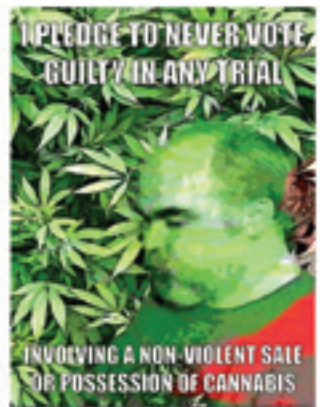




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Will Taxpayers Bear The Burden Of Building Mark Hamister's New Hotel?

Mike Hudson

The story of Mark Hamister and the little hotel he's been trying to build in downtown Niagara Falls for the past three years gets stranger with each passing month.

Last week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has benefited from Hamister's campaign contributions in the past, announced that the developer had finally found the financing for his \$35 million hotel project. The Governor failed to mention where the financing would be coming from, a pesky detail that hasn't been clarified since.

The timing of the announcement also gives rise to suspicion. Hamister's building permit, issued last June when construction was supposed to begin, expires on June 24, just two weeks away. If ground has not been broken by that deadline, the whole process of getting a new permit would have to begin again, with new review by the city Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The last time around, that process cost Hamister \$28,000 in fees to the city.

The taxpayers are already into Hamister's little hotel project for quite a bundle. The Niagara County Industrial Development Agency granted a 10-year, \$4.25 million tax break for the hotel, and the USA Niagara Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Empire State

Development, agreed to up Hamister's financial assistance last year to \$3.85 million, a proportional increase from the project's original \$2.2 million allotment that accompanied its initial price tag.

That's because, under the terms of his agreement with the state, Hamister is to receive \$1 in state aid for every \$9 he sinks into the project. Could that be why the projected cost of the new hotel has ballooned from \$22.4 million to \$35.7 million even as the scope of the project has been significantly downgraded?

To top it all off, Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster and the city Council gifted the shifty developer with the lot at 310 Rainbow Boulevard for a token price of just \$100,000, far below its appraised market value of \$1.5 million.

All told, taxpayers in the city, county and state are already backing the Hamister hotel project to the tune of \$9.5 million. How much more will he get? That's anybody's guess.

It was highly unusual for Cuomo to announce a financing deal involving a private developer unless it is the state that is going to be doing the funding.

Financial institutions have been reticent to loan nearly \$36 million in order to build a hotel that should only cost \$18 million. Last year, Iskalo Development built a six story Hyatt Place hotel in Amherst that is nearly identical to what Hamister has

proposed for \$18 million, and hotelier Michael DiCienzo has repeatedly said he would be willing to build the downtown Niagara Falls Hyatt Place for that same price.

But unlike Hamister, DiCienzo has not contributed to the political war chests of Cuomo, Dyster or U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer.

Does the Cuomo announcement mean that the taxpayer will be underwriting the entire project?

In his prepared statement, the Governor didn't say.

"Niagara Falls is one of New York State's greatest tourism assets and by building these high-quality accommodations, we are showcasing the region's beauty to even more visitors," Cuomo said. "This project will support jobs, attract private investment and offer new economic opportunities throughout the region. I am proud to see this project underway and encourage residents and visitors alike to take a trip and experience all this region has to offer for themselves."

Neither did the developer, in his prepared statement.

"I am thrilled we are able to break ground and start construction," said Hamister. "Thanks to the direct assistance of Governor Cuomo on this project. Without their support, this project would not be a reality today. We look forward to being part of the successful revitalization of Niagara Falls and Western New York as a whole."

Likewise, in his prepared statement, Dyster didn't say either.

"Today's long anticipated announcement of the start of

this important project represents a milestone in the continued development of downtown Niagara Falls," Mayor Paul Dyster said. "I would like to thank Governor Cuomo and Empire State Development for their persistent focus in seeing this project through to a positive outcome."

In 2012, Hamister was named as the preferred developer following a closed door selection process that resulted after the state sent out requests for proposal (RFP). What the criteria were has never been made public, Hamister's original proposal to build a luxury class Hilton hotel with upscale shops on the ground floor and private apartments seemed to largely meet the standards set out in the RFP.

The Hyatt Place he says he's going to build now emphatically does not.

The state called for an "upper upscale" hotel with private apartments renting for \$750-\$850 a month and a bustling retail center facing Old Falls Street.

Hamister's Hyatt Place will have no private apartments, is a cookie cutter business class hotel many steps removed from any kind of "upscale," and has room for only two or three small shops on the ground floor.

Originally, Hamister said his hotel would provide 130 permanent jobs here. Much later, when the company had to submit papers under pain of perjury in order to get the IDA tax breaks, that number was downsized to six full time and 29 part time jobs.

Hamister's promises were absurd on their face. Have you ever stayed at a hotel where the number of employees was greater than the number of guest rooms?

Nobody else has either.

Why this wasn't questioned by city and state officials is tragic. Those elected to represent the interests of the people of Niagara Falls have instead bent over backwards to represent the interests of one man – Mark Hamister.

Will the taxpayer be forced to bear the bulk of the \$36 million cost to build Hamister a hotel? Will there be a groundbreaking in the next two weeks so he doesn't lose his building permit?

More will be revealed, as they say.

The Hamister deal has been stinking the place up since 2012, and the smell shows no sign that it's going away any time soon.

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Hamister Project To Get In The Way Of Better Use Of Rainbow Blvd. Land?

Mike Hudson

The problem in Niagara Falls isn't that there aren't enough hotel rooms. From luxury accommodations at Carl Paladino's beautiful Giacomo Hotel or the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino to the Niagara Falls Boulevard Strip, where rooms can be had for well under \$50 a night, there is rarely a time even at the peak of the tourist season when a visitor can't find a room in the city.

So why all the fuss over Mark Hamister's failed proposal to add 128 two-star rooms into the mix?

Finding middle class tourists a place to stay isn't the problem. The problem is giving them something to do when they get here.

There's never been any shortage of fine dining in the city, and there are more than enough good places to grab a cocktail, but a look across the river to Niagara Falls, Ontario, shows our neighbors have been busy creating something that's gone all but unnoticed here.

Beneath the shadow cast by the Clifton Skywheel, there are dozens of attractions, fun for the whole family that doesn't involved getting mugged at the 7-Eleven on a late night run for beer, soda and snacks.

From concepts as simple as The Great Canadian Midway – 70,000 square feet packed with rides and interactive games – to Bird Kingdom, a world class attraction featuring exotic birds, animals and reptiles presented in the environment of a lost



This aerial picture shows how close the proposed mid scale Hamister hotel is to Niagara Falls. What a shame it will be forever wasted as a third rate hotel when attractions are what is needed for the falls and its tourists.



Mark Hamister and his purchased Governor, Andrew Cuomo shake hands as they announce the hotel project will move immediately forward. That was 2013.

city in the jungle, the Canadians have pulled out all the stops.

There's the Waves Indoor Water Park, with its' three-story waterslides, located right next door the Americana Waterpark Resort & Spa. Both of these facilities are owned by the DiCienzo family, which is trying mightily to gain a greater foothold on this side of the river, where it already owns the Days Inn at the Falls and the Sheraton at the Falls, along with the Rainforest Café, T.G.I. Fridays and the Starbucks Café.



This is one of Hamister's earlier hotel proposals. It has been downgraded since then.



An aerial view of the proposed mid scale Hamister hotel which all the fuss was about. The fuss really should have been how on earth would the city and state give away one of the most valuable properties in the region to a politically connected developer who would deceive the public into thinking he would build a luxury hotel and in reality would build a no frills hotel.



For years Hamister has promised to start building his ever cheaper hotel.



This valuable property, 300 feet from the entrance to the Niagara Falls State Park, was gifted to Mark Hamister to build a luxury hotel. He later downgraded his plans to build a midscale hotel.



Last year Mark Hamister downgraded his hotel plan to a mid scale Hyatt Place - an inexpensive, limited amenities hotel with a mere 128 rooms to be built on the most valuable, undeveloped land in Niagara Falls.



Once again it is golden shovel time for the Hamister hotel as Gov. Andrew Cuomo has announced developer Mark Hamister finally has the money to build his third rate hotel.

Developer Michael DiCienzo told the Niagara Falls Reporter that his family has invested around \$50 million on this side of the river and would like to double that investment in the next few years.

The Guinness Book of World Records Museum, the Movieland Wax Museum of the Stars, the House of Frankenstein, Louis Tussaud's Waxworks, Niagara Freefall – where indoor parachuting is offered – and numerous other attractions give those whose main reason for coming was to see the falls plenty to do when they're not actually seeing the falls.

They were built by the sort of

out of the box thinking that can't be imagined by little minds fearful of the Uber car service, Airbnb or other modern conveniences the rest of the world has long since adapted to.

In many ways, the best thing that could have happened for Niagara Falls would have been Mark Hamister's failure to secure the nearly \$36 million he says he needs to build a truck stop motel here.

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Hamister Hotel Deal A Sad Tale Of New York Politics Gone Wrong

Mike Hudson

How in the heck is this not fraud?

The Hamister hotel deal has been cooked up since Day 1, by a so-called developer from Buffalo and his political cronies in Niagara Falls, Albany and Washington D.C.

The murky 2012 process under which Mark Hamister was chosen as the “preferred developer” of a still vacant lot at 310 Rainbow Boulevard, less than 300 yards from the entrance to the State Park, was only the beginning.

He was chosen over six other developers by the Empire State Development Corp. through its’ USA Niagara Development subsidiary. Details of the rejected developers’ proposals have never been made public, but the Hamister proposal was for a luxury class, resort style hotel with a ground floor filled with high end boutiques and retail shops, and a number of permanent residences for Niagara Falls trendsetters to call home.

The project would create 130 permanent jobs in Niagara Falls, Hamister said.

In 2013, after former councilman Sam Fruscione asked simply whether Hamister had the money to actually build the proposed hotel, he was hounded out of office by a political gang that included Governor Andrew Cuomo and U.S. Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, who had all accepted political contributions from Hamister and who all endorsed now Council Chairman Andrew Touma in that year’s election.

Along with Mayor Paul Dyster, who has also accepted Hamister’s money, they argued convincingly that the Council needed to gift Hamister with the \$1.5 million city owned property for the measly sum of \$100,000, and that it had to be done immediately so that construction

could begin in the spring of 2014.

For his part, Hamister acted as though he was insulted that anyone would dare question whether or not he had the money. He publicly threatened to walk away from the deal, and virtually the entire Niagara Frontier media establishment – with the exception of this newspaper – pilloried Fruscione, who lost in the Democratic primary.

Intimidated by the show of political muscle, the rest of the Council acquiesced and voted to hand the property over to the Buffalo developer.

But come the spring of 2014, nothing happened at all. In fact, Hamister began scaling back his proposal, even as he added millions to its’ projected cost. One hundred and thirty jobs became six full time and 29 part time positions. The luxury resort became a business class Hyatt Place, identical to those that can be seen at truck stops and little airports in garden spots like Rogers, Arkansas and Lincoln, Nebraska.

Meanwhile, Hamister’s estimated cost shot up from \$22.4 million to build the luxury resort to \$35.7 million to build the faceless, middle market hotel (See related story).

And guess what? It turned out Hamister didn’t have the money after all. Fruscione had been correct in his original assessment after all.

Hamister’s proposal may have been the best of those submitted in 2012. But what he’s actually delivering could not possibly be. Why would a contract remain in force even though one party has reneged on virtually every point they originally promised to deliver?

Given Cuomo’s announcement last week that, suddenly, just three weeks before Hamister’s building permit was about to expire, the funding had been found to build the hotel.



This photoshopped image shows a Hamister-esque hotel next to the Washington Monument. The point being that a low scale hotel such as Hamister is planning to build is not only not transformative in a world class setting but is downright stupid and out of place. Putting a midscale hotel within a few hundred feet of the falls - and having taxpayers subsidize it - is not only foolish - but probably corrupt.



Clifton Hill offer night and daytime excitement after one sees the falls.



When it was first announced the Hamister hotel was described as a tipping point, game changing development in Niagara Falls, which, of course, has proven to be nonsense.



Unlike in Niagara Falls New York - the only tourist town in the world to get 8 million tourists per year and is broke - in Niagara Falls Ontario - a boom town with the same name - they realize that attractions are necessary to keep tourists. .

While the Governor did not say where the money was coming from, you can bet that the lion’s share of the project’s cost will be borne by the taxpayers of Niagara Falls, Niagara County and New York State.

If ever there was a case that cried

out for an official investigation – be it by the state Inspector General’s office or the U.S. Department of Justice – it is the Hamister hotel deal.

It’s simple. Hamister gave a bunch of politicians money and they bought him a hotel.

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World famous daredevil Nik Wallenda once proposed an attraction for the site of the proposed Hamister hotel. There was a hue and cry and Wallenda was almost run out of town on a rail for daring to slow up Hamister and his luxury hotel. Wallenda moved on to Darien Lake and Hamister, who still has not built, has downgraded his hotel several times.


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West Seneca Boots Sex Offenders: What's Wrong With Niagara Falls?

Mike Hudson

What are local government officials to do when the state starts surreptitiously sending dangerous registered sex offenders to live in their municipality?

To hear Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster tell it, there is nothing that can be done about it. Dyster, who once quipped that sex offenders “have to live somewhere,” now presides over a city that no fewer than 198 Level 1, 2 and 3 rapists, molesters and perverts call home.

But down in West Seneca, officials took a different tack entirely when the state moved seven paroled sex offenders into two homes on Leydecker Road.

It took some time and a lot of effort, but last week the bad guys were gone.

Outraged citizens mobilized, and

in February 2014 hundreds braved the freezing temperatures to hold a demonstration and march that went from a nearby neighborhood park to the group homes themselves. Among the marchers was state Assemblyman Mickey Kearns.

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.

Kearns filed a formal request for records in July 2014 and it wasn't until 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 Friday. The action sought to compel



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the state Office of People with Developmental Disabilities to fully respond to a Freedom of Information Law request.

The seven West Seneca sex offenders were classified as developmentally disabled by the state. The state relocated the seven sex offenders from Erie and Niagara counties from a locked and segregated section of the state's Monroe Developmental Center.

Kearns, whose district covers West Seneca, said his FOIL and article 78 requests sought to find out who made the decision to place the sex offenders in the municipality, and why they were placed there.

Residents kept up the pressure, calling both elected officials and the police whenever anything appeared amiss at the homes. In 2014, West Seneca police responded to no fewer than 59 emergency calls having to do with the two homes. In one instance, a worker there was attacked.

Last week, as quietly as they arrived, the seven men were gone, West Seneca police confirmed.

Prior to the evictions, there were 35 registered sex offenders living in West Seneca, a town of 44,711 residents. By contrast, the city of Niagara Falls, with a population of

49,722, is currently home to 195 convicted sexual predators.

And unlike those in West Seneca, the pervert population in Niagara Falls isn't confined to group homes. You can find child molesters and rapists in every neighborhood of the city.

Al Williams, 44, a 250-pound child abuser convicted in 2007, lives at 491 81st St., in the city's LaSalle District. And George Salerno, 41, convicted of sexual abuse in 1997, lives at 1451 Lafayette Ave., in the city's tony DeVeaux section.

Craig Stroh, 36, prefers the tourist district, making his home at 624 Seventh St. He was convicted in 2002 of sexually abusing a child under the age of 11.

Rapist Alphonzo Sims, 42, makes his home at 802 Pierce Ave., in the city's North End.

There are 39 registered sex offenders in Niagara Falls for every 10,000 people, compared to just 15 in the rest of Niagara County and 12 for every 10,000 statewide.

Concerned citizens, a proactive Town Council and a state Assemblyman ready to go to the mat combined to rid West Seneca of seven dangerous men. The problem is far worse in Niagara Falls, but the will to do something about it seems lacking.

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Brown Not Likely To Stay On As City Controller Vote Will Not Likely Take Place At Next Council Meeting

Joseph Kissel

Although it's rumored Maria Brown doesn't want to keep her job as city controller due to all the political wrangling necessary to keep it, there's no resolution likely to be presented at Monday's city council meeting to remove her from it.

Brown and the city are still negotiating her exit, said councilman Kenny Tomkins.

"She wants protection," he said, referring to the possibility that Brown takes the senior accountant position only to find it eliminated down the road.

The effort to replace Brown and her 16 years of service was tabled by a 4-to-1 vote at the May 31 meeting. Councilwoman Kristen Grandinetti was the lone nay vote to table the "Approval of appointment of City Controller & reorganization of City Controller's office."

At the time, Maria Brown was on vacation and couldn't be interviewed by the council.

But now that she's back it looks like she doesn't want the job and will instead become senior accountant.

"Maria Brown should be able to change her job if she so desires but on her terms," said councilman Tomkins. "I think it's a lawsuit waiting to happen."

Questions have arisen why the Dyster

administration wants to replace Brown, who is a fiscal conservative that spoke up and told her boss, Mayor Paul Dyster, that the city was broke.

"When I first met her I remember saying to her 'I don't understand how you don't get fired. You tell it like it is,'" said Tomkins. "She deals with black and red. You either have the money or you don't. I think she's the best thing in city hall," he said.

Additionally, while several employees in Brown's department have filed complaints against her with the federal EEOC and the New York State Division of Human Rights, citing an unhealthy workplace, there's also questions as to whether they reported directly to her.

She was also cleared in an internal inves-

tigation, Tomkins said. "If you do something wrong, they have grounds to fire you. If they had found her guilty, the mayor could have dismissed her," Tomkins said.

Instead, the administration had to come to council to replace her. "They couldn't find the grounds to get rid of her," he said.

If the council eventually votes in favor of making changes to the office, Sandy Peplow, who is a long-time assistant to Brown who recently retired, will serve as a part time, acting city controller.

Peplow was the recipient of tens of thousands of dollars in overtime approved by the Dyster administration, making her one of the highest-paid employees at city hall.

She retires at a pension estimated to be \$70,000 per year (thanks to the overtime) and



will earn an additional \$30,000 per year as a part time controller.

If Brown moves out as city controller, one has to wonder if the part-time Peplow will be able to serve as a watchdog (or a lap dog) against fiscal misadventures at city hall.



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

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State Parks Declares “War on Trees”.

James Hufnagel

“I think that I shall never see, A poem lovely as a tree,” penned Joyce Kilmer a century ago.

Somebody should tell New York State Parks that.

The past couple of years the state agency has been working overtime to clear-cut trees in some of its most popular Western New York parks, such as Niagara Falls, Allegany and Letchworth State Parks, in order to expand parking lots, bathrooms, roadways and in one case, ironically, construct a “nature center”, all pursuant to Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s \$900 million “NY Parks 2020” plan.

“This is the state’s #1 park!” enthused Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey at the groundbreaking for a new \$6.7 million Nature Center at Letchworth State Park one year ago. “In fact, it’s the #1 park in the entire country!”

Rather than get further carried away and pronounce Letchworth the greatest state park in the entire universe, Harvey gave it a rest and moved on to single out for praise and gratitude Parsons Brinckerhoff, the worldwide engineering and development firm that managed construction of the new Nature Center. Parsons Brinckerhoff contributed \$15,000 in four separate payments to Gov. Cuomo’s



A stately stand of redwoods fell to the chain saw at Allegany State Park to make way for yet more infrastructure courtesy of Gov. Cuomo’s “NY Parks 2020” billion dollar spending spree.



State Parks has never come clean about who got the free firewood harvested from Niagara Falls State Park (photo taken on Goat Island).



Stumps are all that remain of scores of trees that were sacrificed to build a wildly-expensive “Nature Center” at Letchworth.

re-election campaign over a period spanning 2013 and 2014.

A local citizen’s group, Campaign for the Letchworth Nature Center, was suckered into raising nearly \$1.5 million in private donations towards the construction of a building on state parkland which will be, in perpetuity, the exclusive property of state government.

Plunked down in the middle of formerly pristine woods, surrounded by parking lots and access roads, a large grove of old growth

trees had to be exterminated to provide “permanent and changing exhibits, space for school groups, a kiosk for sales of gifts and souvenirs such as field guides, books, postcards and assorted wildlife and nature knick-knacks, and educational technology including WiFi access.”

The carnage continued recently in the sprawling Allegany State Park south of here on the Pennsylvania border. A large grove of mature redwoods on the well-traveled approach to the administration building was felled, ostensibly for maintenance of the Red House Lake dam.

“It looks horrible without the tall pines,” complained Deborah Howell on Facebook, “Always my favorite ride into the park.”

“One of the things I loved about the road leading up to the administration building was... the towering, wooded scenery and shimmering lake” added Art Bates. “I know widening the road is partial reason for this travesty, just don’t want to see a sterile, NYS-style thruway carved into what was once a picturesque roadway. After all, Allegany State Park is supposed to be about birds and trees and stuff, right?”

With an average depth of 7 feet, and only a thousand feet or so across at its widest, and nobody living anywhere around it, the likelihood of some kind of catastrophic dam collapse at Red House Lake is decidedly remote. An October, 2015 State Parks press release,

perhaps, reveals the real reason for denuding the area of the majestic conifers: “the (\$1.5 million) project will include rehabilitation of the spillway, bridge, and lower retention pool... including a widened roadway over the dam to create a separate pedestrian and bicycle lane...”

Then there’s the outright shock, horror and disgust exhibited by local citizens as Andrew Cuomo’s nightmarish \$50 million Niagara Falls State Park “Landscape Improvements” plan has been rolled out over the past couple of years. The expansion of parking lots, installation of toll booths and barriers, construction of new Delaware North fast food facilities, demolition of Wallenda and Tesla monuments, laying of thousands of overpriced, substandard pavers over formerly natural areas such as Three Sisters Islands - all necessitating the removal of trees, some dating back to the birth of the Niagara Reservation in the 1880’s, in direct defiance of the Frederick Law Olmsted master plan for the park.

Finally, a blight of 52 mature hardwoods was prevented from continuing to infect the top of the Niagara Gorge when State Parks cleared land in preparation for construction of a new Parks Police barracks, a project that was halted after we reported on it two years ago, but not soon enough to save the unaccounted-for trees from some government bureaucrat’s wood stove.

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Even In N.H. Defeat, Jury Nullification

Frank Parlato

Most jurors and the juries they comprise don't realize they have this right:

It might be ascribed to the colossal dumbing-down of America that such an essential and historical freedom principle has been largely forgotten in the land of the free.

The right to invalidate a law that a juror feels is unjust by voting 'not guilty' is one that goes back to the founding of America and even further, back to the 12th century in England and Magna Carta where it became established that government cannot unilaterally take the freedom away from a citizen: government needs the consent of the people through a jury of 12 men.

This cherished right of juries to safeguard freedom of the people against government springs from the simple fact that a jury cannot be punished for its verdict - whatever it is and its decision to acquit is final.

Consequently, if a jury (or even one juror who hangs the jury) decides to acquit a person who has been accused of violating a law, the defendant is set free despite the government's desire to punish him and despite the fact that there may be incontrovertible proof that the defendant broke the law in question.

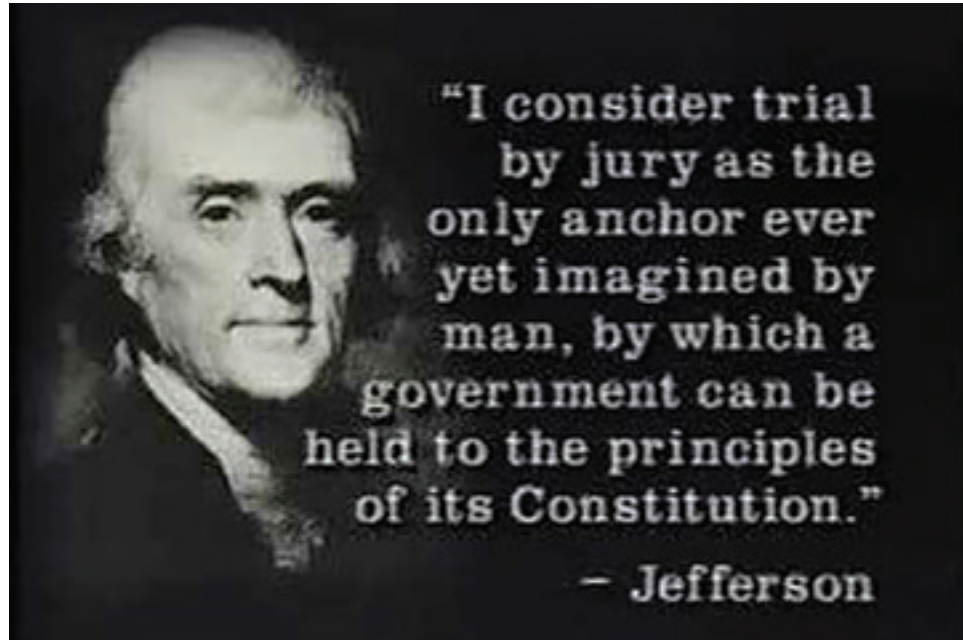
When it comes to acquittal, government cannot overturn a juror's decision to prevent the government from punishing a defendant.

If a single juror votes to acquit and sticks to it, the government is powerless to punish the defendant; although it is free to retry the case.

If all 12 jurors vote to acquit, the government may not retry the case. Consequently the freedom of every citizen is protected by the jury and no one, according to the constitution of the US, may be deprived of liberty without the unanimous consent of the people through the jury.

This is what distinguishes trial by government (non jury- seen in other countries) and trial by the country or the people (jury trials).

Simple logic reveals that jurors, comprised of the people of the nation, can do what



they wish - and choose to nullify what they believe is a bad law - by making it unenforceable - through a vote of acquittal - even if is on a case by case basis.

Witch trials for instance - because it was once illegal to be a witch in Europe and America - were rendered impossible to convict by a series of jury acquittals and hung juries.

Certain fugitives - human beings who were legally slaves - were not returned to their legal owners and the criminals (abolitionists) who helped them escape were not imprisoned because jurors unanimously acquitted and hung the jury despite the fact that there was incontrovertible evidence that the law forbidding aiding and freeing slaves was broken.

Jurors nullified the law.

Jury nullification is a highly prized historical freedom principle, extolled by most if not all of the founding fathers.

Jefferson went so far as to say that the right of juries to nullify the law is more important than the right to vote, since, while any number of bad laws can be enacted by self serving or lobbyist incentivized lawmakers, no law could be imposed by government on a free people without the unanimous consent of 12 random jurors in any instance.

Just as most Americans are unaware of

this right of juries, all judges are aware of the right of juries to nullify the law by virtue of the fact that they know they cannot punish a jury for exercising this right.

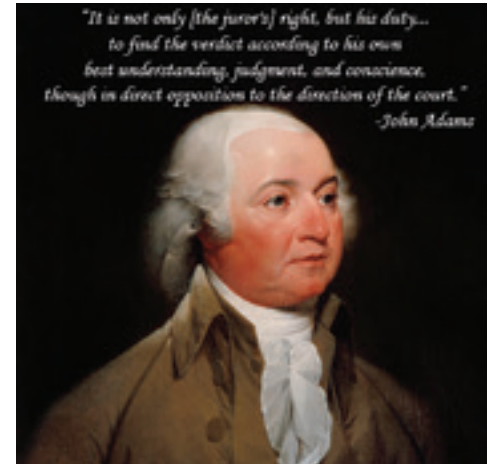
Many judges however do not want jurors to be informed of this right in their courtrooms and many forbid defense lawyers from telling jurors of their right even when power mad prosecutors over-charge citizens and seek disproportionate sentences to punish citizens for not accepting false and bogus plea deals.

An interesting legal concept emerged-while jurors have the right to nullify the law, judges have the right to prevent jurors from learning about it in their courtrooms.

However, in New Hampshire - the state whose motto is "live free or die" - defense attorneys have the absolute right to inform jurors that they are both the judge of facts and the law itself and are free to acquit a defendant solely because they do not believe the law itself is just or for any other reason.

Recently, some in New Hampshire tried to take the matter further by trying to require the judge to inform jurors of their historical right.

It did not pass. The bill was recently killed in New Hampshire's state senate that would have required courts to inform juries



about the concept of nullification if a defense attorney requests it.

"It's an important distinction to require the court to inform the jury instead of having the defense do so," said Michael Boldin of the Tenth Amendment Center. "When it comes from an 'official' source like this, it becomes more likely that a juror will consider this option."

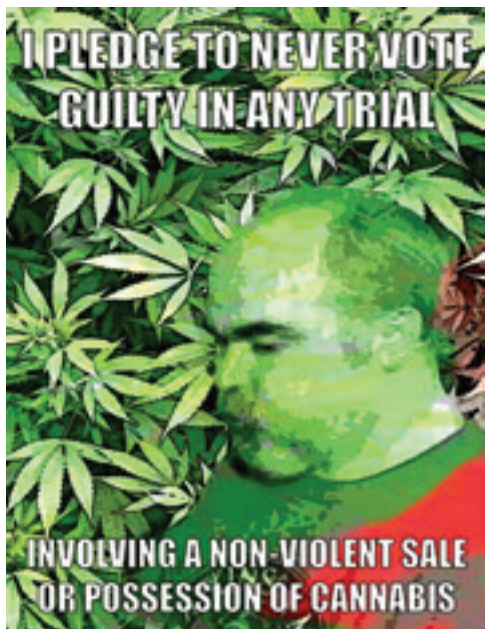
New Hampshire state law regarding jury nullification currently reads: "In all criminal proceedings the court shall permit the defense to inform the jury of its right to judge the facts and the application of the law in relation to the facts in controversy."

The bill that passed in the house (but failed in the senate) would have added this to that section: "In all criminal proceedings the court shall inform the jury of its right to judge the facts and the application of the law in relation to the facts in controversy."

Juries would then be informed about their options: guilty, not guilty and jury nullification.

This statement would have been included as well: "Even if you find the state has proved all of the elements of the offense charged beyond a reasonable doubt, you may still find that based upon the facts of this case, a guilty verdict will yield an unjust result, and you may find the defendant not guilty."

In a growing police state, more and more citizens are becoming aware of their right to hold the reigns on big government by refusing to convict on victimless crimes such as mari-

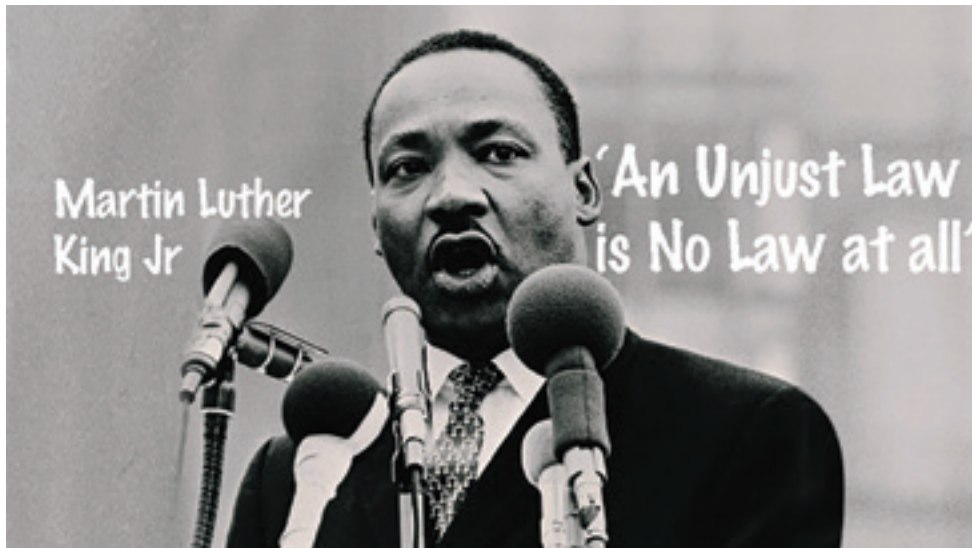


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juana possession or adult to adult sales of the illegal plant – much like jurors did during prohibition when the government chose to make alcohol illegal.

One of the most famous cases of jury nullification dates back to 1734 when John Peter Zenger’s newspaper criticized the Royal Governor of New York. It was against the law to criticize the government in Colonial America, as it still is in many countries that do not have jury trials.

The British charged Zenger with seditious libel. At his trial, Zenger’s lawyer, Andrew Hamilton, admitted Zenger broke the law but asked the jury to acquit because Zenger published the truth.

Chief Justice James Delaney disagreed. “The truth is no defense,” he ruled.

Hamilton urged the jury “to make use of their own consciousness and understandings in judging of the lives, liberties or estates of their fellow subjects,” declaring jurors “have the right, beyond all dispute, to determine both the law and the fact.”

Hamilton said if jurors cannot nullify laws, then “juries (are) useless, to say no worse . . . The next step would make the people slaves.”

The transcripts of the trial were widely published and the verdict encouraged litera-

ture critical of England by such as Franklin, Jefferson, Paine and others.

If Zenger’s jurors had obeyed the judge’s directions, the people of America might still enjoy British rule. It is widely agreed today that the jury in the Zenger case effectively created “freedom of the press”. This is much like how juries created freedom of religion and assembly and other valued freedoms that various governments thought (and in some nations still do think) the people are unworthy to possess.

Lysander Spooner explained jury nullification in his mid-19th century classic treatise, Trial By Jury: “It is manifest, therefore, that the jury must judge of and try the whole case, and every part and parcel of the case, free of any dictation or authority on the part of the government. They must judge of the existence of the law; of the true exposition of the law; of the justice of the law; and of the admissibility and weight of all the evidence offered; oth-



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erwise the government will have everything its own way; the jury will be mere puppets in the hands of the government; and the trial will be, in reality, a trial by the government, and not a ‘trial by the country.’ By such trials the government will determine its own powers over the people, instead of the people’s determining their own liberties against the government; and it will be an entire delusion to talk, as for centuries we have done, of the trial by jury, as a ‘palladium of liberty,’ or as any protection to the people against the oppression and tyranny of the government.

In our growing police state, many people see the importance of the jury and its right to nullify as being as important as the second amendment in keeping the government in awe of the people instead of vice versa.



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Northpointe Council, Inc. Announcement Raises More Questions Than Answers

The outrage that began to brew this past winter over the Northpointe Council, Inc.'s plans to relocate their methadone clinic at 606 6th Street is about to rise to a fever pitch again. On Tuesday, June 7, Northpointe's Executive Director Dan Shubsda, in a defiant interview appearance on WGRZ-TV, suggested that the organization's plans for the clinic would move forward at the downtown location, walking distance from this area's largest tourist attraction.

Shubsda utilized scare tactics to suggest that any more roadblocks would lead to deaths. "Five people on the waiting list have died," he lamented. "We can't wait any longer." The current plans are to expand the operations to serve more than 300 clients who are suffering from addictions due to use of heroin or opioid pain killers.

The opiate addiction rate has reached epidemic proportions nationwide, with Niagara Falls facing a particularly bad situation as many batches of heroin here are being laced with lethally potent doses of fentanyl.

While Shubsda's concerns appear valiant on the surface, questions still remain regarding why this location is so important to them and why the clinic's operators stubbornly refuse to consider alternative sites.

This expansion has clearly been in the works for over two years. However, the city's Director of Community Development Seth Piccirillo continues to hold out that this location will become a BOCES training center within the city's limits. At the May 31 council meeting, Piccirillo went so far as to discuss how the city has been working "in good faith," as he reiterated, to help Northpointe Council, Inc. expand their clinic operations at the Niagara Business Center at 1625 Buffalo Avenue, a location near downtown, on a bus line, and close to the Grand Island Bridge, yet not within a residential area.

Northpointe isn't having any of it, according to Shubsda, who believes that the time to move into this space would lead to "more deaths." Whether or not these individuals would have still died with treatment remains unclear, as the actual cause of these deaths was not stated. It should be further noted that there are no guarantees that someone receiving methadone treatment will not still overdose. In fact, there are conflicting studies that suggest that methadone dependency is hard to kick and can still lead to OD deaths.[i]

Councilman Kenny Tompkins had suggested in February that he would assist in helping Northpointe secure a location in the Valu Plaza near Packard Road, away from residential areas. The freshman councilmen also offered to arrange a meeting with Dick Hastings, who owns many empty properties on Main Street that could provide a viable alternative. "They rejected these ideas outright," Tompkins said. "They wouldn't even entertain any other option. I don't understand why they are against finding a new site given that we as a city have clearly conveyed that the 6th Street location is not in the best interest in terms of our city's vision of creating safe communities for people to live, work, and play."

Could this all have been prevented? The

time frame on what city officials knew and when were they made aware of the clinic plans is murky at best. Sources point to the fact that since Councilman Charles Walker and Corporate Counsel Craig Johnson both sit on Northpointe Council's board, red flags should have been raised long before the clinic's operators and Ellicott Development Co., owned by William Palladino began to discuss leasing arrangements. After all, a methadone clinic in the heart of a residential neighborhood into which millions of HUD dollars are being invested, one that is this close to the city's most viable tourism sector, hardly fits into the City of Niagara Falls 2009 Comprehensive Plan for this area, especially one that emphasizes "Enhancing the Tourist Experience." In fact, this proposed-clinic site is directly amidst the Park Place Historic District and other historic areas for which many residents are lobbying to create a vacation rental industry, one that would truly benefit the city by providing more tax revenue, something the non-profit clinic cannot provide. Again, how will this impact what could be a true effort to revitalize this city?

While Shubsda persists in stating that he met with block club presidents and other community leaders regarding the plan to move the clinic from its current base at the former Trott Vocational School (and immediate to the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center campus), none of these stakeholders have met with anyone from Northpointe. In fact, those in the surrounding areas are still vehemently opposed to a methadone clinic in their backyards.

To add more fear, sources have reported that Northpointe will have armed guards inside of the building to protect their staff. If this is a concern for those inside, why should residents in neighboring homes feel the least bit secure? If individuals who have spoken out about the rise of crime associated with bringing addicts into neighborhoods (ranging from homes broken into to muggings and home invasions) have been admonished as "alarmists," then why do clinic staff need armed protection? This question has yet to be answered by Shubsda.

As far as the where the addicts live, Shubsda has maintained that their reasoning for locating this site in this 14301 neighbor-



Northpointe wants to place a methadone clinic in this building in a residential area in Niagara Falls.

hood is that they "want to be close to their clients." However, the actual number of those on the waiting list who live this zip code has not been disclosed and previous reports have suggested that the expansion intent is to serve addicts from across Niagara and Erie county. As residents of this area ask: "Why are we always inheriting other towns and cities problems? When is enough enough?"

"I know that the need for opioid addic-

tion treatment is tremendous in this area—there is no doubt about that," said Tompkins. "But neither I nor any else who is committed to rebuilding Niagara Falls to its former glory can, in good conscience, agree that this location for the clinic is acceptable. It mystifies me why Northpointe is unwilling to move forward with other options proposed. As an elected official, I will stand with the residents."



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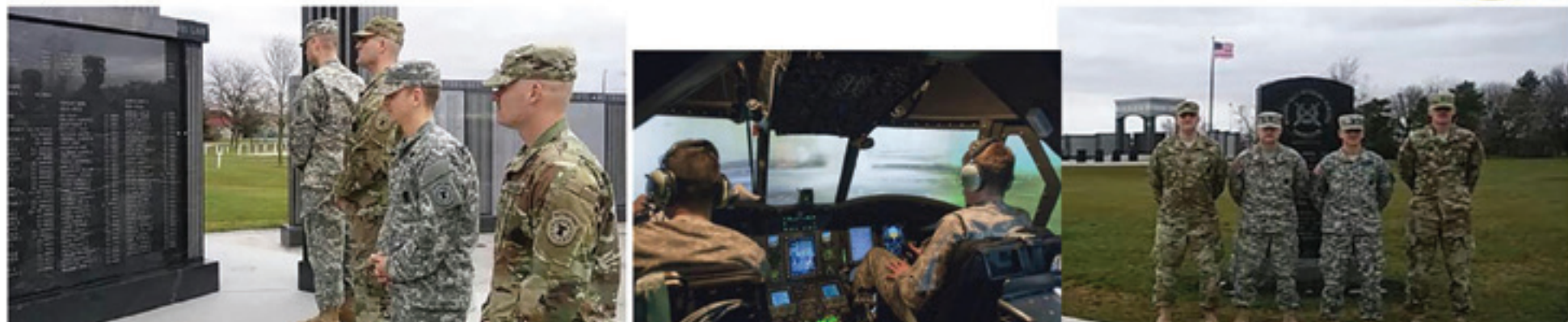


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Last year, controversy erupted when Buffalo raised its' rate from 50 cents to \$1 an hour on all 4,700 parking meters throughout the city.

About 40 solar powered parking meters have been installed in downtown Niagara Falls, turning formerly free parking spots into paid ones. Depending on the season, the rates are as high as \$3 an hour.

To date, city officials have not said how much the meters cost to install, and no budget regarding their operation has been created.

Each of the meters reportedly covers between seven and 12 individual parking spots, or approximately 270 total.

John Caso, the director of public works, said three temporary staff members and 15 in the peak tourist months will be dispatched to handle the enforcement. Police Superintendent Bryan DalPorto will devote a single traffic patrolman to keep an eye on the time-restricted spaces.

No one has said anything about how much that's going to cost.

"We're getting more and more visitors every year in downtown Niagara Falls, that means we have to use our parking resources wisely. It also means all these years we haven't been charging on the street down there, we've frankly been leaving money on the table," said Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster.

A couple of questions immediately pop up. First, who would pay \$3 an hour to park unattended on the street here when they could park all day at one of the State Park lots or the One Niagara lot just outside the park for \$10?

The Niagara Falls City Council picked the Chicago firm of Desman Associates to implement Dyster's parking plan without knowing how much it would cost to install the meters. The work is ahead of schedule and the Council still hasn't passed an enforcement resolution.

Desman received more than \$112,000 just to do the study.

Dyster told radio host Tom Darro the cost to install the meters would be \$350,000, but the actual cost has never been revealed.

In March, the Council approved resolution that gave the installation contract to bid to BER-National for \$355,190 and added an additional \$86,250 for the purchase of license plate scanning devices for the plan's enforcement, which remains unresolved.

Representatives for Desman have said that the meters will generate as much as \$1 million in new revenue here, and that the city should add a parking meter manager to the payroll.

Desman has also recommended the creation of a parking committee consisting of the four top city department heads, including the city controller, police chief, director of public works and city attorney. The committee would work with the parking manager to ensure the system is being properly monitored



It costs \$10 for the entire day to park in the Niagara Falls State Park which is why most people who come to Niagara Falls need to park their cars to see.

and operating in the city's best interest.

Desman has estimated annual expense for the program at about \$100,000, suggesting that once fully installed the meters could return a little more than \$176,000 in revenue for a full year, not including funds collected through parking violations.

Dyster said the total cost for staffing would be \$87,360, but said the issues of staffing and maintenance were "independent of the technology," whatever that means.

Thus far, the running tab on the meters is \$553,440. The have brought in exactly nothing in revenue. One other thing Dyster forgot to mention is that the computerized meters have to be connected to a server. How much that will cost is anybody's guess.



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Hillary...Benghazi...The Saudi Connection



J. Gary DiLaura **The Right Side**

Several good investigative reporters have researched and identified many details regarding Hillary Clinton's activities before, during and after her reign of terror as Secretary of State. None have done as good a job "putting together" the details as a young man named Chetan Hebbale, from the University of Georgia whose investigative report can be found on line.

This article contains information from Mr. Hebbale, as well as facts obtained from many other sources. ALL of the information reported here is available to the public but NOT REPORTED by, the main stream media! For example, you have never heard that wealthy Sunni SAUDI ARABIA Nationals (similar to Osama Bin Laden) organized and financed the raid on our Benghazi embassy. The main stream media knew it and chose NOT to mention anything!

This is a portion of one of four emails that Guccifer hacked and released. All four are on-line in their original format. Hillary either deleted THIS email or it is one of the 22 emails the State Dept has declared too confidential to release! All four were transmitted via/over, to her unauthorized, unsecured, illegal email from a person with no security clearance, Syd Blumenthal, a long time friend confidant of the Clintons and employee of the Clinton Foundation! This email was hacked and released, in March 2013, by Guccifer, to Russia:

"Algerians are keeping information received from the French DGSE confidential. According to the source, this information concerned the funding of the MBM operation and a possible link to the Ansar al Sharia attack on the United States Consulate in Benghazi Libya on September 11, 2012, during which the U.S. Ambassador was killed. This individual adds that this information provided by the French service indicates that the funding for both attacks originated with wealthy Sunni Islamists in Saudi Arabia. During July and August 2012 these financiers provided funds to AQIM contacts in Southern Europe, who in turn passed the money onto AQIM operatives in Mauritania. These funds were eventually provided to Ansar al Sharia and its allied militias in the Benghazi region in support of their attack on the U.S. consulate. The money was used to recruit operatives and purchase ammunitions and supplies."

If this email is authentic and I have every reason to believe it is (if it isn't then Guccifer duped the Russians AND the FBI) then the next question is when did Hillary learn that Saudi Nationals were organizing and funding the raid on Benghazi? These 4 emails were on line when I last checked. Guccifer hacked Blumenthal's AOL account in March 2013, the email in question was sent from Blumenthal to Hillary on 2-16-13. Blumenthal and Hillary had numerous communications back and forth DURING the Benghazi raid! So when did Clinton know that Saudi Arabia was behind the attacks? She certainly knows now but I haven't heard her ad-

dress this, have you? When did she tell the State Department? She destroyed the Benghazi email because this hacked email is the only existing copy and she never turned that one over! What about the President? I wonder if Hillary filled him in. If I were him I would say "Gee... I never heard of anyone named Hillary". It's game over if he knew ANYTIME between then and now and hid it! This is so unbelievable that I ALMOST can't believe it myself and find myself checking and double checking my sources but we will know for "absolute true" when the FBI moves to Indict, BUT THE INFO IS OVERWHELMING FOR SURE!

These emails refer to wealthy, Sunni, Islamic Muslims in Saudi Arabia but do not state that the "Saudi government" is responsible, HOWEVER, Saudi Arabia is mostly Sunni Muslims and they are RULED by a Saudi KING under STRICT Islamic SHARIA law. I do not believe for an instant that any Saudi Muslim would be stupid enough to plan, organize and finance an attack on ANY American target without the Saudi King's approval! That would be suicide! In my opinion Saudi Arabia is /was involved in BOTH 9/11 deadly attacks on America!! If there is one thing I learned after almost 30 years in law enforcement as an investigator is, "too many coincidences make a fact"!

According to information available to the public on Bryan Pagliano, the Clinton Aid who set up the email and server, Pagliano's testimony blew the top off the State Department, meaning that thanks to Hillary, virtually everybody on her staff is in it up to their necks, are culpable and are likely to be indicted as well. It's easy to see how corruption corrupts, isn't it? From an FBI point of view, this is great news because it gives the FBI GREAT leverage to deal. If ANY of her aids face ...let's say Treason, which is a CAPITAL CRIME PUNISHABLE BY DEATH, what do you think her aids will do ...hmmm? First one in gets the deal!

Here are some acts that Mr. Hebbale points out... Four emails were hacked and released to the Russians. Hillary reported the first, second and third to State thus proving Hillary believed Blumenthal's information was valuable. The fourth email, which describes the Saudi connection and was sent by Blumenthal to Hillary Feb 16, 2013, was NOT turned over to State by Hillary, so the only "copy" is the hacked/leaked copy! Hillary stepped down as Secretary Feb 1, 2013. She may claim that the fourth was not a work product!

Fact that I point out... the oaths that Hillary took, attach for life and it doesn't make any difference when she received Secret Info, she is bound to protect it for life!

Also, if you think "she was ONLY the Secretary of State, what could she do". Fact... there are only 10 people in our government with the Highest Classified Info rating and the Secretary of State is one of them, as is the President, AND in our form of government, in my opinion, the Secretary of State is the 2nd most powerful Government Official (in the world) the first is President of the United States! The Vice President has only one Constitutional authority and that is to preside over the Senate and cast tie breaking votes! The Secretary is a member of the President's Cabinet and is charged with many important duties including carrying out the Nation's foreign policy!

I say again, Hillary "Rotten" Clinton will not run for President! She will be in Federal Prison where she belongs!! Next week... unless the Indictment breaks... I'll report on Hobbs Act violations I believe Hillary committed by using her official position to solicit money for the Clinton Foundation.

Your Weekly Horoscope

By Jean Topascani



Aries: (March 21 - April 19)

Venus 18°23'14 in 7th. Marry first person you meet, regardless of gender, who is less intelligent than you. Stars aid you in becoming less boring. Your business clothes will have a neater, cleaner, shinier appearance if you stop sleeping in them. AM: Don't smoke marijuana while operating weed whacker.



Cancer: (June 21 - July 22)

Neptune/Aries 3°35'59 in 8th. Gee, for a fat person you don't sweat much. Libra divorce lawyer secretly dating spouse. Buy pet scorpion and remember it needs plenty of fondling, caresses and affection. Sat. PM: Prepare for nuclear annihilation. Sunday PM: Test all food for poison.



Libra: (September 23 - October 22)

Pluto 3°39'22 in 6thA visit to the zoo turns tragic. The last thing you will hear before losing consciousness is, "Run for your lives, they're loose!!" Pisces in ascendant suggest bathing regularly will end long period of dateless nights and jobless days. Don't inhale. Not marijuana, but air. Sun. PM: Catch up on overdue phone calls and correspondence.



Capricorn: (December 22 - January 19)

Retrograde Scorpio in 6th. You are a calculated and methodical backstabber. Late in the week you learn co workers have secret code name for you: "Pinocchio." Mon. AM: Impromptu meeting with attractive Aries proves something exciting: you both have the same fat pants. Tues. AM: Poison Ivy figures in woodland romp with lover.



Taurus: (April 20 - May 20)

Mars/Taurus 3°35'59 Juicy romance ahead. Not for you but for characters in "The Handsome farmhand's secret," a Harlequin Romance book you will read. Stars wish to teach ancient truth: the more you complain, the longer God lets you live. Wed. AM: Consider changing socks.



Leo: (July 23 - August 22)

Mars in 8th. "You're ugly but you intrigue me," is a pick up line you will hear many, many times this week. To make others notice your intelligence, finish all sentences this week with "In accordance with the prophecy." Good news: Halitosis improves. Safely move within 16 feet when speaking to people.



Scorpio: (October 23 - November 21)

True Node Taurus 18°29'54 in 1st. "Has anybody ever told you, you look like Elton John?" is a question you will hear this week. Paranoia strikes deep. Wed. PM: Do Tai Chi exercises. Thurs AM: Keep an ear out for someone with an interesting accent.



Aquarius: (January 20 - February 18)

Mercury/Pluto in 12th house: This week, you come across in business and personal communications as a persuasive and charming moron. Limit pot smoking to one pound per week. Tues. AM: Friend's suicide note turns out to be hoax. Conceal disappointment.



Gemini: (May 21 - June 20)

2°50'56 in 10th house. Greet people with a firm but warm handshake and ask them to call you "Admiral." Show superiority after fire erupts at home. Call 911. When dispatcher asks "How do we get to your house?," answer calmly, "In a big red truck, dummy!" Tues. AM: Meeting with pulsating Pisces proves you have something in common: the same parole officer.



Virgo: (August 23 - September 22)

Saturn/Leo 27°03'32 in 7th. Show interest in others. At Denny's when you notice bosomy waitress's name tag on her blouse, say, "Gee, that's nice. What did you name the other one?" Bad hygiene interrupts chance at quick monetary gain when partner hides cash under soap. Early AM: Use this pick up line for a chance at romance: "I've had quite a bit to drink, and you're beginning to look pretty good."



Sagittarius: (November 22 - December 21)

Moon 17°47'44 in 4th house. Play harmonica at Buffalo Bills game using code blows for various plays to amuse fans. You impress higher ups when asked the difference between you and a bucket of manure when you answer "what kind of bucket?" Saturday PM: Somehow the boil on your backside seems more important than news about 20 earthquakes in China.



Pisces: (February 19 - March 20)

Pluto/Scorpio 3°35'59 in 11th house. Laziness hurts chances at quick cash as partner hides money in safest place—inside your work shoes. The funny thing about next Monday won't seem funny to you. Mon. AM: Go to toy store and ask for Mr. Gepetto. PM: Dark haired bearded waiter with hairy arms, hands and chest serves you steak with a garnish of unusually dry, black vermicelli.

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- Job Site Accident - \$8 Million - Verdict - Failure to Provide Safety Harness
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