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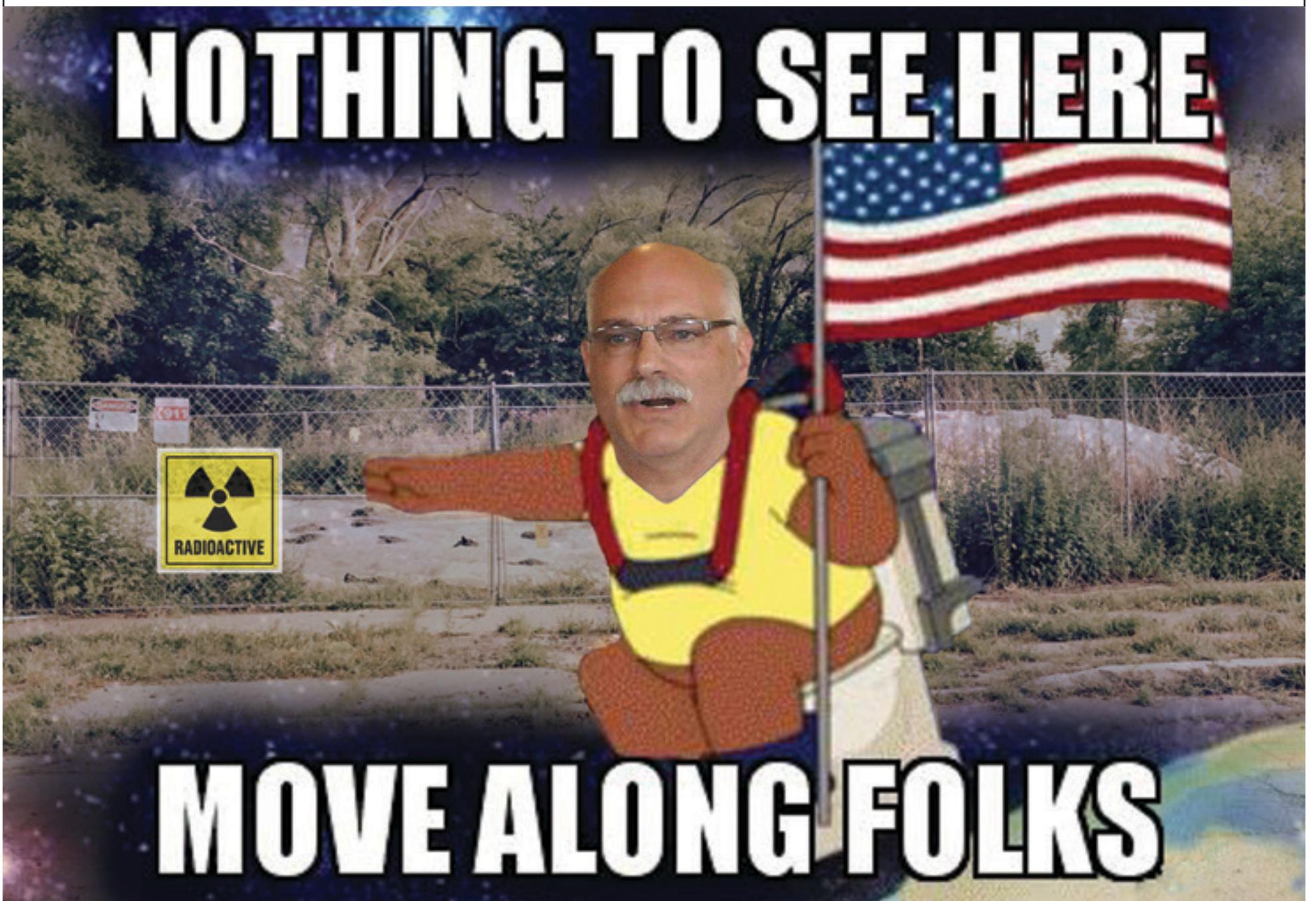
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Radioactive Waste no Cause for Concern: According to Falls' Senior Planner, DeSantis

Mike Hudson

Niagara Falls city officials attempted to address concerns this week in the wake of an expose in The Reporter on the creation of a radioactive waste dump on North Avenue here. Approximately 100 tons of radioactive soils was excavated during the construction of the city's new train station and dumped at the North Ave site which sits about 75 yards from the new train station.

How dangerous were the materials stored at the dump?

A tall, padlocked chain link fence was built around it, festooned with warning signs.

"DANGER HARD HATS, SAFETY GLASSES, SAFETY SHOES REQUIRED IN THIS AREA AT ALL TIMES," one states.

Another advises, "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911 FIRE RESCUE POLICE."

A third sign warns of the presence of "RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL" and reads: "Caution Radioactive Materials Area."

Last week, The Reporter visited the site and found that the gate of the fence had fallen down, and that large holes and tears appeared in the plastic safety sheeting used to cover the radioactive waste. In some sections, the plastic sheeting had blown off and the area was soaked with groundwater.

The fence was repaired after the story was published, and Thomas J. DeSantis, the city's acting director of planning, environmental and economic development, responded to media and public inquiries downplaying the safety issue.

"It's not contaminating anything, the levels are so low that they don't cause a health threat," said DeSantis. "It's safe to anybody walking by."

DeSantis told the Buffalo News and the



Following publication of our story, the fence around the radioactive spoils pile has been fixed but the pile remains for now. Officials say it will be removed to an out of state site.



Warning signs which read "Caution, radioactive materials area" are posted around the hazardous pile on North Ave.

Niagara Gazette that the 100 tons of radioactive waste has been at that location for "about two months."

While the accuracy of his comments about the safety of the site is not known, his statement as to the length of time the radioactive pile has been there is inaccurate.

The Reporter is in possession of a series of dated aerial images that show the lot was green and had no evidence of waste dumping as of June 2014. However by June 5, 2015, the present radioactive pile is clearly visible in the aerial picture.

That means the radioactive pile was placed there at least thirteen months ago and not, as asserted by DeSantis, two months ago.

Despite the broken down fence and the tattered condition of the plastic safety sheeting, DeSantis took umbrage at the word "abandoned" in The Reporter's story.

"It was never abandoned and it was never a threat," he said. "There is a licensed contractor on-site to determine when they contact any contaminated materials, those materials are then segregated out and then later shipped off-site."

The contactor DeSantis was referring to is Great Lakes Environmental, a subcontractor on the train station project.

While it uncertain what DeSantis' credentials are to discuss the relative hazard or safety of the radioactive materials that were excavated, Great Lakes environmental technicians were the ones who thought it prudent to erect the fence, post the radioactive warning signs and cover the material with protective plastic sheeting.

"We dig it up and then we segregate it," said DeSantis. He said the dirt doesn't go to Modern Landfill, but rather a permitted landfill out of state.

A couple of questions arise.

Why would the city's own environmental contractor, Great Lakes Environmental, go to such lengths to segregate the material and post warning signs if, as DeSantis maintains, it's not dangerous?

And if the 100 tons of radioactive material stored on North Avenue for the past year is safe, why does it have to be shipped out of state for disposal?

In print and television interviews this week, DeSantis did not produce any documents to back up what he was saying. Great Lakes Environmental must have filed paperwork such as a truck manifest, DEC response documentation and applicable documentation required by the EPA in order to remove radioactive material from a construction site. Where is it?

DeSantis told the Gazette that the radioactive warning signs that had been posted by the city's environmental contractor were "unnecessary," and that he'd ordered them to be taken down.

Radioactive warning signs are required to be posted at radioactive piles by federal law.

The lack of a city engineer to oversee a project the magnitude of the \$44 million train station construction is almost inconceivable. Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster fired former city engineer Jeffrey Skurka in 2013 after Skurka spoke publicly about safety hazards at the Lewiston Road reconstruction project, where radioactive waste was a major problem.

Skurka has since sued the city.

Without access to the environmental reports, it is difficult to say what sort of radioactive waste the city dumped on North Avenue. Sites in Niagara Falls have been

tested and shown to contain uranium, radium and thorium. Records show that plutonium – which was found in Lewiston – one of the most toxic substances known to man – was also handled in Niagara Falls.

DeSantis said he is certain that there is no health threat, even if trace amounts of dangerous radioactive minerals from nuclear waste is present.

"The relevant fact isn't what the exact isotope name is, what is relevant is that it has a low level of radiation, that's clear," he said.

Contrary to what DeSantis says about safety, the Beir -VII report by the National Academy of Sciences in 2005 states that there "is no safe dose of radiation no matter how small."

Whether a large or small dose of radiation is being emitted from the site, what's clear is that we have nothing but DeSantis's word on the public safety issue.

However a year or more of rain, snow, wind and official neglect have possibly scattered whatever toxic substances that were there to the four winds, potentially infiltrating the air and perhaps the drinking water as well.

City Council Chairman Andrew Touma told concerned members of the public at Monday's Council meeting that he had also asked questions of city officials about the radioactive material.

"The spoils pile is not abandoned or open to public access," said Touma, who noted the broken fence had been repaired. "The general excavation is complete and this last pile is scheduled for removal to an out-of-state facility within the next two weeks."

In an interview with Time Warner Cable, DeSantis accused The Reporter of "fear mongering." He said the removal of the radioactive material was not prompted by the The Reporter story, but was previously scheduled in accordance with guidelines for the construction process.

Really?

Would the fence have been fixed, would arrangements have been made to remove the 100 tons of radioactive waste had The Reporter not shined a light on it last week?

More importantly, did Mayor Paul Dyster and DeSantis – who dismissed questions of need and cost and common sense in their rush to build their new train station – likewise dismiss concern for the health and safety of the people of Niagara Falls?

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Aerial Images Contradict City Official's Claim About Date of Falls' Radioactive Waste Pile

**Matt Ricchiazzi &
Lou Ricciuti**

Last week, The Reporter broke a story about a suspected toxic dumpsite at 915 North Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls. The site has signs posted around it warning that it is radioactive; the 100-ton pile within the site appeared abandoned and with broken fencing making it open to public access.

Aerial images accessible through Google Earth indicates the 100 tons of material was placed at the site during the construction of the new \$44 million Niagara Falls Train Station spearheaded by Mayor Paul Dyster and located about 75 yards away.

These aerial images contradict assertions made by Thomas J. DeSantis, who heads the Dyster Administration's planning, environmental, and economic development departments.

Earlier this week DeSantis told the public that the pile has only been located on the site for "a couple of months." A Google Earth image taken on June 5, 2015 – about 13 months ago - clearly shows the presence of the pile.

The pile of waste, with radioactive warning signs around it, is covered with sheet-plastic, easily visible in satellite images. Up until the publication of our story last week, that covering was blown off in places and ripped in others, secured only by sandbags sitting atop the plastic sheet, potentially allowing the materials underneath – apparently dirt and rock – possibly mixed with radioactive materials - to be carried away by rain and blown by winds into open windows of the densely populated neighborhood.

DeSantis has told the public and local media the city plans to remove the spoils pile shortly.

No mention of potential radioactive



contamination at the train station site has ever before been publicly disclosed prior to The Reporter's publication last week.

In a phone call with Mayor Paul Dyster on Wednesday, Dyster explained the materials were temporarily located at 915 North Avenue with the expectation that more hazardous materials would be found at the train station site. It made more sense, he said, to aggregate materials at 915 North Ave. before they are shipped to an out of state site for safe disposal, saving on remediation costs.

Dyster also told The Reporter he was confident the spoils pile presented no serious public safety threat and that he personally has held the materials in his hand.

Despite officials maintaining the spoils pile presents no danger, no in-state landfill will accept this classification of radioactive waste and it will be removed to an out of state

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7/1/1997	\$61,000	Yes	Yes	Desantis Karen & Cal,	\$40,300	\$0	2068	00118

facility.

Remediation of the lot may also be necessary after the present spoils pile is removed, largely because of ground water runoff.

Why did City officials choose to dump radioactive material here?

When disposing of radioactive materials it is standard practice to relocate contaminants to an already contaminated site – rather than to additionally contaminate an uncontaminated area: this is the difference between a brownfield and greenfield.

This raises the question of why the city would relocate this material to 915 North Avenue unless the site was already known to be contaminated – something that had never been previously disclosed.

A satellite image taken on October 5, 2011, during the reconstruction of Lewiston Road, does indicate that the site was used to house rolling construction dumpsters. Use of the site to house construction dumpsters suggests that 915 North Ave was not believed to be contaminated prior to the location of the spoils pile on the site.

According to the Niagara Falls City Assessor's website, there was a chain of purchases and sales connected with this lot, which measures 96 feet by 85 feet over the last few decades.

The City of Niagara Falls acquired 915 North Ave., in 2002, for what is listed as \$1.67 million from Tarsem Bawja, a Toronto Real Estate agent with the Sutton Group of Toronto.

Bawja bought the parcel for only \$300 in 1997.

When contacted by The Reporter, Bawja admitted he bought the property but did not sell it to the city.

"The city took it back (through tax foreclosure)," Bajwa said.

Dyster told The Reporter that the \$1.67 million purchase price listed on the city website is not the true price the city paid for the small parcel. He said the lot was acquired by the City along with some 246 other

properties in a tax foreclosure auction and that the total price for all the properties the city acquired totaled \$1.67 million.

What is also worthy of note, and may be coincidental, is that prior to 1987, 915 North Ave. was owned, according to the city website, by a one Karen DeSantis.

It is ironic that the prior owner of the property is a woman named DeSantis, while the city official claiming there is no public health threat at the property is also named DeSantis.

At least one contractor at the train station – Resetarits Construction – reported they were confronted with radiological problems during construction. It is possible that this North Ave radioactive pile came from atomic waste buried sometime since the 1940's and unearthed during recent construction. This was the case at nearby Lewiston Road where tons of so-called slag was determined to be nuclear waste from Niagara Falls' nuclear development industry dating back to the Manhattan Project.

What materials could be in the toxic spoils pile?

The radioactive pile may contain uranium, radium, and/or thorium — if records of similar sites around Niagara Falls and Niagara County are an indicator. The possibility exists that the exposed site may also contain plutonium, called by some scientists as "one of the most toxic substances known to mankind."

All of these radiological materials were handled, enhanced, manipulated or otherwise produced in Niagara Falls in the chemistry labs and metallurgical furnaces powered by Niagara's abundant electricity. Many of these elements were subsequently buried locally, including direct-to-soils burials.

Without laboratory analysis, public oversight and split laboratory sampling, it may be impossible to know whether there is a danger to human health on North Ave. since not every metallic smelting operation produced the same kind of waste materials or waste-stream.

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Small Wisconsin City to Siphon Great Lakes Water Gov. Cuomo Approves Historic Water Grab

James Hufnagel

True to form, and doing exactly what we predicted he would do in our March 31 issue, Gov. Andrew Cuomo last week approved the diversion of millions of gallons of Great Lakes water to the small city of Waukesha, Wisconsin, a few miles west of Milwaukee. Cuomo discounted the express opposition of dozens of environmental groups, regional newspaper editorial boards and various politicians of his own party in giving the green light to the unprecedented water withdrawal.

Briefly, Waukesha (pronounced “War-cah-choo”) was ordered nearly two decades ago by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take measures to reduce radium levels in its rapidly depleting wells, on which it had been relying for several decades to facilitate unrestrained suburban sprawl. After half-hearted attempts at water conservation programs, and despite the opinions of some experts who contended that the radium contaminant could be adequately filtered out, the city found it expedient to seek permission to construct a pipeline to Lake Michigan as a solution to its water woes.

In order to accomplish that, it was necessary for Waukesha to capitalize on a loophole in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. Enacted by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2008, a key provision of the compact is that no municipality located geographically outside of the Great Lakes basin is allowed to draw on its water.

However, while the city limits of Waukesha lie 1.5 miles outside the watershed boundary, a technicality in the statute allows for towns, villages and cities of counties that

straddle the boundary to be eligible to apply for a special exemption to help themselves to the abundant and seemingly boundless natural freshwater resource, and that’s precisely what Waukesha did.

As nominal modifications to the initial application, the total amount of water Waukesha will be allowed to withdraw was scaled down from 10.1 million gallons to an average of 8.2 million gallons a day, and the proposed service area, which included the surrounding town and a small number of associated districts, was effectively halved, in furtherance of a fig-leaf “compromise” designed to give political cover to Cuomo and the other seven Great Lakes governors including Ohio’s John Kasich, Wisconsin’s Scott Walker, Indiana’s Mike Pence and Minnesota’s Mark Dayton, all of which have, at one time or another, expressed aspirations for the US presidency which a veto on the Waukesha request, affecting swing state Wisconsin, might have complicated.

The existential danger to the rule of the Great Lakes compact, the natural resource it is supposed to protect and the viability of an economy in the many billions of dollars that supports a vast population across the region, including Western New York, is that this vote established the primacy of political rather than natural criteria in determining how to allocate Great Lakes water assets, which will now prove scarcer and more precious in future years.

The city of Waukesha lies entirely outside of the Great Lakes. If Waukesha has a right to tap into the Great Lakes based entirely on political considerations, what would ultimately restrict others from doing so? It’s a slippery slope from the kitchen taps of Waukesha, to the golf courses of Arizona, corn fields of Nebraska, frack wells of



The Great Lakes, supporting millions of people and a regional economy in the billions of dollars, are now in long-term jeopardy thanks to Gov. Andrew Cuomo.



Waukesha, Wisconsin once had over fifty natural springs and sat over a large aquifer - that was before white flight from Milwaukee swelled its population to over 70,000. Luckily, Gov. Cuomo voted them the rights to Great Lakes water so they can build even more housing developments on apple orchards and cow pastures.

Colorado, fountains of Las Vegas and raging wildfires of California.

Seem farfetched? With the US population on track to reach a half billion by 2100, don’t be too sure. Factor in the tens of millions of individuals displaced by climate change across the globe migrating to western democracies, making the present exodus from the mid-east to Europe, with the attendant social upheaval, look like a tea party. Cuomo and his pals cracked the door to the Great Lakes. The exigencies of coming decades may force it open like a battering ram.

Although the original scheme was to supply similarly water-stressed municipalities near Waukesha through their distribution system, “the city will be less likely to expand its borders through annexations and the communities originally included in the

service area won’t have the safety net of turning to Waukesha if there is a problem with their water supplies,” according to the Milwaukee Business News, “... (b)ut leaders for the city and the other communities say they don’t expect a reduced service area to hurt development moving forward.”

“I still see us having really good development potential,” reassured Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly.

Indeed, the growth paradigm is alive and well in Waukesha. Having outstripped its own resources, it can now bravely sprawl forward, thanks to the rights to Great Lakes water secured for it by Cuomo et al.

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The Stupid Party Strikes Again

Jim Ostrowsk

There's an old saying in libertarian circles: the GOP is the stupid party. The release of the House Committee report on Benghazi this week is the latest evidence in favor of this thesis. Since terrorists attacked a diplomatic compound and a CIA annex on September 11, 2012, Republicans have used the incident to engage in one their favorite sports, bashing Hillary.

There's a reason why the GOP has survived this long as a major party in spite of its lack of tangible accomplishments for decades. The party ostensibly is supposed to serve as a counterweight to the Democrats, the party of progressivism with its ideology of endless government expansion into all areas of life. However, the GOP has failed to do so and even grows the government whenever it can, for example, during the last Bush Administration. Having failed to roll back major progressive programs installed by the Democrats in the last 100 years, and implicitly and in practice sharing the Democrats' preference for big government, how do the Republicans market this pointless me-tooism to the rank and file?

As I explained in my book on progressivism:

"Highly paid and talented GOP consultants have brilliantly risen to the challenge. There must be something that keeps the troops anteing up their votes and legwork and contributions to the mendacious Republican machine that talks smaller government but never delivers. There is. Here is how the scam works. The GOP whips up

a personal hatred of prominent Democrats as a red herring to distract their own rank and file away from their lengthy record of failure. . . . Hillary was right. There is a vast, right-wing conspiracy to whip up hatred of Democratic icons like Bill and Hillary and Barack and Michelle primarily for their personal peccadilloes. So long as you hate Obama personally, you won't be focusing on the GOP's pathetic record of never shrinking government. Who cares if the GOP-controlled House continues to vote to fund progressive big government? What's really important is that rascal Obama golfs too much and Michelle takes too many vacations. The nerve!"

And so Benghazi has been used to bash Hillary primarily for her negligent supervision over security for the diplomatic compound and her alleged lies about the attack being a spontaneous reaction to an anti-Muslim video. What the GOP must avoid at all costs apparently, is any deeper or more substantive critique of Hillary and her progressive/big government approach to foreign policy. Why? Because the GOP favors the very same approach. As the stupid party, the usual role of the GOP is to take over some war started by the Democrats and, attack the Democrats for not being forceful (progressive) enough. See, for example, the Vietnam War. Whether in domestic policy or foreign policy, the stupid party is always trying to make failed progressive Democratic programs and wars work better.

Thus, with Libya, the GOP attacks the Democrats for not putting enough resources into the war and not having made provisions for staying around longer after Gaddafi was



Republicans, while growing government, love to bash Democrats like Hilary Clinton for supporting programs that grow government.

deposed. They say the same about Iraq and are still heard to complain that the problem with Vietnam was that, after dropping more bombs than were dropped in World War II, spending hundreds of billions of dollars and after a million people died, insufficient force was used. The stupid party indeed.

What do libertarians call the Democrats? The evil party. Are Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton responsible for the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi? Of course they

are. These two plotted, planned and executed an illegal invasion of a country, causing murder, mayhem and chaos of the kind that occurred on September 11, 2012. The stupid party can't even see a war crime when it is right in front of their faces.

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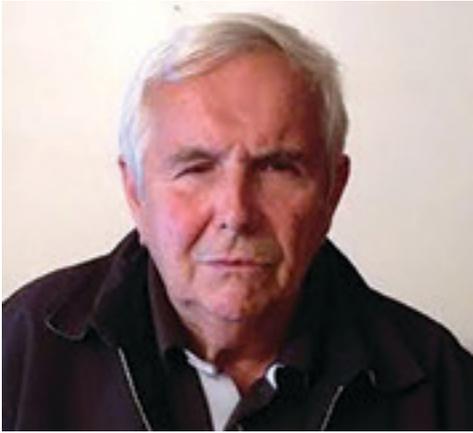
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Cement Maker Lafarge Reportedly Paid Taxes to ISIS

Tony Farina



French cement maker Lafarge, which has several Western New York locations including Buffalo and Niagara Falls, entered into deals with armed groups in Syria, including the Islamic State, to protect its business interests in the country, according to the French daily newspaper Le Monde.

According to Le Monde in a story published earlier this month, Lafarge paid taxes to the Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL) in 2013-

2014 to continue its cement operations in Syria.

Lafarge, identified as the world's largest building materials company, supplies construction materials including cement, aggregates and concrete for residential, commercial, and public works properties.

The Le Monde story, which is making international headlines and was brought to our attention by a local web surfer, said Lafarge paid terrorists to allow workers at its cement plant to arrive and leave the factory. The plant was shut down in 2014 after Daesh militants had advance toward it, according to published reports.

The French newspaper reported that it had seen letters sent by Lafarge managers in Syria which revealed "arrangements that Lafarge made with the terror group to continue production until September 19, 2014." There are reports that the abandoned cement plant in Syria is now a base for Western special forces.

The company has said its priority has "always been ensuring the safety and security of its staff," and purchased the Syrian site in 2007 before beginning operations there in 2011.

We contacted the Lafarge facility on Ohio St. in Buffalo, and asked for comment on the newspaper reports of Lafarge doing business with terrorists, but a spokesman said he would



Lafarge cement plant in Syria...company reportedly paid terrorists to stay in business

have no comment but said he would refer our request to higher authority. As of press time, we had received no response.

There are at least several listings for Lafarge concrete in the Buffalo area: Pineview Dr. and Northpointe Pkwy. in Buffalo; River Rd. in Tonawanda; Hinman Rd. in Lockport; and

New Rd. in Niagara Falls. There may be more facilities.

A French court is now reportedly deciding whether Lafarge's funding of Daesh terrorists in Syria was an emergency or whether it could be seen as activity aimed at financing a terrorist organization which is punishable by law.

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Grandinetti's Cat-Hating Law Again Shot Down by City Council

Mike Hudson

A visibly agitated Niagara Falls City Councilwoman Kristen Grandinetti watched helplessly this week as her colleagues tabled her controversial anti-cat legislation for the third time, despite what she claimed were draconian efforts on her part to make the proposed law more acceptable.

Grandinetti wants to criminalize the act of feeding a stray cat, something most right minded people think of as a humanitarian gesture. It would also subject owners of cats that dig in neighbors' gardens or rifle through carbage cans to criminal prosecution. She has tried and failed repeatedly since April to gain approval for her measure.

When first introduced, Grandinetti's law stirred public outcry and, according to her, resulted in threats of violence against her.

Grandinetti filed a police report over harassing messages that encouraged her to "drown your children" and "kill yourself," delivered both through Facebook and to her personal email account.

The violent remarks directed at Grandinetti were delivered by individuals digitally, and it is uncertain who the distributor, or distributors, of the messages were. According to the report filed with the Niagara Falls Police Department, Grandinetti claimed "aggravated harassment."

"I would like to see you drugged and (urinated) on," one message said.

"Do us a favor and kill yourself," read another.

One of the more moderate critics was Amy Lewis, director of the SPCA of Niagara. In her submission to her Council colleagues this week, Grandinetti claimed to have worked closely with Lewis on the amended version, and that Lewis had signed off on the result.

Nothing could have been further from the truth.

In her own letter to the Council, Lewis said she objected to the definition of those who take care of cats as "owners" in Grandinetti's legislation.

"Community cat caretakers are not owners. They take care of TNVR and cats that were allowed to stray and breed by other city



Kristen Grandinetti is determined to get stray cats and the people who feed them under control.

residents," Lewis wrote.

Councilman Ken Tompkins, who raised \$2,500 earlier this month to support a fundraising effort to trap, neuter, vaccinate and release (TNVR) stray and feral cats, said he wants to see the element of criminalization taken out of Grandinetti's proposed ordinance.

"Why are we making this a criminal matter? This is a civil matter. A neighbor's cat dug up your rose bush? If he won't pay sue him in small claims court and get your fifty bucks."

Earlier this month, when her law was shot down for the second time by the Council, Grandinetti shook her head in disbelief.

"I don't understand the hesitation," Grandinetti said in a fit of pique. "We went over all the language... We reached out to the community... We have spent three weeks, (Corporation Counsel Craig) Johnson and I, on getting this together, and I just don't understand the hesitation."

Prior to this week's Council meeting, Grandinetti said that if her feline unfriendly law failed to pass, she wouldn't bring it up again. Whether that is true or not remains to be seen.



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Lackawanna Takes Action on Sex Offenders; Niagara Falls Continues to Ignore Problem

Mike Hudson

The growing problem of convicted and registered sex offenders from around the state and around the country being dumped by the New York State Division of Parole into communities on the Niagara Frontier is being handled in drastically different ways by local officials in those communities, whose primary duty is to the health and safety of the people living there.

Last week, the Lackawanna City Council moved to publish the names, addresses and photographs of the 13 registered sex offenders living there on the city's official website.

"We want to know if somebody convicted of sex crimes is living in our neighborhood," said Councilman Joseph Jerge. "I have noticed the number of registered sex offenders is growing in our town, at least since I've been on the Council."

Lackawanna Police regularly provide Council members with updates on sex offenders living there, said Jerge, who sponsored the proposal.

"I'm getting more and more of these bulletins, and I think they should go on the city's website so any citizen can find out about it," he said.

Earlier this month, seven registered sex offenders were removed from two group homes in West Seneca following complaints by outraged neighbors and action by government officials.

But in Niagara Falls, Mayor Paul Dyster and the city Council have adopted an open arms policy toward sex offenders and other paroled criminals. The city stands to lose millions of dollars in federal grants if its population falls below 50,000 and, in the 2010 census, registered sex offenders and other parolees with a history of violence helped it scrape by with exactly 50,193 residents.

Currently there are 177 registered sex offenders living in Niagara Falls. In 2006, when residents became concerned about the presence of a group home for sex offenders being located less than 1,000 feet from Niagara Street Elementary School, Dyster told them, "They've got to live somewhere."

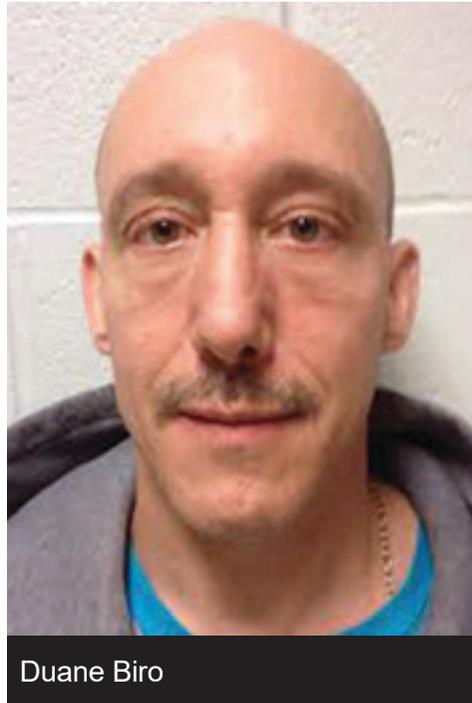
In Lackawanna, they're taking a different approach.

"The funny thing is there's people on there who I know, who I would never suspect could be on there," Jerge said. "I've got 13-year-old and 10-year-old daughters, and if I have someone living across the street from me that has been convicted of a sex crime, I want to know."

Dyster and others have argued that closely monitored registered sex offenders aren't likely to commit another offense. But a study



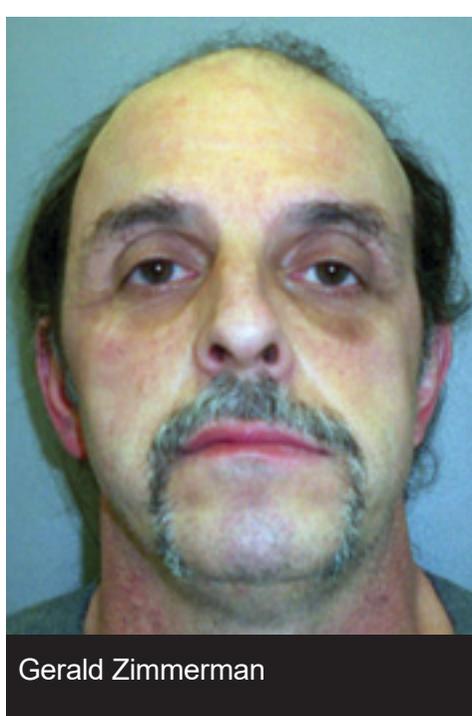
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done by the U.S. Justice Department suggests otherwise.

Within three years following state prison release, 5.3 percent of sex offenders were rearrested for another sex crime, the study concluded. If all crimes are included, 43 percent of sex offenders were rearrested for various offenses.

Of the almost 9,700 sex offenders examined, nearly 4,300 were identified as child molesters. An estimated 3.3 percent of the 4,300 released child molesters were rearrested for another sex crime against a child within three years. Most of the children they were alleged to have molested after leaving prison were age 13 or younger.

The Justice Department survey showed that 70 percent of all men in prison for a sex crime were men whose victim was a child. In almost half of the child-victim cases, the child was the prisoner's own son or daughter or other relative.

The average sentence imposed on the 9,700 sex offenders was eight years and, on average, just 3-1/2 years of those eight years were actually served prior to release.

Of the released sex offenders, 3.5 percent were reconvicted for a sex crime within the three-year follow-up period, 24 percent were reconvicted for a new offense and 38.6 percent were returned to prison, either because they received another prison sentence or because of a parole violation.

Research has demonstrated that repeat offenders account for a disproportionate amount of crime and that offenders released from prison are arrested at rates 30 to 45 times higher than the general population

Unfortunately, recidivism remains a difficult concept to measure, especially in the context of sex offenders. The surreptitious nature of sex crimes, the fact that few sexual offenses are reported to authorities and variation in the ways researchers calculate recidi-

vism rates all contribute to the problem.

So it is easy for Dyster to say having a lopsided number of sex offenders in the community isn't dangerous. In West Seneca, local officials weren't taking any chances.

In April 2014, the West Seneca Town Board passed a resolution asking the state to review its policy regarding the placement of sex offenders and the policy on giving neighbors notice that sex offenders are moving in.

The state's practice currently is simply to notify the local police that a sex offender changed addresses.

Assemblyman Michael Kearns, whose district includes West Seneca, filed a formal request for records in July 2014 but it wasn't until last September that he received an incomplete response from the office. He called the response "vague answers" and filed an Article 78 in State Supreme Court in Buffalo.

That action sought to compel the state Office of People with Developmental Disabilities to fully respond to a Freedom of Information Law request, and apparently generated enough heat that the state vacated the two homes.

According to the website Homefacts, which provides detailed information on municipalities and neighborhoods, the problem of registered sex offenders in Lackawanna, West Seneca, North Tonawanda and even Buffalo is miniscule in comparison with Niagara Falls.

In Lackawanna, the 13 registered sex offenders living there translates to 7.2 offenders for every 10,000 residents.

In West Seneca, 11 registered sex offenders are statistically irrelevant, according to Homefacts.

In North Tonawanda, 20 registered sex offenders works out to six per 10,000 residents.

And in Buffalo, there are 646 registered sex offenders, or 25 for every 10,000 residents of the much larger city.

But Niagara Falls and its 177 registered sex offenders means that there are 35.5 for every 10,000 residents, the highest ratio for a community of its size anywhere in the state.

In all of Niagara County there are 14 offenders for every 10,000 residents, and in Erie County there are nine offenders for every 10,000 residents.

Statewide, the average is 12 offenders per 10,000 population and nationally there are 15.2 sex criminals for every 10,000 people.

Clearly, whatever's going on in Niagara Falls is far out of step with what is happening in the rest of the region, state and country. The mayor and the city Council – who have spent most of the past month trying to come up with a law designed to control the city's feral cat population – appear unconcerned.

Artvoice Probe Triggers Action by Buffalo Officials on Sex Offenders

Mike Hudson

A June 9 Artvoice expose concerning the dispersal of seven registered sex offenders from two group homes in West Seneca has prompted quick action on the part of elected representatives in Buffalo, where two of the offenders were relocated.

Senator Tim Kennedy of Buffalo, Erie County Legislator Peter Savage and Delaware District Councilman Joel Feroletto put in a formal request asking state Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott to investigate whether New York violated the terms of a conditional permit issued by the city in dumping the offenders in Buffalo.

After reading of the relocation in Artvoice, area residents became outraged that Level 2 sex offenders Russel Bennelthum and James Loder, were moved from a group home in West Seneca and into a facility run by Community Services of the Developmentally Disabled on Rosemary Avenue.

These frustrations are all too familiar; the West Seneca community expressed similar concerns for years when seven sex offenders, including Bennelthum and Loder, were placed in two group homes on Leydecker Road. Neighbors there made it clear that these offenders were not welcome, particularly because the homes they were placed in were steps away from a local park and playground.

On Rosemary Avenue, the scene is similar; a school for kids with learning, social and emotional needs sits less than a mile from where the sex offenders now reside.

“As a Senator and more importantly as a father, I find the relocation of these sex offenders to this quiet Buffalo neighborhood deeply troubling. One of these offenders was convicted of crimes against two young boys, and yet he has been placed in a facility that is within walking distance of three schools,” said Kennedy. “It is disturbing that New York continues to house these offenders with some of our most vulnerable residents, and in close proximity to local schools no less.”

In their letter, Kennedy, Savage and

Feroletto note that when the Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities facility on Rosemary Avenue opened, the permit granted by the city required the location to be used as temporary housing for developmentally disabled persons, meaning residents were limited to 90- 135 day stays. Any resident staying for a longer period of time, or a person who is not classified with a developmental disability, would appear to be in violation of the conditional permit.

“The relocation of two Level 2 sex offenders to this strong North Buffalo residential neighborhood, in close proximity to a school, playground, and child day care is completely unacceptable,” said Savage. “I share in the outrage expressed by neighborhood residents and call upon New York State to immediately reverse this terribly ill-advised decision.”

Kennedy, Savage and Feroletto also ask the state to investigate whether New York followed proper guidelines for notifying authorities and residents when relocating the two sex offenders. Some neighbors complained that they were unaware that these offenders were moved within close proximity to their children’s schools and day care.

Kennedy is currently a co-sponsor of legislation that would prohibit sex offenders from being placed in residences operated by the Office of Mental Health or the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. This legislation passed the Senate this year, but failed to make it to the floor of the Assembly.

“We are gravely concerned that the relocation of these sex offenders did not follow proper notification requirements to local law enforcement and to the community,” the lawmakers stated in the letter. “Additionally, we are alarmed that this facility may now be in violation of the operating permit granted by the City of Buffalo. We respectfully request your full attention into the process behind placing sex offenders in this facility.

“(I)t is the state’s duty to notify the proper channels, especially in light of the potential harm sex offenders present to the community. A dangerous precedent is being set if notification procedures were not followed,” they added.

In West Seneca, quick action by the town Council and state Assemblyman Michael Kearns led to the eviction of the seven sex offenders.

And in Lackawanna, the city Council last week passed a measure to post the names, addresses, criminal records and photographs of registered sex offenders living there on the city’s official website.

While officials in West Seneca, Lackawanna and now Buffalo have taken a very proactive stance regarding the state’s policy of dumping sexual predators on the unsuspecting public, Niagara Falls officials have taken a different approach. There, Mayor Paul Dyster has said, “They’ve got to live somewhere.”

Consequently, Niagara Falls has the highest concentration of registered sex offenders of any city in New York.

The international tourist destination is currently home to 177 registered sex offenders, one for every 285 residents.

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Things We Don't Need in City Hall



Councilman Kenny Tompkins

This week, for the second time in two months, the Niagara Falls City Council voted NO (3 to 2) to a request to add an elevated position to the city's Purchasing department. The department's director, Johnny Destino, has put forth this request twice, citing the need to fill a vacancy as well the need to make the department more efficient by creating an administrative assistant role with "added responsibilities." Mr. Destino has claimed that his department is "falling apart" without this role.

I am in full agreement that the vote against this position was the right move both times. I would like to elaborate on this as I see it as part of my responsibilities as an elected official to ask questions and watch how our tax dollars are being spent. This is especially in light of the recent assessment plans and our city's dire financial situation.

Mr. Destino has proposed this position, which is at a higher grade than the original clerk position, as a savings of \$128. However, as much of a savings as this seems on the surface, it's not a savings at all in reality. Let's step back and look at the full picture.

First, the position that Mr. Destino is looking to fill at this higher level is a clerk's position that has been vacant for 120 days. During this time, Mr. Destino has had ample opportunity to fill this role with one of the three top scoring civil service candidates. If the department were in such desperate need of support, why has this role remained vacant?

Second, there is another, higher position from which the person currently in that role is retiring at the end of this year. Mr. Destino has stated that he plans to fill that position as well. However, by his own admission, the person currently in that role has been off for 50 of the last 100 days. In essence, this has become a part time role.

What Mr. Destino is proposing is now to have two higher level, full time roles. Again, he is citing this as a savings. But let's look at the realities. The clerk position he is filling was a salary that reflects 15 years of raises to reach that level. A new person hired as a clerk would make considerably less. Therefore, elevating that role and starting a new person at nearly the same salary as someone who worked in the department for 15 years is not a true savings. The new role will be starting entry level at an advanced rate, i.e. subject overtime to higher raises and higher pension.

In other words, there is no savings, immediate or future.

While Mr. Destino promotes these two high level positions (as opposed to a clerk position and a higher level staffer) as a benefit to the city, he has not yet provided any specifics that could justify this reorganization. For example:

- What truly are the Purchasing department's needs and how are they being met or not being met under the current department organization?
- What are the measurable expectations and responsibilities for the current staff compared to those under the new organization?
- How will this reorganization add to the department's efficiencies and save money in the city hall budget over time?
- What is the average productivity of

the Purchasing department's staff currently (i.e. how much are they accomplishing on a given day compared to the actual department needs)?

- To what extent is the current team been overextended (i.e. have they assumed a greater workload than they can realistically handle in an eight-hour day)?

- Is the department operating at peak efficiency or are there opportunities to streamline processes and be more efficient without adding additional staff, especially someone in a higher position?

I understand that Mr. Destino wants to ensure that the Purchasing department under his purview is operating to the best of its abilities. However, being an operations manager myself with ample purchasing experience and understanding of RFPs, I can think of a number of ways in which he could streamline this department and save the city significant money, without creating an additional high level position.

For starters, he could consider opportunities to share services and purchasing with the Niagara Falls City School District. There are a lot of redundancies with both entities in terms of purchasing needs (paper, equipment). I see these as an opportunity ripe for volume discounts as well as cost savings.

Also, and while this is not necessarily under Mr. Destino's auspices, this city's antiquated technology is costing us probably hundreds of thousands, if not millions, more a year due to inefficient operations in all departments, including purchasing. One thing I plan to exam closer is how we can take advantage of updated technologies, such as business software platforms, enterprise resource planning systems (ERPs), in order to streamline processes and improve efficiencies and accuracy. From what I have learned from several residents, bringing our information technology into the 21st century is likely to be a small investment compared to the money that is currently flying out the door.

There are solutions to making city hall a more efficient operation. Continually throwing more money at issues or adding more elevated positions without tangible outcomes does not solve the problem. This purchasing position is an example. I am not holding Mr. Destino to a higher standard than I would any other director with such a request. It is the job of every member of council to ask these questions and demand accountability from department heads. With our fiscal situation, we need to work smarter, not spend more.

The residents of this city should not accept anything less for their government.

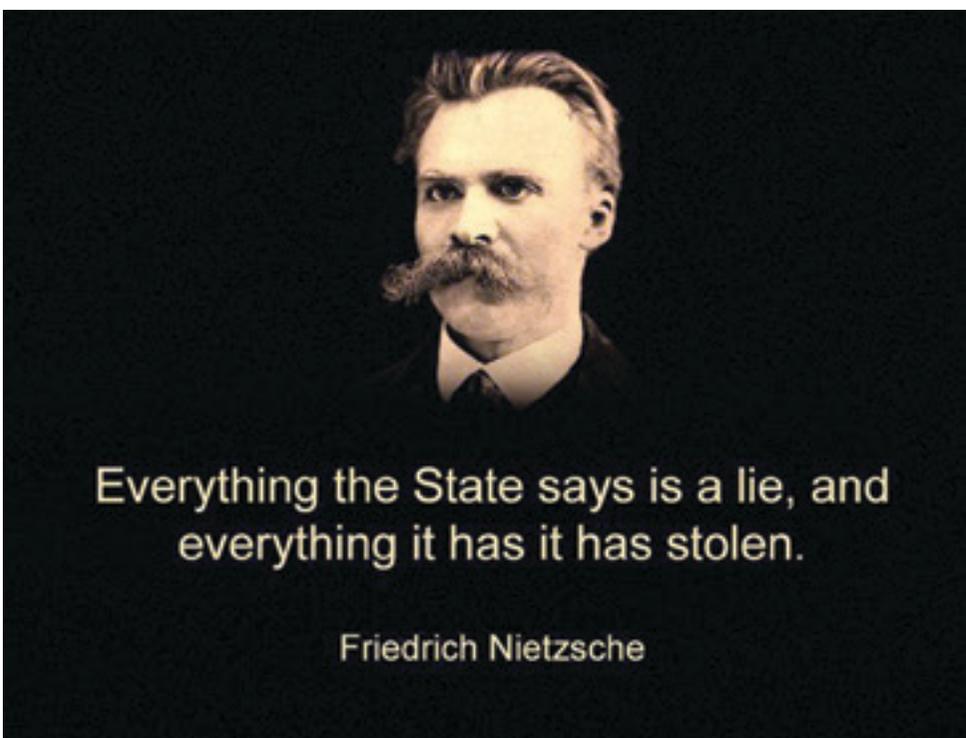
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Main Street, Portage Road Crumble as Council Chairman's Street is Repaved

Mike Hudson

While Portage Road, Main Street and even sections of Pine Avenue look as though they'd been shelled by unfriendly artillery, and city crews working feverishly to erect "ROUGH ROAD" signs to warn motorists of the potentially dangerous driving conditions on these major arteries, residents on little traveled side streets have for the most part resigned themselves to the reality that whatever paving problems exist in front of their houses are of low priority.

Most residents anyway.

Niagara Falls City Council Chairman Andrew Touma, cousin of Mayor Paul Dyster's campaign manager Craig Touma, lives on College Terrace, a block long street going nowhere, really, with eight or 10 homes lining it.

This month, city crews worked overtime to repave it, along with a one block section of Madison Street that links College Terrace to College Avenue and the rest of the world.

Madison Street itself is only two blocks long, but only the portion leading to Touma's street benefitted from repaving. Residents told the Niagara Falls Reporter that there was no difference in the condition of the paving



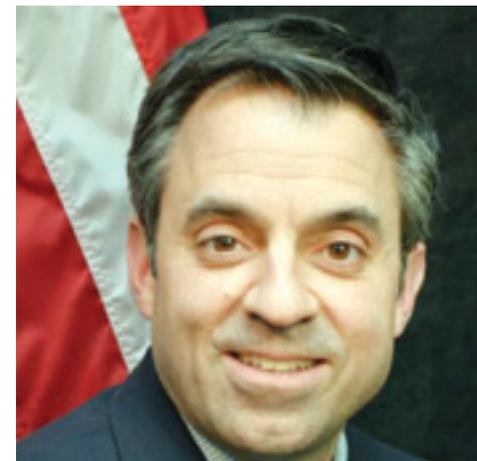
It may be a coincidence of course but the low traffic side street College Terrace was just repaved this year and Council Chairman Andrew Touma lives on the street. On the other hand main thoroughfares like Portage and Pine are in need of serious repaving. Happily Touma doesn't live on those streets so the urgency is far less....

between one block of Madison Street and the other.

The condition of the city's main thoroughfares has been a boon to auto repair shops, which have done an excellent business in replacing shock absorbers, ball joints and even repairing snapped axles. It's made things more difficult for city cops on the beat, however.

"It's hard to tell whether the person's driving drunk or just swerving to avoid the potholes," one officer told the Reporter.

Dyster has never particularly cared about street paving, being more interested in staging rock concerts and beer blasts and building his gigantic train station. Earlier in his administration, a 44-year-old husband and father of two, Kevin Johnson, tragically died



Council Chairman Andrew Touma gets the job done - at least when it comes to paving his own street ahead of dozens of other more trafficked and needy streets. Or as Touma amply proves, "Politics begins at home."

when his bicycle fell into a pothole here.

We don't know whether Council Chairman Touma rides a bicycle or not, but the brand new paving in front of his house means that, if he does, and he sticks very close to home, he'll never have to worry about meeting the same fate as Johnson.

Heap Of Garbage In Alleyway Behind Lasalle Invites Rats and Fire Bugs



Speaking of unsightly- since the new garbage plan where the recycle bins are larger than the refuse bins - people all over the city have sought out alleys and abandoned spots to get rid of the trash the city used to pick up.

This unsightly mess is in the alley behind Lasalle near 13th and has been sitting there for weeks. We wonder if anyone will ever pick it up?



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The Hollywood Vampires, Cooper, Depp and Perry to Play Seneca Niagara Casino

Mike Hudson

You take Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry, singer Alice Cooper and actor currently in the middle of an outrageously messy divorce Johnny Depp and you've got the Hollywood Vampires, a supergroup that's been playing so sold out audiences here and in Europe for the past year.

They'll be taking the outdoor stage at the Seneca Niagara Casino and Resort a week from Friday, July 9 and, even with tickets starting at \$50, the show will likely be a sellout as well.

Longtime friends, Cooper, Perry and Depp started playing together last year mostly for fun, planning a few club dates in Los Angeles. The response was overwhelming and, this year, they booked a major tour of Europe and North America.

They named the band after an early 1970s drinking club Cooper had been a member of, along with other heavy drinking musicians like Keith Moon, Harry Nilsson and Marc Bolan. A lot of those guys are dead now, and Cooper wanted to pay tribute to them both with the name and the song selection.

Things had barely gotten underway in May when Depp's mother died. A couple of days later, his wife, actress Amber Heard, filed for divorce, took out a restraining order against him and went to the press, telling tales of drunkenness and cruelty.

Rhythm guitarist Depp soldiered on, didn't miss a gig and even though he's the least musically proficient member of the group, hey, he's Johnny Depp.

Since his breakout 1971 classic "I'm Eighteen," Cooper has been a rock and roll icon with a track record very few performers can match. Gold and platinum albums, Top 10 hits and packed concerts generally held in the biggest sports stadium available in any given city have been his



Joe Perry, Johnny Depp and Alice Cooper are the Hollywood Vampires. They'll be playing at the Seneca Niagara Casino and Resort on Friday, July 9.

lot in life for the past nearly half century.

His vocals remain strong, and he remains an icon.

Critics have called Aerosmith "America's Rolling Stones" and, while you can debate whether or not they deserve that title, perhaps the biggest part of the group's unique sound has been the guitar wizardry of Joe Perry. Since their double platinum, self titled 1973 debut album, the band hasn't looked back, and continue to record and tour.

The Hollywood Vampires sound is definitely hard rock, somewhere in the groove between

punk and metal where a lot of great players end up. They do a lot of covers, everything from "My Generation" by the Who to Pink Floyd's "Another Brick in the Wall," along with a heaping helping of Cooper's back catalogue, but there are new numbers as well, culled from their debut album.

One of the new songs, "My Dead Drunk Friends," is yet another tip of the hat to the original Hollywood Vampires.

It's fast fun and loud. Seeing them live, you get right away that they're good friends out having a good time, which is – or should be – what rock and roll is all about.

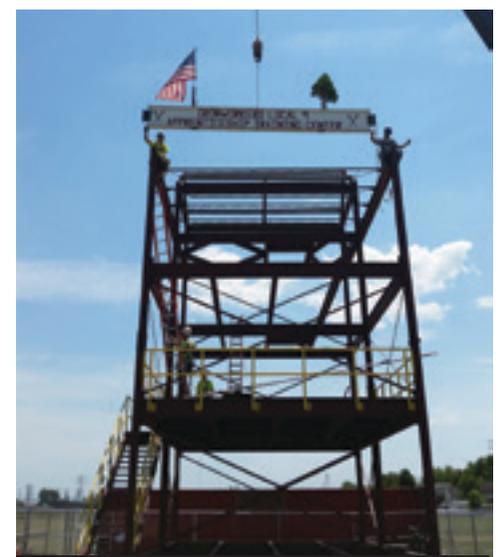
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ers to compete in todays tough market. There is definitely things moving forward in the city of Niagara Falls and we will be ready when it unravels!" The Ironworkers have a 4 year apprenticeship program with class room, and on the job training. At the union hall new recruits can tie rebar, and erect steel buildings and do welding, just like on a job site. "This hands on training is a must, this is a very difficult, dan-



Local 9 steel building mock up

gerous trade" says Brydges. Applications for apprenticeship are handed out the first Friday of each month at the union hall at 412 39th St, Niagara Falls. You must be 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, pass a drug test, and have a driver license. There is a physical and aptitude test also. www.ironworkers9.org

Surprises in Store for Falls' Residents and Visitors Alike

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The City of Niagara Falls never fails to amaze me. Who could believe that a 44 million dollar construction project could sit 75 feet from a nuclear dump site marked with a sign "CAUTION, RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AREA." Is it possible no one noticed the sign before or during construction and kept quiet? I'm sure the residents of the area would like to know who abandoned the nuclear pile disguised with a tarp looking like a pile of topsoil and who is supposed to clean it up.

This is a new experience for tourists too. They can take the train to Niagara Falls and land at a "beautiful" new train station and walk out to take a taxi to the Falls. While they wait, tourists can read the sign telling them

they are in close proximity to a radioactive dump site.

Maybe we can ask the Mayor's office to give us the list of all the radioactive sites or does anybody really know where they all are? When I take my two young grandchildren to see Niagara Falls, is there somebody who can tell me where to go so I don't accidentally expose them to potential radiation. After all, what should you believe, a Geiger counter's reading or the opinion of our honest government?

Here's a message to tourists who want to experience the majesty of Niagara Falls: Come to Niagara Falls by train and view one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. You'll go home glowing, perhaps more than one way!



Dear Judge Bayger:

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Signed, Confused Mom

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If you need a qualified neurosurgeon, you wouldn't just pick the first name you see in the phone book, or see in a TV ad. You would want to know about his education, experience and his track record in dealing with cases like yours. Similarly, if you need an attorney, it would be helpful to request any potential lawyer to provide you with a resume that outlines his qualifications, his educational background

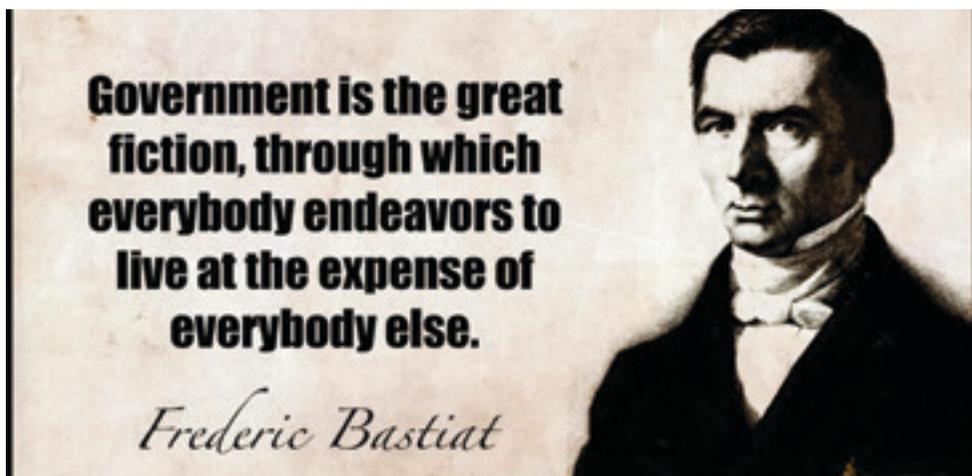


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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

These particularly powerful words are directly from the United States Declaration of Independence; a document often referred to but rarely read in its entirety or studied in depth by Americans or our elected officials. In just this small portion of the overall document, so much applies to what is currently happening at the local, state and federal levels of our governments whether in Supreme Court decisions, state court cases, social issues or the never ending childish banter in this year's Presidential campaign. Think about these words this week as we celebrate Independence Day – a day commemorated on July 4th despite the Continental Congress vote in favor of independence on July 2, 1776.

From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been toasted as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. This year it would be great to also celebrate the entirety of the Declaration of Independence and the true nature and meaning of being independent and free.

Have our elected officials secured or maintained our rights of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness as our Founding Fathers intended? Do our elected officials know what was meant by governments deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed? These are the questions we need to ask and have answered if we are to truly celebrate our independence as explained by our forefathers in this most powerful and profound document. While we remember how this federal holiday came to be, what it cost and what it really means, have a safe and joyful Independence Day!!

Orlando...Who's Fault...Ask Hillary She'll Have a Scapegoat for Ya'!



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In 1993, FBI NY developed information that a blind Muslim cleric in Brooklyn NY was preaching violence in his Mosque, calling for Muslims to blow up bridges, tunnels whatever. FBI NY requested "PERMISSION" from DOJ to send in informants to investigate and DOJ said "No", it's a religion! Shortly thereafter the first attack on the twin towers took place and the blind cleric responsible for urging his people to commit the crime, was convicted and put in Federal prison! This attack was preventable but for the liberal DOJ!

Before that, FBI Agents, had to sign off on a DOJ directive that directed "criminal Agents", NOT to exchange information with "security" Agents, within our OWN Agency... DOJ told us not to share info with our own Agents! Unbelievable, right? We thought so too! But it happened, in fact, I had not seen the memo and asked the security Agent who sat across the desk from me about a group of Muslims I was investigating as part of a gang of Bank Robbers. This Agent pulled out a bootlegged copy of this ridiculous and unbelievable memo as I told him he was full of ___! The many "handcuffing" directives from DOJ directed us to obtain DOJ approval before opening ANY investigations on religions, public officials, and new informants on "violent crimes. Then "the Clintons" made Janet Reno their AG and things went downhill from there as she made none other than freaking Erick Holder Chief of the Civil Rights Division of DOJ. Bill Clinton was quoted as saying Reno was his worst choice. Erick Holder hated white people but hated lawmen more! Hillary handpicked Reno! Do you know why? Believe it or not, Reno was admittedly a lesbian and Hillary is alleged to being the same! So if Hillary can do that by handpicking an Attorney General, what will her Supreme Court and Federal Judge appointments and military leader appointments do to this Nation?

Remember when the Minneapolis FBI grabbed a Muslim who was taking flying lessons but didn't want to learn to take off and land? I spoke to the Agents involved in that investigation, so I know it is true. The Agents who tried to get a search warrant for his computer were called to Congress to explain why they didn't get a search warrant because it turned out, that all the flight plans of all the 9/11 planes were on his computer as well as escape routes. The Agents testified that the DOJ would NOT authorize a search warrant

as the player was a Muslim (religion)! The Congresswoman who was instrumental in restricting Agents from sharing information had the nerve to put the Agent on the spot and, get this, asked him why he hadn't shared the information! So he read her memo out loud and shut her up! In my opinion, 9-11-01 was completely avoidable if the FBI was allowed to do their job!

When FBI Agents and Police Departments across the US tried to get search warrants to investigate the then, 35 Muslim encampments across the US, under Obama's AG Erick Holder, all search warrant requests were denied and PD's were "warned" by Holder's people that a federal civil rights investigation would follow if they did get local search warrants! There's 2 such Muslim encampments in NY, one near Binghamton and gun fire and explosions could be heard from this "peaceful, Religious, Muslim" encampment...but no search warrants, to my knowledge, have been issued!

Barry has stopped our Military Trainers from doing or saying anything that could anger Muslims, from terminology to tactics to derogatory remarks about the people who want to kill them! He has decimated our Military capability. He withdrew our troops from Iraq while engaged in "war" with radical Islam and that was against the advice of ALL his advisors and the result is ISIS. ISIS calls itself the Islam State and wants us DEAD! Barry says "ISIL (his term) is NOT Islam and Islam is a PEACEFUL RELIGION"! GO FIGURE! Hillary will continue with Barry's policies...THAT'S WHAT SHE SAYS, NOT ME!

So the freaking liberal, red, commie, pinko, Democrats STOP the FBI from doing their job, stop our Police from doing their job, stop our Military from doing their job and then blame them for not doing their freaking jobs. That's what Hillary "Rotten" Clinton is all about! Who's damn fault was Benghazi... BUSH'S, a Hollywood video, or maybe mine?!

Obama is again saying Islam is a Peaceful, non-violent religion! Please show me what book of faith you're reading Barry as I've read every English interpretation I can find of the Koran and there are over 100 VERY violent passages, Shuras, statements, paragraphs whatever you want to call them and EVERY KORAN CALLS FOR DEATH TO UNBELIEVERS and NONE believe in the separation of church and State, just like you! You're lying again Barry!

For MORE OF THE SAME, VOTE for Hillary "Rotten" Clinton and you are going to get what you ask for! It might just be your theater, club or Christmas party or, God forbid, your kids, next! This is not a game folks, it's for real. You vote for Hillary "Rotten" Clinton, if she's not indicted, (that alone should be enough to stop support of her) and this Nation is in BIG trouble!!

Do you want her to protect you and your kids? Better buy guns...oops, she won't let you. That's ok though, as long as her guards have guns!

Your Weekly Horoscope

By Jean Topascani



Aries: (March 21 - April 19)

You have a way with the opposite sex that is at first endearing, then gradually engenders caution and finally outright rejection, like potato salad at a summer picnic. Losing weight will make you look slimmer. Tues. AM: Make appointment with plastic surgeon.



Cancer: (June 21 - July 22)

Fri. pm: When a slinky redhead slinks into the throbbing, strobe-lit nightclub, your eyes fasten on her the way a toilet plunger will fasten onto a hard surface if you shove it down just right, but her returning glance, while smoldering, will be actually more caustic and burn your tender ego the way liquid Drano can burn your hand if you spill some on it. "Headlice!" is a word that will have new meaning for you.



Libra: (September 23 - October 22)

It might not be today, and it might not be tomorrow, but you'll soon come to regret staging a pie-eating contest to select your new spouse. Using deodorant may be a good idea. Wed. The countries that have issued orders for your arrest will close in today. You become a prostitute in order to make extra money but wind up flat on your back. Tues: Face lift indicated. The only place you'll ever find "success" is in a book they call Websters.



Capricorn: (December 22 - January 19)

Expulsion from the Reno Holiday Inn without the concomitant expulsion from the safe of your wallet and passport is likely this week. Increase your dosage to 500 milligrams of Prozac a day. Sun. A talk show that you overhear today is likely to concern principles on which you must base your entire life.



Taurus: (April 20 - May 20)

The patterns of our lives, like the weave of an oriental rug, the tans and reds, the thin silken threads, the thick woolen yarns, the cross weaves or the double hooks, and, yes, even the berber loops that are really out of style these days, sure are hard to figure sometimes. You may start complaining about second hand smoke the minute you shed the extra 200 pounds.



Leo: (July 23 - August 22)

You will deeply regret bringing your own equipment to the company's annual croquet tournament your fingerprints will be found on the "blunt instrument" that caused the fatal depression in your boss's skull. Starvation becomes a health hazard for you.



Scorpio: (October 23 - November 21)

By all accounts, the medical procedure for reducing the size of your ample derriere is relatively safe but – and it is a big 'but' – you understand there is always an inherent risk involving any surgery. Schizophrenia is a word that you could not define but curiously defines you.



Aquarius: (January 20 - February 18)

You are damaged goods and I don't mean lightly scratched and dented goods that a reputable merchant like Home Depot might offer in a clearly marked end display sale. You are like the kind of flashy trashy plastic knockoff that always carries a child-choking hazard that no self-respecting 11-year-old Chinese sweat shop kids would ever call theirs. You will find that some astrological advice you read this week will be misleading and potentially cost you a lot of money.



Gemini: (May 21 - June 20)

Sitting under the hair dryer at The Curl & Go and thumbing through a Victoria's Secret catalogue, you will feel a shudder and a fleeting moment of commiseration when you see those tiny thongs the models are sporting in the name of underwear because, as it happens, your own butt cheeks tend to gobble up your Fruit of the Loom For Mature Women white cotton panties like a pair of starving wolverines fighting over a flatfish. Learn to play the harmonica.



Virgo: (August 23 - September 22)

For insights into your life study the account of the annihilation of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the transformational moment when Lot's wife was miraculously turned into a pillar of salt. Financial institution adds "fees" to your accounts. Wed. AM: Brush your tongue.



Sagittarius: (November 22 - December 21)

Certain misgivings about being stranded aboard a life raft, facing the unrelenting hunger and the possibility of having to eat the weaker members of the crew just to eke out the chance of survival for a few more days haunts you this week. Get professional help. Sun. AM: You will have trouble talking on your cell phone because of a distraction in the room and a bad connection. Wait until after the sermon and call back from outside.



Pisces: (February 19 - March 20)

Your blood is toxin free, if not particularly appetizing. Weds: You will meet a socially awkward proctologist. Thurs: Impress co-workers by saying in a low voice: "I must find a more suitable host body?" "What's a nice person like you doing with a face like that?" is a question that will be to you many, many times in your life. Fri. am: Do not drink poison. Sat pm: Attractive person with delicious smile, flattering tongue and moist eyes, who neighbors suspect of being a cannibal asks you to spend the night alone with you. Smoke plenty of pot.

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