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## Try Something Different This Year For Valentine's Day!



Tommy Iannello, owner of T.C. Jrs., proudly displays a heart shaped pizza, with cheese and heart shaped pepperoni.

usual tomato sauce, cheese and topped with "heart shaped" pepperoni. Iannello says that he has been making the pizzas shaped this way for years.

The heart shaped pepperoni is something new. Where do you get pepperoni shaped like a heart?

"You have to make them yourself," says Iannello, "each one has to be cut with a scissors to make the perfect heart shape."

It not only looks festive, it tastes great!

So, if you are looking for some a little different and fun this year for Valentine's Day, try one of T.C. Jrs. heart shaped pizzas.

T.C.

Jrs. is located at 2941 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore or call them at 874-1876 and as usual delivery is free.



Everyone will be enjoying Valentine's Day this weekend. Traditionally, a special card, candy, flowers and a night out for dinner typically is what is planned for the day.

Each year, area mer-

chants try to create something a little different to entice customers to their store or restaurants.

This year, Tommy Iannello, owner of T.C. Jrs., is offering a "heart shaped" pizza, decked with the

## Blankets of Love

A local Nurse Practitioner, wife, mother, and grandmother, went above and beyond basic volunteerism this year, astonishing neighbors and

handmade, blankets and afghans. The local Buffalo chapter gathers and presents quilts, fleece-tied and crocheted blankets to children at Women's



Pam recruited help from a Girl Scout troop in Michigan to help meet her goal.

friends, when she both handcrafted and donated 125 blankets for Project Linus.

Ten years ago, Pam Riester joined colleagues in volunteering for Project Linus (www.projectlinus.org), a national organization, is dedicated to providing love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children in crisis through the gifts of new,

and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, and children's shelters and centers throughout Western New York.

Pam and her Pediatric Nurse Practitioner friends annually gather their blankets on Pam's birthday. As she worked on contributions last year, it occurred to her that her (Continued on page 5)

## National Salute To Veteran Patients

VA Western New York Healthcare System invites Veterans and the public to participate in an open-house at the Buffalo site, 3495 Bailey Avenue, on Friday, February 14th during the National Salute to Veteran Patients.

Observed annually during the week of Valentine's Day, it is a day of caring and sharing which underscore the Salute's expression of honor and appre-

ciation to inpatient and outpatient Veterans. All Veterans are encouraged to attend the special ceremony to introduce local celebrities in Freedom Hall, room 301 at 1 p.m.

For the thirty-sixth consecutive year, the nationally syndicated column started by Ann Landers, now called

"Annie's Mailbox" has devoted a column to the National Salute, asking readers to send Valentine cards and letters to hospitalized Veterans at VA medical centers.

"The colorful Valentine cards made by school children will be displayed and distributed to Veterans," said

VA Medical Center Director Brian G. Stiller. "The messages written in them show Veterans they are thought of. You can show some very special people at VA Western New York Healthcare System how much you care by visiting them during the National Salute to Veteran Patients" said Stiller.

Local celebrities and civic officials and groups (Continued on page 4)



## Local Weather

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
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The Adventures of...

## Rocket Man

by Doug Smith



### 'Dai (Enough)'

Jewish Repertory Theater's new production will especially rattle those who have begun their evening with a scrumptious nosh at Meyers' Tel Aviv café in the Seller Theater's extended lobby.

"Dai," which translates to "Enough" (as in "let's not do this any more," as opposed to "thanks, but I'm really full") plays out in a fictional Tel Aviv café, named Iris, after the author. Simple tables await a demographic dozen, replicating the "real" world just beyond the entrance.

But at Iris, one visitor will wear explosives beneath his suit, and they will detonate, accompanied by the sounds of tortured bodies, shattered glass and twisting metal. Few, if any, will survive.

Even under ordinary circumstances, this would be an extraordinary play.

However, playwright Iris Bahr dictates that all 11 café patrons be portrayed by one person, in this case, actress Josie DiVincenzo, a North Buffalo expatriate (School 81, Holy Angels) in a single

act of about an hour-45. There is no respite. Even the requisite changes, in full audience view, demand choreography of costumier Ann Emo.

Actress DiVincenzo relayed to Rocket Man that she always felt she was "born to be on stage," but could she ever have contemplated such a task? First: a stereotypical snarly TV reporter. Last: a thoughtful Egyptian professor, a woman waiting to reunite with her son. The choice of characters seems random, but there is a definitive dramatic arc.

DiVincenzo must create not only personalities (and genders) but accents, both national and regional. Playwright Bahr puts two of the more intriguing back-to-back, the deep-south Evangelist raving about the Rapture, and the Israeli "chick" (playbill's description), rapturing about the Rave. All are equal in the sights of the bomber.

Guided by three dialogue coaches, actress DiVincenzo roots out not only how they speak, but

why, and not always perfectly intelligible. A few are grindingly self-absorbed, but there's a chuckle when Jessica, actress on location, bemoans that in Israel, "all the women are gorgeous."

Then there's Svetlana, pragmatic Russian prostitute with the abundant client list, a skilled negotiator in her own right, and Rebecca, an American citizen volunteering for the Israeli army in search of personal satisfaction.

A boutique furniture-maker from Germany reminisces on a same-sex relationship. A West Bank settler from Brooklyn describes what he sees as Israeli's birthright in no uncertain terms.

Some are angry, some reflexive. Not all seem like good company, but the playwright makes no judgments and, under the direction of Saul Elkin, DiVincenzo vividly interprets their perspective.

Inside the Jewish Community Center, 2640 N. Forest Rd., Getzville, the flexible little Seller Theater ideally houses this slice of life and death although in truth, such horrors have become less frequent in recent years. Somebody get the message? EIGHT ROCKETS (out of 10) through March 3.

Fire back to Rocket Man via pollyndoug@hotmail.com

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# The Grapevine

**Congressman Brian Higgins will be the first featured speaker** in the newly established Daemen College Distinguished Leaders Lecture Series, which will bring top government and public officials to campus to share their unique perspective on critical state, national and international issues.

Higgins will deliver the inaugural lecture, "From the Ground Up: Building a Stronger Western New York and Nation," at 7 pm Feb. 24th in the college's Wick Campus Center Social Room.

Higgins, who is serving a fifth term in Congress, has been a strong champion for waterfront and economic development in Western New York.

An avid advocate of policies vital to the region's economy, including a major transformation of Buffalo's Inner and Outer Harbors, he's also supported increased funding for biomedical research in the area and investment in infrastructure.

Reservations are requested by Feb. 17th to [presidentoffice@daemen.edu](mailto:presidentoffice@daemen.edu). The lecture series is free and open to the public.

**AARP "Driver Safety Program"** Class Scheduled on Wednesday and Friday, February 26th and 28th, and March 5th and 7th, at the Kenmore Community Center, 135 Wilber Ave. The course qualifies those who take it for a reduction in automobile insurance premiums over a three-year period. The two-class course will be held from 9 am to 12 pm both days in the Community Room of the Center. The cost is \$20 for AARP members with a membership card and \$25 for non-members and must be paid at the first class by check or money order payable to the AARP.

To register for these classes or others offered throughout the year; call Assemblyman Schimlinger's office at 873-2540.


**The next monthly meeting for the Parkinson Disease Caregiver Support Group** will meet on Tuesday, February 25th from 3 - 4:30 pm at Dent Towers, 3980 Sheridan Dr., Amherst, NY - 5th Floor, UBNS Administrative Offices.

The support group meetings are open to caregiv-

ers of Parkinson's Disease patients throughout the WNY area. They're open-ended meetings where you can discuss concerns that might be impacting your ability to manage and cope as a family member/care-giver; an opportunity to meet others experiencing similar concerns and help problem solve and reduce the stress you may be feeling. The group regularly meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Mary Ellen at 833-5389.

**Please join us March 15th, 2014 @ The Augustine "Puchos" Olivencia Community Center for Horta's Hope a Donor Drive and Benefit for Margarita Horta.** Tickets are \$25.00 and include dinner, open beer, wine and soda bar and live entertainment featuring The Other Side, Ra'ces Theatre Company, Ivelisse Valentin and Dj Mic O with a special appearance by Dj CPerfect. The National Bone Marrow Donor Program will hold their drive from 6pm until 9pm for those who wish to be added to the national registry. Ticket purchase is not required for those wanting to donate only. For Benefit ticket information please contact Marta Corchado at 716-248-6983.

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Although very young, this lovely cat came to the shelter with a litter of kittens and was a wonderful, affectionate mother. Now that her brood has been weaned and adopted, she needs a home of her own and the love that she deserves! Her ID number is 21723000.

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## Latest Winner Contest Announced

The latest winner of the how well do you know buffalo trivia contest is Dolores Rosso of Buffalo.

Although we had various unsuccessful entries

the last few weeks, we were pleased to finally get all of the correct locations. Thank you to all who entered. We plan to start a new contest in a few weeks.

Answers:

Mozart - Delaware Park - 1894

Centaur - History Museum - 1929

General Bidwell - Colonial Circle - 1864

Giuseppe Verdi - Kleinhans's Music Hall - 1907

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## National Salute To Veteran Patients

(Continued from page 1) will be here to show their support, including UB Bulls Football Players and Coach Jeff Quinn, Erie County Sheriff, Tim Howard, Erie County Legislator, Lynne Dixon, WIVB-TV Meteorologist, Don Paul, WKBW-TV Anchor, Tiffany Lundberg, WYRK Personality, Clay Moden, and local Veterans Service Officers.

Stiller said he encourages Veterans who may be visiting for the first time to know we are here to serve their health care needs and to stop in to the Veterans Service Center to enroll in VA health care. In addition, the public can learn about volunteer opportunities at this special event.

"Our medical center's volunteers are an important part of our health care team and the National Salute program is a great way for people to learn more about helping the Veterans we serve here at the medical center," Stiller said.



# Happy Valentine's Day

**Happy Valentine's Day**

from

New York State Senator

**MARK GRISANTI**



**Happy Valentine's Day**

from

Delaware District Councilmember

**Michael LoCurto**




**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

FROM

**HON. THOMAS P. AMODEO**

**CITY COURT CHIEF JUDGE**




**Happy Valentine's Day**

from

North District Councilmember

**Joe Golombek, Jr.**




**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

FROM

**HON. PATRICK M. CARNEY**

**CITY COURT JUDGE**





# Blankets of Love

(Continued from page 1) coming birthday would be a milestone, Pam came up with a unique challenge, “I thought, 60 years, 60 blankets.” “I told the organizer, Kathy McCarthy, and I wondered if she believed I would follow through.”

Pam continued, “So, I immediately began collecting fabric, including swatches that my mother collected. I sent word out about my mission to friends and colleagues, and soon monetary donations, fabric, and even completed blankets starting coming in from as far away as Ireland.

I was most touched when my niece’s Girl



Pam Riester is a life-long resident of North Buffalo.

Scout troop in Michigan adopted the project. The girls went door to door in their neighborhoods to collect recyclable bottles and cans. With the deposit money they earned over

\$350, and took a field trip to a fabric store to hand pick patterns of fabric. The troop cut, tied, and completed almost as many blankets as I had hoped to contribute all-together!”

In the end, Pam’s birthday challenge has not only brought a little more comfort and love to the 125 children who will snuggle those blankets, but it has taught her friends, family, and a new generation of volunteers, that even

the smallest act of kindness can mean the world to someone else.

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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### West Side

**February 4, 2014**  
Potomac Ave. - Complainant reports that unknown person(s) did break the double-paned window of the front door. No entry was made. Both tenants have moved out, but both still have keys.

**February 7, 2014**  
Rees St. - Complainant reports being followed by unknown person while walking down the street. Suspect then approached and displayed a silver hand gun and demanded all of his money and cell phone.

**February 7, 2014**  
Ferguson Ave. - Complainant's neighbor saw defen-

dant on complainant's front porch, breaking the front window of the residence.

### Riverside

**February 5, 2014**  
Niagara St. - Officers observed a vehicle driving sporadically and made a turn without signaling. Officers initiated a routine traffic stop and upon further investigation found the vehicle to be reported as stolen.

**February 6, 2014**  
Farmer St. - Complainant reports that numerous feet of copper was taken, without permission, from unoccupied residence. Total value \$3,001.

**February 7, 2014**  
Hartman Pl. - Complainant reports that a blue Acura, with six known Hispanic males in it, approached him and starting shooting at him. Last time he saw the suspects was several years ago, at which time he did have problems with them, but does not know why they are "after him" now.

**February 11, 2014**  
Roesch Ave. - Victim reports being approached by six Hispanic males in masks, one displayed a hand gun. Victim was struck by suspect with gun and wallet was taken.

### North Buffalo

**February 4, 2014**  
Great Arrow Ave - Complainant reports that defendant did change her rate of pay while employed by the complainant, without his permission or knowledge. Also, falsely filled out timecard to increase hours worked. Total amount of overcharge was \$632.

**February 5, 2014**  
Humboldt Pkwy - Com-

plainant reports that a gold nugget diamond ring was missing off of her bedroom dresser. She noticed the ring missing after entertaining the defendant.

**February 8, 2014**  
Lovering Ave. - Unknown male, identifying himself as an agent of the IRS,

contacted complainant via telephone stating that she had outstanding debt to the IRS and would be arrested if she did not pay as instructed. Complainant was told to purchase prepaid credit card and give the numbers to suspect, which the suspect used and depleted funds from.

## 31 Candidates To Be Naturalized

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Buffalo Field Office Director, Sheila G. Embry, will present 31 citizenship candidates to the Honorable Leslie G. Foschio, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of New York U.S. District Court, at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014, at 10:00 am. This year, USCIS will welcome more than 17,750 new citizens during ceremonies held between February 14th and 21st in honor of President's Day.

The Honorable Judge Foschio will preside over this special session of the

United States District Court and will administer the Oath of Allegiance to America's newest citizens. A re-enactment of President Roosevelt's inauguration will be included as part of the ceremony.

The 30 candidates for naturalization represent 21 different countries, including Armenia, Bhutan, Burma, Canada, China, Eritrea, India, Iran, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, and Yemen.

The United States has a long history of welcoming immigrants from all parts of the world. During the last decade, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) welcomed more than 6.6 million naturalized citizens. USCIS encourages new citizens and guests to share their naturalization ceremony experiences and photos through social media, using the hashtag #newUScitizen on Twitter.

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