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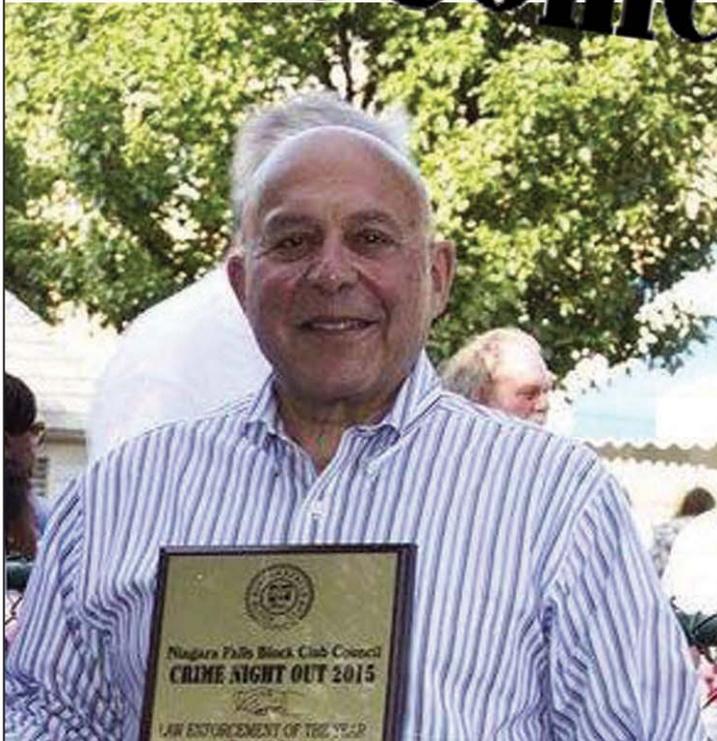
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# Here Comes the Judge



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## Buffalo Waterfront Renewal proceeds apace with Front Park road removal, Niagara Falls lags, cedes waterfront benefits to State



The south Moses Parkway (aka Scenic Parkway) snakes its way along the Niagara River, cutting the city off from its waterfront to serve as a driveway into Albany's Niagara Falls State Park.

While Buffalo enjoys a massive renaissance of waterfront reclamation and renewal, Niagara Falls has been left behind.

This is because, from the Grand Island bridge to the Falls and north to the Power Project, miles upon miles of Niagara Falls waterfront are owned and operated by State Parks and NYPA, which ultimately answer to Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state legislature. The recent upgrading of the south Scenic Parkway (nee Robert Moses) and traffic circle hugging the Niagara River, the enhancement of parking, dining and gift shop facilities in Niagara Falls State Park and the ongoing theft of hydropower from the Power Project, all contribute to Albany's bottom line while depriving local residents of the quality of life, economic spin-off and environmental benefits that should be our legacy.

Hundreds of millions of dollars from the Niagara Power Project and tens of millions from Niagara Falls State Park flow into Albany coffers and the pockets of its top campaign contributors like Delaware North and Maid of the Mist every year, imparting to Niagara Falls the dubious distinction of being the most crime-ridden (FBI, 2016) and

one of the highest-taxed (Tax Foundation, 2015) of all cities in New York State.

Here is a list of local elected leaders who not only remain silent on this terrible injustice, but in some cases, facilitate it: Mayor Paul Dyster, Assemblyman John Ceretto (himself a former State Parks administrator), State Senator Robert Ort, the City Council and county legislators.

Dyster, in particular, has probably done more than all of the above together, when it comes to putting the waterfront and its wealth out of the reach of his city for the next fifty years.

It was Dyster who "compromised" with the state when it came "removing" the south Moses Parkway. Despite the overwhelming public demand to get rid of the concrete albatross (see Niagara Gazette, April 28, 2009), the sole purpose of which is to funnel tourists from Buffalo and points south directly into Niagara Falls State Park, bypassing the downtown business district, Dyster signed off on the project and shoveled the ceremonial dirt with state officials for the road upgrade, and construction of an isolated, useless traffic roundabout on the Niagara River waterfront.

As Vice-Chair of the Niagara Gre-

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## MORINELLO ENDORSED BY THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF NEW YORK STATE

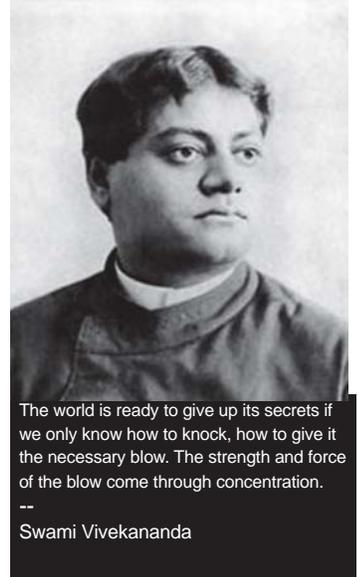
Angelo Morinello, candidate for the 145th Assembly District, has received yet another endorsement from a state business group, The Business Council of New York State, Inc. This is the fourth business advocacy endorsement Judge Morinello has received after Unshackle Upstate, the National Federation of Independent Business and the Associated Builders and Contractors of New York State, which have all granted him their endorsements.

"I'd like to thank the Business Council for putting its trust in me," said Morinello. "Businesses, especially small family-owned businesses, are the backbone of New York State's economy. They are the job creators for our communities, not the government. Unfortunately, the wayward politicians in Albany have forgotten that and insist on taxing businesses of this state out of existence."

"Angelo Morinello recognizes the challenges facing our state and is prepared to face those challenges with legislative solutions that will improve the lives of all New Yorkers," said Heather C. Briccetti, Esq., president and CEO of The Business Council of New York State, Inc. "We look forward to working with Judge Morinello next year as we push a pro-business, pro-growth agenda and get New York back to

business."

"We must get New Yorkers back to work, and the only way to do that is to create an environment where business can flourish. New York can no longer linger at the bottom of the list when it comes to business friendliness," said Morinello.



The world is ready to give up its secrets if we only know how to knock, how to give it the necessary blow. The strength and force of the blow come through concentration.

-- Swami Vivekananda



The policies of Mayor Paul Dyster, as implemented during his nine years in office, have ensured that the city's waterfront, and the economic prosperity that should come with it, will flow to Albany for decades to come.

enway Commission, Paul Dyster presided over the meeting at which the Commission approved the \$50 million upgrade of Niagara Falls State Park, focused on the expansion of parking lots and enhancement of dining and gift shop facilities for the eight million tourists who visit the park every year - all economic activities that should be taking place in the city of Niagara Falls, benefiting local businesses and the local economy.

When life-long family friend and prodigious contributor to Dyster campaigns James Glynn needed a new \$32 million boatyard in the Niagara Gorge, Dyster was his fervent champion both here and in Albany, calling those who expressed concerns about destruction of an Historic Landmark site as well as the building of additional obtrusive infrastructure in the Gorge, bizarrely, "self-haters".

He wasn't done yet. After leading north Moses Parkway removal advocates down the primrose path for years, including sponsoring the \$140,000 "Regional Economic Growth Through Ecological Restoration of the Niagara Gorge Rim" study by consultants EDR Companies of Syracuse, NY, which unequivocally called for the north Moses Parkway's removal all the way to the city line, Dyster acquiesced to removal only as far as Findlay Drive, an utterly useless exercise that merely sets back the roadway 100 feet (to Whirlpool), does nothing about the State Parks maintenance garage at the top of the Gorge and does little to accomplish the economic and environmental benefits of total removal. And quite frankly, with an anticipated start date of Spring, 2018, nobody really thinks, after ten years of Dyster in office, even the stunted removal project to Findlay will take place.

Name one thing that Mayor Paul Dyster got for his city in return from Cuomo and Albany for selling out, over and over again, his city, its waterfront birthright and its economic prosperity, other than meager state subsidies for

some downtown box hotels.

Also on the waterfront Hall of Shame list are enablers like Niagara Tourism and Convention Corporation, the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area and Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy - non-profits that purportedly advocate for waterfront as part of their mission, but in reality must avoid stepping on toes in order to keep the grant money rolling in.

It isn't the first time we've called out "Buffalo Olmsted" for their hypocrisy and provincialism.

Buffalo Olmsted actually loaded a bus with breathless parks advocates to journey to Niagara Falls State Park, at a big press conference there a couple of years back, to ooh and ahh at the bulldozing, fencing off and paving of Three Sisters Islands. Niagara Falls State Park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, but after Cuomo's \$50 million worth of "upgrades", it more resembles an industrial tourism complex, making Disney look like a nature preserve in comparison.

"Now is the time to embrace our history and engage our park legacy, especially as the 150th anniversary of Olmsted in Buffalo quickly approaches. Well done, Buffalo! This is what it's all about; this is the mission of your conservancy - valuing the beauty, accessibility and quality of life your Olmsted Park system provides to all citizens of Western New York," wrote Buffalo Olmsted Executive Director Stephanie L. Crockatt in a recent letter to the Buffalo News headlined, "It's terrific to see traffic removed from Front Park."

She was extolling the removal of Baird Drive in Front Park, one of several Olmsted parks in Buffalo, an initiative that restored parkland and better access for pedestrians and bicyclists, just one more example of how Buffalo is continuing to improve and capitalize on its waterfront assets. Meanwhile, Niagara Falls languishes, its waterfront irretrievably out-of-reach, thanks to Dyster, Ceretto, Glynn, Cuomo and their cast of cronies.

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# Amtrak Vague on Train Station Deal



**Tony Farina**

While Mayor Paul Dyster's proposed 2017 budget includes a \$172,000 payment from Amtrak as a tenant at the currently empty \$43 million train station, there is still no agreement on a lease although in a statement to the Niagara Falls Reporter on Wednesday, Amtrak said work on an agreement is continuing.

Now that sounds kind of familiar, something that the mayor and his top planner have been saying for some time although there is still no sign that an agreement is imminent.

We put in a call to the mayor on Wednesday, but he didn't respond, perhaps because he had nothing to say. But we did talk to Craig Schulz from Amtrak Corporate Communications and he sent the following email:

"Amtrak continues to work with the City of Niagara Falls toward execution of a lease agreement allowing us to occupy space in the new train station. We are working through the remaining issues which we are optimistic can be resolved. We look forward to moving Amtrak operations into the new building and inaugurating service to the new station."

That's it, the entire statement. Could those "remaining issues" center around how much Amtrak is willing to pay to occupy the international train station? Some observers believe the city is hoping for numbers that Amtrak might not be willing to pay. An unsatisfactory agreement could weigh heavily

on the city budget going forward as the yearly cost to operate the station is pegged at more than \$380,000.

Council President Andy Touma said last week that it is his understanding that an agreement with Amtrak is "extremely close." And the administration, most recently through City Planner Thomas DeSantis, has been saying the same thing for months. It sort of sounds a little like the Hamister Hotel project that was coming for four years until ground was finally broken only recently.

While the Amtrak statement issued to this newspaper is perhaps purposely vague, at least it suggests that talks indeed are taking place and maybe something will happen soon, as the administration hopes, as it did for all those years with Hamister.

Of course, neither the city or Amtrak will get into the specifics of why an agreement hasn't already been reached, given the grand new \$43 million station is just sitting there waiting for something to happen. Maybe it will, as DeSantis said last week, but so far there is no deal, only talk.

It would seem likely that what Amtrak is willing to pay the city is the possible stumbling block, as some observers believe the city is hoping for more than Amtrak is willing to pay. Whatever the roadblock, despite all the "close" talk from both sides, the station is still empty and there is still no Hamister Hotel on Rainbow Blvd.

Stay tuned, maybe Amtrak will arrive be-

# Update on the State of the art "Welcome Center" Another Example of Public Art

Grand Island has been selected as the location for a planned NEW state of the art "Welcome Center" that will be located just off the thruway. According to Grand Island Supervisor Nate McMurray, the welcome center will not be a tourist trap or merely a rest stop. It will purportedly feature a Taste NY Market offering locally-made and produced food and beverages and three interactive I LOVE NEW YORK digital kiosks for visitors to learn about the region's history.

Grand Island's history, and the myriad of destinations WNY has to offer.

What is not as yet known is whether it will feature bus tour salespeople who will pitch tours to tourists coming into the region, as is the model at the Welcome Center off the Route 90 thruway at the Angola rest stop.

There, Grey Line Bus Tours man the information booths and their main task is not to provide information, but sell tours for Grey Line that take tourists on a guided bus tour of various places of interest in Niagara Falls.

The Niagara Tourism and Convention Center's information center on Rainbow Blvd does the same thing as do a number of hotels and private businesses including One Niagara.

The major difference is that when private business does it, they are not using taxpayer money or claiming they are of-

ficial government-sanctioned information centers for information seeking travelers.

McMurray says the upcoming State-sponsored information center on Grand Island will not be a tourist trap.

If bus tours - and some of them are excellent - like Grey Line and Robert Nicolas' Over the Falls - become the real and most significant reason for having an off-thruway information center - then the kiosks and food offerings are merely window dressing for the super lucrative tour sales which, at a spot like Grand Island, could amount to \$2 million or more per year.

This is not to suggest that taking a scenic bus tour is not a good choice for many tourists, but that a state-run information center should not be the front for a bus tours sales center where the state will choose a favored bus company and give it a monopoly to sell to tourists, who are often misled about other options at the Falls since the profits are so lucrative for bus tours..

It's not the tours themselves - which can be the best way to experience the falls for many - but the government converting info centers into bus tours sales centers to the exclusion of other tourism opportunities.

We will soon enough see if Grand Island is different from Angola or the NTCC.

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## Return to the Grand Hamister and Niagara Falls



The new train station which Mayor Paul Dyster spent \$43 million of taxpayers' money to build has no trains because Dyster chose to build it before Amtrak agreed to pay rent to use it. If this was a private businessman who pulled such a stupid stunt he would be fired, or lose his own money. As it is, it's taxpayer money, so it means nothing.... Just business as usual in Niagara Falls.

### Peter A. Reese

Last Sunday, my bride and I stopped by the bar at the Four Points Sheraton in LaSalle. We struck up a conversation with a nice young couple from Pennsylvania and got to reminiscing about our visit to the Grand Hamister last summer (See "Staying at the Grand Hamister Hotel," September 1, 2015) These kids needed a ride to the Casino, so we decided to retrace our own romantic steps.

The Grand Hamister looks a lot different now, what with all sorts of holes, fencing and weird looking things sticking out of the ground.

Clearly we couldn't stay there, but Ellen decided she wanted to take the train to Canada rather than just go home. I recalled reading about the new "intermodal" train station out on Main Street so we reved up our electric car and took a ride out to begin our Canadian adventure.

The new Niagara Falls Station and Customs House Interpretive Center is spacious and beautiful, but as soon as we got there we sensed that something was wrong.

We were the only ones there! We got the same feeling you get when you show up at a locked-up funeral home when you mess up and get there the day after the burial (seems that funeral homes aren't open every day, like Binky's Saloon, but only when they have a body to entertain). Just then the Amtrak Toronto Express pulled into view and we thought it might save the day. But Ellen couldn't get into the locked station and the train didn't stop anyway.

As we were leaving to take our disappointed tourist bucks back to Buffalo, I did notice one hopeful sign. It seems that there is a brand new, as yet not fully unwrapped, 1.21 Gigawatt charging station apparently standing ready for the next time Marty McFly and Dr. Emmett Brown need a jolt to get them back to the future. Now that is farsighted intermodal thinking of the highest order.

## Critics say career politician's arrogance is cause for concern

### Matt Ricchiazzi

John Ceretto is the quintessential career politician, first elected to public office in 1995 when he ran for the Lewiston Town Board as a Democrat. He stood quietly and waited his turn for advancement, and was eventually elected to the Niagara County Legislature's 12th district in 2005. Then came an abrupt move to the Republican Party in 2006, burning many bridges in Niagara County politics.

Observers say that he was angling for an opportunity to run for higher office. His opening came in 2010 in a three-way race against incumbent Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte and Niagara Falls Councilman John Accardo.

On August 18, 2015, Ceretto announced that he was switching parties again. This cycle he is seeking election as a Democrat. He is running against the widely respected Judge Angelo J. Morinello, who is endorsed by the Republican, Conservative, Independence and Reform parties.

Judge Morinello "not a politician", record proves it

Previously a well-regarded practicing attorney in the city, Morinello was appointed City Court judge in 2002 by Mayor Irene Elia, his first position in public office. He won election outright the following year running as a Republican in the heavily-Democratic city of Niagara Falls, for a ten-year term.

Having to adhere to New York State's mandatory retirement age of 70, Judge Morinello has stated repeatedly that he owes the citizens a few more years of service, since his third term as judge had not yet been completed.

#### Switching parties for money

Ceretto said the reason he switched parties last year was that he would be able to obtain more state funds for his district.

Individual legislators are supplied with state money, often referred to as "pork barrel spending," that they routinely pass out in their districts, ostensibly unrelated to a recipient's political support.

Were Ceretto to remain a Republican, he would likely have been allocated between \$100,000 and \$150,000 per year for member items. As a Democrat, Ceretto is being given much more than that. Those allocations are determined in talks between two men in a room, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan.

Judge offers integrity, respect, fairness

According to his website, Judge Morinello's "diverse background in law, the judiciary and every day life experiences will afford the citizens of the 145th District with a strong and skilled representative in Albany who can address the important issues."

"Judge Morinello is ready to address the culture of corruption that is Albany and understands the need for change. Throughout his legal and judicial career, he has been guided by the strictest ethical standards and is ready to question the lack of structured standards in the legislature."



#### Political grudges

A series of leaked emails between Ceretto staffers revealed that the office withheld state resources from political opponents, based on personal slights.

It was reported that Robert E. Nichols, Ceretto's closest staffer, made sure that none of Ceretto's allocation of \$1.6 million for earmarks would benefit the Town of Wheatfield.

The reason? According to the emails, Town Supervisor Robert B. Cliffe allegedly gave Nichols and Ceretto the cold shoulder at a public picnic. All of the town's board members are Republicans.

The criticism that Ceretto is driven by grudges is a common one. Many of his critics claim that Ceretto would often retaliate against the organizations that they are affiliated with in petty and unbecoming ways.

#### State resources for politics

It has also been revealed that a former Ceretto employee in his Niagara Falls district office conducted several meetings in the office promoting Ceretto's re-election efforts; printed invitations to a February 13 campaign fundraiser on office computer and printer, using the State Assembly postage stamp; and used state staff time to conduct political work.

Use of public resources for political purposes violates state Public Officers Law. An ethics violation could commence, if someone files a formal com-

plaint against the Assemblyman.

"While I am still trying to digest (these) serious allegations... if true, Mr. Ceretto has some serious explaining to do. I am at a loss for words over the details of these repeated ethics violations." Morinello said in a statement the next day.

A flagrant disregard for campaign finance laws

Morinello has blasted Ceretto for ignoring campaign finance deadlines that are required by state law. On Friday, October 7th, Ceretto was required to file a 32-Day Pre-General Election Financial Disclosure, and missed the deadline.

"John Ceretto's complete disregard for campaign finance rules is shocking and appalling," said Morinello. "It is even more shocking that he would blatantly disregard these rules just days after sending out slick political mailers calling for campaign finance reform. It's another example of his "do as I say, not as I do" philosophy."

Ceretto's late financial disclosure came less than a week after it was revealed he had received over \$70,000 dollars since 2010 in unitemized contributions, which is commonly referred to as "dark money." (denoting that the contributor's identity is kept secret). Nearly 40 percent of all money that Ceretto has raised has been unitemized.

Morinello has called for reforms to the state's campaign contribution policy. He wants full disclosure of contributions to any candidate or elected official.

"It is clear that whatever ethics legislation being touted in Albany is nowhere near sufficient to solve the deep-rooted corruption within our Legislature," said Morinello. "Assemblyman Ceretto can send all the shiny mailers claiming he wants about campaign reform, but until he starts practicing what he preaches it's just another example of him saying one thing and doing another."

Ceretto's disregard for the disclosure requirement came a week after purchasing over \$125,000 in television ad space.

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~ Swami Vivekananda

# Slight Niagara Falls Crime decrease attributable to demographics, state trends

## James Hufnagel

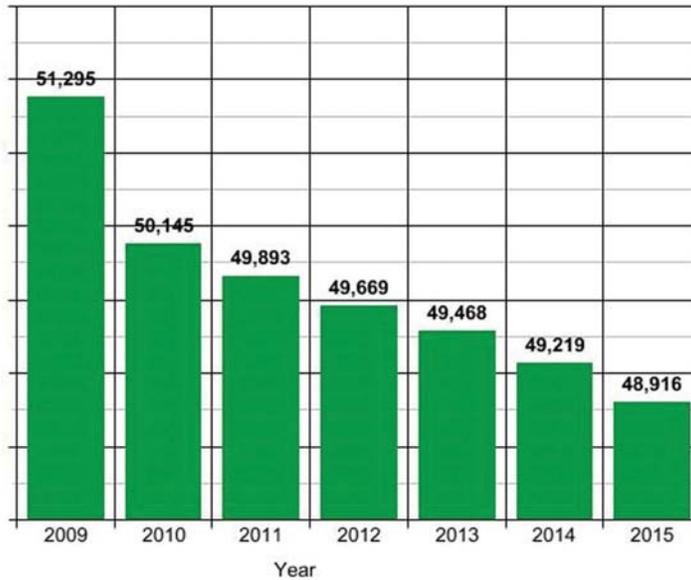
Last week we reported statistics obtained from the the 2015 FBI annual report "Crime in the United States", which officially ranked Niagara Falls as being the most violent city in New York State. Of course, this was not good news for a city that wishes to present itself to the world as a famous tourist destination, or at least the state park adjacent to it as a famous tourist destination.

To summarize, there were a total of 555 violent crimes reported for Niagara Falls for all of 2015. Based on a population of 48,989, that means that if you are a resident of the city of Niagara Falls, there was more than one chance in 100 that you were robbed, raped, murdered or assaulted last year.

The FBI also released "Property Crime" statistics, which include burglary, larceny, car theft and arson. Niagara Falls came in at an appalling 2,526 property crimes for 2015, at a per capita rate of more than one property crime for every 20 people who live here.

The FBI report was released just five weeks ago. The Niagara Falls Reporter, so far, is one of the only Western New York media outlets to deliver to its readers the bad news that the city of Niagara

Steady decline in Niagara Falls population



Falls, unfortunately, had the highest rate of violent crime in the state. While Buffalo has stabilized its population loss over recent years, Niagara Falls is still losing people at a steady clip.

of violent crime in the state.

In light of these disturbing disclosures, a number of questions may fairly

be asked. Over the past decade, beyond the distressing statistics that, after all, represent a life lost, ruined or certainly negatively-impacted in a profound way, has crime in Niagara Falls been trending up or downwards? Have Mayor Paul Dyster's policies made any difference on crime rates in the city? Can he take credit for recent miniscule decreases in the crime rate, or are they attributable to other factors beyond his control?

To shed light on these matters, we dug deeper into the city's crime statistics, utilizing the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services index of crimes reported to police. These are the same numbers that the FBI draws on in compiling its annual report. We accessed earlier reports on the internet's Wayback Machine website, going back to Mayor Dyster's first year in office, 2009, and utilized the data to create graphical representations of crime trends since that year.

According to the US Census, as shown in Figure 1., the population of the city of Niagara Falls dropped by 2,379 from 2009 to 2015. That's a decrease of 4.64%. Any downward trend in crime numbers, which in any case would be difficult to discern visually from Figures 2 and 3 and questionable in terms of statistical significance, over the period 2009 to 2015 should be adjusted to reflect that reality.

In other words, you would expect fewer crimes just on the basis of having fewer people, and nearly 5%, or one person in 20, fleeing this economically-challenged city, would most certainly be reflected to a greater or lesser degree in its crime statistics.

We're willing to skip over Mayor Dyster's first four years in office for pur-

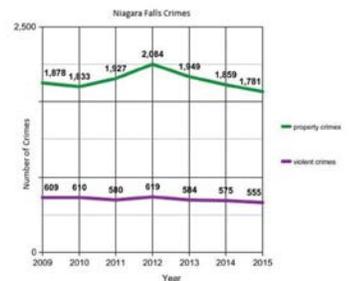
poses of this analysis. The great recession of 2007-2009 was in full swing, the after-effects with us to this day. Policies take time to have impact.

Both property and violent crime peaked in 2012 in the city of Niagara Falls, and then declined somewhat (-14.5% and -10.3%, respectively) through 2015. Is the Mayor to be credited for these declines?

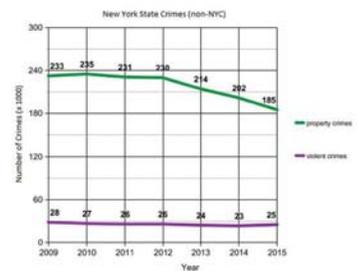
Possibly not, since property crimes across the state (excluding New York City) went down by 19.6% over the same time span. So the decrease in property crime from 2012 to 2015 is easily attributable to general state-wide trends, and the city didn't even come close to matching the state's performance in preventing property crimes.

Similarly with violent crime. Getting past the overriding point that the city of Niagara Falls is now demonstrably more dangerous to live in than any other city in the state, a decrease of 10% over four years might seem notable, but as the graph shows, excluding the possibly stray 2015 data point, the state violent crime rate fell 11.5%.

Factor that in with the decrease in population (it stands to reason that fewer people living here means fewer people robbing, raping and killing each other) and the Niagara Falls 10% drop in violent crime doesn't seem that impressive anymore, does it?



Niagara Falls suffers from a disproportionately high rate of crime, year after year.



New York State is seemingly getting its arms around its crime problem. Niagara Falls isn't matching these results.

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# MORINELLO: STRENGTH, EMOTION & CARE NEEDED TO COMBAT HEROIN EPIDEMIC

"As a judge, I've seen this tragic heroin epidemic rip through our communities, fracture families and take too many young lives. But, I've also seen how second chances have given many of our neighbors and their families a new and meaningful life."

Angelo Morinello, candidate for state Assembly and former Niagara Falls City Court Judge, today threw his support behind a plan that addresses many issues in the heroin and opioid crisis. The plan has been hailed by many in the treatment and recovery community as the most comprehensive and thoughtful plan to help those struggling with this disease and addiction.

Morinello has made the case that the package of bills passed by the state Legislature in June, 2016 was a very small and incomplete step. Morinello acknowledges that this epidemic cannot be adequately or satisfactorily addressed unless four core areas are discussed at the same time: education and prevention, treatment, recovery and law enforcement.

"Looking into the eyes of an addict, someone in recovery or a family member who has lost a loved one is very powerful and emotional for me personally," said Morinello. "As a judge, I've had to look into the eyes of many who fit that description. I've had to make tough but fair choices to put people behind bars who are dealing this deadly drug throughout our streets.

"As a community, we must embrace solutions to this problem. I have the unquestionable experience of working with many different partners and resources locally to find these solutions that can and will help those struggling. We must be stern, but compassionate. We must make tough choices, but foster hope. While our friends mourn, we must also help them heal.

"I'm committed to fighting this epidemic in the state Assembly and believe I am the candidate who has



the energy, vision and understanding to do so."

Morinello outlined some of the main points in the proposal he supports:

### Education and Prevention

- Requiring schools to provide drug education as early as 3rd grade;
- Developing prescription guidelines for health care professionals regarding opioid medication;
- Requiring continuing medical education regarding prescriptions and signs of addiction; and
- Additional funding for youth and family service facilities and programs.

### Treatment

- Enforce and strengthen prohibitions on insurers establishing a blanket "fail first" requirement. Morinello believes this often leads to too late of an intervention and he has seen firsthand how critical it is to get in front of this;
- Requiring a mandatory 72-hour hold by hospitals for anyone who has been administered naloxone; and
- Help for families. Morinello supports the development of a civil process to allow families to petition the

court to order severely addicted persons into outpatient or inpatient treatment.

### Recovery and Rehabilitation

- Work with insurance companies to open up more beds and allow for greater insurance coverage. Morinello believes it should be on a doctor's terms – not the insurance company's – that determines how long a loved one needs to get the treatment they deserve.

### Law Enforcement

- Prohibit multiple-offending drug dealers from participating in the state's judicial diversion program, mandating imprisonment instead;
- Death-by-Dealer statute to hold heroin dealers criminally responsible for the deaths they cause;
- While dangerous dealers and users are in prison, Albany should ex-

plore providing funding to allow correctional facilities to have a wing dedicated to the detox and rehabilitation of inmates with the hope of lowering the rate of recidivism; and

· Law enforcement agencies should be provided the resources to train their personnel to administer naloxone and have a kit available at all times.

"We need and deserve someone in Albany who isn't distracted or pre-occupied and has the mental focus to be able to thoughtfully advocate for us on this issue. I believe my experiences and unique partnerships in the community will allow me to fight for solutions in a more meaningful way," Morinello concluded.



"Such was the will of the Father that his Son, blessed and glorious, whom he gave to us, and who was born for us, should by his own blood, sacrifice, and oblation, offer himself on the altar of the cross, not for himself, by whom "all things were made," but for our sins, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps."

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**J. Gary  
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Imagine that you are about to board a commercial airplane with your family and you have to make a decision between two pilots, one an arrogant male and one an arrogant female. The male has been flying large commercial planes for years, is a battle hardened military pilot but talks tough and is not a polished speaker but can fly a plane better than "Sully". He never crashed and burned but had some hard landings but they NEVER cost any lives!

The female learned to fly years ago, never landed a pilot job, always sat in the 2nd seat, never led, never made a good decision about anything, flunked her pilot test several times before her husband hooked her up with the unpopular "Crash and Burn Airlines, LLC" where she "earned" her pilot license with "help"...some say she only passed her test because a friend gave her a copy of the test! Oh, yes, she did crash and burn several times, for certain, and at least one time cost 4 lives in a little known place called Benghazi, Lib-

ya, a place that no one cares about. In fact, when questioned about the disaster she was quoted as saying, "What difference does it make"? She also lied about the event, blaming it on a video (for real) and got off!

The male pilot even owns several airlines employing many people but did lose a few companies for various financial reasons when things got bad in '08 and '09 but NEVER "crashed and burned". He still owns many successful airline companies but loves to fly, wants to help this airline, as it's in financial trouble. The female never owned s—t, was caught stealing and lying many times but always lied her way out! They say she even stole silverware and a case of peanuts off the last plane she was on! Unbelievable!

So... who do you want to fly you and your family?

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Smarten up, we are counting on you to realize how really dangerous she is!

By the way, did you hear about her LATEST complete melt down after the first debate? You didn't? Well it's online from several people who saw and heard her! She

doesn't allow her staff to carry phones or ipads when around her as she doesn't want you and I to hear any of her tirades. It seems Donna Brazile received all the questions Matt Lauer was to ask and gave them to Hillary before the first debate. Well...Matt added the one on her EMAILS and blindsided her! When Hillary walked off stage at the end, she threw a glass, that was full, at her aide and then unleashed an "uncontrolled, top of her voice, four-letter, foul-mouthed diatribe" on her aides for an HOUR

and said, and I quote a cameraman from the debate, "Don't you f...ers realize that if that f...er wins we will all swing in a f.....g noose"? Fact check it, please, because you won't hear about that from the Buffalo News, NY Times, NBC, ABC nor CBS or CNN or anyone else, except the Reporter!

To read how she treats her Secret Service details, you can find freaking BOOKS written by retired agents and several others like Dick Morris. Current agents don't dare say anything publicly!



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# Hillary Clinton and Toast: Both Are Done!

## J. Gary DiLaura

From the time that FBI Director Comey made the announcement that, although Hillary broke numerous laws, he did not believe there was ENOUGH evidence to prove intent in a court of law... then current and former FBI agents and executives universally began pouring out articles, emails and other communications to Comey and about Comey, criticizing and disagreeing with his opinion and interpretation! Now, new information has developed to cause him to revisit the investigation.

On Oct 3, 2016, FBI NYO executed search warrants in the Weiner Child Porn case. During that legal search they came upon a Huma Abedin laptop. NYO Agents are the most experienced agents in the FBI and if they needed another search warrant to examine the contents looking for "wagging wieners" they would have done that. That said, FBI NYO knows what's on the laptop. They haven't read all the 10,000 emails but they must have had a warrant to allow them to look at the contents regarding the child porn case and they came upon 10,000 emails that should NOT have been there and had the legal right to examine some for pertinence to their investigation. I believe

that when they realized what they had... maybe the smoking gun on Hillary's case, they stopped, notified FBI HQ (Comey) of what they saw. What they saw must be very, very bad for Hillary!

This is similar to searching a house with a warrant for guns and finding drugs. Then getting another warrant for the drugs.

In my opinion, the only element that Comey believed was missing was "intent". Although most agents DISAGREE with Comey's opinion, his is the one that counts. Now for him to direct a further examination of Hillary's emails, makes me believe that whatever they found, goes to intent... the missing element!

There is a DOJ rule (there are thousands) that states that there should not be any NEW investigations of someone running for political office within 60 or 90 days of an election as it could have a serious impact on the election. There are ALSO DOJ rules that AG Lynch violated, by secretly meeting with Bill Clinton, at a middle of nowhere airport! But that's OK!

This new development is UNBELIEVABLE!

Reportedly, AG Lynch has now refused to authorize additional search warrants so the FBI can examine these 10,000 emails that Huma Abedin forwarded to

her laptop, ALL of which would be federal felony violations!! This is the EXACT same thing the DOJ did to the FBI BEFORE 9/11, when the Minnesota FBI wanted search warrants for the computer of the "learn to fly but not take off and land Muslim." ALL the 9/11 flight plans and escape routes were on that computer!! Do you think the FBI could have prevented 9/11...but for the useless DOJ??!! You bet your ass they could have...no... I must say, "THEY WOULD HAVE"!!!

Some "news medias" are saying that some "low level" FBI agents don't have clearance to examine the laptop...NOT TRUE (media idiots) ! ALL FBI agents have "need to know" clearance, period! All agents are created equal!!! They can see ANYTHING they need to know! I've been on board our most secret nuclear subs to conduct investigations, without any further clearance!

Of course this is not a NEW investigation and Hillary shouldn't have dragged, stalled, lied and delayed her email disclosures for years. She shouldn't have used the personal server, to hide her emails from FOIA, in the first place and then caused all the delays in her attempt to hide everything further. It ALL blew up in her face! It's her own fault!

BUT, whatever they have found it has to be a MAJOR development in order

for Comey to make the "announcement", that the investigation is moving forward again, 12 days before the election! It could also be someone rolled over!

The people she surrounded herself with, will soon see that she is going to throw them under the bus, starting with Huma?! They ALL know she can't be trusted and I still say someone close WILL cut a deal and the cards will crumble. She treats her staff like crap, and the emails show distrust, criminal knowledge and cover-ups by her staff. She has already said SHE relied upon her staff to know what's correct and what's not, it's their fault! She "had" her emails destroyed by "other" people, not her! She denied she had training on classified information, even though she signed that she did, on her non-disclosure form, in front of two FBI agents when she became Secretary of State! She blames her memory lapses on a concussion caused-TBI, but she is not too brain dead to be President?!

In my opinion, it's time for Speaker Ryan to initiate impeachment proceedings against AG Lynch for obstruction of justice in the least, and possible conspiracy to commit some very serious crimes. Impeachment for any crime is NOT pardonable by any sitting President! Go for it, Mr. Speaker!

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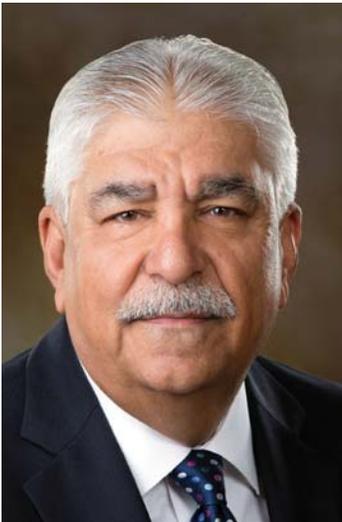


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Komal Chandan, M.D., has served the community as a family practice physician since 1992. A former president of Memorial's medical staff, he is known far and wide for the knowledgeable and compassionate care he gives all his patients. Dr. Chandan mentors new physicians as a faculty member of Memorial's Family Practice Residency Program and serves as medical director of Memorial's Schoellkopf Health Center. In addition he is the medical director for Niagara Rehabilitation & Nursing Center and the Guildcare Adult Day Center.

James Roscetti is a partner in Roscetti & DeCastro, P.C. He has been a private practice attorney for more than 40 years and is deputy counsel to the Niagara Falls City School District. A member of Memorial Medi-



James Roscetti, Esq.

cal Center's Board of Directors since 2001 and its chairman since 2009, he also has served as a Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority commissioner and as a trustee for Niaga-

ra County Community College, the Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club, Niagara Falls Public Library and the YMCA of Niagara Falls.

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## On Election Day the choice is yours ... Will you continue to send the same questionable politicians back to Albany or a Judge to clean it up?

### Politician JOHN CERETTO: New Media Reports of widespread ETHICS VIOLATIONS

**✗ Bombshell Emails & Whistle-blower both point to Ceretto breaking the law.**  
-Buffalo News, WKBW, YNN-News, Niagara Gazette)

**✗ Created Enemies List of those who won't get state funds.**  
-The Buffalo News (Oct

**✗ Ceretto ... and members of staff performed political activities in Assemblyman's office and on state time.**  
-Niagara Gazette (Oct. 13,

Ceretto urged to step down  
-Lockport Union Sun & Journal (Oct 1

"...terrible, vengeful decision-making in Ceretto's office..."  
- Buffalo News Editorial (Oct 17, 2016)

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## Matteo Anello Happy Suit Finally Settled

"I'm happy it is settled, it has been quite a stretch," said Matteo Anello on Wednesday, the day after the Niagara Falls City Council voted unanimously to settle his federal free-speech lawsuit dating back nine years for \$156,414.25 with \$40,469 going to Anello and the rest to his attorneys in the case.

"While I'm happy it is done, I feel badly for the citizens who had to pay to defend the city," said the brother of then-Mayor Vince Anello who sued three councilmen after he was removed from a council meeting on Oct. 22, 2007, after refusing to stop his speech that was aimed at the late Robert Anderson--who was president of the council at the time--for allegedly insulting Anello's Italian heritage.

In addition to Anderson, also named as defendants in Anello's suit were former Councilmen Sam Fruscione and Chris Robins. Anello won a verdict by a federal court jury against the three lawmakers in 2015, but the judge later removed Fruscione from the case, ruling that Fruscione did not violate Anello's free speech rights when he turned off the recording microphone in council chambers, but not the microphone used to amplify his speech.

While lawmakers are not liable for their official actions, the city is accountable and fought the suit rather than seek a settlement, a very costly decision given



all the years involved and the likely staggering legal bill paid to outside counsel.

Vince Anello said on Wednesday that he was pleased his brother's suit was finally settled but added "I can't understand why the city fought it, because it was clear his First Amendment rights had been violated."

The former mayor said he will take whatever steps necessary to find out just how much the city paid to outside lawyers to fight his brother's civil rights law-

suit that, in his mind, was an open and shut case.

A federal court jury awarded Matteo Anello a total of \$105,000 in compensatory and punitive damages in 2015, a verdict the city appealed. Federal Judge William Skretny dismissed Fruscione's role and reduced the punitive awards against the other two lawmakers to \$10,000 from the jury's \$25,000 total. Judge Skretny also reduced the fees paid to Anello's attorneys.

The council approved the settlement on Tuesday on the advice of City Corporation Counsel Craig Johnson, who warned that if the city didn't pay the claim, it would likely be held in contempt.

Matteo Anello also said on Wednesday that he made a mistake in taking an ACD on the disorderly conduct and trespassing charges filed against him. He was taken out of the council chambers in handcuffs by police after he refused to stop his speech.

"It really wasn't explained to me by my lawyers," he said, lamenting the fact he now has that ACD on his record when he feels he's not guilty of any crime.

In addition, he strongly believes citizens should have the right to speak as long as it takes at council meetings, and not be held to a stopwatch to make their points to lawmakers and the public.

"Citizens have a right to express themselves," he said, saying they should not be restricted because lawmakers don't want the meetings to run too long.

As to when he will get his money from the settlement, Anello said it has been a long fight and he will just let the process play out and when the money comes, it comes, emphasizing again that he feels bad for citizens who got stuck with the bill because of the improper conduct of their elected officials.

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# The Matteo Case: And the winner is ... The Lawyers!



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"The judicial process is like a cow. The public is impaled on its horns, the government has it by the tail, and all the while the lawyers are milking it." - anonymous

The final disposition of the (Matteo) Anello v. (Robert) Anderson case came down last week in the form of a reduced award of \$156,414.25, with 25% going to Anello and 75% to his lawyers.

Previously, a 2015 jury had awarded Anello and his lawyers over \$375,000 total. The city of Niagara Falls appealed that verdict, leading to this week's final decision.

The city was represented by the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ. A FOIA request by this newspaper revealed that the city of Niagara Falls had paid Hodgson Russ a total of \$802,873 from 2009 to the end of 2014, \$112,513.67 of which specifically went to Hodgson Russ attorneys Daniel Oliverio and Joe Brown to

work on the Anello case.

The \$112,000+ in Hodgson Russ billings did not include the hours that Oliverio and Brown spent at the five day trial in 2015 (est. 80 hours) or the days spent at the city council offices preparing witnesses (est. 40 hours) or the time spent researching the knotty issues of case and constitutional law and the time spent preparing for trial (est. 30 hours.)

Those bills came later.

And then there was also still to come the subsequent appeal that ultimately reduced the verdict amount (est. 20 hours) and the city's defense of Anello's motion to have the city pay his legal bills (est. 20 hours).

Even if Hodgson Russ were to bill at bare bones, municipal discount rates of say \$200 per hour - - the agreed upon figure when the firm first started with the city - at 190 more hours for the Anello case - it adds another \$38,000 more - making it close to \$150,000 in legal fees for a case that the city lost, and probably could have settled early on for about what the verdict came in at - \$105,000 - without all the legal expenses.

In fact, we spoke with Mr. Anello way back in 2007, not too long after the incident at a City Council meeting at which he was taken away in handcuffs for words he spoke at the microphone, but before he had decided to

commence litigation. He told us that he would have settled for \$80,000 - which of course means he probably would have accepted half that. If the Dyster administration had settled it way back when, it would have saved the city hundreds of thousands in lawyers' fees.

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## Legendary Martial Artist Frank Dux's Arrival in Niagara Falls Reminds Readers there are some Great Fighters here

Following the publication of an interview with martial arts legend Frank Dux -- Jim Allcorn of Niagara Falls wrote to remind us that our area has several great martial artists and fighters who have resided, fought and/or taught here for years.

Dux, who divides his time between Los Angeles, Houston and Niagara Falls, was the inspiration for the mega successful 1988 film Bloodsport, which was to catapult an unknown actor, Jean-Claude Van Damme, into stardom through his portrayal of Dux.

But Allcorn has a point, too -- this region has some topflight talent.

Among the "deserving martial artists and fighters from right here in The Falls." Allcorn writes, are "Ramon Casal and his son Nick, the Presti's, Mark Cheers and numerous others with legitimate accomplishments. Men and women who have spent years and indeed their whole life learning and teaching their craft that have actually fought and won authentic, prestigious national titles as amateurs & professionals."

While Allcorn is not a fan of Dux, who has had his share of controversy and critics, Dux is nevertheless a living legend in the field of marital arts.

Even his bitterest opponents cannot dispute his authentic martial arts abilities.

But those who have seen him fight -- or fought against him - including a cadre of fa-



The real Frank Dux (r) in front of the man that played him, Jean Claude Van Damme.

mous martial artists interviewed by the Reporter - call Dux one of the, if not the greatest fighter of all time -- the true legatee of the famous Black Dragon Society -- the undefeated winner of the Kumite -- and the only fighter who everyone feared in the kind of fighting that today's fighters would shudder to compete in -- the no-holds-barred (literally) - no referee -- fight until your opponent is knocked out -- throat strikes, groin shots, elbows to the spine, anything goes fights -- like a real blood

sport or street fight -- blaved out illegally -- off shore -- in islands in the Bahamas or in Hong Kong, Tokyo or Spain - or rooftops in Chinatown -- the loser flying off the roof - in rich men's compounds -- or rented arenas or a clearing in the woods - where -- like a dog fight -- in top secret - fighters were often seriously, even fatally injured and the only money that changed hands was the gamblers who illegally waged bets over which fighter would emerge victorious.

These were not televised events. These

were private tests of honor and skill.

Dux was the first of the occidentals who crashed the domain of centuries-old oriental martial art skills and beat them.

He did not fight for money or an audience. He fought to prove he was the best.

Dux succeeded.

He is a living legend and among the petty jealous bourgeoisie of the martial arts community -- men who never actually competed in a true bloodsport competition, it is fashionable to put down Dux's accomplishments or denigrate him.

Yet when the greatest fighters of the era, Vic Moore, Jim McCune, Ron Pierce, Dr. Day, Michael Felkoff, Jimmy Hydrich, and a cadre of others, are unanimous in saying Dux was the top tier, one of, if not the greatest no-holds-barred fighters of his or any generation, and the true legatee of the second generation of the feared Black Dragon Fighting Society, then the words of his critics must be weighed carefully against such evidences.

Of course, there are some great fighters in this area, and they deserve praise and admiration, but it was Dux who, through his inspiration, a famous movie was made about his life, and who was the true inspiration of Mixed Martial Arts as a sport.

Compared to the kind of fighting Dux and his colleagues fought, however, Mixed Martial Arts is a tame affair indeed.

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- ✓ One voice, one vote really does count! There is power in numbers, and when we vote and get our family members to vote, we can truly make a difference. If you don't vote for what you believe in, others will -- and you may not like the outcome.
- ✓ Our children are depending on us to represent their voices too! That's how we make our concerns about schools, safety, housing, and other issues heard. When we vote, we are looking out for our kids, and their futures.
- ✓ Voting changes communities! Do you ever wonder why one neighborhood gets passed over for things it needs, while another seems to get it all? One big reason is voting. When we vote, we can get results that we can actually see.
- ✓ Voting is a way of honoring our history! As long as our country has existed, there have been people who did not want us to vote. There were several freedom fighters that stood up for the right to vote. It's now our turn to stand up and vote to preserve the honor of those who went before us.
- ✓ Last but not least, voting gives you credibility! Often times, we voice our concerns to elected officials, but if we aren't voting, our concerns may not matter at all to them. Voting can actually give you the credibility to make your concerns a

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## Debilitated Dog needs Helping Hand



A Niagara Falls woman has reached out to the Reporter to help save a family dog, which is desperately ill.

"Please help Belle," Jessica Lynn Stewart asked us on Facebook. "She is a 4 month old mastiff/bull dog and has just been diagnosed with a rare medical condition. She has a liver shunt and without surgery she had no chance of survival. A liver shunt is where a blood vessel did not connect to the correct spot in her liver when she was developing, because of this her blood cannot keep her protein levels up, which is causing fluid to leak into her abdomen. Belle is the sweet-

est, happiest and most energetic puppy I've ever seen."

Stewart started a GoFundMe page (Project save Belle) that has raised a few hundred dollar so far, but needs more. "I helped raise her from the time she was four weeks old and I have her brother and they love each other a lot, and she has so much life to live!! Please help by taking the time to share and if you can please donate. The couple that owns her have a two-year-old child, so please help them be able to grow up together!"

To donate to assist Belle, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/project-save-belle-2v3gx9dw>

## Niagara Falls Jokes



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The fact that State Senator Robert Ort is running unopposed makes it clear that the Democrats are suffering from a bad case of erectile dysfunction.

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Mayor Dyster was feeling guilty and despondent over the fact that he saw the new Niagara Falls train station through to completion under false pretenses, directing millions of taxpayer dollars to build the oversized "inter-modal transportation" complex. He decided to unburden his conscience by going to confession.

The word 'politics' is derived from the Greek word 'poly', meaning 'many', and the word 'ticks', meaning 'disgusting little blood-sucking parasites'.

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There's no truth to the rumor that Assemblyman Ceretto has been having an affair during his lunch hour - there's no way he'd give up lunch for sex.

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Assemblyman John Ceretto was knocking on doors as part of his re-election campaign when he stopped into a bar to greet people and have a beer with the customers. He struck up a conversation with a group of men at the bar and decided to buy them a round. One of the guys thanked him politely, but asked him why he did so.

"I'm running for re-election," Ceretto told him, "and I want your vote."

"You got it," he replied, grabbing the beer, "Anyone's better than the jerk who's in there now."

"Bless my Father, for I have sinned," he said, "I fooled everyone nine years ago by masquerading as an agent of change and reform. Four years after that, I convinced just enough suckers to "fast forward" me to a second term. Then last year, I propped up a third party candidate to pull votes from a worthy challenger."

"But worst of all, Father, I knew that train ridership numbers in Niagara Falls wouldn't justify, by Amtraks's own published guidelines, anything approaching the size and scope of the new train facility, but couldn't resist funneling millions of dollars to my campaign contributors to build the place."

"All right, my son," admonished the priest, "For penance, do the stations!"



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