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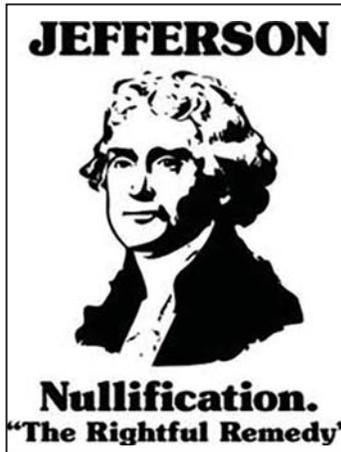
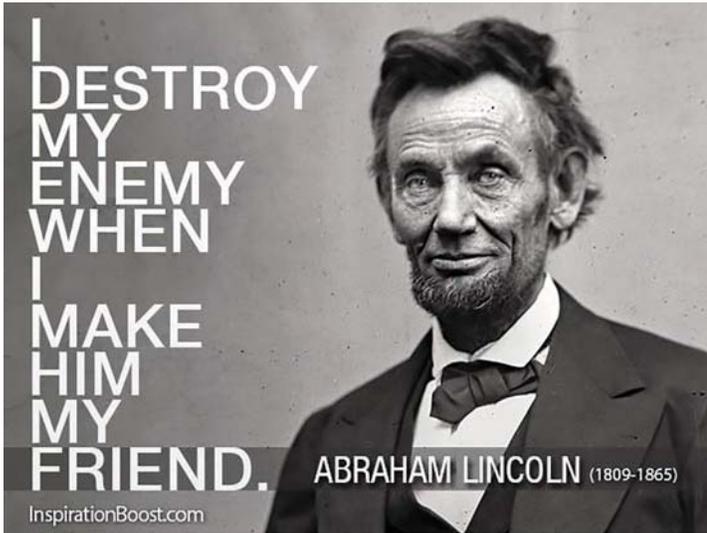
Finding good candidates is not always easy since the best people to fill elected offices are not the ones who want it most. One of the problems with governing people is that those who want to rule are least suited to do it.

The Republican Party County Chairman, Mr. Scott Kiedrowski, is now accepting resumes for people who want to express an interest in running for office with the support of the Republican Party.

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Niagara County GOP Chairman Scott Kiedrowski with US Rep. Chris Collins



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California. The Amendment was finally ratified in 1920.'

3) First woman elected to U.S. House of Representatives (1916): "Jeannette Rankin, Republican from Montana, becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives."

4) Jackie Robinson becomes the first black American to play in the Major Leagues (1947): Republican Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball when the owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Republican Branch Rickey, brought him up to the major leagues.

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Ken Cosentino testifies: Cuomo has stolen Niagara Falls prosperity and birthright

James Hufnagel

It took a lot of guts.

Last week on Friday, Niagara Falls resident Ken Cosentino stood up at the end of a presentation given by Gov. Andrew Cuomo's representative, Empire State Development's Sr. VP Sam Hoyt, in Council Chambers at Niagara Falls City Hall, and spelled out, in no uncertain terms, the deep discontent of the people.

Hoyt had just delivered an hour-long, encapsulated version of the "State of the State" speech performed by Cuomo a couple of weeks ago at the University of Buffalo's North Campus. Filling in for ESD President and CEO Howard Zemsky, who was ill, Hoyt appeared to recycle many of the same Buffalocentric slides Cuomo used for the previous speech. The slides that did touch on Niagara Falls mostly listed uninspiring bullet points about state spending that Cuomo had directed towards "improvements" to Niagara Falls State Park and the south Robert Moses Parkway, and how this somehow will contribute to the renewed prosperity of the city of Niagara Falls.

Seated up front, directly behind Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, who has pledged to address the issue of the state's monopoly of the local tourist trade, and Niagara Falls Councilwoman Kristen

Grandinetti, Cosentino waited out a handful of irrelevant questions from the floor, before standing up and challenging the governor's hireling, Hoyt, in front of an audience that largely consisted of Niagara Falls elite who, directly or indirectly, depend on the status quo both here and in Albany for their positions and influence.

Cosentino read a letter that he had mailed to Governor Cuomo at an earlier date, excerpted as follows:

"Governor Cuomo, Lately, I have seen in the news fragments of your plans for Niagara Falls, NY. As a lifelong resident of Niagara Falls, I feel that it is my duty to address the concerns of myself and fellow Niagarrians regarding said plans.

"The quality of life in Niagara Falls is subpar. Jobs with livable wages are few and far between. Many of us struggle and work multiple jobs just to get by. Meanwhile, the (Niagara Falls) state park flourishes during the tourist season with millions of visitors spending countless dollars. None of this income is seen around our crumbling city.

"Mayor Paul Dyster has done your bidding and fallen in line, creating a large disconnect between himself and the people. The State Park is like a mother sow, and she has two piglets: One being NYS, the other, the city of Niagara Falls. NYS



Film Director, Producer and Screenwriter Ken Cosentino of Niagara Falls is strongly critical of Gov. Cuomo's policies, and gave Buffalo's Sam Hoyt an earful last week at City Hall.



Three Sisters Islands is now fenced off several months of the year because visitors were slipping and falling on the slick paving stones which are slippery when wet.



A bulldozer on Three Sisters removes boulders that date to the Ice Age, pursuant to Cuomo's "Landscape Improvements" plan.

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Wall to wall paving stones on Three Sisters and throughout Niagara Falls State Park - and many are exhibiting cracks a year or two after being laid.

is like the large, greedy piglet that takes all of the milk for itself, pushing away it's starving, weakened sibling.

"I have read of your plans to build a "lodge" on Goat Island, and your plans to have NYS purchase prime real estate surrounding Goat Island, including the once great Turtle. Perhaps NYS should purchase some of the property mid-city, where help is actually needed, where people and property are largely ignored.

Where, as a result of neglect, heroin has run rampant and many of our citizens have died from overdoses. Instead, you wish to have NYS own and control more prime real estate for profit, not for the good of the city or it's citizens, but for the greed of the state. I cannot stand by any longer and allow this to continue.

"Niagara water runs through my veins and has since I was in the womb. I was raised by my grandfather, and as a

child he would take myself and my brothers to Three Sisters Island. He would hide pennies in the large rocks and we'd spend hours looking for them.

"My grandfather passed away October 5th, 2011. The following summer, I took comfort in going to the third of Three Sisters to look for some of those pennies in those rocks, some that we might have missed as children. In 2013, I wanted to show my fiancée those rocks. They were gone. What right have you to remove large thundering rocks which stood in that spot for thousands of years? Those stones are sacred. Where are they now? Did you ask for permission from the keepers of Niagara? No. You had those stones removed to open up a better view of the waterfall, after having a railing installed which blocks off a majority of the third island, and the spot I have been visiting since I was a small child.

"That day, with my fiancée, a tour guide saw us beyond the railing and threatened to have us arrested.

"You and NYS have robbed us of our heritage, of our birthright. You will not continue to do this any longer. I am not asking for you to change your plans; I am ordering you. I pay my taxes. Make no mistake: You work for me. Niagara Falls is my home. If you continue with your plans, I will rally the sons and daughters of Niagara who also feel this disdain, and you will be met with great opposition. If



After almost 20 years in the NYS Assembly, Sam Hoyt nearly lost re-election. He jumped at the chance to serve as Cuomo's waterboy, sticking it to Niagara Falls at every turn.

you do not comply and begin to listen to the people, you will see these words turned into actions."

Signed,
Ken Cosentino

Indeed, as we've extensively documented in this newspaper, Gov. Cuomo's Niagara Falls State Park Landscape Improvements plan resulting in what most consider the ruination of Three Sisters Islands, not to mention the crass commercialization of what was to be Frederick Law Olmsted's natural masterpiece.

A smattering of applause book-ended Cosentino's brief address, Hoyt took some questions from media, then the chambers cleared out and everyone went back to business as usual.

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Cuomo's "Buffalo Billion" no Benefit to Niagara Falls

James Hufnagel

With key members of his staff under indictment, a potential \$3.5 billion budget deficit looming, various ill-considered initiatives like free college tuition and selling liquor in movie theaters going over like lead balloons, and being increasingly at odds with a state legislature scratching and clawing to maintain its own prerogatives in a declining and corrupt state, Gov. Andrew Cuomo brought his road show to Niagara Falls this week, cutting the ribbon at a hotel opening.

Cuomo was in town to promote what he calls his "Buffalo Billion Squared" which, being a \$500 million reprise of a previous state aid program for Buffalo, might more aptly be called "Buffalo Billion Halved."

The only thing the Buffalo Billion has paid for here in Niagara Falls, through a \$10 million relative pittance, is the rebuilding of the south Robert Moses Parkway, which sprawls along and cuts off access to Niagara River waterfront. It also paid for an isolated, useless new European-style traffic roundabout and new Buffalo Billion-paid for signage encouraging tourists to bypass the city's business district and drive directly into Niagara Fall State Park.

\$20 million of Buffalo Billion funds were supposed to subsidize the "Downtown Niagara Falls Development Challenge," a five-year initiative to "transform the downtown Niagara Falls area into a premier destination that will attract tourists and fuel private investment", providing "a real opportunity for champions in the development and investment industries to face off right here in the Falls" resulting in "creative and innovative projects that will spur private development."

So far, no competition has been held, no winners announced, and no transformational downtown projects begun, and it's been more than three years.

Another project supposed to be funded by Buffalo Billion was "Wonder Falls", the \$150 million hotel, dining and entertainment complex, including a waterpark and Wallenda daredevil center, to be built on the site presently occupied by the empty, abandoned and



Ribbon cutting at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel on Buffalo Avenue Monday. Concerned that Dyster and Zemsky are wielding sharp objects, Gov. Cuomo (right) instructed them that "We're going to look up on three, and cut." While Dyster (left) seems confused as to whether the task has been successfully completed, Empire State Development czar Howard Zemsky (second from left) appears to be measuring something. Also pictured is Faisal Merani of the Merani Hotel Group.

decaying Rainbow Centre Mall.

That project appears dead in the water, possibly because developer Uniland was blindsided by competitor Hamister across the street, but more likely because they came to their senses, realizing that, with eight million tourists coming here annually, parking, dining, sightseeing and purchasing gifts and souvenirs in Niagara Falls State Park and then leaving on a dedicated parkway, having little reason to enter or spend money in the city, Wonder Falls would probably suffer the same fate as the Rainbow Centre Mall.

The Moses Parkway upgrade, the Downtown Development Challenge and Wonder Falls have been the only three projects singled out for Buffalo Billion aid, prior to Cuomo's visit this week. One of them (the parkway) benefits Albany and the city of Niagara Falls not at all, while the other two didn't get past the drawing board.

Therefore, it's obvious that when it comes to Niagara Falls' share of the Buffalo Billion, it isn't Buffalo Billion Squared, or even Buffalo Billion Halved.

It's Buffalo Billion Infinitesimal.

\$10 million is one percent of \$1 billion. That's one for you, 99 for me.

But Gov. Cuomo sure got some great press out of it over the past couple of years, didn't he?

Monday, at the Doubletree ribbon cutting ceremony on Rainbow Boulevard, Cuomo made more promises, reiterating plans to utilize Buffalo Billion funding to buy up properties like the old Niagara Club building, the so-called Turtle (formerly the Native American Center for the Living Arts), other unspecified land owned by Manhattan developer Howard Milstein around John Daly Blvd., and One Niagara.

Long a thorn in the side of the Dyster administration, One Niagara is arguably one of the city's most successful downtown business ventures over the past two decades, a thriving venue that employs hundreds and has contributed millions to the city's tax coffers. Being in direct competition with James Glynn's Maid of the Mist monopoly in the Niagara Falls State Park, however, it's no wonder that Cuomo and Dyster have set their sights on the place, given the special influence Glynn ex-

erts over the two politicians.

Cuomo's proposal to buy up city property brings full circle his bankrupt, failed policies to rejuvenate Niagara Falls, a city that suffers under the triple curse of having the highest violent crime, poverty and per capita taxes in the entire state.

Investing tens of millions of dollars in Niagara Falls State Park and the south parkway did nothing for downtown. Maybe Cuomo wants to add to the state's portfolio of properties next to one of the most popular, lucrative parks in the world - from the Niagara River, past the park and along the Niagara Gorge, the state already owns 80% of Niagara Falls waterfront. If the goal is to resell to private developers, it's incomprehensible why Cuomo wants to assume the role of a real estate broker, not to mention unprecedented.

In the meantime, let's play a guessing game: Two years from now, which local newspaper will be reporting on the breaking of Gov. Cuomo's latest round of Buffalo Billion promises to the city of Niagara Falls?

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Cuomo Promises No Sure Thing; City Must Help Itself

Tony Farina

Gov. Andrew Cuomo rode into Niagara Falls this week full of promises about using state funds from his Buffalo Billion Squared Initiative in his proposed 2017 budget to reclaim underused and vacant property near the state park, an investment he says that will pay dividends for the city.

While it may sound great, the federal corruption probe into his first Buffalo Billion investment has many legislators taking a second look at phase two. There's no guarantee state lawmakers will give Cuomo everything he's looking for this time, and even he admits his plan has only a 50-50 chance of success.

But while hope springs eternal, and Cuomo could be a winner politically either way, the City of Niagara Falls shouldn't sit back and wait to see how the power struggle plays out between the governor and state lawmakers. Councilmember Andrew Touma is pushing Mayor Dyster to present lawmakers an economic development plan for 2017, the sooner the better.

"I've asked the administration to give us a plan for using a portion of the more than \$5 million in discretionary casino funds still on the books to spur economic growth," said Touma this week in an interview with the Niagara Falls Reporter.

Touma said he is not interested in spending all of that discretionary casino cash -some of it rolled over from last year - on new development initiatives, but he sees an opportunity to do a lot of good for the city with some of that money and he's hopeful to see something soon in the way of a plan from the administration.

"We're keeping a close eye on the casino funds," said Touma, adding he would certainly want a substantial portion rolled over into next year. But he believes there's enough money available in that casino discretionary pot to really spur growth, and that's what he wants to see from the Dyster team.

"I've had talks with the city administrator, and I know they are looking at it," said Touma. "We can use that money for eco-



Councilmember Andrew Touma

nomics and get a bigger bang for our buck with an eye toward the future, develop some long term plans that will help our city for years to come."

In other council news this week, lawmakers approved \$500,000 for demolitions which haven't been done, except for emergencies, since 2014.

The council approved the demolition funds by unanimous vote, with \$300,000 earmarked for demolition of unsafe and unkept properties with another \$200,000 designated for emergency demolitions. The city will also have another \$100,000 available from Community Development for demolitions, and Touma said unsafe properties should be prioritized.

"We need for people to be safe, and that's the first priority," said Touma. "But we also need to focus on properties that are nothing more than community blight, eyesores that bring down entire neighborhoods because of their condition. That's very important, and must be a part of what we are doing with the demolitions."

While Touma gave way to Charles Walker as council president this year, the educator/politician is still heavily engaged in trying to move the city forward even as he contemplates possibly not running for re-election, although he says he has been receiving plenty of encouragement from residents to stay the course and continue to serve in government. He said he has not made a final decision as yet.

Lewiston writer Kifer's on how Love and Hope triumph over cancer

Lewiston novelist Kathy Kifer has published her second novel, "Tessa: Portrait of a Survivor" to critical acclaim, and a recent book signing that took place at the Lewiston Library Community Room.

In *Tessa: Portrait of a Survivor*, Kifer has drawn on her own raw experiences as a long-term cancer patient and amputee to create a remarkable and inspiring love story.

When Tessa Burke, a former model and wife of an affluent business man, requires more surgery after a long and difficult recovery from breast cancer, she is devastated, and as she tries to adjust to the shocking loss of an arm to the disease, her husband inflicts further pain. Tessa discovers that Max, repelled by her appearance, has found another sexual partner, and although he doesn't want a divorce she insists that the marriage is broken and they separate.

Yet, just when Tessa is losing hope, a surprise from her past will transform all she believes about herself, the rest of her life and the power of unconditional love.

A gifted photographer, Luke James, re-enters her life at a fund-raising luncheon. Years before, when he was a handsome but immature young man just beginning his career, he had been infatuated with her warmth and beauty. In spite of her disability, he is still attracted to her. Hired by the support group women to produce a calendar to raise money for the Foundation, he pursues a relationship, but Tessa, nine years older than Luke and unable to believe that anyone could find her desirable, strenuously resists.



Kathy Kifer

The reviews on Amazon, where the book is available, have been glowing.

"I am not into love stories, but Kifer drew me right in. I got new insights into how women are challenged with cancer setbacks. I felt as though Kifer was sharing her own life. Great writing with twists and turns to keep me interested. As with her first book ("If a Tree Falls - A Love Song Comes True"), it deserves a Hallmarks movie."

"An enchanting love story that wraps you up in its world, making you regret leaving it after its final pages. Beautifully written, I was drawn in by the characters and the choices they make, giving insight into those who battle health issues while navigating the real world. Tessa bravely chases her own dreams and does not give up on love when all seems to be lost, a lesson for us all."

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Opposition mounts to new Soup Kitchen on Pine as Hunger, Poverty on Rise

James Hufnagel

A Roman Catholic priest who is proposing to locate what he terms a "not-for-profit restaurant," run by volunteers, serving low cost meals to low income residents and free meals to veterans, is running into stiff resistance from Mayor Dyster and a self-appointed business group that calls itself Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project (PARP).

Since the 1701 Pine Avenue location, upstairs from the popular Carmine's Restaurant, is zoned for such a purpose, in the final analysis, if the good Father decides to follow through with it, there's little those entities can do to prevent what's been termed a new soup kitchen from being established at that location.

City Hall issued a "Statement From Mayor Dyster on Pine Avenue Soup Kitchen Proposal" soon after the issue became public,

which said, "Today my office received a letter from the Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project (PARP) informing my administration that they had become aware of a proposal for the creation of a soup kitchen meant to replace an existing restaurant on a prominent corner in the center of the city's historic Little Italy restaurant and business district.

"In a city where too often our residents are in need of a helping hand, no one recognizes the need for such a facility more. However, it is this administration's position that such a project at the proposed location is not conducive to the viability of the Pine Avenue Business corridor, and the efforts already underway by the Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project. This 12-member board, composed largely of local small business people, has worked diligently to promote and restore the safety, beautification and most importantly, the economic redevelopment of Pine Avenue; and the city has pledged its support of the ef-

forts of PARP to revitalize this crucial neighborhood business district.

"While we thank Father Mazur and encourage his efforts, they have been carried out without consultation and collaboration of the administration, PARP and the many similar organizations within the City of Niagara Falls that have long provided similar services to address the needs of our community. It is my sincerest hope that all parties can work together toward the use of an alternative location that would be mutually beneficial for all involved."

According to recent US Census figures, 40.6% of children in Niagara Falls live below the poverty level, nearly twice the state average of 22.5%. The median income for a household in the city was \$26,800 (New York State, \$55,246), and the median income for a family of four was \$34,377 (NYS, \$72,170). 25.3% of the population of the city of Niagara Falls were below the poverty line, compared to a national average of 13.5%.

A partnership between the Oishei Foundation and the University at Buffalo's Regional Institute determined the following in 2013: Roughly 22,425, or nearly one out of every two residents, are "doing poorly or struggling financially," about 10,900 Niagara Falls residents, or more than 20 percent, live on incomes below federal poverty levels and another 11,525 city residents do not fall under the federal poverty threshold, but earn less than 200 percent of that line, making them eligible, in many cases, for most public benefits.

In noting that Fr. Mazur neglected to engage in "consultation and collaboration" with his administration, Dyster, who is entering his 10th year in office, and holds a PhD in International Relations and Law, seems to have a tenuous grasp of the meaning of the Establishment Clause of the US Constitution, which enforces separation of church and state.

In addition, Dyster's policies over the years, enabling the removal of vast amounts



The other three overburdened soup kitchens of Niagara Falls, all of which are at least a half hour walk from the city's east end, are all located a good distance from the new low cost eatery strategically located on Pine Avenue.

of wealth to state agencies like NYPA and State Parks without so much as a mild protest, in many cases in fact facilitating the theft, and his profligate and wasteful spending patterns, such as \$585,000 for a worthless piece of "public art", contributed greatly to making the city destitute and populated by undernourished families.

Until Dyster and other local officials are replaced by real leaders who are willing to fight for their city, and at least try to reclaim resources of tourism and hydropower that Albany has commandeered, the need for soup kitchens such as Father Mazur's is only going to increase.



With A Trunk Full of Faith Mercy Awaits a 'Honeymoon' in Niagara

Father Jacek Mazur (right) has been entrusted by his bishop to unite five ethnically diverse, disbanded parishes into the new Divine Mercy Parish in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He chose to start a restaurant or if you prefer a soup kitchen, in the tradition of the founder of his religion, where no one will go away hungry. Here, he shares a laugh with Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, left, during a visit to Eden Hill.

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Anthony M. Bruce**



Upon information and belief, court records, document review, and eyewitness testimony, Anthony Bruce suborned perjury, obstructed justice, deceived the courts, recklessly and blatantly disregarded evidence that pointed to innocence, lied by omission and committed outright fraud and perjury as a regular pattern of conduct during his notorious 38 year role as an assistant US attorney and sent an unknown number of innocent people to prison. This heretofore 'dirty little secret' was known by a certain number of people in the legal community and Bruce barely escaped being disbarred and prosecuted in the past.

Up until now, no one had the temerity to publicly challenge this allegedly 'villainous bully' until Frank Parlato, who claims to have been falsely accused by Bruce, brought Bruce's alleged misconduct to light in a series of articles in this publication. Bruce's alleged blatant prosecutorial misconduct in the Parlato case has prompted other defendants and lawyers to contact Parlato who now has a growing body of evidence that the conduct Bruce showed in his case was not singular. Other victims are and will be going on record in coming articles. Were you or your family victimized by Bruce too?

BE NOT AFRAID: If you were a victim of Bruce join the ranks of victims who are fighting back and contact us. Your inquiry will be kept confidential. Your name will never be used without your written permission. Our goal is to prevent prosecutorial misconduct which so often occurs but goes unpunished. It can only be stopped when there is a consequence for prosecutorial misconduct. Absolute power corrupts. Prosecutors have virtually no checks and balances on their conduct unless the people themselves stand up for justice. Contact Parlato at **716-990-5740** or email **news1926@gmail.com**. All calls and emails kept confidential.

"When we neither punish nor reproach evildoers, we are not simply protecting their trivial old age, we are thereby ripping the foundations of justice from beneath new generations." *Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.*

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Vicious Attack on Indian Man Prompts Bruce to Commit Obstruction of Justice

Frank Parlato

This week, instead of an in-depth story of another case of prosecutorial misconduct committed by the notorious former Assistant United States Attorney Anthony M. Bruce, a slight retrospection is in order.

Since I began advertising for people who allege they were victims of Bruce, the day does not pass when someone doesn't call and tell a story of how, they say, Anthony Bruce destroyed their life, or the life of someone they knew.

While sometimes you hear something that seems funny, it is not really funny when you think of the deeper meaning of the thing, like, for instance, that some of Bruce's victims refer to him as "Brucifer."

During the past few weeks I have published stories of his perjury, and his high crimes and misdemeanors which, because of his special status as an Assistant US Attorney, Bruce got away with over a brutish career spanning nearly four decades.

This week has been one of especial pathos. One would have to be a cold-hearted person indeed to keep taking these calls and hearing the stories and not feel a little bit of their pain – the shattered lives of innocent men and women whose stories are so bitterly alike that they make you shiver to hear them so flushed with pain.

Some of the callers are ready to go on the record. Some need to be persuaded that it is in the interest of justice to not let old "Brucifer" get away unscathed with tarring their name to their deathbed.

Some won't give their names. Others just want to tell their stories, bottled up inside for many years. Even those who were acquitted, they're still afraid. They know of his power to destroy innocence.

The most sorrowful are some of the women, wives, daughters and mothers. Their husbands, fathers and sons had the ax hanging above them, waiting to be acquitted, tempted a thousand times to take the plea he dangled before them and escape the torture.

I can't seem to get over the shocks of injustice, where this man went freewheeling loose and easy though life, as others went to hell to suffer, and some to their graves, as the years pass and shadows deepen. You wonder if there's justice, as Anthony Bruce goes along gaily, committing sins against his fellows, two by two. Will he never pay for them, one by one?

He was at his sinful craft for 38 years, indiscriminately putting the innocent and guilty alike in prison, using the power of the federal government as his knife, without a moral compass to bother to carve out the distinction of who were innocent and who were guilty. If justice is blind, Tony Bruce had the keenest vision.

This week was worse than the rest. One after another I received calls and when they call, as soon as I pick up the phone, I know – another victim.

This week, one after another, they got on the phone and cried. One of the saddest stories was that of a woman who remem-



Years torn from his life, his finances in shambles, Kamdar returned to India where, even the Thugs, or Dakaits, or all the Asuras, would look honest compared to that man.

bered her father. Bruce went after him. Her father wasn't an angel but he wasn't a devil either and Bruce overcharged him. A "Tony Bruce special". Dad was convicted and sentenced to a dozen years for nonviolent, victimless crime. When the old man heard the sentence he shook his head and hugged his daughter.

Prison must not be so bad if your family can come to visit. But Bruce had a feud with the old man (it's a matter of public record), and arranged to have him sent to another prison far from his home, his daughter said. Then from one prison to another. He would get settled in one and get a doctor and his medicine straight, and then they would move him again, each time farther away. When she talked to him on the phone, she knew he was getting sicker and weaker.

Then one day, the daughter got a call from the prison: "You better come right away if you want to see your father alive." She rushed to the airport and took the next flight to California, only to find that he had died about the time she got on the plane.

And there was another call this week, a man charged by Bruce based on the perjury of a paid informant. The case was dropped. Without giving too much away, for we will tell it later, Bruce's paid informant, according to witnesses, did a bit of fraud with a certain employee of the Department of Justice for the latter's financial benefit. If you did what he did, my friend, you would be indicted by Bruce as fast as you could say "Jack Ketch."

This was no secret by the way. It was widely talked about, one of those dirty little secrets that insiders know. It was all about to come out in the wash, as they say, of how

Bruce's paid, crooked informant cooked up fraud deal with a federal agent. It may have been coincidence, but the US Attorney suddenly dropped the case against innocent men.

So this poor guy who called me said that he had been one of the innocents, and had been through hell before he had all charges dropped (while Bruce and the informant and the agents were having a riot – a Tony Bruce special). And the innocent man told me his story (he is innocent since he was not proven guilty). The agents came to his home with a morning surprise, a raid, with guns to his head and his wife's head and his children's head (here he cried as he thought of the agents with guns on his babies) and then they shot his dog, a Golden Retriever, who was resting on the bed.

He lost his job and his house. He was placed on a terrorist list (where he remains to this day). He went from middle class working Joe to unemployed, branded criminal. Front page headlines when he was arrested, and back of page B-9 when the case was dismissed. But his case was dismissed!

Not everyone calls. I received an email concerning the case of Bhavesh Kamdar. Another Anthony Bruce special – with double jeopardy, too. Kamdar was in the environmental remediation services business and was accused of making false and fraudulent statements to New York State. Bruce had a hand in that and must have been wroth when he was acquitted in New York State court.

Kamdar went back to India, but Bruce wasn't going to let it go.

He went through a convoluted distorting of the grand jury process, presenting his

case to two concurrent Grand Juries. However, a third Grand Jury, which did not hear any direct testimony from actual witnesses, returned an indictment based solely upon the summary presented by an agent.

Bruce would not even confirm whether the Grand Jury had read, or even had access to, the testimonies before voting on the indictment.

He charged Kamdar (who was in India) in a 31-count mail fraud and money laundering indictment and of defrauding the New York State Office of General Services – for the same actions he had previously been acquitted.

Kamdar voluntarily agreed to return to the US to defend against the indictment, and was taken into custody by special agents at JFK airport. In Brooklyn, he was interviewed by an officer of the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services System, Amina Adossa Ali, in order to make a recommendation to the judge for bail.

Adossa Ali recommended "moderate bail." Kamdar flew to Buffalo.

Just prior to the detention hearing, in the courtroom of the Honorable Magistrate Judge Hugh Scott, Kamdar's attorney Joseph Sedita noticed that the pre-trial report had been altered from "moderate bail" to "stringent bail".

This was terrifying for Kamdar, for stringent bail might make it impossible for him to get enough money to post and he would languish in prison possibly for years awaiting trial. Sedita confronted Bruce and Bruce said that Tina Blackman, a pre-trial services officer in Buffalo, altered the report under his direction and that such an off-the-record directive by Bruce was routine.

When they went before the judge, Sedita raised the issue. Magistrate Judge Scott questioned Bruce, who then perjured himself and claimed to be unaware of the alterations.

Flummoxed, Bruce asked for an adjournment and requested that Adossa Ali, the pretrial services officer in New York, be questioned.

That evening, acting US Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter called Sedita. Realizing Bruce had committed the crime of obstruction of justice, she offered to agree to "moderate bail" for Kamdar (as opposed to going before a Magistrate the following day) and Sedita, in the interest of his client, accepted the deal and Bruce got away.

The list of lies and perjury committed by Bruce in the Kamdar case will be addressed another day.

He withheld material, exculpatory evidence from the Grand Jury, confounded terminology, asked leading questions, and wrote a Tony Bruce special – a significantly broader indictment than charged during Grand Jury proceedings.

He "counseled" the most important witness for six hours, which resulted in the reversal of earlier testimony. It would have been perjury had it not been done for Anthony Bruce.

Yet despite it all, Bruce failed to keep Kamdar in prison without bail while awaiting trial and failed to convict him at trial.

OLMSTED HAS LEFT OLMSTED PARK

Frank Parlato

The Empire State Development Corp. will be issuing a request for proposals to build "greater outdoor activities" on Goat Island, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Build on Goat Island.

"[T]hat will boost tourism and give people an international destination to visit," Gov. Cuomo said.

Among the buildings Cuomo wants to build is a lodge (a hotel).

"On Goat Island, we will create a year-round destination for tourism and build a world-class lodge with sweeping views of the Niagara River," said Cuomo.

As he waxed poetic, invoking the name of Olmsted, speaking of reclaimed acres and preserving rich ecology, and building a hotel on Goat Island and maybe zip Lines and tree climbing attractions, and back to "the days of Olmsted," the governor basically said.

"When you look across the river, you see Canada has more activities... We need to correct that, and we're going to do it in Niagara Falls," he said.

And all of this would be proper, if they would just stop using the name Olmsted. State Parks still advertise Niagara Falls State Park as an Olmsted Park.

It is not.

Frederick Law Olmsted was the designer of Central Park, Yosemite and the original Niagara Reservation.

But when the Niagara Falls State Park says, "We're an Olmsted Park," it's not accurate or fair.

It's like when people in Niagara Falls think they get their power from the falls of Niagara. It's not accurate and deeply unfair.

In the 1870s, the village of Niagara Falls planned to develop land - almost to the brink of the American Falls - subdivided as small building lots for residential homes.

Olmsted was alarmed and lobbied the state legislature to stop the plan and got them to approve the restoration and preservation of the land around the falls, including Goat Island, which at one time was planned for a prison.

In 1886, the "Reservation of Niagara" became the first state park in the United States, and the state adopted Olmsted's 100-page plan for stewardship of the park.

Olmsted's plan can be reduced to four 'cardinal' points:

1. Keep the park all green -- with indigenous flora.
2. Absolutely no commercial enterprises in the park.
3. No man-made gardens, fountains or statues.
4. No parking (at that time horse and carriage) except for "a few shady harbors."

At first, the park operated as an Olmsted park. And the region flourished.

We had hydropower and tourism.

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In 1957, Robert Moses persuaded the city of Niagara Falls to surrender control of its hydropower to Albany. Moses claimed his New York Power Authority would preserve the city's prosperity better than us having greedy local control of the world's greatest hydropower. They were a public benefit cor-



Frederick Law Olmsted

poration, after all.

From having the most abundant and inexpensive electricity, after 60 years of Albany control Niagara Falls residents now pay among the highest electrical rates in America. And instead of having use of our local power, Albany diverts it to other areas, particularly New York City.

Meanwhile, as stewards of the "Olmsted Park," Albany changed the name from the "State Reservation of Niagara" to the "Niagara Falls State Park." Other changes followed.

"It may be safely assumed," Olmsted wrote, "that no improvement that the State can make will increase the astonishing qualities of Niagara."

He wanted a pristine park for "pensive contemplation." He said, "In this respect, Niagara deserves to rank among the great treasures of the world."

Among the changes Albany accomplished was to reduce the flow of water going over Niagara Falls, diverting more than 60 percent of the water approaching the Falls through underground turbines to generate electricity for New York City and eight other states.

Today, Niagara Falls is a tame and timid waterfalls compared to what once was. And the city bearing its name is also tame and timid compared to what it once was.

Olmsted's park plan called the prohibition of restaurants and stores "a cardinal necessity (for) success." He wrote, "If it were a commercial undertaking into which the State was entering, in competition with the people of the village of Niagara, it cannot be questioned that the restaurant could be made profitable."

Today, restaurants and stores in the park compete aggressively with city businesses.

And of course, scattered all over the park are statues and man-made gardens.

Olmsted planned that there would be no land set aside for parking, except a few "shady harbors" for brief stopping, "because at best many trees must be destroyed."

By 1987, Albany had clear-cut acres of trees for parking, including a giant lot near the Maid of the Mist attraction. Ironic: Olmsted snatched that land away from a housing development. Now it's a parking lot.



The owner of the Maid of the Mist boat ride, James Glynn, is said to have had a hand in persuading park officials that, if they made an expansive parking lot near his attraction, both he and the park would make more money.

From this point onward, the park went from Olmsted to a parking, souvenir and restaurant business - with a waterfall attraction - for the benefit of Albany, Glynn and the food and beverage concessionaire Delaware North.

Over time, helpful state park officials gave Glynn one sweetheart deal after another including, amazingly, in 2002, a souvenir store. They gave him the pig's share of the profits on the state-owned Observation Tower, and threw in an unheard-of 40-year lease on his boat ride - all done in secret. Best of all, instead of Glynn paying rent, park officials signed a secret lease where they pay Glynn, rather than the other way around.

And as Glynn got rich, as the park

changed to a business enterprise, they entered increasingly in competition with the city.

Their plan was simple: Route all tourists along the state-owned parkway, ironically named after the man who stole the local hydropower, Robert Moses. Get them into the state lot, diverting them from parking in the city. In the park, tourists pay \$10 for parking. Albany gets that. Then to the Maid of the Mist: \$20 that goes to Glynn. Then exit the boat tour, through Glynn's souvenir store. Glynn again. You eat at any one of the restaurants in the park from upscale to fast food and buy gifts in one of the Delaware North stores.

Because the park is basically small and has limited parking, in the summertime the only pensive contemplation is devoted to how to get them out fast after they spend every tourist dollar in the park alone.

And as far as the Olmsted plan is concerned, now we're getting a lodge too, Robert Moses, or was it the governor, just said.



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Niagara Falls Jokes

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A: There's a good chance it's your bike.

A Niagara Falls man arrested for violently assaulting a librarian was sitting at the police station trying to explain his crime.

"All I wanted to do was apply for a library card," he claimed, "and she told me that I have to prove that I'm a resident of Niagara Falls..."

"So I stabbed her!"

Three buddies were about to try out the new canoe and kayak launch at Jayne Park at LaSalle in Niagara Falls. One was Canadian, one was from Buffalo and the third a hometown Niagara Falls boy. As unlikely as it may seem, a roving band of fierce headhunters happens upon the scene and captures them.

The top headhunter says to them, "We are going to slaughter you, but you might take some comfort in the fact that we don't believe in waste here, and that therefore every part of your body will go to some use. We will weave baskets out of your hair, we will render your bones for glue, and we will tan your skin and stretch it over wooden frames for canoes. Now we are going to allow you an honorable death, so I will give you a knife and allow you to say some last words before killing yourselves."

The Canadian guy says, "Okay, I guess it's the end, eh?" and slits his own throat. The friend from Buffalo yells "Go

Bills!" and also slits his own throat. Then the Niagara Falls guy takes the knife, pokes holes all over his body, and yells, "There's your f***ing canoe!"



Mayor Dyster told citizens at the Doubletree ribbon cutting ceremony the other day that they should learn from the past and embrace their mistakes, so they started forming a line to hug him and Cuomo.

It's a little known fact that Cuomo's Regional Economic director Sam Hoyt, who gave a presentation at City Hall on Monday, invented "Bring Your Daughter to Work Day."

The tradition began several years ago in Albany when a quick-thinking Hoyt was spotted one morning leaving his apartment with a young female intern.

An old man with long gray whis-

kers was working as a bellhop at the new Hamister Hotel on Rainbow Blvd. "Hey!" said one of the guests, "I thought young

boys were supposed to do your job," to which the elderly gentleman replied, "I was a boy when they got started."

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What makes a wonderful button or a promotion using a button is that with a few great words in a small space you don't have to say much to deliver your message. If during last year you put a button on with a picture of Donald Trump you didn't have to say much at all. People

knew where your stood.

"Make America great again" was the theme that put Donald J Trump, a real estate investor and developer, in the White House. That slogan on buttons, along with his picture, helped me get a new house, in Amherst, which incidentally is white.

Buttons have been the calling card of political campaigns going back a long time. I remember my first presidential campaign button, "I Like Ike." It started with a button made of metal with a message or picture. For me, I will always remember Donald J. Trump multiplied on thousands of little round buttons which carried him and I to a white house. I don't know why no one wanted Hillary buttons. I mean I sold 100 to one. And even the people who bought Hillary they didn't

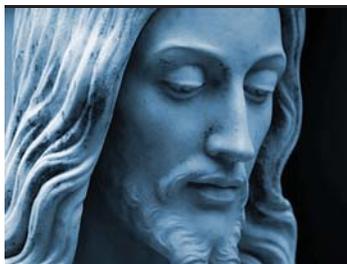
really want them, they just didn't want Trump to be on every button.

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So to answer the original question, who needs a button? If you do, I'm here to make them for you. From 1 to a million. I think all told I sold well over 10,000 buttons with Donald Trump on them. But I can create any kind of button with any advertising or specialty product, just like Donald Trump did to win the biggest office. Now when you realize the need for a button or special product, check out this site <http://www.ralstononlineservices.com> and select a button or any specialty product, or call 716-268-1754 or email buddyholidayrocks@textnow.me.



By the way I can make someone a really great deal on 12 dozen Hillary Clinton buttons.



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Finally – A New Day for America's Working Class

For thousands of hard-working men and women who have been shut out of our economy for too long, it is beginning to feel like a new day. The Laborers' International Union of North America applauds President Trump for turning the page, leaving the politicization of decisions over energy projects in the dustbin of the past. Advancing the approval process for the Keystone XL Pipeline and the Dakota Access Pipeline embodies the President's commitment to creating good middle-class jobs and ending the political gamesmanship of the last eight years when it came to energy policy. The Keystone Pipeline was stalled, delayed and ultimately blocked by the Obama Administration to appease extremist environmentalists, reducing working class men and women to pawns in an elitist game. Despite multiple State Department reviews that found the pipeline would be safe, in the national interest, and unlikely to contribute to climate change, thousands of workers, desperate for means to care for the families, were ignored.

Likewise, the Dakota Access Pipeline has been delayed by a distortion of the regulatory process by the Obama Administration, putting at risk the livelihoods of more than 4,500 construction workers, including 1,100 LIUNA members. While the project had been approved by local, state and federal agencies, the new last-minute hurdle blocking it put politics above people. LIUNA is also pleased that the President included Executive Orders that ensure certainty in the permitting process and requiring that future pipelines be constructed from materials and equipment produced in the U.S., which will be a boon for America's manufacturing industry and workers. The abuse and politicization of the permitting process that we have seen during the last few years has become an impediment to rebuilding our crumbling transportation and energy infrastructure. President Trump has shown that it is not difficult to put country above politics and create an energy-independent America. He has shown that he respects laborers who build our great nation, and that they will be abandoned no more. LIUNA looks forward to building the President's vision with a common sense energy policy, creating good jobs and accessible, affordable energy.

Obituaries & In Memoriams

LOUIS G. CHILELLI

Entered into rest January 20, 2017



CHILELLI - Louis G. Of Tonawanda, entered into rest January 20, 2017. Beloved husband of Ann (nee Tringali) Chilelli; devoted father of Louis (Marina)

Chilelli, Joseph (Mary) Chilelli and Roseann (Steven) Leberer; cherished grandfather of Rachel, Rebecca, William, Michael, Jacob, Melissa and the late Peter; loving son of the late Frank and Lena Chilelli; also survived by

several relatives and friends. Relatives and friends may visit the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME, (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr. on Monday from 4-8 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church, 1085 Englewood Ave. on Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. (Please assemble at church). Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Mr. Chilelli was a Navy veteran of WW II. Online condolences may be made at www.lombardofuneralhome.com

Entered into rest January 20, 2017



GUNSOLUS - Marceia V. (nee Reynolds) Of Tonawanda, entered into rest January 20, 2017, beloved wife of 62 years of John E. Gunsolus; devoted mother of Roy (Jody) Gunsolus, Wade (Dee)

Gunsolus and Beth (Michael) Doherty; cherished grandmother of Matthew, Jonathan (Amanda), Michael John, Patrick (Erin), Colin, Brian and Shannon; adored great-grandmother of Ava Doherty; loving daughter of the late John and Vera Reynolds; dear sister

of Marilyn and Andrea; fond sister-in-law of Vera; also survived by nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends may visit the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr. on Monday from 4-7 PM where the Funeral Service will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment Elm lawn Cemetery. Marceia's lifelong passions included gardening, sewing, music and singing with the City of Lights Sweet Adeline's Chorus in Tonawanda for over 30 years. Online condolences may be made at www.lombardofuneralhome.com

Entered into rest January 23, 2017



RIORDAN - John J., Jr. Of Buffalo, entered into rest January 23, 2017. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Kopasz) Riordan; devoted father of John (Colleen) Riordan III, Colleen (Thomas) Os-

bom, Aileen Riordan, Kathleen (the late Steven) Young; cherished grandfather of 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren;

loving son of the late John Sr. and Edna Riordan; dear brother of Francis (Dianne) Riordan and the late Robert Riordan; also survived by relatives and friends. Relatives and friends may visit the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr. on Friday from 2-8 PM where a funeral service will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Online condolences may be made at lombardofuneralhome.com



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