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EDITORIAL

Holiday Market misleads public in claiming \$31,000 loss

The Niagara Holiday Market ran last year from November 26 to December 31 and every dime of public money - \$225,000 from the city and \$251,000 from the state, through USA Niagara, is gone.

After the final bills are paid, less than \$1,000 will remain in the account.

The Market's chief promoters, Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster, USA Niagara President Chris Schoepflin and the developer of the market, Mark Rivers, from Boise, Idaho, have said the market was a good first try, a nice effort – and that it only lost \$31,000.

The facts is the Market lost all \$476,000 of the public's money, plus all the money various sponsors contributed, plus all the money it took in revenue, plus \$31,000.

By true accounting standards, the Market lost \$676,322.

So how come its promoters claim it only lost \$32,000?

Because they are counting public money not as a capital contribution or investment (that was lost) but oddly as income to the Market.

That's right, the expense of the public's money is counted as their income.

It doesn't work that way in the real world.

Using the same rough numbers as the Holiday Market, as an example, if

you started a business and invested \$476,000 of your own money and got investors to put in another \$257,000 in cash or donations of their time or services (called in-kind services) and all you made from your business was \$90,000 from actual income, and you spent every dime of the money invested by you and others to operate your business, you would show a loss of \$675,000. Not \$31,000.

The money that the public spent on the Holiday Market should not be reported to the public as income. But it has been reported that way.

To hear them tell it, the public hardly lost a thing – a mere \$31,000.

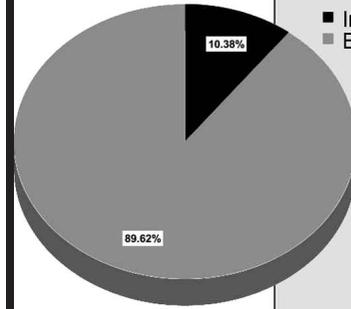
But keep in mind your tax dollars are gone: \$477,000 of it. To report it that way, to spin it to the media, only attempts to disguise the fact that the Holiday Market lost every dime the public invested and all the public has left to show for it is 30 wooden sheds.

The promoters had no metric measurements in place to measure attendance, sales tax, jobs created. Everything they offer about the public benefits are purely anecdotal. In the real world of business, where people spend their own money, and it should be the same when public dollars are spent or squandered, the Market would be classified as one truly spectacular failure.

Holiday Market losses revealed

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Income		Expense	
Account	\$ Amount	Account	\$ Amount
Vendor Rental	17238.50	Ice Rink	145106.00
Food Show Rental	11350.00	Concerts	113220.00
Concert Income	48630.38	Advertising / Marketing	103770.00
Consignment Sales	6930.00	Booth Construction	103280.00
Ice Rink Revenue	6463.00	Salaries	114172.00
		Tent Rentals	61182.00
		Food Show Expenses	22833.00
		Insurance	21000.00
		Landscaping	19585.00
		Travel	15100.00
		Retail & Ice Rink	10222.00
		Propane	8342.00
		Decorations	7122.00
		Various Misc Items.	22000.00
Total Income	\$90,611.88	Total Expenses	\$766,934.00



Total net loss for the Holiday Market: \$676,323

Some things aren't what they seem

MIKE HUDSON

There was more to it than that, of course.

In the oddly blended mixture of Buddhism and Shintoism that constitutes organized religion throughout much of Japan, there is a belief that old and thrown away objects, after a certain period of time, became possessed by demons angered by their casual abandonment. These were the dread tsukumogami.

"Unlike the mortals who had discarded them, the vengeful specters were having a great time celebrating and feasting – building a castle out of flesh and creating a blood fountain. They danced and drank, boasting that celestial pleasures could not surpass their own," Tom read, and he thought of Rachel, alone and far away in New York.

"We have faithfully served the houses as furniture and utensils for a long time. Instead of getting the reward that is our due, we are abandoned in the alleys to be kicked by oxen and horses. Insult has been added to injury, and this is the greatest insult of all! Whatever it takes, we should become specters and exact vengeance."

His studies into the esoteric Shingon Buddhism had taken a sudden and somewhat disturbing turn. The tsukumogami and their damnable shrine in the recesses of Mount Funaoka, the shrine of the Great Shape-Shifting God called Henge Daimyojin by the old Shinto priests.

He remembered the old city of Kyoto, in the shadow of the haunted mountain, and his own failings and the

many things over which he had no control. It had been his first and only trip to Japan.

Alive and self aware, the tsukumogami could take the form of men or women, young or old, of the inanimate objects they once were or of beasts such as ravens and coyotes.

There had once been an occasion, you know, a hundred years ago it seemed to Tom now, when driving that white Camaro – car weighed but 1800 pounds and had a 350 four barrel under the hood -- at a high rate of speed along an ice-covered country road very late one snowy night, drunker than hell and heading home from the small town in Pennsylvania where he served as chief editor of the little newspaper they had there, when he hit a particularly slippery patch and the car spun out, winding up in a ravine some twenty feet beneath the roadway, near a small stream they called Hare Creek.

He hadn't been injured and he climbed up out of the ravine back to the roadway and, just then, a drinking buddy happened to be driving by in an old green Ford F-150 pickup truck and stopped, and Tom got in and they went back into town and had a few more drinks before someone else gave him a ride back to his house in the country.

The next day he learned that he had been charged by the state police – who had discovered his car – with numerous violations, including driving too fast for conditions and leaving the scene of an accident.

When he went in to see the chief of police the following Monday, a part of his normal duties as chief editor of the local newspaper, the chief got up from behind his desk and closed the door.

"Now this is strictly off the record,

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Cottrell actions raise ethics concerns

Is Dyster official in violation of Public Officers Law?

By Frank Parlato, Jr.

It looks like a conflict of interest.

Tour company owner Kevin Cottrell agreed that, while serving as the city's \$74,800-a-year Underground Railroad promoter, he would not book tours through his private company, Motherland Connexions, a company founded by him that offers tours of sites connected with Underground Railroad history.

A March 4, 2009 agreement signed by Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster and Mr. Cottrell reads that Mr. Cottrell "has represented to the city that he will not be operating, engaging in any aspect, or profiting from the Motherland Connection (sic) business during the term of this agreement consistent with the provisions of the Public Officers Law."

It now appears Mr. Cottrell is in violation of that written agreement with the City of Niagara Falls.

An operative for the Niagara Falls Reporter, Stephen Sanborn was able to secure a quote for the Underground Railroad tour from none other than Mr. Cottrell's company, Motherland Connexion, with Mr. Cottrell confirming the deal via several emails.

Mr. Sanborn called the phone number listed on www.motherlandconnexions.com on Wednesday, May 9, at 10:30 AM to inquire about booking tours. The phone was answered by a man who identified himself as Kevin Cottrell.

Mr. Cottrell, in describing the Underground Railroad tour that Motherland Connexions provides, told Mr. Sanborn, "We combine the history of the Falls. We look at it from a historical point of view, for instance, why slave owners brought their body slaves with them. We talk about it from that perspective... It's a great story of diversity and camaraderie between the races. And it's a real story because you have tangible sites. It's a local story. It's a national story. It's a political movement."

Do you take credit cards? asked Mr. Sanborn.

"Yes I do," said Mr. Cottrell. "It's a four-hour tour of the Underground Railroad. It runs between Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Lewiston . . . You go from the bus or your van, get out, go into the site, learn about the history of the site, go back to the bus, move around for the next four hours and we do incorporate the (scenic beauty of the) Falls."

Do you personally conduct the tour?

"Yes Sir. I am an educator. I teach it. We do it at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. That would be the operative times."

An email from: kevin2902@verizon.net sent Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 8:40 AM and in the possession of the Niagara Falls Reporter confirmed the conversation. It reads:

"Dear Mr. Sanborn:

"On behalf of Motherland Connexions, We are pleased to quote you on the following Underground Railroad Tour for 2012.

"2-day Underground Railroad Tour Package American Pathways 2000 Designated Underground Railroad Tour Step-on Guide in period dress 4-hr. Underground Railroad Tour (U.S.A.) 4-hr. Underground Railroad Tour (Canada)

"All admissions

"Price per person: \$70.00 (based on 24 persons pd.)

"After your approval and confirmation (MAIL/FAX) of the above quote we will mail you a contract outlining details and cut-off dates. Should you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to call us.

"We have a tour for every budget!

"Sincerely,

"Kevin Cottrell

"Station Master

"Motherland Connexions Inc."

The Reporter contacted Niagara Falls Corporation Counsel, Craig Johnson who said he believed the agreement Mr. Cottrell signed with the Mayor in 2009 was in full force and effect.

Mr. Johnson said Mayor Dyster required Mr. Cottrell to give up his interest in Motherlands Connexions because, "it would be precisely a conflict of interest. A section in the Public Officers Law prohibits such activity."

What law prohibits Mr. Cottrell from running a for-profit business that dovetails with the public work he is doing?

There are several. Among them is the City of Niagara Falls Code of Ethics.

Section 107.02: F reads (an employee of the city) "shall not invest or hold any investments directly or indirectly in any financial, business, commercial or other private transaction which creates a conflict with his or her official duties."

107.02: G reads: "He or she shall not engage in, solicit, negotiate for, or promise to accept private employment or render services for private interest when such employment or service creates a conflict with or impairs the proper discharge of his or her official duties."

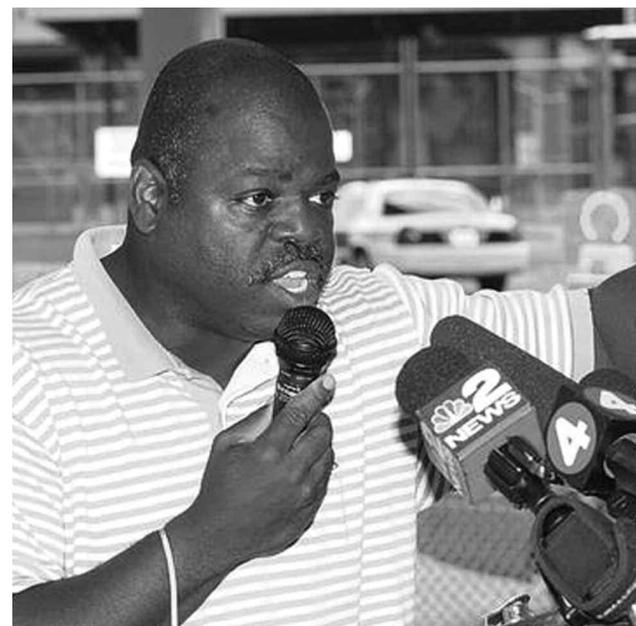
The New York State's Public Officers Law, referred to in the 2009 agreement signed by Mr. Cottrell and Mayor Dyster, reads under section 74 part 2 and 3: "No officer or employee... should have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his duties in the public interest." Or "should accept other employment which will impair his independence of judgment in the exercise of his official duties."

The expensive Underground Railroad project, somewhat dubious in historical integrity on the Niagara Falls end, nonetheless is being heavily promoted as a tourist destination by Mr. Cottrell on behalf of the city.

Meantime, Mr. Cottrell appears to be clearly promoting his own private business that in turn profits from his efforts to promote the Underground Railroad for the city.

The Reporter contacted Mr. Cottrell and asked him if he was still operating Motherland Connexions.

Mr. Cottrell said, "I really don't want to talk you. I don't really like you or have any respect for you or what you are trying to do."



Kevin Cottrell uses his public position to promote Underground Railroad "history" to support his dual public/private role.

Could you answer a yes or no question, are you still operating Motherland Connexions?

"I am not going to answer anything you ask me, because you are going to twist it anyway so write what you are going to write, because you are going to do it anyway."

He hung up.

Mr. Cottrell has actually done little to hide his commercial efforts that parallel the efforts in the public sector. The Motherland Connexion's website advertises that "Mr. Cottrell is Station Master (owner operator) of Motherland Connexions, a company specializing in Heritage Tourism. Currently Motherland Connexions conducts tours with African-American Heritage as a theme throughout the country and now the world," according to the website.

Mr. Cottrell is described on the website as "a local Historian, Preservationist, Educator and Entrepreneur." It does not mention his employment with the city.

In 2008, at the request of Mayor Dyster, city and state officials reached an agreement to transfer Mr. Cottrell from his job with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – where as a grant writer he was making \$47,000 per year - to his current position in the city as part of what is called the North Star Initiative.

The arrangement allowed Mr. Cottrell to take a leave of absence from the state while he worked for the city to create an Underground Railroad exhibit in the old Customs House near the Whirlpool Bridge.

The proposed 1,200 square foot exhibit is planned to feature interpretive elements to describe the story of slaves who escaped from the South in the mid-1850s and made their way to freedom in Canada. Part of the exhibit will focus on Harriet Tubman, who may have led a number of the slaves to freedom.

According to city records, Mr. Cottrell is paid \$74,800, an amount comparable to the pay of the Mayor who is paid \$78,000.

According to records made available through FOIL requests, Mr. Cottrell's annual medical insurance cost is \$18,163. Dental insurance: \$1,260. Cost
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for his pension: \$13,917. Life insurance: \$378. In addition, FICA costs are: \$5,722 and Workmen Compensation costs are \$6,732 for a total of \$120,972.

The state contributes \$75,000 of this and the city pays the difference of \$45,972.

State Parks officials initially offered to give the city the entire cost of Mr. Cottrell's salary and benefits at his former rate of pay. Mayor Dyster decided to raise Mr. Cottrell's salary from \$47,500 to \$74,800 with the city paying the difference.

In addition to the apparent conflict of interest between Mr. Cottrell's private business and his public duties, there has been a longstanding conflict as to whether Mr. Cottrell has "concocted" much of the history surrounding the Underground Railroad in this area.

Mr. Cottrell utilized his public office and public funds to attempt to persuade the public that Harriet Tubman had significant ties to Niagara Falls, claiming in fact that Tubman guided 300 slaves to freedom over the former Suspension Bridge, at the site where the Whirlpool Bridge is presently in the city.

Most historians dismiss claims that Tubman led 300 escaped slaves to freedom anywhere, let alone through Niagara Falls. The highest total number of slaves Tubman is believed to have aided in escaping, attributed by modern historians or biographers is 70. Some think the number is closer to 19. It is likely that none of them crossed at Niagara Falls.

In fact, there has been much debate by historians and biographers as to whether Tubman was ever in either Lewiston or Niagara Falls. If she did, the majority opinion seems to hold that she crossed once on a train for 15 minutes.

Tubman herself may have been given to exaggeration of her exploits and there is only one brief mention of her passing on a train through an area near or in present-day Niagara Falls in a book published in 1869 that is full of historical errors and exaggerations.

Mayor Dyster had planned on making Mr. Cottrell's version of Tubman's exploits the centerpiece of the Underground Railroad museum. Critics have argued that to spend millions of public dollars to create an Underground Railroad exhibit based on flimsy, if not fictitious history might call the credibility of the entire exhibit into question.

On Mr. Cottrell's website, he offers a Harriet Tubman Doll for sale for \$75.00.

Cottrell and Dyster both signed document



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Re: City of Niagara Falls – State Parks Cooperative Agreement C003035

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to confirm our mutual understanding with regard to the above-referenced Cooperative Agreement. Pursuant to the Agreement, Kevin Cottrell will be commencing employment with the City within the next few weeks. In our pre-employment discussions with Mr. Cottrell, he has represented to the City that he will not be operating, engaging in any aspect, or profiting from the Motherland Connection business during the term of this agreement consistent with the provisions of the Public Officers Law.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Dyster
Mayor

I agree with the content of the above communication and hereby reaffirm the statements made therein.

Kevin Cottrell

Were tent expenses inflated at Holiday Market?

In his report of expenses for the Holiday Market, Mark Rivers said he paid \$61,000 for tent rentals.

When questioned where he rented these, he said, he was unable to recall the name of the tent rental company, but said it was "the most reputable tent rental company in Western New York."

According to Reporter correspondent Johnny Helms there were "six or at most seven" tents he saw at the Market.

The Reporter contacted one of the most reputable tent rental companies in the area, Custom Tent Rental of Lewiston.

Although Custom Tent Rental did not rent tents to Mr. Rivers, the owner of the company, Scott Erwin gave us a quote of \$11,480 for seven, premium 20 x 30 tents for 37 days (the length of the Market.)

By our calculation, based on volume and duration, for \$61,000, Mr. Rivers could have rented 37 tents had he rented them from Custom Tents.

Who did he rent tents from? Did someone in the middle make a profit? The public needs to see the bill.



Holiday Market: bounced check, shortchanged workers

By Frank Parlato Jr.

There is growing evidence that numerous people that did business with Holiday Market developer Mark Rivers were shortchanged, if not outright cheated.

In the wake of earlier reports, two employees of the Market called the Niagara Falls Reporter to say that Mr. Rivers shorted them on their paychecks. One sent copies of her actual paychecks and time sheets to attempt to prove it. One of them was an \$8 per hour employee who said she was stiffed on her last check at Christmas time.

In addition, a major Buffalo contractor said he had to chase reimbursements for \$1,750 worth of materials for months and that Mr. Rivers “dodged” his calls. He was ultimately paid by the Conference Center.

Western New York Family Magazine editor and publisher, Michele Miller said Mr. Rivers failed to pay his advertising bill with their magazine, even after repeatedly promising to pay. She sent his delinquent bill to a collection agency.

John Eichel, the construction manager for the project, said Mr. Rivers refused to pay him his full wages, telling him if he did not take less, he would get nothing at all.

John Civiletto of Ice Rink Events, of Conroe, Texas, told the Reporter that Mr. Rivers “shortchanged” his company out of “about \$21,000” on the final bill for the ice rink his company built for the Market.

Ice Rink Events is, according to Mr. Civiletto, “North America’s largest portable and seasonal ice skating rink company.” The company did the Winter Classic in Buffalo in 2006 and built more than 50 rinks in North America last year.

Although the contract for the ice rink was “around \$120,000,” Mr. Civiletto said. But Ice Rink Events was paid only \$99,000 for the on-the-site constructed and rented ice rink. Which raises an interesting point: Mr. Rivers reported he spent \$146,000 on the ice skating rink.

What happened to the other \$47,000?

“Rivers kept changing the design again and again and then, when it came time for final payment, he disappeared. He refused to pay.... I would never do business with (Mr. Rivers) again. We did not even break even,” Mr. Civiletto said. “But the \$146,000 is false. We would never charge that much for a rink.”

Maybe there were extra costs?

“I don’t know. Our company provided pretty much everything: The



Mark Rivers walking in front of one of the wooden sheds he had built for vendors, on opening day of the Niagara Holiday Market, Nov. 26, 2011.

Zamboni cart, 300 pairs of ice skates and built the rink, provided the chillers. I had a feeling something would happen. We almost didn’t get paid. Rivers wouldn’t return our calls. Then when I’d reach him, he would say, ‘I’ll wire the money first thing on Monday.’ But he never would. Frankly, we don’t want our name associated with shoddy things like this. We would not do any more business with Mark Rivers. We were happy to close the books on it.”

The Reporter contacted Mr. Rivers to pose a few questions on the Market.

Did you think you could make money on the ice skating?

“The intent was not to create a profit,” said Mr. Rivers. “The intent was to try to create a positive community experience. Hundreds of people skated below costs or for free.”

When asked about various expenses and unpaid bills, Mr. Rivers abruptly hung up the phone and declined to answer or return subsequent phone calls.

According to Mr. Rivers’ report, during the 37-day Holiday Market, the ice rink attracted 366 paying customers, for a total reported income of \$6,463. Mr. Rivers reported he spent \$146,448 on the rink and the venture lost \$138,000 of taxpayer money. 366 people got to skate, but based on the money they paid, skaters paid an average of \$18 each.

On top of that it costs taxpayers \$398 per skater to skate on the rented rink.

The Reporter contacted Max Kaplan, marketing and sales director of Advanced Production Group whose company did the stage production for all four concerts held for the Holiday Market.

Advanced Production Group is one of, if not the leading stage production company in Western New York, doing by contract all productions for Art Park, as well as work for the Buffalo Bills, The Buffalo Philharmonic and many other concert venues.

Mr. Kaplan told the Reporter that his company was studying the summary report on the Market. He would not comment on the purpose of his investigation into Mr. Rivers’ report.

How did Mr. Rivers treat your company?

“Well the day before the concert, he was in Boise,” Mr. Kaplan said.

“The people that were left did not have decision-making power and he could not be reached.”

Were you paid in full by Mr. Rivers?

“We finally got paid, but not by Mr. Rivers. He disappeared.”

Could you tell me more of your experiences with Mr. Rivers?

“All I can really say is he was extremely hard to do business with, when we were trying to do a job for the community.”

Did you have trouble obtaining payment from Mr. Rivers himself?

“Public records show he cut us a check to keep up with contractual obligations and that check bounced... He basically bounced a check on us and he was in jeopardy of not doing the concert. And he was unreachable. Our company decided basically that ‘the show must go on.’ We did not want the Conference Center, the audience, or the community to suffer for Mark Rivers’ actions. You put the show on. But it was terrible to do business with him. He did not adhere to the contract. If we did not have a good relationship with the Conference Center, those shows would have been canceled at the last minute - because after all, he bounced checks for payment and could not be reached. It would have been ugly for everyone involved.”

From \$8 per hour employees to the largest builder of ice rinks in North America, to date, the Reporter has spoken to more than half dozen people, all who had financial dealings with Mark Rivers. It may be coincidence, but every one had some problem getting paid.

Further investigation is required



The only tangible assets left after \$476,000 of taxpayer money spent on the Niagara Holiday Market is 30 barn red tool sheds that served as vendor booths. This is a picture taken of the Market on December 22, 2011 during Market hours.

Ceretto candidacy gains endorsements



Joseph F. Donovan

What makes the recent list of endorsements of New York State Assembly candidate John Ceretto, a Republican, so interesting is that they come from a diverse group of supporters.

Mr. Ceretto is running for a second term this year in a newly re-drawn 145th Assembly District that encompasses much of his present 138th district. His principal opponent is likely to be Democrat, Robert Restaino, a lawyer and former judge.

Mr. Ceretto, a Niagara Falls native, first won election to the State Assembly in November, 2010, when he defeated ten-year incumbent Francine Del Monte and businessman John Accardo in a three way race to represent the heavily Democratic 138th district in an upset win.

During his first term, he served as a member of the Committee on Cities, the Committee on Election Law, the Committee on Environmental Conservation, the Committee on Housing, and the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development.

Mr. Ceretto also had a large hand in getting New York State Parks approval for daredevil Nik Wallenda to perform a wire walk above Niagara Falls on June 15 and in challenging the low-rent New York State Parks' lease with Maid of the Mist operator James Glynn.

Recent endorsers for Mr. Ceretto's reelection include local developer and lawyer, Carl Paladino, who cited the assemblyman's role in challenging the New York Power Authority's recent increase in utility rates for local residents and businesses. Mr. Paladino was the Republican candidate for New York

governor in 2010 – and ran a campaign that was focused on fiscal reform and improvement in the State's educational system.

Mr. Paladino's candidacy was supported by the Tea Party movement, as well as by tens of thousands of people who said they were nauseated by corrupt governance in Albany. His outspoken challenges to the State's spend and tax formula won him a plurality of voters in Western New York – an area often known for voting the Democrat line of spend and tax liberals who in turn oblige them by taxing here and spending in New York City.

Mr. Ceretto also received the endorsement of New York State Senator George Maziarz, another Republican, who represents the 62nd District, which presently encompasses all of Niagara County outside the City of Niagara Falls, all of Orleans County, and the western portion of Monroe County. Senator Maziarz's newly redrawn district will now include the city of Niagara Falls – which is perhaps fitting since most people in Niagara Falls assume he is their senator anyway.

Through a long run of inattentive state senators who "represented" Niagara Falls, the well-known and virtually omnipresent Senator Maziarz became in effect Niagara Falls' state senate representative, even though city residents could not vote for him - until this year that is.

Mr. Maziarz told the Reporter that "we track every call and 27 percent of calls to my senate office are from Niagara Falls residents. We answer all their calls and try to serve them anyway."

In announcing his support, Senator Maziarz said, "John Ceretto is an honest, hardworking man who has played a big role in helping to turn around this part of the State."

Mr. Ceretto also received the endorsement of the New York State Pro-

fessional Firefighters Association which represents firefighters in Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda. Union President Michael T. McManus cited Mr. Ceretto's more than 30 years of union membership and said he is "a friend of labor."

Mr. Ceretto was also endorsed by Laborer's Local 91. Business manager, Richard Palladino spoke of Mr. Ceretto much like a throwback of a bygone era. Almost like a doctor who still makes house calls. He said, "John Ceretto returns every phone call. John Ceretto makes an effort to comply with the requests of the people who elected him. He cares about this community. John has fought out-of-state workers coming into this community.... He's doing things today because of out-of-state workers that were brought in here by the Power Authority that have taken jobs away from local people... No one has fought harder for local jobs than John Ceretto.

"His support for local hiring for publicly-financed projects, his organizing of local entities to redevelop the Lehigh Valley Rail Yard and his support for developing the Niagara Falls International Airport puts him in a unique position. He is bipartisan, hard working and the best person to represent this area in the Assembly."

When asked about the broad-based support his campaign has picked up, Mr. Ceretto said he has focused attention on non-partisan issues that affect all his constituents.

"I consider myself a working man," said Mr. Ceretto. "My formula is to work hard, serve the people and listen."

The newly formed 145th Assembly District includes the Towns of Cambria, Grand Island, Lewiston, Niagara, Wheatfield, the City of Niagara Falls and portions of the City of North Tonawanda and was gerrymandered to favor Democrats.

Mr. Ceretto's ideal seems to be that government should get out of the way and let people prosper. His job, he said, is not about serving the interests of lobbyists and those who hire them in Albany. As to this, he said, as a minority party representative in an Assembly where the Speaker can reward and punish partisan followers based on obedience, his position is an advantage to the people.

"There is nothing the Speaker can take away from me for not supporting his agenda. There is no fancy office or lavish stipends or lucrative – for the money lobbyists will contribute – committees. I am free to vote my conscience," he told the Reporter. "And in that I have not and cannot forget I am a working man who came from a hard-working family, who believe in strong family values, in honesty, faith, human kindness, caring for the community in which you live in and above all a lot of hard work."

Both Mr. Ceretto and Mr. Restaino have told the Reporter that, as opposed to negative campaigning, they intend to campaign on issues so that better informed voters can vote for the candidate who best represents their interests and political beliefs.

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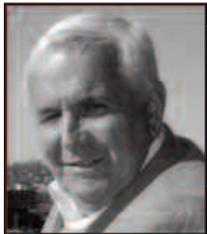
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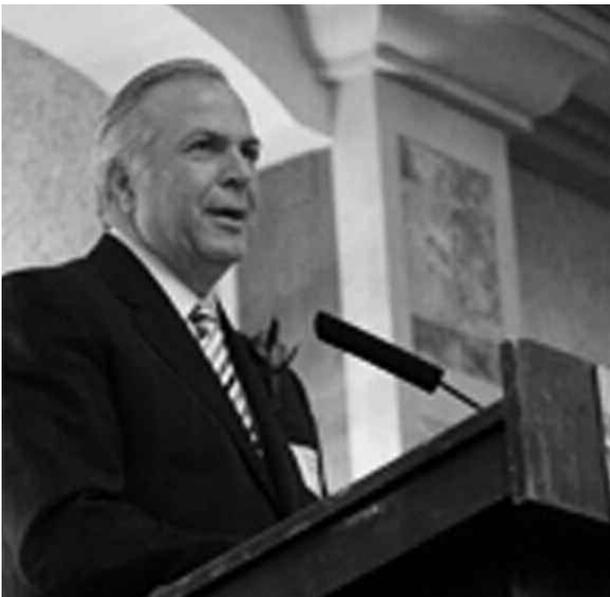
By Tony Farina

During my many years as a working journalist, I've covered just about every kind of story you can imagine, from pathological racist Joseph Christopher's one-man war against blacks that began in 1980 and claimed at least 13 victims, one in Niagara Falls, to the brutal attack on Councilman Robert Anderson's daughter that left her in a coma.

It is never easy to maintain your professional composure in the face of some of the horrible sights and sounds of the criminal world and it is equally difficult to deal with cases like the one that is now front and center in Buffalo and all of Western New York, the manslaughter trial of Dr. James Corasanti in a fatal hit-run case that claimed the life of 18-year-old Alexandria Rice.

The government alleges that Dr. Corasanti struck and killed the girl as she was on a long board on her way home from work at a pizza shop shortly after 11 p.m. last July on Heim Road in Amherst. Prosecutors allege that Corasanti was on his way home from a golf outing where he had been drinking when his car struck and killed the girl and he failed to stop.

No matter how you look at this case, it is a tragedy all around. A young girl's life was ended on



Dr. James Corasanti

a dark road when she was struck by a car driven by a prominent and highly regarded 56-year-old physician who has spent his life saving people. Nothing can bring Alexandria back and no matter the outcome of the trial, Dr. Corasanti's life will never be the same.

The publicity the case has generated has been staggering. Reporters, under some of the tightest courtroom security I have ever seen, have been filing almost hourly reports on local radio and television and President Obama's unannounced trip to Afghanistan was relegated to the bottom of the front page to make room for the trial.

While the nonstop coverage has made the trial the top news of the day, the jury is not being sequestered and one can only hope that jurors follow the instructions of the court and avoid reading and watching reports and make their decision on what they see and hear in the courtroom, not in the media.

The prosecution has presented compelling and graphic evidence to try and convince the jury that Dr. Corasanti was drinking that terrible night, was sending text messages on his phone prior to hitting the girl, and then didn't stop after his car hit her, leaving her mortally injured on the side of the road. It appears to be a very strong case to this point but the trial is not over and the most dramatic testimony is likely to come from Dr. Corasanti himself when he takes the stand in his own defense, as expected.

One doctor who I spoke to who has worked with Dr. Corasanti described him "as an excellent man and a fantastic doctor." Will Dr. Corasanti be able to convince the jury that he really didn't know he had hit the girl, as his defense has claimed, and will he be a sympathetic witness, as some observers seem to feel, given his record of healing people, not of reckless disregard for human life? How will the jury, given all they have seen and heard about the young girl's death, react to Dr. Corasanti once they hear from him about the events of that tragic night?

We won't know the answers to those questions for a while, but the drama of Dr. Corasanti's testimony will be the highlight of this sensational trial and could weigh heavily in jurors' minds when they deliberate their verdict.



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Wallenda ruffles Dyster's feathers



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Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster fought hard to give Mark River's "spectacular failure," the Niagara Holiday Market \$225,000 and fought to give the billion dollar Hard Rock Café Inc. more than \$600,000 for their wasteful "Mayor's-vanity" summer concert series. It was the public's money, not his of course.

The Holiday Market attracted perhaps 30,000 people. The Hard Rock attracted, over four years of low-grade concerts, with tepid attendance, events held during the busiest Saturdays of the tourist season, maybe about 1,000 to 2,000 people per show.

Mr. Wallenda went the old-fashioned way. He and his sponsors are paying for their own event, something Mayor Dyster must abhor.

After all, Mr. Wallenda did not need Mayor Dyster (i.e.) taxpayer money to accomplish his feat. Just as Mr. Wallenda, when he walks the high wire, will not require government's help to make him safe, he was able to construct this event without government's help.

Meantime, from around the world, Mr. Wallenda has riveted attention on Niagara Falls and will probably lure hundreds of thousands here – as many as the city can accommodate on its most crowded, jam-packed July 4th weekend – and lure them in mid-June, on a Friday night, when the season has not yet caught fire.

The ABC television network will air a live three-hour special devoted to

Mr. Wallenda on primetime television. This event is thrilling to the world, a modern day example of courage, nerve and intrepidity,

a direct, forceful rebuttal to the state controlling our liberty to make us safer. Will Mr. Wallenda get a ticket for not wearing a seatbelt when he drives to Niagara Falls?

Last week Mr. Wallenda walked a 300-foot-long tightrope, without safety gear, 100 feet in the air at the inner harbor of Baltimore. It was barely covered in the news.

Funny isn't it? Wallenda walks across the Baltimore Harbor and we almost yawn. We learn he has a permit to walk across the Grand Canyon. So what?

The whole world wants to see the man who dares Niagara Falls. They think about the man; they think about the waterfalls and maybe how someday they would like to see it.

Mayor Dyster is upset. This is from his Facebook, posted when Mr. Wallenda announced the date of his walk that was reported in newspapers around the world.

Paul Dyster: "I want to make sure that this event does not create profits for a select few, while the costs are borne by our working families. We were told security costs would be paid by the organizers, not the taxpayers."

Facebook friends like Albert Certo agree. "Hold their feet to the fire, Mr. Mayor," said Mr. Certo.

"I AGREE WITH MAYOR DYSTER." Angelo Daloise wrote in all capital letters.

"I absolutely agree, Mayor," said Frank Dengate

The Mayor doesn't know exactly what police overtime costs are going to be in order to handle the burden of having an additional 200,000 people arriving in the city on June 15, needing food, shelter, gasoline, toiletries, and wanting souvenirs.

Let us say security costs \$30,000 in overtime. It has been estimated that as many as one hundred million people will watch this event around the world with gripping and scenic pictures of Niagara Falls as the backdrop. Hundreds of millions more will probably see some of it on subsequent news reports.

The NTCC gets one million dollars per year from the city to promote Niagara Falls. Its chief John Percy travels off to India and Samarkand to try to persuade people there to think of Niagara Falls. I doubt the NTCC could demonstrate they reach 100,000 people annually with all their traveling, advertising and promotional campaigns.

Mayor Dyster allowed Mark Rivers to blow through \$500,000 of taxpayer money and provided not only security, but electricity and numerous DPW workers to help build the market.

This is not about cost. This is about Mayor Dyster having had no hand in the event. It was done without him, in spite of him.

It will come and go without him getting the credit.

Norma Higgs, formerly of the Bridge Commission, is another Dyster Facebook friend. She wants State Senator George Maziarz and Assemblyman John Ceretto to pay overtime costs for police who might have to handle the humongous crowds who will come to Niagara to see the event.

"Send the bill to George and John," Ms. Higgs wrote on Dyster's Facebook.

Fair enough. Then at least, from Ms. Higgs perspective, we know who to give credit to when the boost in revenues from the Wallenda walk comes.

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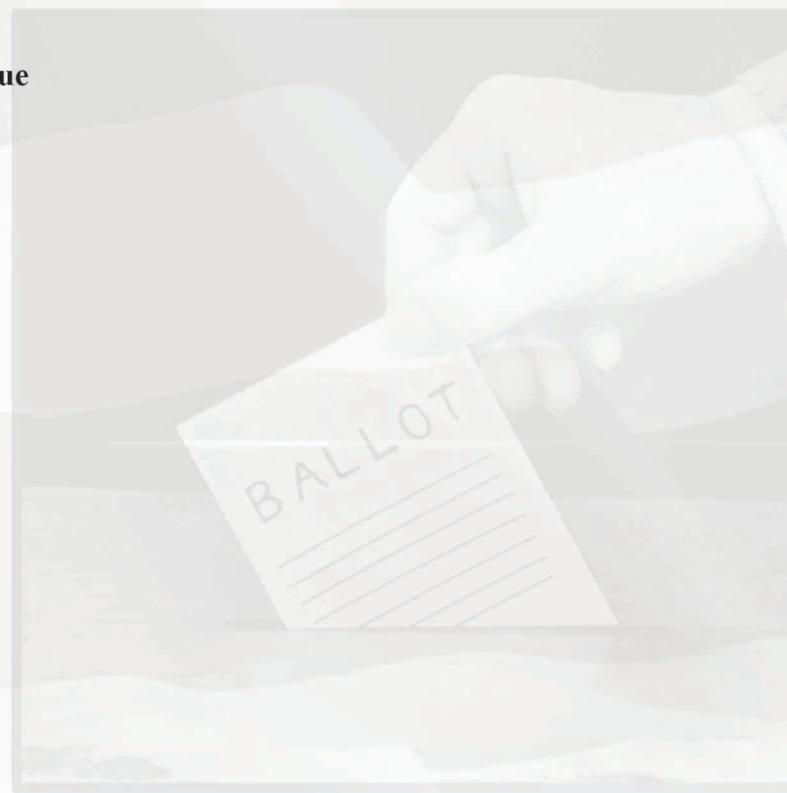
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CANDIDATES

1. JOSEPH MARINELLO , JR.
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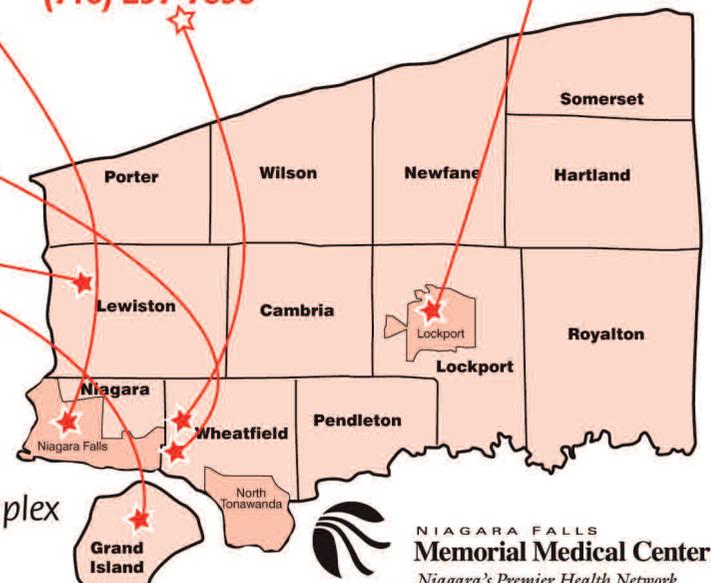
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Gaming odds stacked against New Yorkers



Lenny Palumbo

The New York State Legislature recently voted in favor of a constitutional amendment that would allow seven Las Vegas-style, non-Indian-owned, private casinos. The amendment will need to be approved by the Legislature again and then by voters to become law.

New York State's hypocrisy regarding the prohibition of gambling may be coming to an end.

Lotteries have been held in New York since the 19th Century to raise revenues for various needs. But it was in 1967 that voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing a government-run lottery. Its official slogan: "Your Chance of a Lifetime to Help Education" accompanied the mandate that funds be "applied exclusively to, or in aid or support of education."

About \$7 billion was wagered with the New York lottery last year. About \$4.1 billion was paid in prizes (59.4 percent) and \$2.9 billion (31.3 percent) was contributed to education.

For every dollar gambled on lotteries, people lose about 40 cents. It might be said the lottery system is an excellent method of taxing the poor – in support of education - at the 40 percent tax bracket. In any event, no one can deny that, since the lottery is entirely voluntary, it is a far better method than involuntary taxation.

The success of the lottery led former Gov. Robert Wagner's successful proposal of Off Track Betting in 1964 that was intended to "provide revenues for the support of the government... and promote the public welfare."

Speaking of OTB, Tuscarora businessman Joseph "Smokin" Joe Ander-

son has pitched a plan to New York State development officials for an OTB parlor, cigar lounge and smoke shop in downtown

Niagara Falls. His idea is being considered by the USA Niagara Development Corp.

"This type of retail is well-needed along Old Falls Street," said Doug Williams, a spokesman for Mr. Anderson. "This will add more critical mass, more excitement, and extra length of stay for visitors to Niagara Falls."

Critics say that developing an OTB and a smoke shop in that prime location, a location which is in effect the corner of Main Street and Main Street, and which requires the giving of some public land to Mr. Anderson, is one of the poorest choices for downtown development ever conceived since Urban Renewal. OTBs are a relic of the past.

Whether that is true or not, it is true that few gambling operations have been as unsuccessful as OTB. In 2009, former Gov. David Paterson signed an executive order requiring OTB to file bankruptcy. "OTB has hemorrhaged money and has been unable to be directly accountable," charged Gov. Paterson. The following year, New York City's OTB operation was shut down completely.

The prospect of thousands of novices squandering vacation cash might be exciting for Mr. Anderson and co. but for those tempted to play the ponies it's undoubtedly just another ruse designed to get more of their money. The ten percent vigorish imposed by the state makes the odds decidedly poorer than betting at the track.

It is hard enough to make money betting on horses as anyone who has attempted to study the Daily Racing Form knows. There are just as few pros that make money betting on horses as there are those who win betting on

sports.

Like the amateurs who blow their dough at the track, those that purchase lottery tickets are worse off. They are simply throwing money away.

It's doubtful that those who play the "numbers" or "Quick Draw" know how heavily the odds are stacked against them when they indulge in classic "sucker bets." The odds of winning cash when playing "Take Five", for instance are 1 in 100, and 1 in 575,757 for the top prize.

These odds make those offered by casinos seem generous by comparison. The following are the average "house advantages" for most casino games:

Blackjack: .5%; Craps: 1.4%; Roulette: 5.3%; Slot machines: 15%; Keno: 25%. The odds for most state lottery games are approximately 40%.

That's what makes the government's long-standing prohibition against gambling so hypocritical. For decades, federal and state governments have permitted their own forms of gambling in which there is virtually no chance of long-term success while outlawing games with better odds- where people of talent and skill can actually

win money.

Naturally, New York's current proposed legislation designed to legalize gambling in the state will not include the best opportunity to make money wagering: Sports betting, where skill and knowledge aid the wise gambler.

The state, like all sponsors of gambling, is betting on attracting mainly losers.

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Main Street Summer Festival will showcase 28 bands

By Frank Thomas Croisdale

Rick Crogan and Michele Altman are leading a group of volunteers to put on the 2nd Annual Main Street Music and Art Festival, to be held on June 23 and 24, the weekend of the Niagara Homecoming.

The festival, which debuted last year, will feature 28 bands and a variety of offerings from food vendors and the work of dozens of local artisans. Niagara Hub, a local news and film internet site, will be covering the event.

"This area just seems to breed great musicians," Mr. Crogan said. "It's like they take the struggles that we face here and marry them to our blue collar roots and create something that is unique just to us. It's just great music being performed by great bands."

This year's festival headline act is The Peter Novelli Band from New Orleans. The band plays a sound that has been described as an "original blend of swampy, funky rhythm and blues with zydeco-cajun influences."

"Novelli's guitar work, recalls

Louisiana's native son Sonny Landreth," wrote Gary Weeks of Blues Blast Magazine. "If you are unable to make it to this year's Mardi Gras or Jazz-Fest, pay it no mind. This music will transport you there with the intoxicating effect of losing yourself in the French Quarter."

A few years ago, after the Positively Main Street festival folded, the present organizers decided to develop the current festival. Band assembler, Mark Novelli, who is unrelated to Peter Novelli, agreed to recruit numerous area bands to perform at the festival.

"Mark creates the line-up and the rest of us just shake our heads at the bands he is able to pull in," said Mr. Crogan. "The Junk Yard Dogs, High Horse, The Frank Grizanti Band, The Furies, Marie Antoinette, Whiskey Reverb, Amber Lee and more, all playing the same stage - are you kidding me?"

The 2012 festival will feature the advent of a side stage meant to promote up-and-coming bands. Becky Chappell-Marchetti is the driving force behind the side stage acts.

"The side stage project is meant to let new and up-coming musical artists showcase their talents and gain exposure on the local music scene," Ms.

Chappell-Marchetti said, "I have sought out exceptional musicians and when they go on to great things, people can say, 'I saw them when ...'"

The festival organizers, with this year's mix of local music, art and food, hope that larger crowds will be drawn to Main Street than have been seen in decades.

"Last year we learned a lot and this year that knowledge is going to make the festival something not to be missed," Mr. Crogan said. "Five or six years down the road this will be an Elmwood-like event, with crowds that rival the Allentown Art Festival. The two-days will probably be three days and (artists and musicians) will be clamoring to get in."

Some of the acts that will play at the festival will perform lead-in events. One of these concerts is on June 7th at the Wine on Third and features the band, Under the Skylight. Last month, the band Scarlet Embrace performed at the event's kick-off party at the Orchard Grill on Main Street.

A full lineup of musical acts is set for both days. There are still opportunities for artists, vendors and sponsors. Interested parties can visit: www.womadistrict.com to learn more.



This photo from last year's Main Street Music and Art festival proves that people can put on events without taxpayer subsidies and attract people.

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HUDSON: "Some things aren't what they seem"

(Continued from page 2)

Tom," he said, sitting back down. "But my man told me he drove down that road, got to the intersection outside of town, turned around and drove back. And between that time, which he said couldn't have been more than a minute or two, your car was not there and then it was there but you were not. And he doesn't like you, and he looked for you for the rest of his shift, in the cruiser and on foot, but he still couldn't find you.

"Now, what I want to know is... How in the hell did you do that?"

Tom took a sip of the bitter black coffee from the Styrofoam cup.

"Well Dana..." The police chief's name was Dana Scouten and the two were on a first name basis. "What happened was this; I knew your man was on the lookout for me, so when I slid off the roadway like that I just turned myself into a coyote and skinned up along the creek bed toward home. I knew he'd be looking for a man and not a dog."

For a minute the police chief stared blankly, but then he began to laugh. He laughed uproariously.

"I'm gonna miss you when you go, Tom," he said, wiping his eye and sighing.

It had all happened so long ago, and Tom had bent his mind in so many

different ways during the intervening years, that now the story of a drinking buddy just happening along some lonely country road at 2 o'clock in the morning that night seemed just as unlikely as the one about him turning himself into a coyote.

"Like a string of rosary beads, my mind cannot be severed from angry thoughts," he read.

He poured a belt of Glenlivet into the glass on the nightstand and drank. The book, Elizabeth Lillehoj's "Transfiguration: Man-made Objects as Demons in Japanese Scrolls," a book that he had sitting on his shelves for years but was somehow just now getting around to reading, fell down on his covered belly.

He remembered Kyoto and looked over at the 16th century sword blade, his souvenir from that trip, and he thought of the shape shifters and that time back in Pennsylvania.

Like the great thief, Dao Zhi, who followed the five cardinal Confucian virtues, the evil and violent specters believed that piety would outweigh their malevolent transgressions. And so did Tom, sometimes.

The dog Rowena slept on the thick red comforter beside him, breathing in and out, dreaming the dreams of an old soul. With his fingertips he stroked the

top of her skull, where the dark hairs were turning white much like his own.

Outside in the night, beneath what they were calling the "Super Moon of 2012" because of its close proximity to earth, it began to rain, and then the rain turned into a torrential downpour.

The mated ravens, who had built their shambling five-foot nest into a gutter between the roofs of two of the soundstages at the old Vitagraph Studios right behind his house watched helplessly as the runoff carried their nest and their young flightless chicks off and into a sewer that ran into the open cistern they called the Los Angeles River.

Everything for nothing.

Yin and yang. Life, death, the same. He scratched Rowena's head and closed his eyes. He wondered about Angie, who was on the other side of the river, exhausted and sleeping herself.

The overhead light was on, and he was too tired to get up and turn it off. He made a mental note to get himself a lamp for the nightstand, maybe something vintage, with a shade made from panes of colored glass.

He hated sleeping alone and was glad for the dog. He thought of the ravens crying their raven cries over the deaths of their children.

Anello: "No plans" to run for office

A rumor has been widely circulating in the city that former Niagara Falls Mayor, Vince Anello will run for city council in 2012 and that he has already opened a campaign bank account.

According to Mr. Anello, there is a bank account, called "Friends of Vince Anello," but the account has been open since 1996 when he first ran for council.

He has opened no new accounts and taken no new contributions.

"Presently I have no plans to run," said Mr. Anello, "but life is full of little mysteries. I'm a testament to that. Your destiny can take some strong turns; some you do not expect. My goal right now is to reconnect with the community, help those that are trying to help the city and expose those who are trying to exploit the city. I'm encouraged by the fact that so many young people are getting involved in discussing the future of Niagara Falls."

You have no specific agenda to run?

"Exactly. I am not even thinking in that direction."

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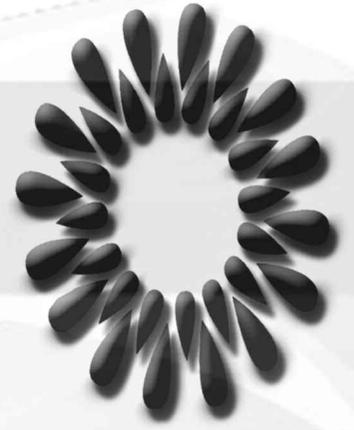
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Putting for penguins golf outing set for July 13th to benefit Aquarium of Niagara



By Tony Farina

One of the aquatic treasures in our own backyard (and in this case, I'm not talking about the falls) is gearing up for its seventh annual golf party July 13th at the Newfane Pro Am course that will feature day-night action on the links to help keep the treasure afloat..

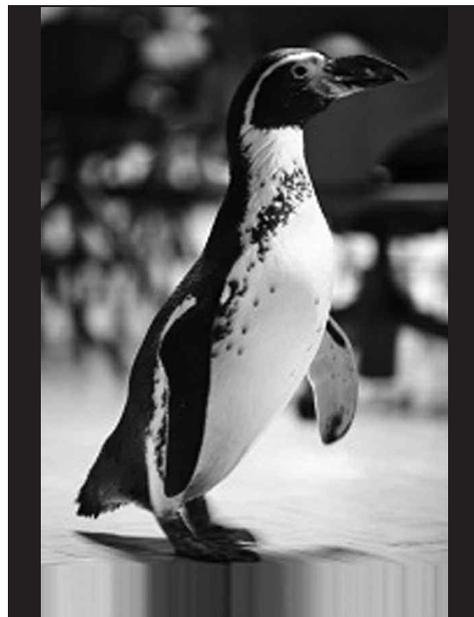
The event is suitably named the "Putting for Penguins" golf tournament, and it is held each year to benefit the Aquarium of Niagara, a truly fine year-round attraction for visitors from near and far.

Director Gay Molnar deserves a great deal of credit for her hard work in promoting the Aquarium and putting together the golf outing to keep the water flowing, to keep the fish and sea lions in excellent shape, and to maintain the cozy and inviting venue that really delivers entertainment value for young and old.

Registration and putting contest will start at 4:30 p.m., on Friday, July 13th, to be followed by a dinner at 5:45

and then a nine-hole "Day Golf" scramble to be followed by a four-hole "Glo Golf" where participants will play a special ball that glows in the dark and the course will be illuminated only by glo-sticks. Sound like fun? You bet. Sponsorships levels start at \$100 for Tee to Green but there all levels available and you can call 285-3575, ext. 204, for the details.

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Marinello accused of not doing "homework" in School Board campaign



By Nick Vilaro
Niagara Falls School Board

An individual running for the Board of Education has submitted letters to local papers casting aspersions on the work of the school district and its leadership. He most recently asserted that the District ranks poorly academically, that student attendance is down, teacher turnovers are up, and the graduation rate is low. He laid the blame for these supposed failings at the feet of the district leaders and the Board of Education. He has also complained that free and reduced lunches for poor children were somehow keeping parents from being involved in their children's education, and has twice accused the District of providing no vocational opportunities to students.

When I ran for the Board, I did my homework first.

If Joseph Marinello had done his homework, he would know that student attendance is up—not down—in the District. Most recent data show an average attendance rate of more than 90% for all our schools. He would know that as of this writing, there are five students on suspension from Niagara Falls High School. That's five out of 1928. That's .025% of the student body and, I'll add, though it's not desirable to have to suspend any student, there will always be some who have earned it. The 99.75% percent of the student body at NFHS who are not serving suspensions probably don't appreciate being painted with that brush by someone who wants to sit on the Board of Education.

Mr. Marinello purports a very high turnover rate for teachers in the District, but the fact is very few teachers willingly leave the District. Over the past two years or so, in an effort to meet an ever-dwindling budget, positions were cut that largely affected teachers in their probationary periods; many of these returned to positions as regular substitutes. They didn't leave, they just cost taxpayers less and student achievement was not impacted.

In fact, if Mr. Marinello had done his homework, he would know that the district ranks well above similar districts across the state and far exceeds the state average for graduation rate. He would know that the graduation rate has risen steadily in the last 10 years and, in fact, our District outranks Utica, Binghamton, and Schenectady, among others. In every "No Child Left Behind" accountability measures, the NFCSD ranks first in student achievement among districts with similar demographics.

Mr. Marinello is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own truth. He might have done some fact-finding before he did some loud-mouthing.

Furthermore, the rise in student achievement has been overseen by the very people accused of incompetence by the author of these negative and nonsensical rants, in which he seems to hold the public school system responsible for everything from job creation to family values. Our job is to educate students to be college - and career ready. We do that job.

This District's alumni attend academically elite colleges and universities all over the country, including Harvard, Syracuse, and each of the Little Three, despite the fact that many of them grew up in poverty.

Had Mr. Marinello done his homework, he would know that more two-thirds of our students live in households struggling well below the poverty rate and that for many, the meals they are served at school are the only meals they get all day. Some of our elementary schools have more than 80% of children qualified for free or reduced meals; you better believe we are going to provide those meals.

If he struggled to feed children or knew how it felt when poverty looked at him out of his own child's eyes, he may well know appreciation for every meal that child received.

Helping children receive nutrition does not keep parents from being involved with their children or their children's education. It may well provide a little relief for families who can barely pay the rent. I am astonished at the suggestion he has made that the responsible thing to do is to let children go hungry. If Mr. Marinello sent his children to public schools, he

may actually see the children he's complaining that we feed.

As for his accusation that no vocational opportunities are provided, he must have missed the busloads of students going to BOCES to study automotive, skilled trades, culinary arts, computer technology, machine technology, HVAC, health occupations and a slew of other programs offered on route 31.

I am not an educator, but I have been around the field long enough to know about something called DBQs or Document Based Questions. These require a student to read and analyze information and then write a response.

Looking at Mr. Marinello's letter, I would give him an F for research and analysis and suggest his desire to be elected superseded his desire to be honest.

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Lockport gynecologist, founder of Artemis, using advanced robotic surgery at Memorial



By Ron Churchill

Dr. Julie A. Madejski, a gynecologist and surgeon, is a progressive doctor, providing, besides physician's care, massage therapy, Reiki, and holistic medicine for her patients at Artemis Center for Health and Wellness, Western New York's Holistic Gynecology Practice in Lockport .



Dr. Julie A. Madejski

She teaches empowerment and offers counseling and chiropractic care to women. In addition to traditional gynecology services, the center offers counseling for individuals and couples, chiropractic care, nutritional counseling, massage therapy, yoga classes, Reiki, and Anti-aging services of Microdermabrasion, and Bioidentical Hormone Replacement therapy.

Dr. Madejski offers the best of all healing alter-

natives, and she's not afraid to challenge the status quo.

"I have a big pet peeve with the standard operating procedure of Western medicine," Dr. Madejski said. "Our system seems to be to wait until people get chronic diseases and then go from there. I feel like medicine is ruled by the pharmaceutical companies who really have no interest in getting Americans well. They really would rather have you stay on a blood pressure medication or a cholesterol medication. So you have this vicious cycle of not dealing with the root problem, which is not preventing chronic disease, but treating chronic disease."

Dr. Madejski founded the Artemis Center in 2008. Located on Snyder Drive in the South Lockport Medical Campus the center focuses on proactive medicine.

"When it comes to health and wellness, I'd like for women to be more independent," Dr. Madejski said. "Particularly with women, empowerment becomes an issue. So many people feel disempowered when it comes to their health. There's a higher rate of depression in women when compared to men. And I think a lot of that is borne out of feeling helpless, or feeling powerless to make changes.

"Artemis was designed to inspire people to take a look at their health more broadly and to help people realize that chronic diseases are often lifestyle related... related to deeper things, such as not controlling your stress, or being in unhealthy relationships, or having unhealthy finances."

When it comes to surgery, Dr. Madejski is an expert with more than 15 years in practice. At Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center she has found her niche in the hospital's "robot room."

"The advent of the robot is a total game changer," Dr. Madejski said. "Basically, the attraction to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center was that they offered a training program for surgeons like me – who were experienced laproscopic surgeons – to become trained to use the robot. It's a win-win for both of us."

At Memorial, Dr. Madejski uses SAL the robot to assist her in surgery. Using the robot results in smaller incisions, less blood loss, less postoperative pain, and allows patients to return to work faster.

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"You can go back to work in as little as two weeks," she said.

Dr. Madejski is a board certified obstetrician/gynecologist. She graduated from the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester .

Dr. Madejski is presently on the medical staff of Eastern Niagara Hospital and Kaleida Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital . She is also an instructor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology at the State University of New York at Buffalo and a Practitioner-Member of the American Holistic Health Association.

After residency, Dr. Madejski worked in a busy Ob/Gyn group practice for three years. After the birth of her second child, she said she realized that the busy life of an obstetrician was tapping all of her energy. She decided to give up obstetrics and open a solo practice in order to concentrate on gynecology and women's health. She said she also sought a more balanced lifestyle, to live healthier and have more time for family and friends. In doing this, she discovered a love of music and fitness training and discovered how professionals in other health disciplines had a lot to offer to women's health care.

The Artemis Center for Health and Wellness aspires to provide a forum for holistic and integrative health care. In addition to a complement of skilled practitioners, the center hosts a variety of educational and community events. More information can be found at <http://www.artemiswellness.com>.

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