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WROTB Expected to Deliver 'Windfall' to Niagara County

By: Tony Farina

Niagara County officials are expecting another major infusion of dollars from Batavia Downs Gaming/Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation (WROTB) before the end of the year as a result of the record profits being generated by the agency, money that will be used to reduce the tax levy.

Just last week, Batavia Downs Gam-

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Obama, Trump and the Nature of Political Balance

By: Ken Hamilton

Nature, and even political nature, demands a balance; and it will create one, no matter how long it takes.

The densely-threaded sheets on the newly-inaugurated president and co-president's White House beds had likely been changed but a few times before William Jefferson Clinton found himself beaming in a downstairs press conference about how quickly the economy had improved after his election. The reports were actually the last one of

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Weed Whacking Mob Cont from Cover

By: **Kenny Tompkins**
NF City Councilman

Analysis

The power of social media is fierce, especially when it comes to pointing out sore spots in our city. This summer, thanks to a lot of spring rain; we had an abundance of properties, some city-owned and others abandoned lots, that had grass and weeds taller than me. No one likes living next to a jungle.

After reading through complaints, I reached out to Terri Lasher Kline, a community activist who is always ready to roll up her sleeves and dig in. Literally, that's what we do. With Terri's help, we pulled together a team of people who aren't afraid of getting a little dirty (or a lot dirty) and started to chop away at the worst of the worst properties when it came to nature taking over.

Team Tompkins first hit the fields of Niagara Falls on June 15 with about 10 volunteers, ranging in age from teens to 70s. It was a hot and muggy day, but we tackled eight lots around the city. Our efforts weren't without some mechanical carnage. We went

through four old weed whackers and a couple of old lawn mowers. A commercial machine I rented succumbed to an early death. By the end of the day, two weed whackers and one lawn mower survived our plight. We left a lot of brush by the side of the streets for DPW to pick up the following Monday. More importantly, everyone who helped left feeling like they accomplished something for the neighborhoods we visited.

The neighbors themselves were appreciative. Many came out and brought us water, offered us use of tools, and even jumped in to work alongside us. Now that we've cut down the overgrowth, a few have even said they plan to maintain these properties going forward.

As word got out about the Weed Whacking Mob, we've had more people step to be part of our intrepid crew. Rob Bennett, who many of you know as RobShots, a local news photographer, came by to take pictures on the first day and is now one of our regulars. We've had other people join in on different dates, including Charles Harris. He is the founder of Project Greenspace, a group of young people who have turned some of our local va-



cant lots into vegetable gardens. Shawn Levick, Kelly and Gianna Baratta, and others have helped out at each clean up. Donta' Myles, who is also running for city council, has joined us as well – proof that political opponents can put aside campaigns when it comes to the good of the city. There are many more who have pitched in on different occasions, too.

Some companies and organizations have also generously donated to our cause. Security Solutions supplied us with a weed whacker and a full gas can. Home Depot gave us a big spool of string and gloves. The Niagara Falls Housing Authority provided rakes, garbage bags, and gloves.

Since we started, the Weed Whacking Mob has become a thing. I've gathered tools and equipment, along with a trailer ready to go. We've chopped grass that's over eight feet high, one time even discovering a garage that was hidden by it. Another time, a neighbor saw we were struggling and came by with his commercial zero

turn lawnmower. He turned what we chopped down into mulch, while also leveling the grass. What a true blessing it was to have him there.

We've tackled not only empty lots and abandoned properties, but also helped out some homeowners who are elderly and disabled and have no one to give them a hand with yard work.

On one outing, we saw members of the city's Zoom team out as well, doing work and writing up citations for properties. It's a lot of ground for them to manage as well, especially when resources are tight with our city's fiscal condition.

While we're happy to help, we've encountered some less than pleasant parts of nature on our missions, too. Poison ivy isn't exactly fun, and neither are bee stings, both of which I've experienced as we've hacked away. But it hasn't stopped me, or anyone who has joined our group. We keep going because it's our community, and we are community driven, community proud.



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Western Regional OTB Cont. from Cover



Former State Senator George Maziarz.

ing/WROTB delivered a contribution of \$178,818 to the county as part of the year-to-date distribution to the 15 counties and three cities that make up the public benefit corporation headquartered in Batavia. It represents the most given to Niagara County for the period in 20 years.

"We expect the total for the year will be north of \$300,000," said Legislator Rich Andres (R.-North Tonawanda), "and that would represent a significant windfall over the \$200,000 we had budgeted from WROTB. We wish them continued success."

In a statement, Batavia Downs Gaming/WROTB said, in part, the money "provides critical funding for community development and helps create jobs, keeps Niagara County families safe and helps to offset tax increases for residents." Since its inception, the municipally-owned and operated gaming facility has delivered more than \$20 million to Niagara County.

The highest-ever year-to-date contribution to Niagara County was the result of Batavia Downs Gaming/WROTB's record quarterly earnings of \$1.7 million.

Commenting on the Niagara County distribution specifically, Henry Wojtaszek, president and CEO of Batavia Downs Gaming/

WROTB, said "thanks to our success, we are able to reduce the tax burden, help fund our local schools and ensure our law enforcement officials have the tools they need to keep us safe."

Batavia Downs Gaming/WROTB is putting up record numbers despite a series of charges leveled against the agency by former Republican State Sen. George Maziarz who once worked closely with Wojtaszek, the former GOP chairman of the county.

Maziarz, a longtime political kingpin and power broker in Niagara County, pleaded guilty in March of 2018 to filing a false instrument in order to allow him to secretly pay a former staffer, a misdemeanor, and left office under a cloud when he announced in July of 2014 that he wouldn't seek re-election as federal investigators were in the midst of probing his campaign spending.

Among the charges leveled by Maziarz were irregularities in promotional activities at Batavia Downs Gaming/WROTB under Wojtaszek, but as we reported in June, state gaming inspectors found no problems and in fact approved the ticket giveaway programs, known as "Suitstakes," for the 2019 year.

Also, in May, the WROTB approved a resolution inviting a state audit of their books, and in fact state auditors have begun work on that review of the financial operations of the agency.

In that resolution, the audit request was intended as a reaffirmation of the board's commitment to transparency, noting that since its inception, OTB generated over \$231 million in operating and surcharge revenues to taxpayers of participating municipalities and helped create hundreds of jobs.

To date, none have Maziarz's charges have stuck, including allegations of bid-rigging in a Niagara County contract that is now under review by a special prosecutor.

Despite the negative press driven by the Maziarz attacks, WROTB



Henry Wojtaszek, president and CEO of Batavia Downs Gaming/WROTB

is having a banner earnings year, including record wagering on Kentucky Derby day of \$2,039,088.

"We are grateful to have such wonderful partners in the Niagara County Legislature," said Ryan Hasenauer, director of marketing

for WROTB. "Our success is truly a team effort and we are proud to work for an organization whose contributions can be seen and felt across Niagara County and all of Western New York."

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-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 1500 block of LaSalle Avenue in the early morning hours of Monday, August 5th, 2019, after reports of criminal mischief. According to police, the victim's car had damage to its windshield, front/driver and passenger side window, rear driver/passenger side windows, and three flat tires. The victim was awoken by the noise and thought they were gunfire, but fell back asleep prior to a neighbor calling her and saying she believed someone was on her property. It was at that time she called the police. Law enforcement is continuing to investigate the incident.

-Niagara Falls Police were dispatched to the Family Dollar in Downtown Niagara Falls in the afternoon hours of Monday, August 5th, 2019, after receiving an individual called who had received counterfeit money. According to the victim, she was approached by another person the day prior and asked if she had change for a \$100 bill. She did, and upon using the \$100 bill the following day learned it was fake.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital parking ramp in the afternoon hours of Monday, August 5th, 2019, after receiving reports of a theft from a vehicle. According to reports, a car was broken into and items such as a laptop were stolen. The victim stated the laptop would be easily identifiable given the Ghostbusters and kitten stickers on it. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to Frankie's Donuts in the late afternoon hours of Monday, August 5th, 2019, after receiving reports of a stolen bicycle. The bicycle has not been found and



the victim valued it at \$25.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to Niagara Falls High School in the evening hours of Monday, August 5th, 2019, after receiving a report that another bicycle had been stolen. According to the victim, she was running on the track and from a distance saw a black man walk up to the bike, get on it, and ride away. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 3300 block of 9th Street in the late hours of Monday, August 5th, 2019, after reports of shots fired. According to reports, one victim walked from 9th Street to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center after sustaining a gunshot wound.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 3000 block of Falls Street in the morning hours of Wednesday, August 7th, 2019, after receiving a call of a car break in. According to the victim, she woke to her car having the window smashed out and items taken valued around \$600. Included in the items stolen was a laptop. The victim stated that she did not leave her car with the window broken the night before.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 1900 block of Mackena Avenue in the late morning hours of Wednesday, August 7th, 2019, after receiving reports of an attempted car break in. Upon arriving at the scene, police discovered that the victim's car had a window broken. Nothing was missing according to the victim, but he did estimate the broken window to cost around \$200.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the Tops on Portage Road in the early afternoon hours of Wednesday, August 7th, after receiving reports of a larceny. According to the victim's statement, they had cashed a check worth \$305 and then discovered in the bathroom that they only had \$205 dollars. After speaking with customer service, the victim believes that the woman behind her took the \$100 off of the counter where it was left and walked away. Police are aware of the name and address of the individual believed to have taken the \$100 off of the counter that was not hers and are continuing to investigate.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 5800 block of Buffalo Avenue in the mid-afternoon hours of Wednesday, August 7th, 2019, after a report of illegal dumping. According to reports, the complainant stated that two rolling armchairs were deposited onto her property overnight in the alley. The homeowner stated that this is the second time such dumping has occurred on her property.

-Niagara Falls Police initiated a traffic stop in the late hours of Sunday, August 11th, 2019, on Niagara Street. According to reports, the officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana from the car and performed a search of the vehicle at which time white residue, believed to be cocaine, was found. The individual was taken into custody without incident and charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, among other things.

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Political Balance Cont. from Cover

the 48 quarters of the terms of the Ronald Reagan/George H.W. Bush administrations. But you could neither blame Bill for accepting the credit for the economy of which his predecessors had only not just delivered to him, nor should we really forget how he also had just campaigned and won by criticizing his predecessors' methods by which they created it. For you see, most politicians are like the "rain dancers" that climb the mountains outside of the village, observe the motion of the dark clouds, and then run back to the teepees of their political silos, grunt out a song while patting their mouths and dancing around in circles and announce that they will soon bring the much needed moisture for the crops to grow. Too many of our so-called leaders are exactly the same way. Don't blame them – we could have gone to the top of the mountains ourselves and saw the same things, but we don't even look to the hills until someone comes down from them that either looks or thinks as we do.

But this too shall pass. I have long said that based upon what each preceding administration has done, not done, or a combination of both is the elector of the following administration. As Clinton took credit for the work of Reagan and Bush the First, of course President Donald Trump will take credit for anything good that comes from President Barack Obama's administration. And regardless of who's the next mayor of our city, a large part of his labor will be in hoeing and weeding what grew from the seeds of his predecessor.

And yet we voters still get so caught up in the echoes of political partisanship, not having read any of the various parties' platforms before saying what they, and we, actually believe nor knowing what we actually are, nor do most of us understanding government enough to know if what the candidates say that they are going to do or undo is actually possible.

Our partisan arguments are fruitless for most of us. It all is similar to what former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said about her non-response to the pleas for help from the embassy personnel at Benghazi, Libya, "What difference does it make?" I know this, for one, because just the other day I asked a middle-aged, working-class, African-American male if he was better off or not after 8-years of the Obama Administration. He shook his head and said no, and then stating that political parties make no difference to him either. He went on to state his reasoning by saying that, "I am too poor to be a Republican and get tax breaks, and too rich to be a Democrat and get benefits. Neither [party] makes a difference to me." Well said.

Most of our lives are balanced upon the fulcrum of the combination of politically-connected rich one on end and politically connected poor on the other. Barack Obama's pandering and non-production to America's black population is what opened the door for what Pulitzer Prize winner and the recently-deceased Toni Morrison called in her New Yorker Magazine, post-Trump election win essay titled Mourning for Whiteness that, "So scary are the consequences of a collapse of white privilege that many Americans have flocked to a political platform that supports and translates violence against the defenseless as strength."

While I absolutely loved and respected Morrison, a balancing statement of her criticism of those who voted for Trump that could have been written by a Eurocentric essayist as reflective of Morrison's opinion would have been, "So scary are the opportunities of an increase of superior black privilege that many black Americans have flocked to what they thought to be Obama's political platform as one that supports and translates indifference against white Americans as strength."

Evidence of the disenchantment that blacks had with Obama, and not just the one that was previously expressed by the middle-aged "not rich enough/not poor enough" black man, is that as political satisfaction waned not just for Obama, but also for the Democratic Party. Trump is destined to be a two-term president in the absence of black exuberance for the Democrats, even if either black Senators Cory Booker or Kamala Harris are the party's standard bearers; hence why the party needs the invasion at our southern borders as either a last gasp to win or as a poison pill for Trump's next term. Nature, and even political nature, demands a balance; and it will create one, no matter how long it takes.

But too often, it's not what any one says that produces a change in the lives of others around them, or even themselves; it is what they say and do that make the differences -- and so much of that is incredibly bipartisan. It all gives me pause to think about the impact that individuals can have upon people whom they will neither ever meet nor will the other person ever know. In my case it is with the Toni Morrison whom I met at the University of Buffalo back in the late 1990s.

Briefly, it was after she had given a wonderful reading of her newest works in the auditorium and then retired to a wine and cheese reception in the adjoining hall. Morrison, a rather large woman, has stood for more than an hour beneath a single spotlight in the warm and humid room as she read, and was afterwards so much so exhausted that during her reception she sat perspiring in a chair as people thanked her, shook her hand, but had their eyes on the mounds of delicacies that awaited them on the not faraway table. But I paused and looked into a moist and glowing face that seemed back-lighted by the internal brightness of brilliant mind. She looked back up at me as I held her hand and said, "You know something, Ms. Morrison?" She smiled and asked "What".

"You don't write ...," I said, and then gave a long pause as she began to exude contempt for me. But I continued before she could fully sum up her negative thoughts and say something, me saying, "You paint beautiful pictures in people's minds by using soft, pastel, colored words." Her contempt faded, a smile flashed upon her golden face that was more brilliant than the spotlight under which she had just beautifully read her calming works, and she then called me darling and thanked me for what I had said to her.

It was but a year or two thereafter that I was watching the Book Channel on C-SPAN when host Brian Lamb had attempted to interview a rather uninteresting author who answered Lamb's long questions with but a few words. Just before I began to change the channel, Lamb said to the man that he had read that he had taken a writing course from Toni Morrison. The author perked up and exuberantly said yes. Lamb asked him what he had learned from Morrison, and the author said that Morrison taught the class not to worry so much about the mechanics of writing, but instead to focus on, get this, "... painting beautiful pictures in people's minds by using soft, pastel, colored words."

I can be quite harsh in some of the things that I write in my attempts to help others excel; I know this, but I often wonder about the faceless students that Morrison had taught after our brief encounter and about the pastel bouquet of the words that they write in them encouraging others to strive for their full potential and how I vicariously taught them as well. I think that it's that way because nature, and even political nature, demands a balance; and it will create one, no matter how long it takes.

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Dropped objects like hand tools, small materials like bolts, structural components and other items all contribute to why struck-by-object incidents – responsible for 80 construction worker deaths and more than 52,000 injuries every year – are the second leading cause of death in the construction industry. When dropped from above, these items can strike with great force that intensifies the farther they fall. For example, an eight-pound wrench dropped 200 feet strikes with a force of 2,833 pounds per square inch. That's the equivalent of a Ford Focus or other compact car dropping on a worker's head.

Construction contractors can reduce the likelihood of incidents like the one that happened in Jersey City by following recommendations and best practices to tether and contain hand tools and other objects. Contractors can find this information in the recently published ANSI standard, ANSI/ISEA 121-2018: American National Standard for Dropped Object Prevention Solutions. This standard is the first of its kind to focus on the types of equipment used to attach, tether or contain hand tools, nails, screws and other components that can be deadly when dropped from heights. The standard sets minimum design, performance, testing and labeling guidelines for anchor attachments, tool attachments, tool tethers and containers. Like all ANSI standards, compliance is voluntary, but following these best practices can help contractors meet or exceed OSHA standards. In this instance, those are the regulations set forth in OSHA's Fall Protection standard.

Employers should also incorporate the following best practices at construction sites:

- Expanding fall protection programs to include tools and equipment
- Educating workers on how to identify drop hazards and encouraging them to report these situations
- Using tethered hand tools that either have built-in connection points or that can be retrofitted with connection points
- Training employees on how to use tethers and other dropped object prevention methods
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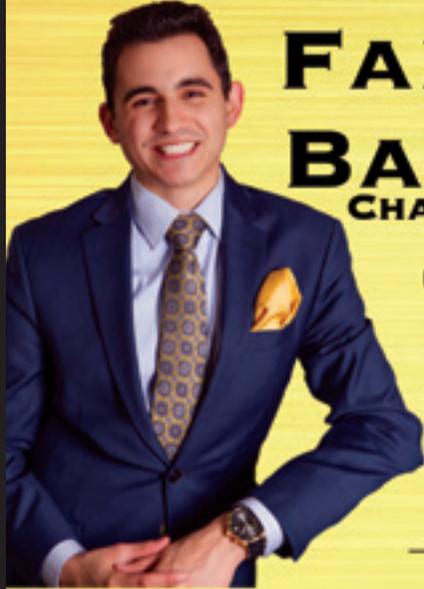
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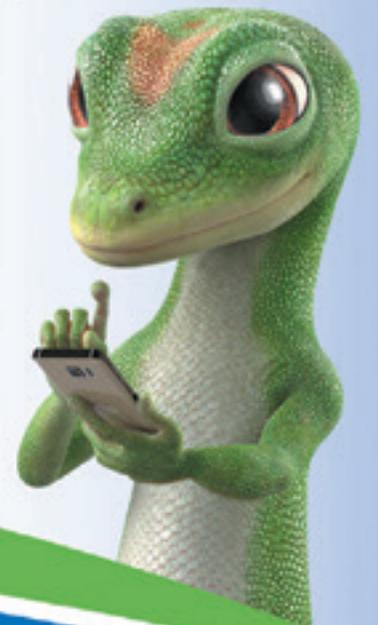
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