



Meet Your Merchant:

Nickel City Animal Hospital



Nickel City Animal Hospital, located at 483 Niagara Street, has convenient hours to accommodate your busy schedule.

Nickel City Animal Hospital, 473 Niagara Street, was established in early 2012. The clinic is owned

and operated by Dr. Heather Allen, who previously co-founded City Creatures Animal Hospital in 2007. Dr. Al-

len graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2003.

Since opening, the staff

has grown to include a number of veterinarians with years of experience from a variety of clinics around the area. Dr. Sarah Poltis graduated from the University of Tennessee in 2010 and worked with Dr. Allen at City Creatures. Dr. Alissa Pletscher has been practicing in the area since graduating from Michigan State University in 2003.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary medicine in 2003, Dr. Tracy Hurley has had the opportunity to work both locally and in numerous states. Dr. Hurley has returned to the Buffalo area and joined Nickel City in 2013.

The hospital offers com-

prehensive medical care that includes routine care including vaccines, surgical procedures, digital x-ray, ultrasound and full dental care. Nickel City has convenient early morning, late day, and weekend hours, as well as house-call appointments available. They are pleased to also offer alternative therapies which include Acupuncture, Laser Therapy, and herbal remedies.

Alternative Therapies offer many new options to providing your pets the best care possible. In addition to cats and dogs, several doctors care for exotic pets including pocket pets, reptiles, and birds.

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Attention First Time Home Buyers

Please Join West Side Neighborhood Housing Services for a FREE Seminar for First Time Home Buyers on how to receive up to \$11,000 towards your down payment and closing costs.

The event takes place on Wednesday, September 25th, 2013 from 5:30-6:30pm at the First Niagara bank on Main Street, near Jewett Parkway. Light refreshments will be served.



West Side & Black Rock-Riverside
Neighborhood Housing Services

Senator Mark Grisanti Unveils New Fountain

Senator Grisanti and the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy turn on the new fountain at Hoyt Lake.

The Buffalo Olmsted Park Conservancy and Senator Mark Grisanti, Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Committee, celebrate significant steps toward improving water quality in Delaware Park.

The Conservancy announces the installation of an impressive new fountain in Hoyt Lake in Delaware Park. This is a recreation of the historic fountain installed in 1895, when the lake was known as "The Gala Waters".

The new fountain will not only add to the beauty of the park space, but will

also help address community concerns regarding the water conditions in Delaware Park's historic lake.

The new fountain is part of a larger effort to improve water quality conditions in Hoyt Lake and the entire Scajaquada Creek watershed and was made possible by a grant from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation initiated by Senator Grisanti.

The fountain has a central jet that shoots 50 feet in the air, surrounded by lower water jets that reach 25 feet.

Located in the south east part of the lake, the water feature can be seen from the Delaware S-curves.



The new fountain at Hoyt Lake can be seen from the Delaware Avenue S-curves.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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Low 48°

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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



'La Cage aux Folles'

In 1979, the movie "La Cage aux Folles" took Buffalo by storm. It played so long at the Allendale Theater that proprietor Thad O'Rourke began to wish it away for something new.

This was a time when, for example, the top editor of the Courier-Express would bluntly forbid reportage on any theatrical enterprise involving folks in relationships proscribed by the Book of Leviticus. Not just the scripts - the very actors and actresses themselves. So how'd that work out?

Perhaps more than any parade or protest, "La Cage" altered straight Americans' outlook on same-sex relationships, with laughter, affection and just a teeny bit of exaggeration.

Now, 34 years after the fact (with the lame remake "Bird Cage" in the interval), the live musical take on "La Cage" comes to Musicallyfare, again with

an extraordinarily long run, through Oct. 13.

Gregory Gjurich and Ben Puglisi star as, respectively, proprietor Georges of a female-impersonator nightclub and his star performer and lifemate, who goes by either Albin or Zaza, depending on the time of day. In 1979, Georges would back off from a nasty spat to tell A/Z he would live with him in sludge rather than in a palace with anybody else, "because you make me laugh." This did not make the cut for the musical, a pity.

For director Chris Kelly, Gjurich and Puglisi are as perfectly paired as any odd couple, Gjurich full of sympathy and empathy, tempered by business sense. Puglisi personifies defiance, and while his failed attempts at macho seem extreme, his coming-all-the-way out song, "I Am Who I Am," resonates with newborn pride.

What's happened is, the lad whom Georges and Albin raised as a son is about to marry the daughter of a moralistic politician who would make Rush Limbaugh look moderate. Georges and the son determine that for propriety, Albin must momentarily fly the coop. Albin accedes with a pout that would bring rain, but in the end (spoiler alert) deliciously saves the day.

All this plays out around the derring-do of the club, where costumier Kari Drozd's choices seem to favor the sheath over the spectacle, perhaps a matter of economy for entertainers who preach, "The more you drink, the better we look." More vague than truthful, the lineup includes Marc Sacco as Mercedes (dissed as "VW" by a rival) and Kevin Donohue as the whip-cracking Hannah.

St. Joe's instructor Steve Jakiel puckers powerfully as the insufferable office-seeker and Dudney Joseph could steal the show as the maid, or butler as the situation demands.

Seldom, though, does this "La Cage" deeply personalize the central relationship as did "the original" even with Puglisi radiating shopworn savoir faire. Self-mockery carried the day and last Wednesday's throng at 4380 Main St., in which he and First Mate untypically lowered the age demographic, received it with great warmth. EIGHT ROCKETS (out of 10).

Fire back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Home Depot vs. Lowes

No doubt that of the two home improvement giants, since they have comparable prices, one would normally go to the closest to where they live. Both will match the other's prices to stay in line. If both are approximately the same distance from your home, better customer service would be the one you would more likely choose to deal with.

I happen to have a small amount of stocks in both just to watch their progress. I go to both, as they are about the same distance from my place of business in Clarence.

As far as service, there are times it is frustrating to find someone to help you find something in these cavernous buildings. Then there are other times, people wearing orange or blue aprons, depending on the store, are around every corner waiting to help. It happens, but it is rare.

Well now there is another determining factor as to who I would choose to deal with. A few years back, one of the two, and I do not know which was first, offered a ten percent discount for veterans. That is not an extreme amount and I am sure the increase in foot traffic more than made up for the discount. Soon both stores offered it, which was good. The ten percent kind of wiped out the sales tax. My thought

was that this was a nice gesture to honor those who served in the military. At first it was enough to say you were a veteran and no proof was needed. Eventually, that was eliminated, as one would expect, as it was abused. So some proof was needed.

Personally I served four years in the New York State National Guard during the Korean War. We were about to be activated when the war ended. I have Honorable Discharge papers from the United States Army and that was proof enough, for a while. It still is more than enough at Lowes. Home Depot changed their policy to be that you had to go down to the Veteran's Hall and receive a card as proof you were a Vet. Not at Lowes. I was not about to bother for the lousy ten percent.

At the time, Home Depot was a lot closer on Elmwood than the Lowes on Niagara Falls Blvd. That was then. Now where we are, they are equal distance, with Home Depot a bit closer. So as we are in the process of putting up a new building, the ten percent looms much bigger.

My son served four years in the Navy aboard a ship in the Pacific. At this time, serving in the armed forces is voluntary and in order to join you have to enlist. It is very good for

a lot of people and some even make a life-long career out of serving their country. It was not always that way!

We have seen the draft come into play when we were at war. Young men were told they had to join the army without a choice. The country had to do what it had to do at the time, I guess. Hundreds of thousands of people were snatched from their day to day life to go and fight in wars fought in foreign countries.

As we all know from history it was a terrible time in this country's fight to remain free. I deeply respect the sacrifices these people made, and still do, to help us remain the great country we are.

As I stated, my son served in the Navy and he was willing to go and get

the necessary card to gain the ten percent discount at Home Depot. So whenever we chose to go to Home Depot he would have to make the purchase as the ten percent was a nice savings. It at least wiped out the nine percent sales tax. In most case it was worth it to send him or have him meet me at the time of check out as the purchases were large and the store was a tad closer with easier access.

Well, the last time he went he was informed that Home Depot will no longer honor the veterans' discount. You needed to be a disabled vet or come on the four holidays: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day or Veterans Day.

Like I mentioned before I have a small amount of

stocks in both companies. Both are doing very well. Lowes was always stronger but Home Depot is doing a lot better than it did a few years back. So they are not hurting as far as sales. Why the change in policy, who knows?

Needless to say my son left Home Depot on Transit and went down the street to Lowes to make his purchases. There he was treated with the respect he deserves as one who devoted part of his life to making our shores safe.

He told me the manager at Home Depot was actually rude when he asked, before shopping, to see if he could get the ten percent. No need for that. So from now on, for us, it is Lowes, the store with the heart!

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Pictured left to right above are the doctors of Nickel City Animal Hospital: Drs. Alissa Pletscher, Tracy Hurley, Sarah Poltis, Heather Sacks Allen.

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September 12, 2013

Crestwood Ave. - Complainant states that the defendant took her purse without her permission and ran into the street while she chased after him yelling "Stop, thief!" Two good Samaritans heard her cries for help and were able to trap the defendant with their vehicles. Defendant was arrested and complainant got her possessions back thanks to the help of the do-gooders.

September 12, 2013

Delaware Ave. - Department store manager reports that he observed two employees giving out unauthorized discounts to each other and numerous others. Both have been relieved of their duties and charges are being filed.

September 15, 2013

Colvin Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) did break into her residence, by unknown means. Taken, without permission were various electronics valued over \$500.

September 15, 2013

Ring Rd. - Complainant states that he parked

his vehicle while visiting the park and upon his return, the vehicle had been broken into. Taken, without permission was a GPS system, cell phone and computer, along with running shoes. Damage and loss of valuables exceeds \$1,000.

September 16, 2013

Linview Ave. - Complainant states she was drinking alcohol all day with her boyfriend when a fight ensued. The defendant did grab her by the neck and slam her into a wall causing redness and bruising.

Riverside

September 12, 2013

Hertel Ave. - Complainant states that unauthorized person(s) entered storage unit and removed over \$38,000 in aluminum and steel. Damage to door and lock over \$400.

September 14, 2013

Ontario St. - Complainant, who is a cashier at a convenience store, reports that an unknown black male entered location and demanded all of the money. Suspect displayed a hand gun and threatened to use it if complainant was not cooperative.

September 14, 2013

Grant & Amherst Sts. - Suspect broke into vehicle by smashing driver's side window. Taken, without permission was a briefcase type bag with research that complainant was doing for a local cancer institute.

West Side

September 13, 2013

Richmond Ave. - Defendant did strike light pole with his vehicle. Upon investigation, officers found crack residue along with drug paraphernalia in vehicle.

September 14, 2013

Bird Ave. - Young, black female was reportedly approaching vehicles saying she needed help, then robbing the driver at knifepoint.



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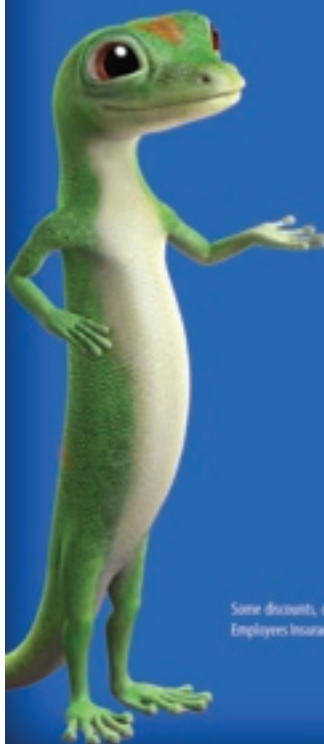
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