

Choir Presents Lessons and Carols



The all-volunteer ensemble rehearses on Thursdays and performs each Sunday at 11 am.

The Choir of St. Louis Church, under the direction of organist/choirmaster Frank Scinta, will present a Festival Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 22nd at 4:00 PM in St. Louis Church, 35 Edward Street at Main, Buffalo.

Featured will be carols

and anthems of Willan, Ord, Posten, Willcocks, Waters, Yon and others.

The service of Lessons and Carols traces, through scripture and song, the Nativity story as foretold by the Old Testament prophets and narrated by the Gospel writers. Begun in King's College

Chapel, Cambridge University, nearly a century ago, the service of Lessons and Carols is repeated in churches of nearly every denomination worldwide.

The Choir of St. Louis Church is an all-volunteer ensemble composed of members of the parish and other area music lovers. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening and leads the musical worship at 11:00 am each Sunday. Its repertoire covers nine centuries of sacred music and nearly every style of western composition. In recent years, members of the choir has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ars Nova Musicians, Greater Buffalo Opera Company, Opera Sacra and Camerata di San Antonio.

For more information: St. Louis Church 716-852-6040 Frank Scinta 716-907-0466 e-mail: scintaf@canisius.edu

Tips for Safe Walking in Snow and Ice

Falls account for more than one million injuries in the U.S. annually. There are four types of walking accidents with the most common being the slip and fall. That's the type of fall that happens when you fall due a surface not cleared of snow or ice.

"Every winter the hazards of driving in snow and icy conditions are noted, but rarely is walking on snow and ice ad-



dressed," said Martin B. Tirado, CAE, Executive Director of the Snow & Ice Management Association. "Slipping and falling (Continued on page 6)



Holiday Pet Parade

The Elmwood Village Association announces the first ever Holiday Pet Parade in the Elmwood Village. The pet parade is a family-friendly event. Pet owners and pet lovers alike are invited to join in by meeting outside of Animal Outfitters, 986 Elmwood Ave., at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, 2013. Santa will then lead the parade 0.5mi down Elmwood Avenue on sidewalks to Elmwood Pet Supplies, 706 Elmwood Ave. Pet owners are encouraged to dress their pets in holiday fashion. Pets should be well-behaved and kept on a leash at all times.

Santa will be available for pictures with pets, children, and families following the parade in the courtyard of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, 695 Elmwood Avenue.

Parade-goers will be joined by volunteers from Precious Paws Rescue-Mothers and Kittens, a no-kill animal shelter for stray kittens, who will provide sheet music for pet-themed Christmas carols and will collect donations

to support Precious Paws through the holiday season.

The WNY Drum Circle will join in the festivities, bringing a light musical element to the parade. Volunteers and dogs from the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter will also be in attendance.

Those who wish to support local shelters with a gift of food or treats are invited to bring a bag to the parade to place beneath the Christmas tree at Animal Outfitters. Food bags or treats may also be purchased at-cost at Elmwood Pet Supplies to be delivered that night to the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter.

The Elmwood Village Association encourages pet owners, pet lovers, and families to come out, meet new friends, and celebrate the spirit of giving in the Elmwood Village.

For more information about the Elmwood Village Holiday Pet Parade, please contact Elmwood Village Association Executive Director, Carly Battin, at (716) 881-0707 or carly@elmwoodvillage.org.

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The Adventures of...

Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



'Greetings!'

Tom Dudzick's breakout play "Greetings!" has come to Broadway, Broadway in Lancaster, that is, where a joyous production lights up the little stage at Desiderio's Dinner-Theater.

Tom, an East Sider who honed his skills on the West Side, "broke out" with "Greetings!," his first venture into national commercial theater. His newest, "Miracle on South Division Street," just finished packing 'em in at D'Youville's Kavinoky. He tuned up at the foot of Hertel Avenue with a series of nonsense musical melodramas (i.e., "Make Your Moves with Confidence") before "Greetings" (minus the exclamation point; he added it for a later rewrite) took our treasure coast to coast.

Rocket Man has seen it six times, once from the inside, playing the lead for the Amherst Players in 1995. Except for its economy of staging, this equals or exceeds any of them, captivating a huge matinee audience last Wednesday, evoking laughter, cheers and the occasional gasp or word of advice.

The setting is Pittsburgh but any link on the rust belt will do. Son Andy oozes apprehension as he prepares to introduce his Randi Stein to narrow-minded father Phil, long-suffering but bright-eyed mother Emily and the challenged Mickey, inspired by the playwright's own brother.

The tension heightens when Mickey appears to develop a vocabulary beyond "Wow!" and "Oh, boy!" Phil flips out, exorcists are beckoned and Randi, theologically embittered since her teens, must take charge.

Jay Desiderio directs with the same skilled flair he applies to the kitchen here, and there's a gentility, too, filing off a little of the play's franker language. Mickey is no longer referred to as "retarded," a political correction Rocket Man could live with. The family introduction scenes simply shuffle with awkwardness.

The actors are terrific, special compliments to Marie Costa as Randi, applying a little "actressey" overlay to a young woman

aspiring to the stage. Cynthia Schmitt is bouncily optimistic as Mother Emily, her step a bit reminiscent of Jean Stapleton's Edith Bunker. Blondish Rich Kraemer is quite appealing as son Andy, the playwright might blush a bit at seeing himself played so handsomely.

Marc Jon Filippone growls up from the basement and strongly presents a man of good intentions who takes out his regrets on those most dear, all the while maintaining a heartwarming affection for Mickey.

Jacob Marciniak has the key role of Mickey, bearer of tidings both good and chilling. In both aspects he conveys immeasurable good will, fulfilling one of the most demanding roles ever written for this lighter brand of theater.

The accompanying meal is scrumptious, far beyond some of the bland offerings which helped put dinner-theater into the past tense around here. The Tuscan chicken reminded First Mate of some of her finest dining experiences anywhere. That and two hours of bright, meaningful comedy, are the ingredients of celebration at 5827 Broadway through mid-January.

NINE ROCKETS (out of 10).

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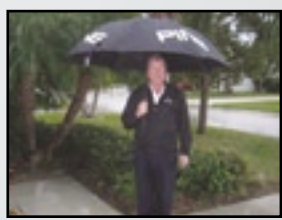
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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

Hertel Holidays

Had the pleasure of being a part of the Hertel Holiday walk last Friday night. I would say it was a success as the street was full of people and the shops seemed to be doing well. Just happened to be one of those nights in December that the weather co-operated. Maybe a dusting of snow would have added to the atmosphere, but really who needs snow.

Our little shop was decorated for the season and like most places we had free goodies to offer. Being down between Delaware and Colvin, there was not as much activity as in the Colvin to Parkside corridor. Our end gets the Italian Festival in July.

It was a nice affair and we were happy to see so many people taking the time to wander up and down and into the various shops. Parking, as always, was a problem and maybe someday will be addressed. A huge parking lot somewhere along the strip would add so much to the economics of the area. Plenty of nice wide sidewalk space for walking, strollers and bikes. Once you park, the rest is easy.

The new North Park theatre was well lit and the feature of the evening. This is one of the few remaining neighborhood theatres of this kind in the city. For so many years this has been the landmark of the North Buffalo area. Many residents can and did actually walk to see a feature movie at the "North Park". The name comes from the area which was at one time called North Park. It was to the North of one huge park in the city, Delaware Park. The Parkside area is on the side of the park. Then there is the Central Park area just south of the Parkside

area. No, there is no East Park or West Park and South Park is in South Buffalo. Figure that one out. So you combine the Parkside, Central park and the North park areas into what is now called, North Buffalo. Makes sense, does it not? Less complicated, all those different park locations had to confuse visitors. First find the park then see if you want to go to the side, "Parkside", the middle, "Central park", or North, "North Park". Do not look to the south!

After that bit of information, we get back to the Hertel Holiday. Hertel Avenue happens to be the strip that connects all these park locations. It is considered the heart of North Buffalo. If you have not taken a stroll down Hertel lately you will find a new and old variety of different venues.

It has been awhile since my personal involvement with the merchants and the owners of the businesses on the strip. I pretty much knew them all at one time. Publishing the Rocket and being president of the Business Association brought me into almost all the establishments. Some are still there but a lot has changed. It was nice to be able to visit with some of the old timers. Not that they are old but have been on the Avenue for many years.

The shops are just as nice and well stocked as the Elmwood strip but more spread out with much more room. Problem is there are extended "holes" in some places where there is little activity on a night like this one. Like the banks for instance who are of course, closed. This leaves long distances between shops with little to see if you are walking. Not like the Italian Festival where it is

continuous from one end to the other.

All in all it was an enjoyable evening and we even had people stop at our place at 1249 Hertel. Saw some customers from the past and met some of our new ones.

The concept seems like a good one and judging from the success, it will continue to grow. Sooner or later they will find a solution to the parking problem, as it is necessary in order to compete with the malls. Once that is done, the holes will fill in.

Hertel can be the most dynamic strip in the city. It has the physical capabilities in layout, design and structures. It has a strong stable residential surrounding. It just has a need for more commercial free parking. Build it and they will come!

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Congress on Your Cor-

ner schedule:

Friday, December 13, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Friends of the Elderly, 118 E. Utica Ave., Buffalo;

Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 am - Noon, Amherst Senior Center, 370 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst;

Monday, December 23, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Martha Mitchell Community Center, 175 Oakmont Avenue, Buffalo.

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Two games will be held the night of the event with only 200 registration slots available (100 players per game). Game times will be assigned to attendees upon arrival at the Museum.

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December 5, 2013

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December 6, 2013

Delaware Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) did take wallet that was left behind at a retail store's counter and did make purchases using the debit card.

West Side

December 3, 2013

Auburn Ave. - Complainant reports that while attempting to purchase drugs from an unknown drug dealer he was robbed, of \$200.

December 3, 2013

Breckenridge St. - Complainant reports that person(s) unknown entered apartment via an upstairs unlocked window, once inside did take 2 computers totaling approximately \$2,000.

December 5, 2013

Niagara St. - Victim reports that a known black male did take three bags of groceries from her and her husband, valued at \$40.

December 9, 2013

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December 9, 2013

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Tips for Safe Walking in Snow and Ice

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while walking accounts for a large number of winter-related injuries and can have an impact on the quality of life for the injured person."

SIMA, the national nonprofit organization representing the snow removal industry, has some tips on safe winter walking.

TIP #1: Wear proper footwear. Proper footwear should place the entire foot on the surface of the ground and have visible treads. Avoid a smooth sole and opt for a heavy treaded shoe with a flat bottom.

TIP #2: Accessorize to see and be seen. Wear sunglasses so that you can see in the reflective light of the snow. Also, wear a bright coat or scarf so that drivers can easily see you.

TIP #3: Plan ahead. While walking on snow or ice on sidewalks or in parking lots, walk consciously. Instead of looking down, look up and see where your feet will move next to anticipate ice or an uneven surface. Occasionally scan from left to right to ensure you are not in the way of vehicles or other hazards.

TIP #4: Make sure you can hear. While seeing the environment is important, you also want to be sure you can hear approaching traffic and other noises. Avoid listening to music or engaging in conversation that may prevent you from hearing oncoming traffic or snow removal

equipment.

TIP #5: Anticipate ice. Be weary of thin sheets of ice that may appear as wet pavement (black ice). Often ice will appear in the morning, in shady spots or where the sun shines during the day and melted snow refreezes at night.

TIP #6: Walk on steps slowly. When walking down steps, be sure to grip handrails firmly and plant your feet securely on each step.

TIP #7: Enter a building carefully. When you get to your destination such as school, work, shopping center, etc., be sure to look at the floor as you enter the building. The floor may be wet with melted snow and ice.

TIP #8: Be careful when you shift your weight. When stepping off a curb or getting into a car, be careful since shifting your weight may cause an imbalance and result in a fall.

TIP #9: Avoid taking shortcuts. Shortcuts are a good idea if you are in a hurry, but may be a bad idea if there is snow and ice on the ground. A shortcut path may be treacherous because it is likely to be located where snow and ice removal is not possible.

TIP #10: Look up. Be careful about what you walk under. Injuries also can result from falling snow/ice as it blows, melts, or breaks away from awnings, buildings, etc.

Following these tips will help ensure that you survive the snow and ice season safely.



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