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# An open letter to Paul Dyster and Gov. Andrew Cuomo



## Mike Hudson

From the scandal plagued "Buffalo Billion" program to the outrageous expenditure of \$43 million tax dollars on a new train station that might be obsolete in less than a year, and from the abrupt shutdown of the Moreland Ethics Commission to the hiring of a "city engineer" unlicensed to practice engineering anywhere in the United States, the leaders of Niagara Falls and New York State – Mayor Paul Dyster and Gov. Andrew Cuomo, respectively – have shown themselves to be incompetent if not downright corrupt.

It's time for both of them to do the right thing and resign.

Both Mr. Dyster and Mr. Cuomo have shown the same troubling propensity for handing out contracts to large campaign donors. This was made clear in the strange case of Mark Hamister, a whale of a contributor, who is now essentially being paid by the state and the city to build a hotel that he alone will profit from.

In the Buffalo Billion case, two top Cuomo aides, Jo-

seph Percoco and Todd Howe, were indicted by the U.S. Attorney's office on bribery charges. Contractor Louis Ciminelli, a major contributor to both Mr. Cuomo and Mr. Dyster, was also charged, as were Ciminelli executives Michael Laipple and Kevin Schuler.

Mr. Schuler had strong ties to Niagara Falls and Mr. Dyster in particular, having served variously on the boards of Niagara County Community College, the Niagara Tourism and Convention Corp. and the Niagara USA Chamber.

In the case of Mr. Cuomo's Moreland Commission shutdown, the headline in the Jan. 11, 2016, edition of the New York Times said it all.

"Cuomo Won't Face Federal Charges Over Moreland Ethics Panel," it read.

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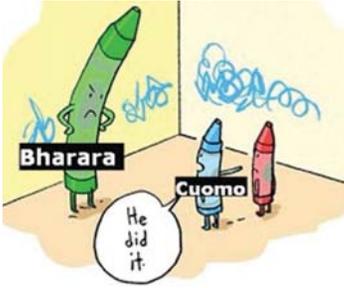
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## Accused dog abuser now target of ironic internet abuse himself

### Mike Hudson



He wouldn't face state charges either, as his hand picked water boy – New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman – appears to be interested only in the prosecution of Mr. Cuomo's political foes like state Sen. Rob Ort and former state Sen. George Maziarz. The charges against Mr. Ort were dropped by an Albany judge last month and lawyers for Mr. Maziarz are seeking a similar dismissal.

The pattern is as disturbing as it is familiar. Pay to play contracts for construction firms, outside consultants and high priced law firms, and brutal persecution of those who would dare to speak up.

And all the while, the city of Niagara Falls gets raped, both literally and figuratively. It remains the most dangerous and highly taxed city in New York, if not the nation. Hard working, educated people continue to flee in droves, destined for locales that are both safer and cheaper.

The city has become a mecca for registered sex offenders and violent parolees of every stripe, and the only growth industry involves social workers, law enforcement and others directly involved in the care and feeding of these and other welfare recipients.

It's time for Mr. Cuomo and Mr. Dyster to face up to the fact that they are directly responsible for this mess and do the right thing by resigning.

Niagara Falls couldn't be in any worse shape without them.

The online outrage directed against Timothy Neff, who is facing felony animal cruelty charges in connection with the starvation of a pit bull mix named Precious, continues unabated.

He was arrested on June 29 by Niagara Falls city policeman Dave Bowers, an outdoorsman with a love of animals. In addition to being emaciated, the dog was also suffering with internal parasites and fleas.

The suspect told Bowers he had given the dog to some people in West Seneca four months ago and was recently contacted by a friend who said the dog was in poor condition. The friend then brought him the dog, he said.

Neff, who looks as though he hasn't missed too many meals himself, advertises himself as a "home improvement handyman" and landscaper. The 20th Street resident is also reported to own rental property in Lockport.

In the wake of the online firestorm, Neff, 31, shut down his Facebook account, but not before a number of sharp eyed dog lovers managed to get his phone number from various internet advertisements. The number, 716-698-6075, was widely circulated, and many called to tell him what they thought about his treatment of animals.

They were answered with a glib voicemail message.

"Yes, I'm the guy who abused his dog," it said. "Leave me a message."

At least one humanitarian, Lisa Stewart-Graff, said she taped the message and made it available to authorities.

"Got his message on tape," she posted. "Will go to SPCA tomorrow."

In New York State, felony aggravated cruelty carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison, and more than 100 local Facebook commentators have called upon the criminal justice system to deliver all that and worse.

The posts were so fever pitched that Andrea Galyn, administrator of the popular Niagara Falls Uncensored web page, felt compelled to warn that further death threats directed against Neff would not be tolerated.

Many others, however, said they would adopt the dog and give her a permanent and loving home.

Two weeks ago, Jay Kenneth of Rochester Road in Royalton, who was



Niagara County SPCA photo of Precious, a pit bull mix, who was allegedly starved nearly to death by Niagara Falls resident Timothy Neff over a period of months.



The heavysset Timothy Neff, 31, doesn't look like he's missed many meals. Did he eat the dog food?

charged in April with felony aggravated animal cruelty when a disturbing video surfaced of him beating his dog Spike appeared, plead guilty to attempted aggravated animal cruelty and was sentenced to 60 days of incarceration,

placement on Niagara County's Animal Abuse Registry and court fines. Ownership of Spike was awarded to the Niagara SPCA.

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## Crowded field for three Council Seats less than two months until Voters decide

### Mike Hudson

No fewer than nine contenders will vie for three open seats on the Niagara Falls City Council this autumn, making the September primaries an "anything can happen" affair in which the job status of the two incumbents seeking re-election is anything but secure.

Council members Kristen Grandinetti and Andrew Touma – along with Charles Walker, who decided not to run amidst a flurry of ethics allegations -- have been seen largely as a rubber stamp, approving the programs and policies of Mayor Paul Dyster, rarely questioning his decisions. This has led to fiascos such as the city's overbuilt and underutilized new train station and the 72nd Street water main that left residents without water for two winters in a row.

This will of course present a conundrum for the steadily diminishing number of Niagara Falls voters who swept Mr. Dyster into office in 2007 and put him back there twice when he ran for reelection.



Kristen Grandinetti

The candidates will be wearing out shoe leather and knocking on stranger's doors between now and September and, with so many to choose from, how's a person to make a decision?

The newest entries in the race are Democratic newcomers Bill Kennedy, Amber S. Hill-Donhauser and Lakea Perry.

Mr. Kennedy, an actor and producer best known for his remake of the cult classic horror film "Attack of the

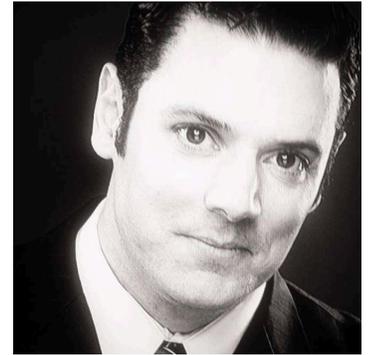


Andrew Touma

Killer Shrews," (2016) is also a vocal opponent of commercial development in Niagara Falls State Park and the Niagara River gorge.

Mr. Kennedy recently spoke at a city Council meeting regarding park and gorge development.

"Many Niagarans stood up against the idea of a lodge on Goat Island and we won that fight by using our voices and passion, along with the love for our city and the beauty that surrounds



Bill Kennedy

it," he said. "New York State will soon start taking bids for a proposal to set up zip-lining, rappelling and possibly other tourist-aimed recreations in the Niagara Gorge. The Niagara Gorge needs to be preserved, not commercialized."

Ms. Hill-Donhauser may be the first Native American, and is certainly the first Native American woman, ever to seek election to the City Council in Niagara Falls.

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nancial Group and volunteers throughout the community in her capacity as a financial advisor by teaching financial literacy seminars at the Niagara Falls Public Library and hosting open hours at the Doris Jones Resource Center to empower the residents in the local communities.

Ms. Hill-Donhauser also coaches youth lacrosse, and continues to volunteer at the Local 9 Union hall, teaching financial literacy classes to incoming apprentices. She is also a four time Federation of International Lacrosse

Captain for the Haudenosaunee Nationals.

Lakea Perry, a mother of six, worked for 15 years at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center as an operations supervisor. She is a graduate of Leadership Niagara and has served on the Board of Directors of the Legend's Park Board. She also serves as executive secretary for the Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope (NOAH), where she worked with Rev. Joanne Scott on city issues concerning workforce development and employment equality, especially in minority communities.

Ms. Perry graduated from LaSalle Senior High School and earned an Associate degree in Business Administration Management from NCCC.

"I believe my gifts and talent that I have obtained throughout the years of my life can be of great benefit to the city and the people of Niagara Falls... I will work for you every day that I am on City Council... I will have you in mind every time I make a decision for the city of Niagara Falls," she states in a campaign video available on YouTube.

On the Republican side, Candra Thomason, Chris Voccio, Sam Archie and Robert Pascoal have announced their intention to run.

Ms. Thomason, a Republican who served on the Council from 2002-05 and ran for mayor in 2007, said she wants to speak up for residents who feel ignored or forgotten by City Hall. "They've had it. They're fed up," she said.

"As a former member of the Council, I worked hard to cut unnecessary spending while fighting for quality of life services, and I now feel I need to roll up my sleeves and get back to public service," she told the Niagara Falls Reporter. "I hope to use the knowledge I have of business management, accounting, public relations, marketing and organization building in the public and private sector to help fix the fiscal crises we are in, and the multitude of problems facing our city."

Mr. Voccio recently retired as publisher of the Niagara Gazette following a nearly three year tenure. He also stepped down from the boards of the Niagara USA Chamber and the United Way of Greater Niagara. In his announcement, Mr. Voccio described himself as "a lifelong arch-conservative – limited government, free enterprise, law and order."

Mr. Pascoal, president of the Landlords' Association of Greater Niagara, was a surprise, dark horse candidate for mayor in 2015. He left the race after losing to John Accardo in the primary.

His view of the Dyster administration remains unchanged, however.

"I continue to watch this administration set forth unmeasurable and costly programs and policies without proper checks and balances from certain members of the current council," Mr. Pascoal said. "We have two separate governing bodies in City Hall. If

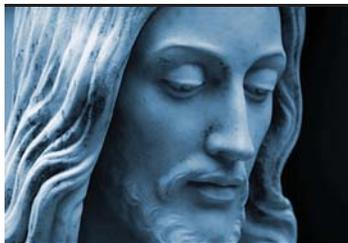
one fails to act responsibly to ensure the best interests of residents and businesses are met, then it is the sworn duty of the other to protect constituents."

Mr. Archie, a former vice chairman of the city GOP committee, managed the unsuccessful mayoral bid of Glenn A. Choolokian two years ago. Mr. Archie lost Council races in 1993 and 1995.

With the 2015 election of freshman Councilman Ken Tompkins, a Republican, November's election presents a chance for residents to elect a GOP majority on the City Council, a make-up which has not occurred in decades.

City Republican Committee Chairman William Carroll called the November election "the most critical" the city has faced in years. He said he'd like to see an expanded focus placed on the city's business culture. It presents an opportunity to confront what Mr. Carroll sees as problematic visions in the Falls, one of which he described as an "industry of poverty" through the proliferation of subsidized housing.

"That vision, in my opinion, has to change," he said.



"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."

St Francis of Assisi



If the whole world stands against you sword in hand, would you still dare to do what you think is right?



Chris Voccio



Sam Archie

## State Parks neglects DeVeaux Carriage Barn Historic building may soon be razed

**James Hufnagel**

Even though the local State Parks office reaps \$20 million annually from its operations in Niagara Falls State Park and \$3 million a year from Niagara Greenway, it seems they can't spare a few dollars for a new roof on the historic DeVeaux Woods Carriage Barn, and insiders say the distinguished and celebrated structure is again, as it was a few years ago, under threat of being flattened by their wrecking ball.

Formerly the location of a private school attended and fondly remembered by hundreds of local residents, the grounds of DeVeaux Woods State Park feature several buildings, the oldest of which is the Carriage Barn, a brick structure built in 1863, the same year President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.



State Parks protected the DeVeaux Woods Carriage Barn roof in 2011 following a massive public outcry over its plan to destroy the historic building. The flimsy covering now hangs off the building (lower left) months after a windstorm damaged it.

State Parks wanted to knock it down back in the spring of 2011, but local residents and city politicians mounted a frenzied, last minute and ultimately successful appeal to the state agency to reconsider its ill-advised decision.

At the time, with demolition only days away, local historian, author of numerous books about Niagara Falls and frequent State Parks honoree Paul Gromosiak tipped off the Niagara Falls Reporter, which alert-

ed the public in a series of articles of the impending outrage against our history and our heritage. State Parks relented, put up some "No Trespassing" signs, slapped a tarp over the badly-deteriorated roof and walked away, granting a reprieve for the stately Civil War-era building.

Then came the devastating windstorm of March 8, 2017, with gusts in excess of 80 mph causing widespread damage and power outages across Western New York and particularly Niagara Falls. The makeshift tarpaulin protecting the Carriage Barn was violently blown off, completely exposing the decayed wooden rafters and interior of the building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, to the elements. And State Parks has clearly made no effort during the ensuing three months to address the situation.

"I've heard the state is going to demolish the structure," a city preservation advocate, who wished to remain anonymous, told us three days ago, in a near panic, "demolish as in sometime this week!"

The powers-at-be who are in a position to call the shots with regards to what takes place on state parkland here in Niag-

ara Falls should take note of a 2002 court case initiated by the Preservation Coalition of Erie County, which sued the state over its neglect of the H.H. Richardson complex on Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo, a 19th century psychiatric campus that was designated a National Historic Landmark.

Vacant since 1974, the architectural masterpiece was being allowed by the state to deteriorate beyond remediation when the Coalition took it to court under the legal premise that if the state owns such an historic landmark building, it needs to do more than sit on its hands decade after decade until the edifice disintegrates.

It was also a test case of a state law that had been sponsored by a certain late Assemblyman Bill Hoyt, father of Empire State Development WNY Regional President Sam Hoyt, which required the state to maintain landmark buildings that it owns. How ironic would it be for the Carriage Barn to be torn down during Sam's watch?

Today, the H.H. Richardson complex is the site of a signature hotel, resort and conference center in downtown Buffalo.

It's no surprise that Niagara Falls City Councilman Ken Tompkins has already "stepped up to the plate" and is working to save the Carriage Barn.

"(State Senator Robert) Ort's office is helping me on this," responded Tompkins to our inquiry, "I've reached out to (Western District Director and newly-minted Assistant Deputy Commissioner) Mark Thomas and to (Assemblymember) Angelo Morinello and our (Niagara Falls) Historic Preservation Committee."

It's time the NYS Office of State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation lived up to the "Preservation" part of its name, and spent some of the riches they accrue from our local tourism industry to repair and reuse the DeVeaux Woods Carriage Barn, which could also serve as a useful attraction for the adjacent Schoellkopf Hall, which is the lead candidate in a recently-released State Parks RFP for a proposed "lodge."



Close-up (inset) of the sorry state of the Carriage Barn. Sorry to say, it's condemned to rubble, unless the city acts fast to convince State Parks that it must be saved.





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# Looming financial crisis debated as Dyster lives it up in Florida

## Mike Hudson

Imagine for a moment, if you will, that you are selling your house. Now imagine that, at the closing, you are so lame brained that when your lawyer hands you the contract, you don't read it or have it explained to you, and find out only later that the document, while obligating you to transfer ownership, didn't require the "buyer" to do anything, like pay you any money for your house.

That, in a nutshell, is exactly what happened to Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster and Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who – in 2013 – granted the Seneca Nation of Indians a 20 year extension on the compact that allows the tribe to operate the Seneca Niagara Casino here.

The Senecas got their 20-year extension, while the state and the city got absolutely nothing. The Senecas stopped all payments this past March, saying that there was nothing in the compact that required them to continue. And there isn't.

Previously, the local share from casino revenue amounted to between \$16 million and \$21 million per year, every penny of which was squandered by Mr. Dyster, who is fond of bloated payrolls, "free" rock concerts and make work jobs for political cronies he refers to as "consultants."

Some weeks ago, the state's Financial Restructuring Board issued a series of recommendations for the city in an attempt to stanch the flow of blood red ink that now threatens to result in the imposition of an Albany-appointed

hard control board that would wrest city finances away from the spendthrift Dyster administration.

State Assemblyman Angelo Morinello and state Sen. Rob Ort characterized the city's financial condition as "dire" and called the report a wakeup call for local politicians. The two issued a joint statement.

"There are two key takeaways from today's announcement by the Financial Restructuring Board. First, the board delivered a forthright assessment of Niagara Falls' government and the dire circumstances facing city taxpayers," they wrote. "Make no mistake about it, we're here because – for decades – every time the city had to make an important decision, they punted or they fumbled. Second, today offers city residents and officials a new start. The valuable recommendations put forth should serve as a starting point and blueprint for a systematic restructuring of city operations.

"Without drastic changes, the city is heading for a financial control board. Only when we abandon the failed policies of the past can we secure a bright future for Niagara Falls families and businesses," they concluded.

For his part, Mr. Dyster offered up a "don't worry, be happy" defense before going on to attack Mr. Morinello and Mr. Ort.

"Frankly, it strikes as being a little bit political," he said. "I can understand why at least one of those gentleman would like to de-



Nick Melson

flect attention from issues he's dealing with to something else."

He was referring to some minor election law violations Mr. Ort had been accused of, charges that were dismissed as unfounded.

Mr. Dyster wasn't present at Monday's city Council meeting, where the state board's recommendations were debated. He had chosen the week for a Florida vacation, a much needed respite from the permanent vacation that is his job.

Instead, he sent his young city administrator, Nick Melson, to try to put a positive spin on the bad news.

"A lot of what the Financial Restructuring Board talked about were things that we were already doing," Melson told the assembled lawmakers.

The board advocated for the consolidation of certain services and city departments as part of the fiscal overview, which has attached to it the possibility of up to \$5 million in grant funding to facilitate the actions.

"What we have to do is work together and identify what recommendations we want to pursue and go back to the board, which meets quarterly, with an ask," he said.

The state body singled out a pair of specific municipal divisions, the city's emergency dispatch office and its civil service commission, calling for the organizations to merge with Niagara County government counterparts.

Mr. Ort farmed out police and fire dispatch to the county Sheriff's when he was mayor of North Tonawanda, a move that has saved millions. Why Mr. Dyster needed the state to tell him what he already should have recognized is unknown.

Other recommendations included consolidation of the city's engineering, planning and community development departments, something Mr. Melson said the administration was less keen on.

In the end, Mr. Melson essentially said the city would pick and choose among the state board's recommendations. Now that Dyster no longer has the casino cash to squander, that \$5 million state grant is looking mighty good.



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# Lonesome train on a lonesome track

## Dyster's folly cost taxpayers millions

### Mike Hudson

What is there left to say about Mayor Paul Dyster's new train station?

That it was the biggest misuse of taxpayer money here in the last half century? Mayor Dyster and his cohort, governmental gadfly Tom DeSantis, dropped nearly \$43 million into the project, which very well might be obsolete as early as next year (See related story).

They also desecrated the old Customs House, a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places by, among other "improvements," cutting a large picture window — of the type found on any cheap suburban dwelling — into the proud, river stone wall of the structure, originally built in 1863.

Mayor Dyster and Mr. DeSantis told the gullible that the station would also house a museum dedicated to the history of the Underground Railroad in the city. The problem was that there is no Underground Railroad history in the city, but around \$3 million went into that as well.

Upscale shops and restaurants would fill out the massive 22,000-square-foot space, Mr. Dyster and Mr. DeSantis assured the ignorant. Dyster had been talking about the new train station since 2010, and ground was broken more than three years ago. And in all that time, the city's crack community development and economic development teams have been unable to attract a single tenant to the white elephant sitting at 2245 Whirlpool Street.

Except for Amtrak, of course. The taxpayer-funded, money losing railroad had Mr. Dyster twisting in the wind, refusing to sign a contract to occupy the station even after it had officially opened. Finally, a settlement was reached, although fuzzy math prevents an accurate assessment of how much of the station's operating costs will be covered.

One thing is certain, however. The Niagara Falls station is more than 10 times larger than what Amtrak specifications call for, given the number of passengers arriving or departing here daily, fewer than 100.

"It feels really good. It's a relief," said Mr. DeSantis, who reacted to the belated opening. "This is the thing everyone has been waiting for -- service to start at the station. We all wished it would have happened a little sooner, but sometimes these things just take a little longer to happen."

Mr. DeSantis declined to specify who "everyone" was.

Mr. Dyster himself made excuses.

"We are a tourist city and we are fortunate to be located on the rail line between two of the great metropolises in North America — Toronto and New York City," said Mr. Dyster. "It's also a great responsibility because we have to have a custom facility, which made this a more complicated project."

At 22,000 square feet, the new Niagara Falls train station is one of the largest in the state despite the fact the Niagara Falls has one of the lowest ridership numbers in the



state (Amtrak posts all its ridership numbers on its website, and we have republished this information for several years as we correctly predicted this debacle in dozens of stories).

Mr. Dyster, of course, doesn't call it a "train station" at all, but an "intermodal transportation center."

Since the dictionary defines "intermodal" as involving two or more different modes of transportation, one might suppose he is referring to the taxicabs that pick up and drop off passengers in that particularly desolate section of the city's forbidding North End.

Not given to straight talk, and allegedly the holder of an advanced degree from some college back east, he is often forgiven for using ten-dollar words when a twenty-center would do just as well.

In the beginning, it was all about high speed rail. President Barack Obama had committed to funding the concept, with New York State alone to receive \$151 million to promote the concept. Mr. Dyster used the publicity to justify spending \$44 million on a new train station here, and the suckers bought right in.

It wasn't long before the plan died in Congress.

The now abandoned Empire Corridor proposal — a designated route between Buffalo and Albany — did not call for an extension of high-speed rail service from Buffalo to Niagara Falls to begin with, but Mr. Dyster argued that should not be viewed as an indication the city is being left out of the region's overall rail improvement plans.

"More, better and faster train service can be an engine for economic growth throughout New York State," he said.

And that wasn't all.

"The line between Buffalo and Niagara Falls is relatively low on the high-speed agenda," Mr. Dyster admitted after attending an Albany meeting on fast-rail service during the height of the 2010 hysteria. "Transportation planners are thinking about the eventual possibility of re-establishing railroad commuter service between Buffalo

anywhere other than the mayor's mind was never determined.

"Perhaps most exciting of all, it gives us an opportunity to play a leading role in development of a high-speed rail system that is going to connect New York City to Toronto, one of the most exciting developments in transportation in all of North America over the next decade," Mr. Dyster said in 2010.

So he went out and spent \$43 million of other people's money. For nothing.

Even as a boy, Mr. Dyster was fascinated with trains. A former employee of a drugstore near Mr. Dyster's boyhood home told the Reporter that Mr. Dyster "used to come in every week with a roll, two rolls of film to be developed. He'd go down by the old train station, the rail yards, and take pictures of the locomotives, the men working on them. ... He must have taken a thousand pictures."

Now he's presiding over a largely empty train station that must now be regarded as a public safety hazard, according to one former law enforcement official who visited the facility last week.

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In the early 1950's when Ike was elected President, he called the Director of Area 51 to the White House and asked him to explain what was in Area 51. The "Director" apologized to Ike and said that he wasn't cleared for that info. An irate Ike called in the Secretary of State and told him to take some MPs and go to Area 51 and find out what's going on, and if they refused access to call and Ike will send the 1st Army down there to go through every room! The Director changed his mind and the President learned all he wanted to know!

During my some 28 years as an FBI Agent I had to sign off on DOJ directives when they came down. One such directive was that the DOJ "must" approve the initiation of ANY FBI investigation on ANY elected official BEFORE it can be opened. So when the Washington "Compost" or NY "Behind the Times" reports from anonymous sources that the President is "under investigation" and the President says, "No, I'm not!" Who do you think is telling the truth?

You know it's one thing to say that the Democrats don't like Trump. The fact that they LOST BIG is not justification to try to

disrupt the presidency, our country, our Rule of Law and civility with rioting, disgusting displays of self pity with vile verbal, video and photo attacks on the President, his wife and kids. AND... guess what despicable person is the leader behind it all...Barack Hussein Obama, that's who! What kind of former President would form a "revolutionary army" of 32,000 people working out of 250 offices throughout the US and align himself with the likes of ACORN, Move on .org, Black Lives Matter, and build up \$40 million in reserves? All to overthrow the government that "he" swore to protect, preserve and defend!

Democrats, Liberals drop your purse, man up and support our duly elected President! If President Trump doesn't put a stop to the Special Executioner ...sorry...Prosecutor, he will be spend all his time defending phony charges! This is a hatchet job if ever there was one. Mueller is a close personal and professional friend of Comey, according to Comey

under oath. That is a DIRECT conflict of interest that the law on special prosecutors explicitly prohibits, and states that the Special Prosecutor MUST resign!

Mueller is hiring Clinton Foundation lawyers and Clinton donors! C'mon man, at least try to hide your biases, a former FBI Director can lie better than that!! Mueller is spending taxpayer's money like a drunk sailor that will likely total hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars, for WHAT? To disrupt the Presidency so the President can't do his job and protect us! We said by our votes, decisively, we want a President Trump and nobody else, protecting us and our family!

So President Trump, JUST DO IT!

The President must direct Sessions to order Mueller to temporarily, "stand down," take a time out, stop hiring, stop "investigating," until the President can determine 1. Can the Country afford Mueller's drunken spending spree? 2 Is there a serious conflict of inter-

est, as it appears? 3. Can Mueller and a team of Clinton sympathizer lawyers do what the FBI and trained investigators couldn't do in 7 months, and that is find something wrong?

After taking control, the President should order a review of all the investigations past - like Hillarygate, Fast and Furious - and present - like obstruction by Lynch, and also the Russia thing; but by DOJ, not Mueller, and make a determination as to whether or not a Special Executioner should go forward. But take your time and do a very thorough evaluation even if it takes several years, as this is REALLY important! Then discuss his findings with the House and Senate and come to a mutual decision that Mueller should be FIRED!

In the mean time, get on with protecting us and running the country before the North Koreans blow the hell out of us or ISIS detonates a suitcase bomb in Manhattan delivered by a refugee from ... a banned Country !!!

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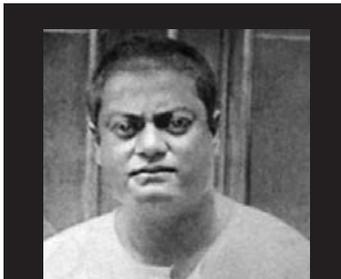
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The remedy for weakness is not brooding over weakness, but thinking of strength...  
~ Swami Vivekananda

## Alan James Roscetti Receives Endorsement from Niagara County Republican Party

The Niagara County Republican Party chairman Scott Kiedrowski announced the endorsement of local Niagara Falls Attorney, Alan James Roscetti's bid for the Niagara Falls City Court Judge race.

Roscetti, R-Niagara Falls, a well-respected attorney with nearly 20 years of experience with Roscetti & DeCastro, P.C. on Main Street, was thrilled to hear about the Republican party support.

"Alan James Roscetti was the clear choice for us for Niagara Falls City Court Judge. His knowledge from working as a Public Defender for over a decade has given him a clear understanding of what is needed for not only the future of our youth, but of our entire community. The choice was unanimous." Kiedrowski said. Bill Carroll, Chairman of the City of Niagara Falls Republican Committee added, "He is straight forward, has the ability to get along with people from all walks of life, and is a family man at heart who genuinely cares about our children and their futures."

Alan James Roscetti is a graduate of



Alan Roscetti, Esq.

Duke University, as well as the University at Buffalo Law School. He moved back to Niagara Falls after college and is currently living with his three-year-old son Alexander in the family home built by his grandfather in 1950. "I am committed to serving our residents and doing the good work at Niagara Falls City Court to benefit them," said Roscetti. "I believe in the many specialty programs put in place to help make our community safe. I am excited about this upcoming race and am glad to have the support of the Niagara County Republican party."

## Liar Jokes

A young Paul Dyster came crying to his father.

"Dad, my college frat brothers say that I'm a liar!" he sobbed.

"But son," his father replied, "you don't belong to a frat!"

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"Are you aware," asked the recruiter when Dyster applied for his first job, upon examining his resume', "that a half truth is the equivalent of a whole lie?"

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His parents once punished Dyster for lying, and he turned on them, stamped his feet and shouted, "Santa! Easter Bunny! Tooth Fairy!"

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Dyster ordered an Echo from Amazon but had to return it because it immediately shorted out.

He had told it, "What I am about to tell you is a lie."

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"Well, hello, Mayor!" greeted a passerby seeing Dyster leave a psychiatrist's office.

Looking around nervously, the Mayor said, "Just so you know, I'm not a pa-

tient here."

"So what was the psychiatrist talking to you about?" he was asked.

"Definitely not my pathological lying."

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A man dies, goes to heaven, stands before St. Peter, and see a huge wall of clocks.

The man asks what all the clocks are for and St. Peter explains, "These are lie clocks. Everyone on earth has a lie clock. Every time a person lies, the clock hands move." Pointing to one, the man says, "Whose clock is that?" "That's Mother Teresa's," St. Peter answers. "The hands have never moved, indicating she never told a lie." "Incredible," the man responds. "And whose clock is that?" St. Peter responds, "That's Abraham Lincoln's. The hands moved twice telling us he told two lies in his entire life."

"Where is Mayor Dyster's clock?" the man asks. "Dyster's clock is in Jesus' office," St. Peter says. "He's using it as a ceiling fan."

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Dyster's parents told him that it is wrong for him to have sex before marriage.

"Then why am I standing in your wedding picture?" he asked.

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### What is Registered Apprenticeship?

It's a job. Apprentices start working from day one with incremental wage increases as they become more proficient. It's on-the-job learning and education. Registered Apprenticeship includes on-the-job learning from an assigned mentor combined with technical training provided by apprenticeship training centers, technical schools, community colleges, and institutions employing distance and computer-based learning systems.

It's a credential. At the end of the apprenticeship, all apprentices receive a nationally recognized credential. Some apprenticeship programs offer interim credentials as apprentices achieve important milestones during their apprenticeship.

### What are some advantages of Registered Apprenticeship?

The benefits to employers are: more highly skilled employees, reduced turnover rates, higher productivity, lower investment in recruitment, a more diverse workforce, a new pool of workers and the creation of career pathways. The benefits to registered apprentices are: being nationally recognized and portable credentials, improved skills and competencies, higher wages as skills increase and career advancement.

Registered Apprenticeship programs are operated by partnerships of employers, labor management organizations and government. Apprenticeship sponsors – employers, employer associations and labor-management organizations – register programs with federal and state government agencies. Sponsors provide mentors, on-the-job learning opportunities and required technical instruction to apprentices. Incorporating Registered Apprenticeship directly into your workforce development system will strengthen your local and regional economy by offering highly trained and educated residents. Let Registered Apprenticeship be your competitive advantage. Laborers' Local 91 accepts apprenticeship applications the first Tuesday of every month from 8 AM – 12 noon at our training facility located at 4500 Witmer Industrial Estates Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

## Niagara Falls Jokes

A Lewiston resident and a Niagara Falls resident were discussing their housing situations.

The Lewiston resident said, "Only 14 more days, and my contractor said I can move in!"

The Niagara Falls resident said, "Only 14 more public housing forms to fill out, and my social worker said I can move in!"

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This recent question was presented in a poll: "What do you think is the biggest problem in Niagara Falls? Uncertainty or indifference?" Over 90 per cent answered, "I don't know and I don't care!"

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A group of tourists was out for an evening of dinner, drinks and nightclubbing on the Third Street tourist strip.

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Jesus made an unexpected mid-morning appearance at a Niagara Falls bar. There were three patrons sipping shots and beer. One said to the Lord, "If it's true you can work miracles, can you please cure my injured knee?" and Jesus effected the healing.

The second asked Jesus, "Can you please cure my terrible backache?" and it was done.

The third man, who happened to be a city worker, looked at Jesus and said, "Stay right away from me, my disability isn't close to running out yet."

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A sibling of a Niagara Falls mayor met a truly wonderful woman, and decided that he was going to ask her to marry him.

The problem was, however, she came from a good family and a stable home and had a prestigious job; unfortunately, the mayor's little brother did not.

He commiserated with his best friend as follows, "Our parents were drug addicts and criminals and divorced when I was four and we were raised first in foster homes. No one in the family has seen or spoken to our parents in years.

"I have two brothers and two sisters. My older brother is mayor and my young brother is serving a seven year stretch in a federal prison for pedophilia. My youngest sister, I am sad to say, is a prostitute and my older sister and her boyfriend are crack head junkies who make meth and sell it to earn money.

"All things considered, I truly love this woman and believe we are soul mates. I want to be totally open and honest with her regarding my family.

"So the question is, should I tell her my oldest brother is mayor?"

## Niagara County Offers a Free Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop

Do you have an ongoing health condition?

If you have a chronic illness such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain, arthritis or chronic anxiety, please join us for a free Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop series, beginning on Friday, August 4, 2017 at the John Duke Senior Center, 1201 Hyde Park Boulevard, Niagara Falls, 14301 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

This program has proven health benefits for individuals with any type of ongoing health condition and augments any health care a person may be receiving. The purpose of the

workshop is to provide simple steps that help people manage symptoms of their disease, to promote active and fulfilling lifestyles and to help people feel better. Program instructors encourage caregivers to attend as well, as the program provides opportunities for caregivers to share and support each other.

The workshop is sponsored by the Niagara County Department of Health and Niagara County Office for the Aging. To register, or if you have additional questions about the workshops, please contact Penny Tracey, RN of the Niagara County Department of Health Nursing Division at (716) 278-1900.

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