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## Dyster's position on Cuomo's lodge assures Placement in Pantheon of Great Leaders

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Public opposition to Gov. Cuomo's proposed "lodge" on Goat Island in the Niagara Falls State Park has been met with swift, unequivocal and forceful opposition since he announced his intentions during a January speech at the University of Buffalo. Earlier this week the Niagara Falls City Council passed a resolution opposing the project. On the same evening, twenty miles away at Lockport, Niagara County legislators tabled a similar resolution pending clarification by the governor's staff, a resolution that would have passed with flying colors had it come to a vote.

The social media backlash against Cuomo's hotel on the famed landscape that is supposed to resemble, or at least show some degree of deference to, Olmsted's design for a natural preserve framing the Falls of Niagara, was fierce. If Facebook is any indication, the vast majority of local residents are severely critical of the idea, for different reasons, including but not limited to further commercialization of the park at the expense of downtown businesses, and the direct competition that a new, tax-exempt, Delaware North-run lodge on state property would present to the profusion of hotels that have been built on Rainbow Blvd. and elsewhere in the city over the past couple of years.

Adding to the clamor against the intrusive Goat Island lodge, a group of influential preservationists, including Tom and Louise Yots, Paul Gromosiak, Bob Baxter, Robert Borgatti and others published an open letter public to Gov. Cuomo, imploring him to consider alternative sites, such as Schoellkopf Hall in DeVeaux Woods State Park, for his



It must be fun to use taxpayers' money to use the Niagara Falls State Park as piggy bank for campaign donors.

lodge. Niagara Falls-based filmmaker Ken Cosentino ramped up his productions, creating a series of short features highlighting the issue, and activists Mark Diodate and Chris Borgatti of Rise Niagara are leading that local grass-roots organization's push against the ill-conceived development. Editorials and Letters to the Editor in both dailies, the Buffalo News and the Niagara Gazette, have all come out against the proposed hotel.

It seems the only person in all of Western New York who couldn't immediately wrap his mind around the folly of Cuomo's lodge in the state park was Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster, who told a Channel 2 News reporter on Feb. 2 that he is "watching the situation closely" and "if a tourist hotel on Goat Island does come to pass he would be concerned that at least it match or try to match in design

its natural surroundings."

Then a couple of weeks later, he stated in a press release that "Goat Island is only one of several locations that could be considered as an option for a lodge. I am confident that we can find a location that residents and visitors alike will find more suitable."

Now, this is leadership of the highest caliber if we ever saw it.

Dyster, who signed off on the south Robert Moses Parkway upgrade which functions as a driveway to the 1,500 parking spaces in Niagara Falls State Park, cutting off access to the upper Niagara River and diverting traffic away from the city's downtown business district and, as Vice Chair of the Greenway Commission, presided over the vote to approve the Niagara Falls State Park Landscape

Improvements plan which resulted in the bulldozing and fencing off of Three Sisters Islands and expanded parking and food service in the park, again, in competition with his city's downtown, as usual came down on Cuomo's side to the detriment of the city of Niagara Falls when it comes to the waterfront and the tourist riches that accrue from it.

Displaying such resolute dedication, such backbone, in his advocacy for the city and the interests of the citizens who live in it, comes naturally to Mayor Dyster. We found his stated position on the Goat Island hotel issue so clearly in favor of "doing the right thing" and standing up for justice, our heritage and our prosperity that we were inspired to look up the words of other great leaders of history who stood up when it counted and charted the course of human destiny.

For example, on the eve of World War II, with Britain facing imminent invasion by Nazi Germany, Prime Minister Winston Churchill took to the airwaves to tell the British people, "We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills... Unless we can find a location that residents and visitors alike will find more suitable."

A couple of decades later, at the height of Cuban Missile Crisis tensions, President John F. Kennedy laid down an ultimatum to the Russians: "It shall be the policy of this nation to regard any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the Western Hemisphere as an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States, requiring a full retaliatory response upon the Soviet Union..." although any response against the Soviet

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Goat Island was reserved by the New York State Legislature to be a parkland and the original design was planned by Frederick Law Olmsted. Gov. Cuomo wants a lodge built. Mayor Dyster has not made his position clear.



In this artistic impressionistic work, Gov. Cuomo (left) is advising Mayor Dyster (middle) on inquiries from the press (right) about a lodge on Goat Island. Cuomo says, "Pauley, when they ask about whether you support the lodge, put your hand by your nose and say, 'yes... and then again, no.'"

Union could be considered as an option."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King proclaimed, "I've been to the mountaintop... And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land! Unless we can find a location that residents and visitors alike will find more suitable."

The Lord himself set forth, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, although this particular rock is

only one of several locations that could be considered as an option."

"I have been assured that the public's input on where a lodge might be located will play a critical role in determining the final decision," continued Dyster, much as the public had input into the south Parkway, Landscape Improvements plan, new State Parks Police barracks on the Niagara Gorge, and other state decisions on how to manage Niagara Falls waterfront.

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## Odds makers Taking Wagers: Goat Island Lodge a Done Deal for Delaware North



Goat Island is on its way to be developed like it never has before. The lodge is only the beginning. Delaware North has many plans for Goat Island and indeed the entire state lands in Niagara Falls.

The Reporter strongly suspects Goat Island is the preferred choice for the lodge and a developer/operator has already been selected by Gov. Cuomo.

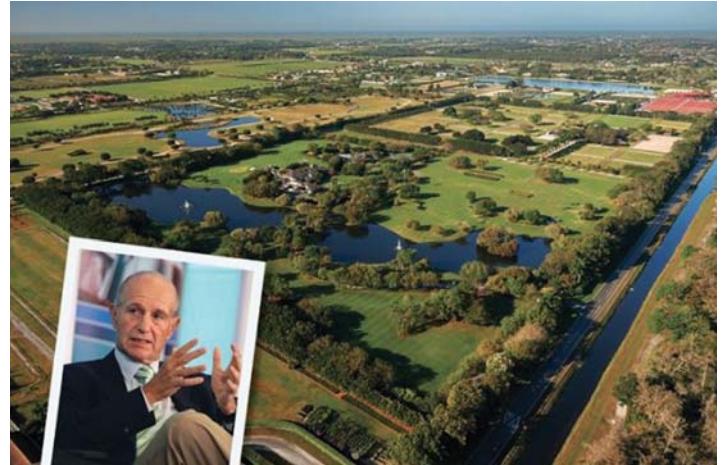
That operator is Delaware North headed up by Gov. Cuomo's magnificent campaign donor, Jeremy Jacobs.

It may be coincidence but Gov. Cuomo's Lt. Gov. is Kathy Hochul and Jacobs' General

Counsel is William Hochul. They are husband and wife.

Shortly after Mr. Hochul was hired, a lodge on Goat Island became the front burner issue for Cuomo's plans for the Niagara Falls State Park.

It may also be coincidence that Delaware North lost its concessions contract at Yosemite National Park – which consisted of



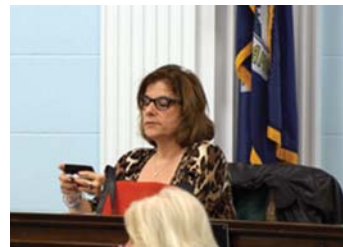
a number of lodges – a big financial loss for the company.

It may also be a coincidence that Jacobs is one of Gov. Cuomo's largest donors.

Still, if anybody would care to make a wager that Gov. Cuomo has not selected Delaware North for the lodge and that it will be on Goat Island, we suspect certain Las Vegas oddsmakers will be glad to take all comers.



The latest odds are (7-1) Delaware North will 'win' the RFP for the lodge. (4-1) Goat Island will be the site selected for the lodge. (6-1) Taxpayers will pay for a lodge on Goat Island which Delaware North will operate tax free. (8-1) Delaware North will be one of the largest donors to Cuomo's reelection campaign.



Niagara Falls Councilwoman Kristen Grandinetti got a text from the governor's assistant that they might consider other sites. Don't count on it.

No matter what you hear about other sites under consideration, unless the public stays vigilant, the lodge will be built on Goat Island. The Reporter suspects the idea behind saying there are other possible locations for the lodge is to make the public think there is no definite plan to put the lodge on Goat Island so, "why holler before you're hurt?"

Six months from now, after poorly ad-

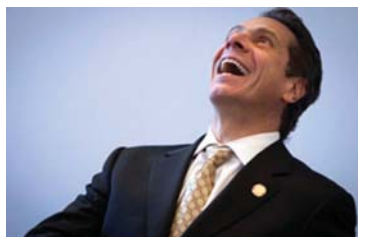


Put your money on Goat Island and Delaware North, says Fat Tony.

vertised public hearings, an expensive taxpayer funded study which will conclude that the only place a lodge should be built is Goat Island and an RFP where all developers with a proposal will be welcome to submit, but Delaware North will be selected and announced in the media to great fanfare and colorful renderings, the momentum will be pretty hard to stop. After all that time and money has been invested – the voice of the public will be too little, too late.



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## Grandinetti Slightly Wrong; Goat Island Lodge Still in Play



Councilmember Kristen Grandinetti got a text from the governor's assistant saying other sites are under consideration for Cuomo's Lodge. Grandinetti said the text showed the Gov. was listening to her.

### Tony Farina

It appears that Niagara Falls Councilmember Kristen Grandinetti may have spoken too soon at Tuesday's council meeting when she told opponents of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's plan for a "world class lodge" on Goat Island that the governor had backed off the proposal he unveiled last month at one of his State of the State speeches in Amherst.

Opponents of the Goat Island lodge plan applauded after Grandinetti said she had received a text message from a Cuomo aide that more locations and proposals will be offered, adding "this tells us they were listening to us," a reference to the strong opposition the controversial proposal had generated from residents and elected officials across the region.

But wait, it turns out the Goat Island lodge plan is not quite dead, says Councilmember Andrew Touma.

"It now appears Goat Island is not dead and remains a possibility," said Touma on Wednesday after Cuomo's economic development chief said in a statement that Goat Island is still in the picture.

"There will be an RFP (request for proposals) issued that includes multiple locations for consideration for a lodge within the four state parks in Niagara Falls, including Goat Island," said Howard Zemsky, president of Empire State Development. "There will be a robust public input period for the public to weigh in how best to proceed."

So it appears that whoever is pushing the "world class lodge" plan—probably a politically connected developer—is not backing away from putting a tax-free lodge in one of the Niagara Falls state parks, if not Goat Island because of the strong opposition.

The other parks are Whirlpool, Devil's Hole, and DeVeaux Woods.

"We had more than 20 speakers Tuesday night at the council meeting expressing their opposition to putting a lodge on Goat Island that would compete with downtown businesses," said Touma. "We unanimously passed a resolution against the plan in favor of preserving the natural state of the park and against something that would benefit the state, not the city. But despite the text that

Councilmember Grandinetti received, I guess it is still under consideration."

Grandinetti told Ch. 2 News she considers the governor's new plan to offer additional proposals a partial victory although many of the concerns expressed by citizens and elected officials alike about a Goat Island lodge may still apply to another state park, given it would be exempt from city taxes and would compete unfairly with other businesses and lure visitors away from the city.

Zemsky is clearly Cuomo's unquestioned development chief, and when he issues a statement that there will be an RFP, you can rest assured that the governor has not backed away from building a world-class lodge in one of the state parks.

All this brings to mind the state's strong-armed political efforts to win approval for a hotel project for Buffalo developer Mark Hamister on Rainbow Blvd. in Niagara Falls.

The Niagara Falls City Council back in September of 2013 finally caved in to political pressure (much of it from the governor), sold the prime downtown parcel to the politically-connected Hamister for a song, and then watched for the next four years as Hamister tried to raise the money to build the "signature" hotel that had been promised by state and city officials. It wasn't until last July when Goldman Sachs came up with \$24 million that Hamister—who got the coveted bid without any financing in place—was able to finally say we're ready to go. Ground was broken in the fall.

One is left to wonder who is behind the governor's latest plan to save Niagara Falls, this time with a lodge in one of the state parks with Goat Island possibly still the preferred site since it is still in play despite fierce local opposition.

What big player has the governor's ear on building a "world-class lodge" in a Niagara Falls State Park that will have a big advantage over businesses downtown that pay taxes? My guess is we'll know soon by who gets the bid, but remember the process that selected Hamister was conducted behind closed doors so the bid may be awarded before the public finds out.

Stay tuned!

## Restaino to Run for Town of Niagara Justice

Town of Niagara -- With longtime Town Justice John Teixeira retiring this year, Anthony L. Restaino, 32, has announced he will run for Town Justice.

He is the son of Niagara County Social Services Commissioner Anthony J. Restaino, nephew of former Niagara Falls City Judge Robert M. Restaino, who is currently Vice President of the Niagara Falls School Board, and cousin to current Niagara Falls City Court Judge Danielle Restaino.

A Democrat, Anthony L. Restaino will run in the Democratic, Republican, Independence, Conservative and Working Families primaries.

No other candidate has announced he or she will seek the office.

Although it is not a requirement to be a lawyer to be a town justice in New York, Restaino is a lawyer and maintains a private law practice in Niagara and is an Assistant Attorney for Niagara County's Child Support Enforcement Unit.

"As a longtime resident and business person in the Town of Niagara, I understand the concerns of our neighbors," Restaino said. "I believe this is a great opportunity to use my professional training to contribute to our community."

A graduate of Niagara University and the University of Buffalo School of Law, he serves as President of the Town of Niagara Business and Professional Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Board of Directors for Empower Inc., which was formerly Niagara Cerebral Palsy.

Referring in particular to his late grandfather, Antonio S. Restaino, Jr., Restaino said, "My family has always believed that it is important to give back to the community in which we live, that sentiment goes back to my grandfather Tony."



Anthony L. Restraino

Restaino also had praise for the man he hopes to replace.

"Judge Teixeira has had an incredible tenure as Town of Niagara Town Justice," Restaino said. "He has served our community with integrity and diligence."

Restaino graduated from the University at Buffalo Law School, receiving a Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, and was recipient of the Robert J. Connelly Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy.

He was admitted to the New York State Bar in February 2010 and the District of Columbia Bar in May 2011.

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# Niagara County's 'Big Al' Cutaia gets 25 to life for sex assault of child

It will be a long time, maybe never, before Alfonso 'Big Al' Cutaia rides again.

Formerly of North Tonawanda, Lockport, Pendleton, Wheatfield, Wilson, and, recently Niagara County jail, Big Al, 41, was sentenced to 25 years to life for sexually abusing a child.

There was a spate of pictures posted on Facebook now deleted- of Cutaia, in his leather vest, back patch, pins and his "Thunder" moniker patch, sometimes with children seated behind him on his bike at big bikers' events. He rode his bike as if he owned the road and it would never end.

Everyone knew Big Al.

She was seven years old and it was three years ongoing before she told her dad and he told deputies who made an arrest. Between arraignment and trial, Big Al, unable to make his \$100,000 bail, sat in jail, aloof from prisoners, avoiding guards. Nervous, trembling. Wondering if he'd ever get out.

In prison, murderers get respect but child molesters never.

After his arrest, publicity came, and a young man, 19, known well to Big Al, came forward to tell how it had happened to him when he was nine and rode with Big Al.

A year went by and the trial came. In



Big Al had a sudden change of lifestyle when he was arrested for sexually molesting a little girl.

the Niagara County courtroom of Judge Mathew Murphy, Big Al stood accused by a girl and a teen of committing acts to both, separately, repeatedly, grotesquely, for runs of three years, five years apart.

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Attorneys Robert A. Zucco and Cheryl L. Nichols prosecuted. Nichols told the jury Cutaia abused the girl in North Tonawanda and continued when he moved to Wilson.

"He made her 'pinky promise'", said

Nichols, wiggling her finger, "not to tell anyone."

Cutaia abused the young man, they said, in Lockport in 2006. Then when Big Al moved to Pendleton, he didn't stop, not until 2009, when the 12 year old told his grandmother. It stopped so what would it accomplish to tell police except the ruin of lives – the boy's too?

Assistant Public Defender Christopher A. Privateer was assigned to represent Big Al.

Of the girl, "The child was prodded to give answers," Privateer said, suggesting prosecutors tailored false words to comport with guilt of the accused man. "There have been changes in her testimony over the course of time," the lawyer said.

While, if it were true he had abused the boy and they never told on Big Al, then perhaps the little girl would not have seen the monster. But why didn't they tell? Was it all a lie?

For two-weeks, six men and six women sat on the jury and listened. After six hours of deliberations, they found Alfonso Cutaia 'not guilty' of abusing the boy – but 'guilty' of abusing the girl.

Judge Murphy sentenced him to 25 years to life.

Ahead of Big Al is a steel, razor wire, and a concrete house. He will be isolated.

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ed; no contact with the world. Locked in a cell, sniveling, craven. At the bottom of the prison barrel is the spineless sex offender. He can slither out his cell to the prison chapel and carry his Bible, but his days of pinkie promises and keeping secrets are gone. Of burglars, embezzlers, arsonists, robbers, blackmailers, extortionists, murderers, and even those who sell drugs to the young, he is the lowest scum.

The prison guards are his enemies, every prison official, all staff, an enemy. Don't make eye contact and they'll leave you alone. Tranquilizers, sex-offender treatment, confess your crime, behavior modification, prison psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors. Medication.

No more leather vest, or moniker patch, he will never see a child again or ride the road. Ahead for Big Al is an orange jump suit and a number. He will eat when he's told and sleep when he can.

On the outside, there are at least two (maybe more) who won't likely forget when they see a bike or a leather jacket and remember the promise of candy or a summer night ride with Big Al, then the hairy hands and putrid breath and the dark room, as the door closes.

Big Al saw a fork in the road and jumped the wrong way. If we see him again, decades from now, he will be pale, old, broken man.

Judge Murphy did all he could by sequestering him in a concrete house until he is bent or dead.

A murderer can be forgiven; even the heroin dealer who recklessly ruined a hundred children, made them addicts, got them addicted, destroyed their youth, can repent, and we forgive, but the molester of a child, there is something in our nature that won't let him go until he is driven to hell and exterminated from the world.

This is perhaps the only sane and rational plan. For most crimes are crimes of anger, hatred, fear, passion, or of profit, but the sex molester is seeking only pleasure when he recklessly ignores his victim, a habit so dangerous in the world that extermination is, as it must be, somehow nature's plan and must be met with the harshest measures of deterrence. Society does not want repentance; but to never forgive. That there will be no more Big Al Cutia's born in the world.



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



Big Al loved to give children rides on his bike.

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# Deconstructing the Left on Police Brutality and the 'War on Drugs'

## James Ostrowski

How did we get from Wardel Davis dying after a drug war-related altercation with the Buffalo Police to protesters shouting "black lives matter"?

No one has come forward with evidence that Mr. Davis died because the police decided to kill him because they think that black lives do not matter. Rather, the death appears to be accidental with the medical examiner awaiting results of toxicology tests.

The slogan "black lives matter" is problematic. It seeks, obliquely, to blame white racism for the actions of government employees, the police, technically bureaucrats, usually hired by Democratic municipalities, executing policies often popular with the black community such as drug prohibition.

Drug prohibition is, historically and intrinsically, a progressive program. It got its start under uber-progressive Woodrow Wilson and is founded on the progressive notion that the government, not the free market, is in charge of the safety of drugs of all kinds and can ban them outright if it so chooses.

It is no secret that blacks tend to be members of the slightly more progressive



The late Wardel Davis, a casualty of the War on Drugs.

party, the Democrats, whose platform extols government bureaucrats controlling our lives for our own good.

It is beyond dispute that Mr. Davis was stopped by the police because they were enforcing drug laws. If we want to reduce violent interactions between government bureaucrats (the police) and blacks, instead of using racially provocative slogans bordering on hate speech, we should end the progressive's war on drug users and sellers. A possible slogan in such a campaign would be "Liberty

matters for all of us."

Notice that I described the policy as a war on drug users and sellers. The term "war on drugs" is yet another Orwellian lie of the type that dominates our discourse and our thinking. You can't wage a war on chemicals! The drug war is nothing but the use of violent force against people for the imaginary crime of exercising their liberty.

The political left seems more interested in stirring up hatred, division and resentment than in actually solving the problem. Leftists need to ask themselves why they do this. Are they really concerned about their fellow citizens or are they engaging in protest as a form of self-help therapy for whatever it is that ails them?

The progressives too have been fairly useless in the debate over police misconduct. Progressives tend to seek a non-governmental scapegoat for any problem caused by failed government policies. Thus, while the leftist stirs up race hatred in the streets with divisive slogans, the progressive cheers from the sidelines as this tactic removes our focus away from failed government policies such as the drug war. So long as we can blame white racism for police misconduct, we never have to ask questions



I am reminded of Menckens's quip, "Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard."

like: in a progressive utopia like Buffalo, New York, with some of the highest taxes in the country; with free government schools, dozens of free programs to "help the poor" and sophisticated economic development programs to boost employment, why are there so many lost souls like Wardel Davis wandering the streets of the West Side, making frequent visits to drug houses and the arraignment part of Buffalo City Court?

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# Native American Ferry Proposal Advanced as New Falls Attraction

**Frank Parlato**

Last week, the idea for ferry service along the Lower Niagara was announced by Matthew Ohji'grago: Ricchiazzi, a Cornell-trained urban planner with an MBA in private equity. He leads a Buffalo-based investment group and his company is Native American owned.

The ferry, consisting of a fleet of 30-passenger boats, will transport tourists along the Lower Niagara at the bottom of the gorge where neither the Maid of the Mist nor the Whirlpool Jet Boats run. For the first time in modern history, passengers will have water access along this safe section of river, below the stratified rock gorge, from near the Niagara pool to the Whirlpool Rapids.

Ricchiazzi, citing the Treaty of Canandaigua, the Jay Treaty of 1795, the Treaty of Ghent, and case law, says, as a Native American, he does not need New York State approval for the ferry.

"The Haudenosaunne people are entitled to unobstructed navigation of our waterways irrespective of border crossings, and free of tariffs, tolls, or levies," he said. "We have every right to offer tours in the Niagara Gorge, especially at Niagara Falls – among the most sacred of all Haudenosaunne religious sites."

The timing may be right.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently announced plans for new hiking trails that traverse the now little-explored lands along the Niagara gorge.

Empire State Development President and CEO Howard Zensky explained, "Our plan was and is to connect Niagara Falls back to the waterfront."

Presently the only way to explore these trails are for hikers to climb down steep cliffs, or at Devil's Hole and Whirlpool State Parks where stone steps make the path less onerous. Hikers still have to climb back up. But Ricchiazzi's ferry will

drop people on the banks with immediate access to the trails without the need of climbing up or down the steep gorge walls.

Ricchiazzi's plan to transport people to the base of Goat Island under Terrapin Point, on rocky lands between the two Falls, may become one of the State Park's most natural and awe inspiring spaces. This 15 acre area is currently inaccessible.

For Indian and non-Indians who wish to pray upon the rocks at the base of the Falls, it will mean newfound access to mythical geography, Ricchiazzi said.



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## Senior Wishes is looking for seniors who have wishes they need to fulfill



Senior Wishes, WNY's only program dedicated to enriching the lives of deserving seniors by granting meaningful wishes, is continually on the lookout for more seniors to assist.

Senior Wishes' first wish was granted in March 2014, and since then the organization has been recognizing WNY's seniors in increasing numbers with the support of community members and corporate sponsors. The non-profit was created by the United Church Home Society with a mission to foster respect and appreciation for seniors through wish fulfillment.

According to Wendy Miller Backman, Senior Wishes Executive Director, "Senior Wishes was created to recognize that our aging seniors still have things they want to do, places they want to go, or people they want to see. We transform those dreams into a reality."

Other wishes granted have included travel to reunite family members, including a recent trip allowing a grandmother to visit her sick granddaughter; trips to sporting or cultural events; painting, photography and swim lessons; makeovers; and museum tours.

Wish recipients must meet the following requirements: Age 65+ and a resident of WNY; U.S. Citizen; annual income \$38,000 or less for a household of one or \$44,000 or less for a household of two or a permanent resident of a care facility; cognitively, emotionally and physically capable of communicating and experiencing the wish; and unable to fulfill the wish on their own.

Senior Wishes has granted 82 wishes, and strives to grant more wishes to deserving seniors in 2017. To learn how to apply for a wish, visit [www.seniorwishes.org](http://www.seniorwishes.org) or call 716-508-2121.

## Niagara Falls Jokes

Mayor Dyster was hosting a diversity training session when he heard one of the Hispanic attendees use the word "manana". Dyster asked him to explain what "manana" meant.

He was told that the term means "Maybe the job will be done tomorrow, maybe the next day, maybe the day after that. Perhaps next week, next month, next year. Who cares?"

Somebody then asked the Mayor if he knew if there was an English equivalent word for "manana", to which he replied, "No, I don't think so. In Niagara Falls we don't have a word to describe that degree of urgency."

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One Sunday morning, the Catholic priest at St. Mary of the Cataract noticed a new parishioner standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The parishioner had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up and said quietly, "Good morning."

"Good morning Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque, "Pastor, what is this?" The pastor said, "Well, it's a memorial to all the men and women who died in the service."

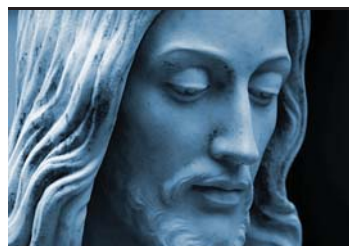
Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, the new parishioner, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 7:15 or the 9 am?"

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The Family Court judge told a Niagara Falls man, "I have decided to give your wife \$400 a month for support."

"That's great, judge!" said the man, "And once in a while I'll try to chip in a few bucks myself."



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

St Francis of Assisi

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The Niagara Falls student came home one day and told his father, "Dad, I have the biggest feet in the third grade! Is that because I grew fast?"

"No," said his dad, "It's because you're NINETEEN."

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A new sandwich machine was installed at Niagara County Social Services on 10th Street, and a Niagara Falls benefits applicant thought he would give it a try.

He put his money in the slot, and out came a sandwich!

He was so excited, he put more of his money into the machine and received another sandwich. Finally he had a huge pile of sandwiches.

One of the social workers was wondering what the guy was doing, walked up to him, and asked, "Don't you think you should stop now?"

"What the hell are you babbling about?!" he shouted, "I'm just starting to win big!"



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

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

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

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## Niagara Parks Commission Seeks Bands for Coca-Cola Summer Concert Series



The Niagara Parks Commission is looking for local bands to perform in their Coca-Cola Concert Series 2017 as part of this summer's Canada and Ontario 150 celebrations.

The concerts will begin on the July 1 holiday, then run Monday through Friday until August 31.

Bonus concerts will be held from September 1 through to September 10, to coincide with Niagara Parks' Sound and Light show. The NPC Coca-Cola Concert series takes place annually on Queen Victoria Park Stage. This free concert allows both visitors and residents to enjoy live entertainment by the Falls, followed by a fireworks display at 10 p.m.

Submissions should reflect the cultural and artistic landscape of Ontario.

Interested bands can apply online through the Niagara Parks website via the Events tab linking to the Coca-Cola Concert Series page. The link provided will also direct those interested to the application form at: [www.niagaraparks.com/concerts](http://www.niagaraparks.com/concerts).

Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, February 28.

Founded in 1885, The Niagara Parks Commission is an Operational Enterprise Agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Its mission is to protect the natural and cultural heritage along the Niagara River for the enjoyment of visitors while maintaining financial self-sufficiency and not burdening the taxpayers to operate their parks.

For more information, please visit [www.niagaraparks.com/concerts](http://www.niagaraparks.com/concerts) or contact: Tony Baldinelli, Senior Manager, Communications and Stakeholder Relations [tbaldinelli@niagaraparks.com](mailto:tbaldinelli@niagaraparks.com) (905) 356-2241 ext. 2206

## Planets identified around dwarf star, 40 light years away, might support life

Seven planets have been discovered orbiting a 'dwarf' star named 'Trappist-1' which is about 40 light years [235 trillion miles] from Earth.

The findings appeared this week in the journal *Nature*.

Telescopes on the ground, in space, and scheduled to launch next year, should be able to study the atmosphere and determine if any planet can support life.

Trappist-1 is eight percent of the size of our sun and, at a temperature of 4,150 degrees Fahrenheit, 10,000 degrees cooler.

All seven planets are close to the star, which means they orbit quickly – between 1.5 days to 12.35 days. Scientists think the surfaces of the fourth, fifth and six planets might be at the right temperature to have water, one of the essential conditions for life.

So far, scientists have determined that the two closest planets are rocky [terrestrial] like Earth, and, like our moon, one side of the planet likely most always faces their sun. Scientists speculate this side would be warmer, but the dark side could support life too because the atmosphere could retain heat.

Because of the cool, less radiant sun, the side of the planet facing it would be much dimmer than earth. From the middle planet, the sun would seem three times larger than ours, like a dim, large, red sun toward the end of twilight.

If observations reveal oxygen, with methane, ozone and carbon dioxide in certain proportions, life is almost certain to exist, scientists think.



This artist's impression shows an imagined view from the surface one of the three planets orbiting an ultracool dwarf star just 40 light-years from Earth that were discovered using the TRAPPIST telescope at ESO's La Silla Observatory. These worlds have sizes and temperatures similar to those of Venus and Earth and are the best targets found so far for the search for life outside the Solar System. They are the first planets ever discovered around such a tiny and dim star. In this view one of the inner planets is seen in transit across the disc of its tiny and dim parent star.

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## The Right Side

I believe that the President is rushing to prove to us that he is a man of his word by being true to his campaign promises and honoring all of them! President Trump has nothing to prove...we know he will do everything he can to honor the promises! As far as the rest are concerned...you can lead a "donkey" to water but you can't make him drink!

Of greater importance right now is the task of "getting his house" in order. He absolutely MUST rid his "House" of EVERY SINGLE Obama Presidential appointment, before he does anything else! Every single one is a "submarine" and will undermine and torpedo his administration for 8 years if he doesn't clean house now!

WHAT THE NEWS MEDIAS DIDN'T REPORT;

What happened with Obama's NSA on the General Flynn Matter? Obama's NSA monitored a phone call between Flynn and a Russian official (perfectly legal conversa-

tion) and then someone in the Obama's NSA, leaked it! Have you heard from the "press" it was Obama's Administration that committed the crime? Understand, Flynn knew his conversations were recorded and he did nothing illegal. By law, his name had to be blocked. Someone from Obama's NSA HAD to have either leaked the conversation to the press or given it to someone who gave it to the press because it is the NSA who monitored the call! That call was classified and will be tracked, people will be polygraphed and the truth will come out!

The 10 day DAG, Sally Yates, refused to enforce the law because SHE didn't like it! On 1-10-17, Federal Judge Andrew Hanen who previously cited SEVERAL Deputy AG Attorneys for lying (perjury) to the Court, barred those attorneys from appearing before 26 Federal Courts in the US! That's unheard of !!! What bothered Judge Hanen the most was that the "Justice Department lawyers (under AG Lynch) knew the true facts and misrepresented those facts to the ... 26 Plaintiff States, their lawyers and this Court on multiple occasions." Some of those "misleadings" are indictable offenses and the new AG Sessions should proceed to prosecute. The STATE DEPT, DOJ, EPA, IRS, under Obama were out of control and in the Fast and Furious case, got away with accessory to murder of a Border Patrol Agent! Sessions MUST prosecute those involved, starting with Holder!

The President should bring in former employees, like former Deputy AG J. Chris-

tian Adams and ask them to help identify those who must go and get rid of most of the Holder, Civil Rights ADAs. Many have been charged with perjury and contempt of court, trying to put lawmen in jail!

Needless to say, bring back all the Generals and Admirals and other military leaders Obama fired. Seek their help to drain the swamp! Hire them or seek their help! Obama salted "the entire Country with activists loyal to his cause, not the Constitution!"

Obama was and IS on a mission to CHANGE America to an Islamic Nation. His money backers like Soros, Saudi Arabia, and MANY others are still behind him! Every single Obama appointee was appointed by Obama, vetted by Valerie Jarrett, NOT to protect this country, but rather, to CHANGE it! That "change" is much clearer to the American people now! People are realizing that Obama's ONLY loyalty is to Allah!

For those who still don't believe the hard facts, here's a new one, led by a question; when in modern day US history has a former president ever set out to destroy, sabotage, and undermine the office of the Presidency of the United States? When and who?

The answer is... "right now and former President Barack Obama"!

Barack Obama started his own movement called Organizing for America (OFA) as a community organizing project (the only thing he knew)! The project was to support the DNC. According to wikipedia, "The group sought to mobilize supporters in favor of Obama's legislative priorities, particularly health care reform. After Obama's second inauguration, it was reorganized... and returned to its previous mission of organizing around the President's agenda". What's his agenda, now? He's no longer President, has no Presidential Agenda, his legacy "Obama care" is in the crapper and his OFA should lose it's IRS 501(c)4! It's a private corporation, raising money, tax free, to overthrow America and the Constitution!

Why in the world would a former President, set up 250 offices across the country, recruit 30,000 "members", collect millions of dollars and set up a headquarters a mile from the White House, to help the new President? That's Barack Obama folks and his OFA! He can't run for President again but he thinks he can still become the Ayatollah, Ruler for life! Look at the NFR, 1-6-17 "Obama; Despicable Me".

I believe Obama is intent on destroy-

ing President Trump's administration! Why else would he do what he IS doing?! FBI, TRACK THE MONEY!

Title 18 Sec2101,2102 USC!

Local law enforcement must take an active role in "Following the Money", at these demonstrations turned into Riots! Firebombs and broken windows are NOT a demonstration, they are riots! These riots are well organized and financed...but by whom? Not hard to solve! Ask the rioters, politely, who told them to come, gave them a ride, paid them, urged them to cause trouble, in short ...read them The Riot Act! Just in case you don't know how simple it is, here's the law...T 18 Sec 2101 USC, states (a) Whoever travels in interstate...commerce or uses any facility of interstate...commerce, including, but not limited to, the mail, telegraph, telephone, radio, or television, with intent

- (1) to incite a riot; or
- (2) to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot; or
- (3) to commit any act of violence in furtherance of a riot; or
- (4) to aid or abet any person in inciting or participating in or carrying on a riot or committing any act of violence in furtherance of a riot;

and who either during the course of any such travel or use or thereafter performs or attempts to perform any other overt act for any purpose specified in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) of this paragraph— [1]

Shall be fined under this title, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

WE NOW HAVE A REAL DEPT OF JUSTICE AND A REAL AG AGAIN!!!

I hope AG Sessions WILL prosecute people who incite to riot UNLIKE Eric Holder who would prefer to file a Civil Rights violation against a Police Officer or Border Patrol Agent than a Rioter, Black Panther, or Illegal Immigrant, and that's a FACT!

AG Sessions MUST go after Obama! Obama and his band of thieves did more to damage our country than all his predecessors combined!!

We MUST pursue the Hillary Clinton, Hobbs Act, Treason, investigation AND direct the FBI to aggressively investigate those HIGHLY suspect, Treasonous acts Obama committed as President!

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## What's Next for Construction Safety and Health?

Construction safety and health have come a long way in the past 40 years. Over the past dozen years, fatality rates have fallen for construction laborers in both general industry and construction, even as the overall number of workplace fatalities has increased. Injury rates in construction are now similar to those in retail work – an achievement that seemed out of reach 15 years ago. Despite this progress, more than 930 construction workers were killed on the job in 2015 and almost 80,000 suffered serious injuries. In the past, tying worker safety to public health concerns has been a successful strategy to improve conditions for workers. Asbestos didn't become a national issue until it was seen as a threat to children in schools. Community demands for information about what chemicals were being used at nearby plants resulted in the passage of state Right-to-Know laws, which eventually led to OSHA's Hazard Communication standard. In light of this, how can we move forward and keep making improvements? Here's a look at what has worked and what could be done better.

### New Strategies at OSHA

The slow pace of OSHA's standards setting is no secret and there are too few OSHA inspectors for all the workplaces where they are needed. Aware of these shortcomings, OSHA has tried several innovative strategies in the past few years.

- Creating a "severe violators" program to go after employers who violate the law with impunity and issuing press releases to increase public awareness about companies that jeopardize worker safety
- Requiring electronic reporting (starting in 2017) and injury logs be posted online to create an incentive for employers to improve safety
- Using smartphone apps on heat stress, ladder safety and noise to increase outreach to workers

All of these initiatives take advantage of the power of technology to involve more than just OSHA and the employer on worker safety issues. OSHA could take this further by creating an app or online tool for workers to report unsafe conditions. Technology continues to change rapidly and sharing this or other information in real time could further improve worker safety.

The regulatory approach to improving worker safety and health is still an important one. But for OSHA to continue having the greatest positive impact, it must find more ways to go beyond the normal legislative model.

## Obituaries & In Memoriams

### DOLORES J. (JASZCZ) GUTOWSKI

*Entered into rest February 16, 2017*



GUTOWSKI - Dolores J. (nee Jaszczyk) Of Tonawanda, entered into rest February 16, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Anthony F. Gutowski; devoted mother of

James (Sandra) Gutowski and Sharon Gutowski; cherished grandmother of Megan Gutowski (Keith Kavalir) and Katherine (Stephen) Schoppe; adored great-grandmother of Bryson, Madeline, Maxwell, Waylon and Cora; loving daughter of the late Louis and Stella Jaszczyk; dear sister of the late Florence (late Richard) Stahl and

Stanley (late Mary Lou) Jaszczyk; also survived by relatives and friends. Relatives and friends may visit the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME, (Northtowns Chapel) 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr. on Sunday from 3-7 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Amelia's Church, 2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. (Please assemble at church). Entombment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Mrs. Gutowski was a member of St. Amelia's Golden Nuggets and the Kupples Klub at Tonawanda Senior Center. Online condolences made at [www.lombardofuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardofuneralhome.com)

### ANGELA P. (BIONDO) CONTI

*Entered into rest February 14, 2017*



CONTI - Angela P. (nee Biondo) Of Amherst, entered into rest February 14, 2017, beloved wife of the late Carmelo Conti; devoted mother of

Joseph Conti, Margaret (Barry) Beebe and Grace Marie (Brian) Zilsberger; cherished nani of Ashley, Abigail, Emma and Elena; loving daughter of the late Joseph and Grace Biondo; dear sister of John (Joanne) Biondo, Anthony (late Antoinette) Biondo, Joseph (Janice) Biondo and the

late Frank (late Angela) Biondo; also survived by relatives and friends. Relatives and friends may visit the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr., on Thursday from 3-7 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Leo the Great Church, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst, on Friday morning at 9:15 o'clock (please assemble at church). Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Please share online condolences at [www.lombardofuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardofuneralhome.com)

### JOHN D. CALABRO

*Entered into rest February 7, 2017*

CALABRO - John D. Of Amherst, entered into rest February 7, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (nee Boris) Calabro; devoted father of John (Mary) Calabro, Mari Jayne (Bill) Warmus, Paul (Joanne) Calabro and Dave (Yvonne) Calabro; cherished grandfather of Kathleen, Matthew, Lindsay, Nicholas, Paul Jr., Michael, Cole, Tyler and Addi-

son; loving son of the late Carmelo and Maria Calabro; dear brother of the late Vincent (late Santina) Calabro; also survived by relatives and friends. No prior visitation. Private services. Arrangements by LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME, (Northtowns Chapel). Online condolences at [www.lombardofuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardofuneralhome.com)

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