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BE SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN



A particularly ominous domicile, this house on Hinman Avenue emits a foreboding atmosphere for any adventurous trick-or-treater.

A major celebration of autumn, Halloween, is on its way, coming Saturday, October 31st. As the youngsters get ready for a night of spooky festivities, The Erie County Department of Health is offering recommendations in advance of Halloween as residents make plans for trick-or-treating, parties and other activities. Halloween Safety tips to trick-or-treating: Carve or decorate pumpkins with members of your household and put them on display. Carve or decorate pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends. Decorate your house, apartment, living space or vehicle.

Halloween is for children in costumes. To minimize the safety risks that occur when older youth go door-to-door until late at night, the City of Buffalo's recommended Halloween

Trick-or-Treating cut-off policy is 8:00 pm.

Do not turn off your lights and pretend you're not home. This is an open invitation for mischief. Keep your house well-lit. A strong adult presence will serve as a deterrent to potential mischief. Work with your block club or neighbors to form "Neighborhood Watch Teams". Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity year as well.

Don't forget to visit a local orchard or pumpkin patch (www.erie.gov/eriegrown).

The 42nd Annual Christmas In The Country

WNY's largest Holiday Artisan Market celebrates 42nd year with expansion to two weekends: One of Western New York's most beloved holiday traditions is getting even bigger. Christmas in the Country Artisan Market celebrates its 42nd anniversary this year with two full weekends of holiday shopping featuring hundreds of talented artisans; unique handmade gifts; delicious food, wine and spirits; and plenty of holiday magic!

The popular event returns to the Hamburg Fairgrounds Nov. 5-8 and Nov. 13-15, giving shoppers more opportunities than ever to discover one-of-a-kind gifts and handcrafted treasures.

With more than 400 artisans showcased across five buildings, Christmas in the Country offers something for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Shoppers will find beautiful home décor, distinctive jewelry, aromatic candles, children's toys and cloth-

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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



October, 1995. RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY HELD FOR HERTEL PARK SENIOR APARTMENTS... Pictured above at the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at the Hertel Park Senior Apartments, 1631 Hertel Avenue, are left to right, Councilmember Alfred T. Coppola; Stuart Alexander, Hertel park Associates; and Mayor Anthony M. Masiello.

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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

13U North Buffalo Bisons Win Boston Tourney!



13U North Buffalo Bisons! Back row left to righr: Head coach P J Bluff, Bentley Swanson, T J Lindner, Ryan Domros, Joseph LoTempio, Brayden Westfield, manager Adam Randazzo, Crosby Kubus, Michael LoTempio, Assistant coach Rob Kubus, Chase Randazzo, Zach Bluff, Assistant coach Braeden Doust. Front row Dom Byrk, Hudson Misko, Geyb Maasin and Leo Nason. Congratulations!

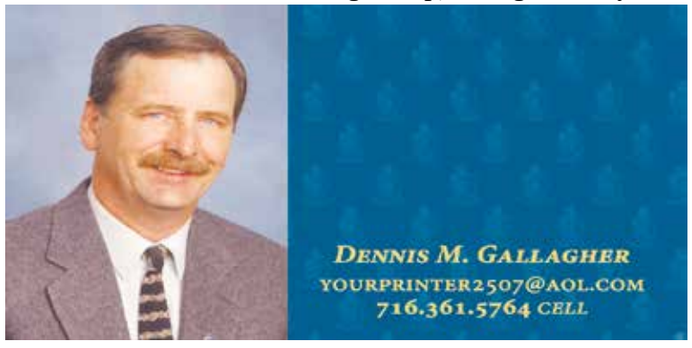
A North Buffalo Bisons Hockey League team got their season off to a great start this past weekend, by defeating three other teams in Boston Massachusetts in the City's annual Fall Face-Off Tournament.

The 13U Bisons team defeated the Raleigh Raptors, 6-3 early Sunday morning led by an offense that included forwards Dominic Bryk, Hudson Misko and scoring phenom Joseph LoTempio in front of Bisons Coach P J Bluff. Then, other players like Leo Nason, Chase Randazzo and Zach Bluff locked the game down defensively with great support in the back end. Goaltender Bentley Swanson was sharp between the pipes, stopping 25 of 28 shots and keeping the Raptors away from the net. LoTempio led the entire Tournament with nine goals over five games.

Playing against a team like the New York City Cyclones, LoTempio and the Bisons were surprised early, losing their first game of the Tourney, early Saturday morning to the Raptors, 7-1. But the team battled back in its next game with a win over NYC 7-4, on goals by Bryk, Geyb Maasin, Ryan Domros and two goals each by Crosby Kubus and LoTempio. The Bisons strung together three straight wins over Sunday and Monday for an overall record of 4-1, including the 6-3 Championship Final.

Goaltender T J Lindner was sharp in the net, stopping 19 of 20 shots against the Boston Jr. Rangers in a 4-1 win Sunday morning. Misko, Domros, Maasin and LoTempio provided the scoring. Winning Coach P J Bluff has been involved with Bison Hockey for several years now. The home ice of the Nichols School and the North Buffalo Rink, located on Tacoma Avenue near Delaware has been the place where many boys and girls have learned to skate over the years in mites, rising stars, chucksters and the red dogs. With as many as 13 Travel teams available every season, some exciting games have been played over the years in a rink built in 1989. The North Buffalo Bisons Hockey League has done much to preserve and maintain the single rink located next to Public School #81 with increased parking spaces available for opponents and their families, two entrances, more restroom facilities and a concession window for hot coffee or a giant pretzel.

With the Sabres back in action and just off their first playoff season last year, the North Buffalo Bisons have been a huge factor in the continued growth of North Buffalo and are watching our youth grow up, through Hockey.





October 15
At approximately 9:15 a.m. this morning, A district officers responded to a rescue call for a female not breathing in the 200 block of Alabama Street. Upon arrival, officers located a deceased female victim with a gunshot wound to the chest. Homicide detectives immediately began an investigation. At approximately 1:30 p.m., C district officers responded to a shooting call in the 400 block of E Utica Street. Officers on scene located an adult male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the foot, who was transported via AMR to ECMC. Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Over the course of the investigation, it was determined that the actual scene of the shooting was the first block of Landon Street. Anyone with information is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

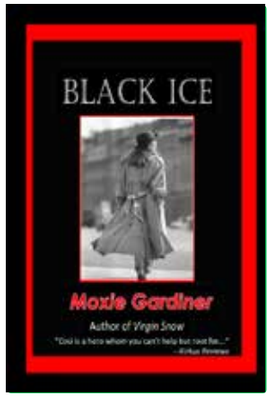
October 9
Traffic Alert: Bailey Avenue is closed to traffic between Main Street and Winspear Avenue. A vehicle accident has caused downed powerlines at Main and Bailey. Buffalo Police, Buffalo Fire, and National Grid are actively working on scene. Please use alternate routes.

October 8
Buffalo Police Department made an arrest was made Thursday, Oct. 8, in connection with a string of commercial property burglaries in the Upper West Side. The cases were investigated by B and D district detectives, who were able to identify the same suspect in the following incidents: • Thursday, June 11, in the 1200 block of Niagara Street • Tuesday, Sept. 8, in the 700 block of Elmwood Avenue • Friday, Sept. 18, in the 1400 block of Niagara Street • Thursday, Sept. 22, in the 1100 block of Elmwood Avenue • Friday, Sept. 23, in the 1100 block of Elmwood Avenue • Friday, Sept. 23, in the 100 block of W Ferry Street • Saturday, Sept. 26, in the 1000 block of West Avenue For his alleged role in these seven incidents, defendant has been charged seven counts NYS PL 140.20, Burglary in the Third Degree, a class D felony; four counts NYS PL 145.10, Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, a class D felony; three counts NYS PL 145.05-2, Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree, a class E felony; one count NYS PL 155.30-1, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony; and six counts NYS PL 155.25, Petit Larceny, a class A misdemeanor. Salvatore was on parole at the time of his arrest. He is suspected of taking thousands of dollars in cash and causing thousands of dollars in damages. An investigation into additional incidents in the area is ongoing. Further charges may be filed.

October 7
At approximately 4:15 p.m., E district officers responded to a shooting call in the 100 block of Deerfield Avenue. An adult male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg was located and transported via AMR to ECMC. The injury does not appear to be life threatening. Gun Violence Unit detectives immediately began an investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call or text 911 or the confidential tip line at 716-847-2255.

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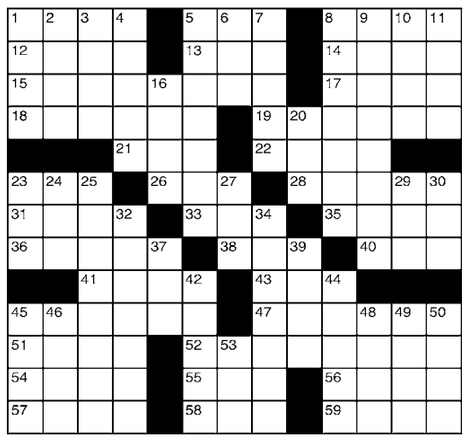
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The Aero Club of Buffalo's October Dinner Meeting will be held on October 22nd 2026 at Rizotto's Italian Eatery and Sweetery located at 930 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221. The presentation from Erasmo Piñero will go over the history of the X-22 which was developed and manufactured right here in WNY. All are welcome to attend our meetings. Registration is now open on aeroclubofbuffalo.org.

The Canisius University Contemporary Writers Series will welcome acclaimed Irish writer Doireann Ní Ghríofa and award-winning author Julie Schumacher to campus this fall for two free public readings. Ní Ghríofa will be the featured speaker at the 21st annual Hassett Reading, scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Montante Cultural Center. Schumacher will speak on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grupp Fireside Lounge. Both events will include a question-and-answer session and reception. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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The 42nd Annual Christmas In The Country

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ing, pottery, original artwork, gourmet foods, pet gifts, holiday décor and much more — all created by talented artisans.

And with two weekends comes an incredible variety of new artists and makers! The first weekend will feature more than 40 new artisans, while the second weekend will introduce more than 150 new artisans, joining more than 200 artisans returning for the second weekend.

"We are very excited for two weekends this year," said Dan Kaczynski of Premier Promotions. "We now have the opportunity to showcase so many new artisans, especially during the second weekend. The event was simply too large to include everyone, and our patrons have always asked us to bring in more new artisans. This allows us to do just that!"

In addition to shopping, visitors can enjoy tastings from some of the area's finest wineries and distilleries, while the Food Truck Rodeo will offer plenty of delicious options when it's time to take a break and refuel.

Specially priced presale tickets for individual weekends, as well as combination tickets for both weekends, will be available beginning Wednesday, Oct. 21 at select Western New York businesses and online. Visit www.wnypremierpromotions.com for ticket information, participating locations and event details. Complimentary return passes will be available only for the weekend corresponding to the purchased ticket.

And there's another reason to feel good about your holiday shopping: Christmas in the Country gives back to the community! This year's event will benefit several local nonprofit organizations including The P.U.N.T. Foundation, Hamburg Eden Animal Rescue Team (H.E.A.R.T.), Variety – The Children's Charity of Buffalo and Hamburg Presbyterian Church.



I'm Reevaluating My Retirement Plan; What are my Options? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty...

I'm not yet old enough, but must I enroll in Medicare at Age 65? I am a disabled military veteran with VA benefits, so must I still take Medicare when I turn 65?

—Signed, Disabled Veteran

Dear Disabled Veteran: First, please accept my gratitude for your military service to our country. And please also know that if you now rely 100% on the VA for all your healthcare needs, and you expect that to continue for the rest of your life, then you have the option to decline enrolling in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. However, if you believe that using healthcare providers from outside the VA may someday be in your future, you should enroll in Medicare when you are first eligible.

Although you are required to enroll in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services) if you collect Social Security after age 65, enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient medicals services) is always optional because there is a monthly premium for Part B ($202.90 for 2026 - changes yearly). So, as a military veteran using VA healthcare, you have a choice to either enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65, or not if you get all your healthcare services from the Veterans Administration. Just be aware that VA healthcare is not considered "creditable" for Medicare purposes, so if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B during your Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP), and later choose to enroll in Medicare Part B, there will be a permanent Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling in Medicare Part B outside your initial enrollment period (your Medicare IEP is 3 months on either side of the month you turn 65).

So, the decision you will need to make as you approach 65 years of age is this: will all of your healthcare needs always be provided through the VA? Or do you want the convenience (and flexibility) to know you can use any healthcare provider anywhere the U.S. or its territories, whenever and wherever you wish. If the latter is true, then you should likely enroll in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. You can still use the VA for some services if you are enrolled in both, but there is no coordination of benefits (e.g., the VA will not make copayments if you use Medicare services, and vice versa). Which means that you may also wish to also consider a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare Supplement plan to go with Medicare Part B if/when you enroll.

I hope this answers your question, but please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed. And, importantly, thank you for your service to our country.



Michael P. Kearns
Erie County Clerk
Guest Columnist

Veterans Day 2026: Honoring Those Who Served Our Nation

Veterans Day is observed each year on November 11, marking the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918, when the armistice that ended the fighting in World War I took effect. On this day, we honor the brave men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces and answered the call to defend our Nation. As America celebrates its 250th anniversary in 2026, we are reminded that our freedom has been preserved through generations of service, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion to our country.

From the American Revolution to the conflicts of today, our veterans have stood on the front lines of freedom. Whether serving during wartime or peacetime, they share a commitment to protecting our Constitution, defending our liberties, and safeguarding the American way of life. They are our parents, siblings, friends, coworkers, and neighbors—ordinary Americans who answered an extraordinary call to serve.

Here in Erie County, we are proud to be home to more than 65,000 veterans. Their service and sacrifice are woven into the fabric of our communities and our Nation's history. As we commemorate 250 years of American independence, Veterans Day reminds us of our responsibility to honor those who have defended the principles upon which our country was founded. I encourage residents to attend a local ceremony, visit a memorial, thank a veteran personally, or display the American flag as a visible sign of gratitude.

At the Erie County Clerk's Office, we honor our veterans 365 days a year through our Thank-A-Vet Discount Card Program. More than 1,500 participating local businesses offer discounts on goods and services to eligible veterans as a meaningful way to thank them for their service. We continue to encourage more businesses to join this effort and support our veteran community.

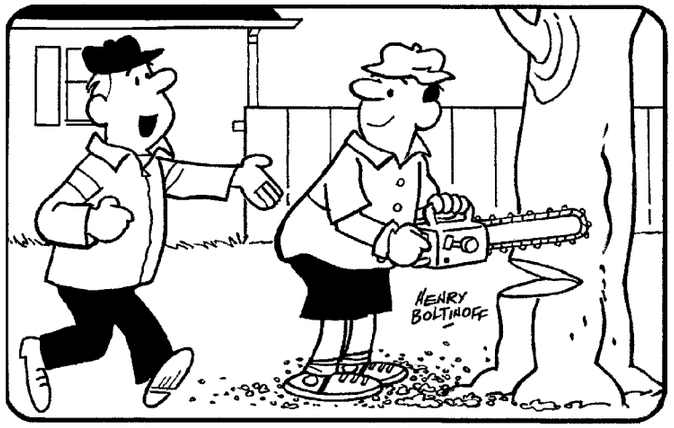
Veterans are also encouraged to file their military discharge papers, commonly known as DD-214s, with the Erie County Clerk's Office. Filing these documents safeguards this important record and allows veterans and eligible family members to obtain free certified copies when needed. The Thank-A-Vet photo ID card is issued at no charge, providing veterans with valuable savings while helping local businesses demonstrate their appreciation.

Veterans who have not yet filed their discharge papers or obtained their Thank-A-Vet card can visit the Erie County Clerk's Office at 92 Franklin Street in Buffalo or either of our Clerk's Outreach Centers in Southgate Plaza in West Seneca or the Eastern Hills Mall in the Northtowns. Learn more at erie.gov/clerk/thankavet or call 716-858-8864.

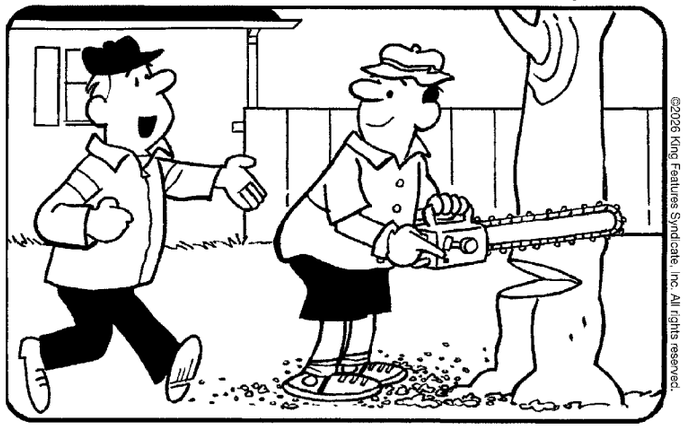
As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, let us remember that our Nation's history is defined not only by its founding, but also by the generations who have defended its promise of liberty. This Veterans Day, and every day, let us honor our veterans' courage, recognize their sacrifices, and ensure their service to our country is never forgotten.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Saw blade is longer. 3. Hat is different. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Leg is moved. 6. Tree is thinner.

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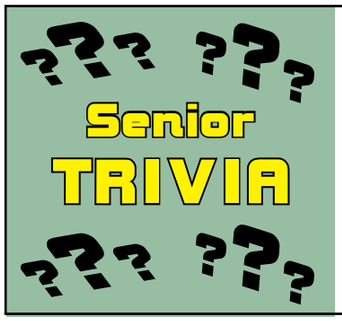
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Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

1. How many eggs does an average queen bee lay in a day?

2. Who wrote the novel "The Kite Runner"?

3. What is the main character's name in "Ratatouille"?

4. How much of the adult human body is made of water?

5. How many countries make up Central America?

6. How old is the Earth?

7. Which decade is the drama "Mad Men" primarily set in?

8. In U.S. Monopoly, which properties are the least expensive?

9. What color is citrine, a type of quartz?

10. What's the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals XXXIX?

Bonus: What is Rick Deckard trying to do in the film, "Blade Runner"?

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The Buffalo Zoo's two red panda cubs are now visible to visitors, as they have begun sharing their outdoor habitat with their mom, 3-year-old Himalaya. The cubs, who the Zoo is thrilled to share are both female, were born to Himalaya and dad Mogwai (5) back on June 10, 2026, and have spent the past four months growing and bonding with mom in their behind-the-scenes area. In that time, the pair developed crucial mobility and climbing skills that now enable them to confidently explore their outdoor habitat. In order to continue acclimating the cubs to their new space, their visibility on habitat will be limited each day, with the best chance for guests to see them being in the morning and early afternoon. The Zoo cannot guarantee that guests will see the cubs during any given visit, and their on-habitat timing is subject to change as they grow. The cubs are exploring their habitat with plenty of curiosity. They already have begun climbing the trees and rocks around the space and are often not far behind mom as she does her own exploring. The Buffalo Zoo will provide further updates on the cubs, including naming details, in the near future. Stay tuned to the Zoo's social medias for the latest news. The Buffalo Zoo is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with last admission at 4 p.m. General admission tickets can be purchased in advance online at buffalozoo.org, or in-person at the front entrance gate.

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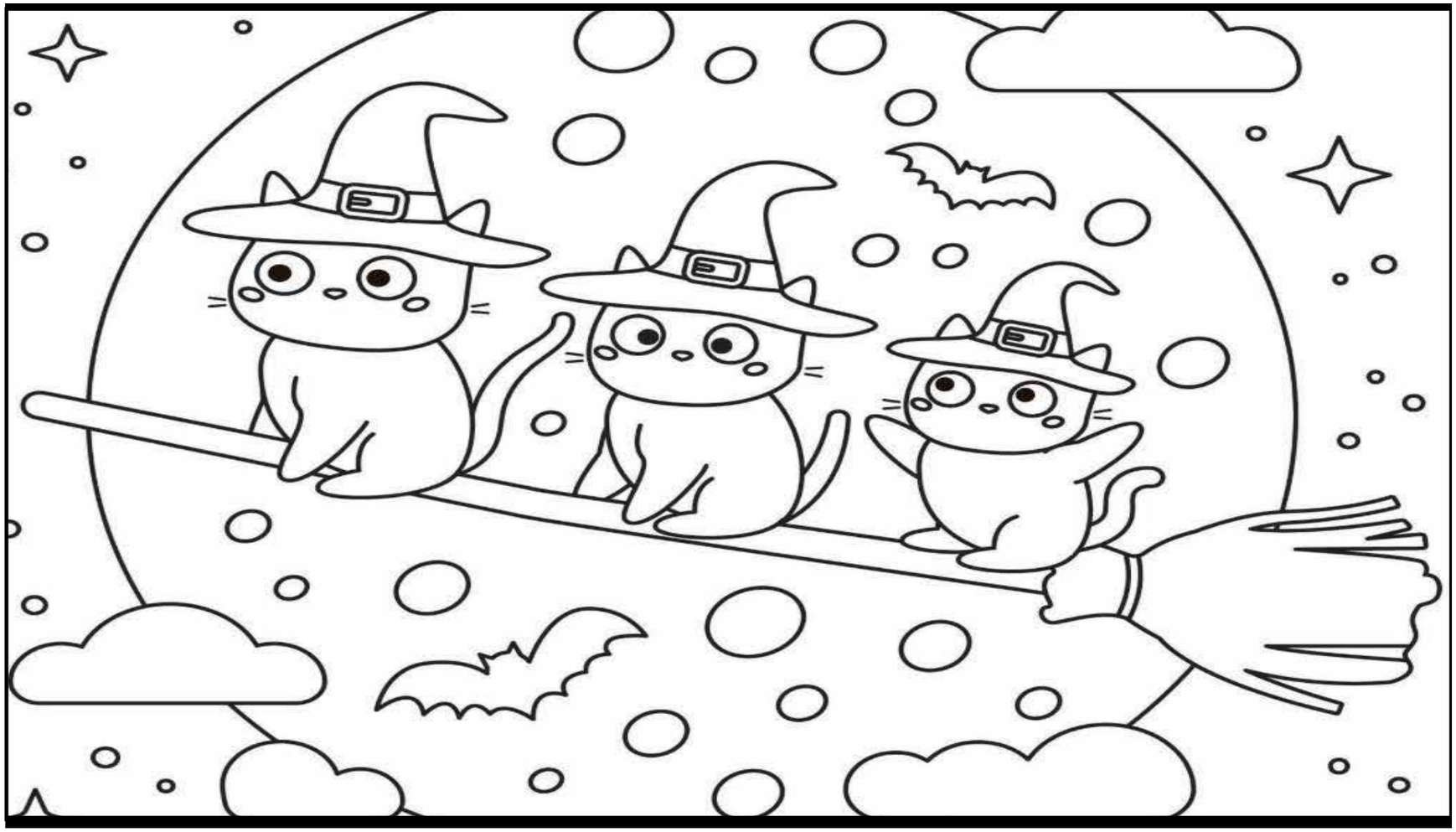
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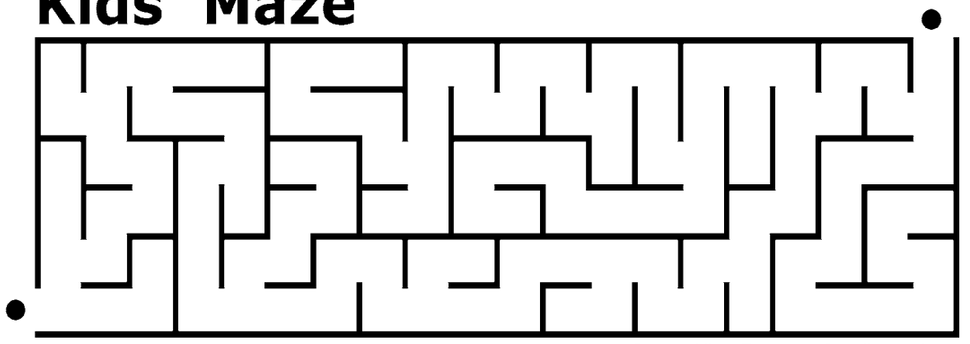
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MAGIC MAZE ● SHE'S IN THE MIDDLE

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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: GUIDES YOU TO YOUR SEAT

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Washers
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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!

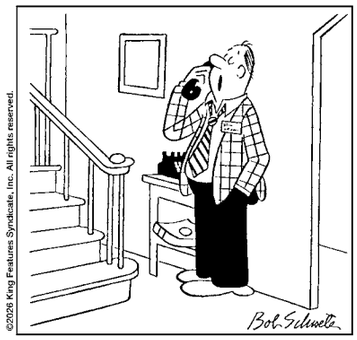
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Balance
SOFFET

Cover
CEPTAR

Trend
DIET

TODAY'S WORD



"I can't go bowling, Al — I just got back from a convention in Vegas and my wife is demanding a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _!"

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Weekly SUDOKU

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	5		7	2				
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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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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, -against- JEFFREY MAKOWSKI, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie on August 26, 2026, wherein PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC is the Plaintiff and JEFFREY MAKOWSKI, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the "CLOSING ROOM" OF THE ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 92 FRANKLIN STREET, FIRST FLOOR, BUFFALO, NY 14202, on November 10, 2026 at 10:20AM, premises known as 60 ROYCROFT PARKWAY, ELMA, NY 14059; and the following tax map identification: 138.01-4-21. ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF ELMA, COUNTY OF ERIE AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 810601/2025. Christopher M. Pannozzo, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES. 45

Notice of Formation of Armada Supersports, LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/19/2026. 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 1048 Niagara st., Buffalo, NY/ 14213. Any lawful purpose. 44

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-HE3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-HE3, -against- LEAH FROST AS ADMINISTRATRIX, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELA KLOS, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie on September 2, 2026, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-HE3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-HE3 is the Plaintiff and LEAH FROST AS ADMINISTRATRIX, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELA KLOS, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the "CLOSING ROOM" OF THE ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 92 FRANKLIN STREET, FIRST FLOOR, BUFFALO, NY 14202, on October 29, 2026 at 10:20AM, premises known as 43 GLOR STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14207; and the following tax map identification: 88.27-1-31. ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO, COUNTY OF ERIE AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 813375/2023. John Kennedy Rottaris, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES. 42

PUBLIC AUCTION to satisfy overdue storage charges pursuant to UCC Code Section 7- 209, 210, and/or Articles 8 and 9, Sections 182, 184, 201, 201A-203 of the Lien Law of the State of New York, October 4, 2026 - October 11, 2026, online at www.cashauction.com. The following units will be auctioned from Metro Storage; Angel McKinnon Unit LL41, Celestine Dubie Unit 2F536, Adebayo Kokumo Unit LL52, Shannon Mallory Unit IRR015, Roscoe Cumberland Unit MM941 & MM42, and Lashawn Bibbs Unit LL75. 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. 41

NOTICE of FORMATION of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: White Elephant Restoration, LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: May 6, 2026 Office of the LLC: Erie County The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 123 Main Street, City Purpose of LLC: Exterior and interior home restoration 45

NOTICE of FORMATION of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: Blue Raven Miniature Cattle Ranch LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: June 9,2025 Office of the LLC: Erie County The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 123 Main Street, City Purpose of LLC: (Any lawful purpose permitted for LLCs under NY Limited Liability Company Act) 45

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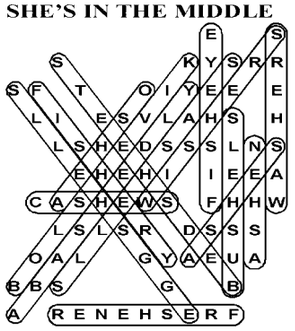
Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Puzzle on page four.

SHE'S IN THE MIDDLE



Puzzle on page nine.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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1	6	3	9	8	4	2	7	5
4	5	9	7	2	3	6	1	8
7	8	2	6	1	5	3	9	4

Puzzle on page nine.

1. 1,000 to 2,000 a day. 2. Khaled Hosseini. 3. Remy. 4. 55%-60%. 5. Seven: Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Belize, Costa Rico, Nicaragua and Panama 6. 4.54 billion years. 7. The 1960s. 8. Mediterranean Avenue and Baltic Avenue, $60 each. 9. Yellow. 10. 39.

Bonus: Hunt and eliminate Replicants

Puzzle on page six.

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Solution

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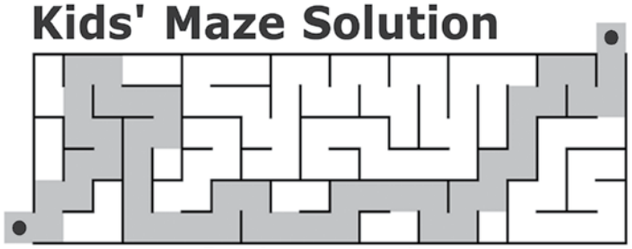
3. Carpet; 4. Tide

Today's Word

DEBRIEF

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Kids' Maze Solution



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