medicare Part B at that time without a late enrollment penalty.

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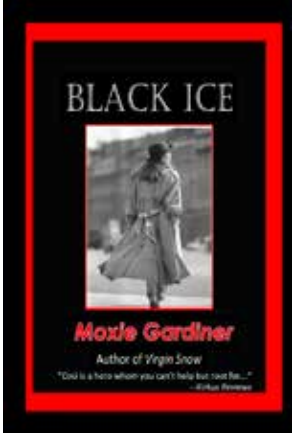
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1 medium yellow squash (about 3/4 pound), peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
2 medium bell peppers, cored and cut into 1-inch chunks
1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick® Sea Salt Grinder
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2 teaspoons McCormick® Garlic Powder
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Heat oil in large, deep, nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add cut-up vegetables, salt and pepper to skillet. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 15 minutes.

Reduce heat to medi-

um-low. Stir in tomatoes, garlic and basil. Cook 6 to 8 minutes longer, stirring frequently until veggies are very tender. Stir in olives, if desired.

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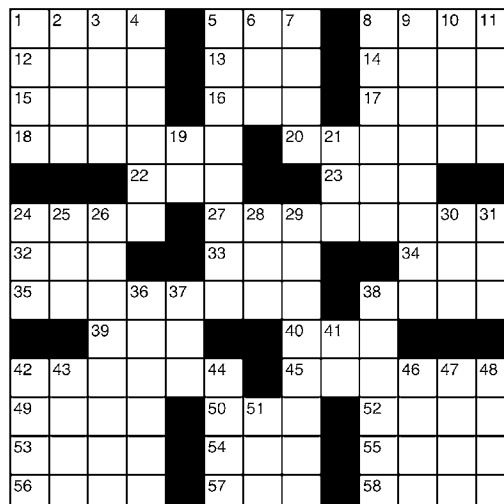
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8 Bay Area force, briefly
12 Beige
13 Taunting laugh
14 — Minor
15 Airline to Tel Aviv
16 Greek vowel
17 Endure
18 Lustrous fabrics
20 Ascribe
22 Soda
23 Abysmal
24 Fairy tale figures
27 Surname of Judas
32 Terre Haute sch.
33 From — Z
34 Ruckus
35 Element No. 78
38 Recognized (Abbr.)
39 Train lines
40 CBS logo
42 More like Unger
45 Signed over
49 China setting
50 Here (Fr.)
52 Mani counter-part



53 Not naked
54 Darjeeling, e.g.
55 " — to differ!"
56 Earth tones
57 Buddhist sect
58 Metal boxes
8 Inferior
9 Follower of Sigmund's methods
10 Jr.-year exam
11 Challenge
19 Rejection
21 CEO's degree, maybe
24 Trendy
25 Visual communication syst.
26 Protector
28 "Rugrats" dad
29 Late-night host, usually
30 Poetic tribute
31 AAA job
36 Three-note chords
37 British verb ending
38 "Consider this a gift!"
41 Old pronoun
42 Diplomacy
43 "La — Bonita"
44 Cracker name
46 Mazar of "Younger"
47 Idyllic place
48 Uses a shovel
51 Bee follower

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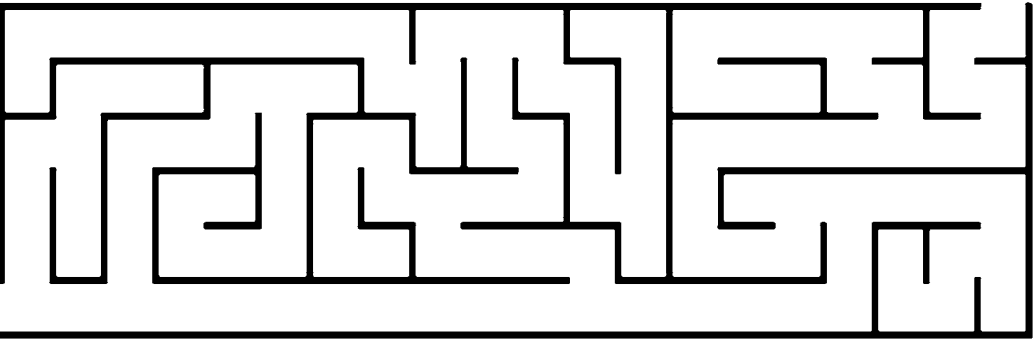
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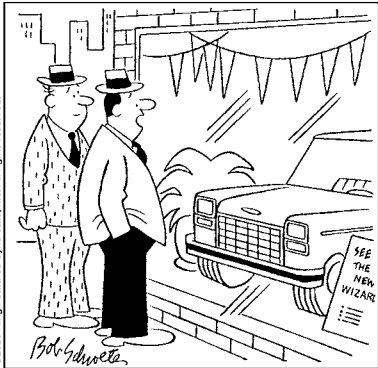
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: ONCE IN A — MOON

- Be hurry
Bird cage
Bug rug
Do pinch
- Fill form
Fish pond
Get bind
Get rut
- Gone flash
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MYSONNY
- Short
FIBER
- Fiend
LOUGH
- Injury
ASPRIN

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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: ◆

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Puzzle on page eight.

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Puzzle on page nine.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Puzzle on page nine.

1. Oscar Wilde. 2. Niagara Falls, New York. 3. "Up." 4. Eggo waffles. 5. Tin mining district. 6. A fever-inducing agent. 7. Horsefly. 8. Seasoned slices of raw beef or fish. 9. Indian Ocean. 10. Baking soda.

Bonus: Tubthumping

Puzzle on page seven.

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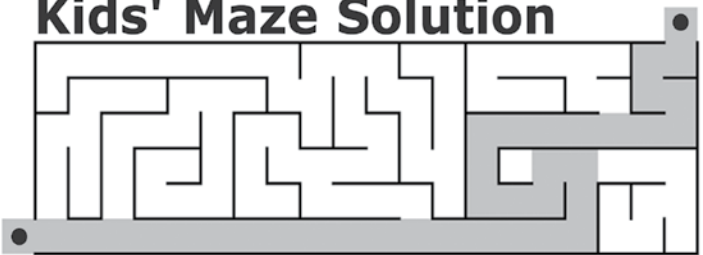
1. Synonym; 2. Brief
3. Ghoul; 4. Sprain

Today's Word

FAMILY

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Kids' Maze Solution



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Local Weather

THURSDAY, SEP. 10TH	FRIDAY, SEP. 11TH	SATURDAY, SEP. 12TH	SUNDAY, SEP. 13TH	MONDAY, SEP. 14TH	TUESDAY, SEP. 15TH	WEDNESDAY, SEP. 16TH
 Thunderstorms High 61° Low 48°	 Thunderstorms High 58° Low 68°	 Partly Cloudy High 70° Low 56°	 Partly Cloudy High 71° Low 57°	 Partly Cloudy High 69° Low 56°	 Mostly Cloudy High 72° Low 57°	 Partly Cloudy High 74° Low 60°