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HAMILTON: The Punk in the Pulpit

By: Ken Hamilton

It's time to overturn the table of a money-changer. There seems to be a Punk in the Pulpit who slung mud at me and thereby risked getting his cleric clownish costume all dirty!

I want the readers to understand that I

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Restaino Administration to Put 'Freeze' on Airbnb's in Falls

By: Tony Farina

The Niagara Falls City Council will take a look at short-term room rentals like Airbnb during a 90-day moratori-

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Ken Hamilton

sent the man a private message that asked him for a meeting to resolve his looney subliminal assumptions and sexual allegations, but he pretty much declined any efforts for communications, understanding and truth and childishly distributed my private message to others.

Out argument is steeped in the ineptness of our 4th Legislative District Legislator Owen Steed, who is considered by his peers to be the most useless of them all. Though his district is designed to be a majority-minority district, and he is the only black member there – it ain't due to racism on his colleagues' behalf: it's all him. His opposition joyfully have said of him that, "... he brings nothing to the table and his vote don't count."

It's because ... "he brings nothing to the table and his vote doesn't count."

Don't get it twisted, the Republicans have their slugs too, and likely they don't bring much to the table either – but their votes and they do count!

Steed needs to be replaced. I am at the point where I'd even be glad to have Kimble back; even though she did little to improve her crime-ridden district; but her hallmark wasn't in holding free begged for banquets.

But if we held President Johnson responsible for escalating the war in Vietnam, Reagan for ignoring the AIDS epidemic, and Trump for the Trade War, then your county legislator – and police liaison – must doubly take responsibility for the crimes within his district, period!

The Punk in the Pulpit decided not to use any names during a MLK ceremony in my own family church when he added, "... but we know who we are talking about."

I won't name the Punk in the Pulpit either. All I will say is that he desecrated the memory of Rev. M.L. King, Rev. Glen Raybon, all of my family members whose eulogies were spoken from that pulpit.

New Hope Baptist Church's

Rev. Harvey Kelley said of that unnamed church's last pastor, Rev. Glen Raybon, that Raybon did indeed open up Trinity Baptist Church for a lot of funerals for people who were not even members of the church. The Punk in the Pulpit desecrated their memories as well.

In his buffoonery, he who is unnamed, addressed the chief of police from the pulpit and told him that he too was armed. The chief never asked for that information! Who would ever suggest that a registered concealed carrier disclose his weaponry status? Why would you need to be carrying a weapon to church anyway, if your legislator has done such a great job eradicating crime in the district?

As the late City Councilman Bob Anderson would say, "Scary."

And yes, in the punk in the pulpit's perverted diatribe, also indicating that I, "... must have the hots for ... [Steed]", (ewww), I am taking the complete context of his accusatory words and the association of his weapon as a threat.

But of further evidence of the foolishness of the unnamed one, his support of the ineffective legislator's softness on crime, may simply be based in that they are neighbors in the same public-private, joint-venture, housing project

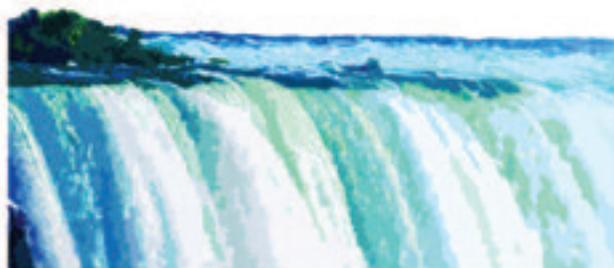
owned by both the Niagara Falls Housing Authority and the Norstar Development Co. If he feels so safe there as a result of the stellar job of the guy whom through his omission and commission aided in the demolition of the Niagara Community Center – once a crime deterrent element in the area, then why does the Buffoonaloian feel the need to have a weapon there?

I don't know the rules there, and I wouldn't now that the brutha is strapped except that he announced it; but while the courts have ruled that a public housing lease cannot preclude lawfully registered weapons, private landlords can – hence the private Centre Court LLC may want to look into it for the safety of us all.

In the meantime, the crying Steed needs to either get off his butt and get busy in creating programs and processes to reduce crime in his district, or resign; – and the unnamed one needs to quit embarrassing his church and "shuffle back off to Buffalo", or Alabama, or wherever he may have submitted a resume after taking the job at the church.

For God's sake, if he certainly can't preach in his own family's church, then why is he desecrating our family church?

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Restaino Administration Puts 'Freeze' on Airbnb's Cont. from Cover

Niagara Falls will have a 90-day moratorium on Airbnb's while new guidelines and regulations are contemplated to ensure safety.

um on the rentals expected to be approved unanimously this week by the council.

Council Chairman Chris Voccio says there are both pros and cons with the short-term rentals but adds some of them have "questionable health and safety issues."



The council review which will include city officials and landlords will work to develop new regulations, according to Voccio.

One supporter of the review is Mayor Robert Restaino who says we want to make sure "we're doing it correctly," and that includes regarding fees and health

and safety requirements.

Restaino suggested the rentals are everywhere, "sort of in a haphazard way," adding he's looking for the right approach.

In Memory of Christopher Caraglin, a Member of the Niagara Reporter Family, Who Passed Away This Past Week

Christopher Caraglin, 36, of the Town of Niagara, passed away on January 24, 2020. Born on October 6, 1983 in Lewiston, NY, he was the son of Colleen (O'Shea) Caraglin and the late Robert Caraglin.

Chris, as he was known, was a lifelong Town of Niagara resident, attended local schools and graduated from Niagara Wheatfield High School in 2002. He was currently employed for Thomason Concrete Construction as well as the Niagara Reporter. Chris enjoyed spending time with his family at their cabin in

the southern tier.

In addition to his mother, Chris is survived by sisters, Shannon (Bill) Fundis and Janelle (fiancé Rick Haight) Vicki; longtime girlfriend, Alyssa DePetris; nieces, Lilly and Nora Fundis; uncle, Anthony Caraglin, Jr. and several other aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by two infant brothers and a brother, Robert Caraglin; paternal grandparents, Anthony and Inez Caraglin, Sr. (NFPD ret.) and maternal grandparents, John and Maryann O'Shea.





THE CRIME

WEEKLY HEADLINES

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 1900 block of Niagara Street in the evening hours of Sunday, January 19th, 2020, after reports that an individual suffered severe physical injuries after being assaulted. According to police reports, a Buffalo man driving a medical transportation van suffered a punctured lung being beaten and robbed by four males. Police further stated that this happened after allegedly dropping off a client that evening. Police obtained most information regarding the incident from the husband of the client. The man said he was helping his wife inside of their home when four males approached the driver and begin attacking him outside of the vehicle. Given his wife's weakened state, the man said he helped his wife inside of the home first before returning to help the driver. However, by the time he returned the four males had already fled and the driver was unconscious in the street. The driver was transported to Erie County Medical Center for further evaluation. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the area of 16th and Walnut Avenue in the afternoon hours of Tuesday, January 21st, 2020, after reports of a stabbing. According to police, one male was taken into custody after allegedly stabbing another person inside of a home. Police further noted that although the victim had visi-

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ble stab wounds that were bleeding he declined treatment.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 3600 block of Packard Road in the afternoon hours of January 22nd, 2020, after reports of a stolen vehicle. According to police, a Jeep that had been reported as stolen was reported as having crashed through a fence and hit a house. Police, at that same moment, received a call from dispatch regarding a 911 call reporting a stolen red jeep from the Coastal Gas Station at 19th and Walnut Avenue. One juvenile was detained as a result of the theft and police believe he was one of four juveniles that participated in the vehicle theft. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to 16th and Pine Avenue in the afternoon hours of January 22nd, 2020, after reports of a stolen vehicle. According to police, two people were arrested after Niagara Falls police recovered a vehicle that had been reported as stolen.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to a series of vehicle thefts in the late evening hours and early morning hours of Thursday, January 23rd, and Friday, January 24th. According to police, the break-ins are taking place primarily downtown at hotels. Police say the suspect is gaining entry to the vehicle by smashing out a window. Police are using surveillance camera footage in order to find any clues.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the McDonalds on Pine Avenue in the evening hours of Friday, January 24th, 2020, after reports of a rowdy crowd of juveniles. According to reports, police dispatched all available units as a reported group of 20 to 50 juveniles were preparing to fight outside of the restaurant. Upon arriving at the scene, police were assisted by members of the Peacemakers. No arrests were made as a result of the incident.

-Niagara Falls Police engaged in a traffic stop on the 500 block of 19th Street in the late evening hours of Saturday, January 25th, 2020, that resulted in a foot chase. According to police, one of the passengers in the vehicle was detained after running from the vehicle and leading police on a brief foot chase.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the area surrounding City hall in the late afternoon hours of Monday, January 27th, 2020, after reports of a robbery. According to police, a suspect who had robbed a Rite Aid on Portage and Pine Avenue was attempting to escape when he engaged in a game of cat and mouse with the NFPD. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

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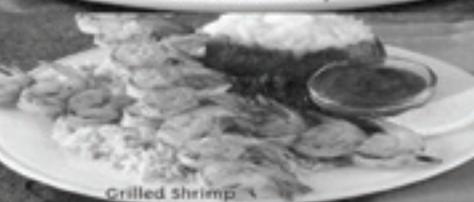
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Steingasser Cont. from Cover



Niagara County District Attorney Caroline Wojtaszek has taken the lead on this cold case in an effort to give the family of Mandy Steingasser their day in court.

There have been at least four delays in the murder trial of Joseph Belstadt in the strangulation death of Mandy Steingasser in 1993 and now the defense for the only suspect police ever had are suggesting a new suspect should

be introduced at trial, the 17-year-old victim's former boyfriend.

The only problem with that strategy, according to law enforcement sources, is that the former boyfriend "was not here" when Mandy got into a car with Belstadt after a night of partying on the morning of Sept. 19, 1993, and was never seen alive again.

Law enforcement sources familiar with the investigation into the teen's brutal strangulation murder say the former boyfriend had left town and police had confirmed he had left, thus ruling him out as a suspect.

"He wasn't here," said a law enforcement source, "and that ruled him out as a suspect." And that's just what DA Caroline Wojtaszek told Judge Sara Sheldon last week in court when defense attorney Michele Bergevin brought up the idea of introducing the boyfriend as a possible suspect at trial because DNA from the boyfriend

was found in Mandy's underwear.

As one veteran defense attorney told this reporter, the "other guy did it is a familiar defense tactic to try and cast doubt in the jury's mind, especially in a cold case like this one."

And this is indeed a cold case. The father of the beautiful young North Tonawanda teenager who was found strangled in Bond Lake Park in Lewiston several weeks after her disappearance, died in 2015, never living to see anyone charged in his only child's murder.

Richard Steingasser, like his wife, Lorraine who is still alive, was devastated by his daughter's unsolved death and really never recovered from her loss, according to friends. And that's also the case for Mandy's mother who continues to deeply mourn her daughter's death 27 years later.

Years went by and no charges were filed and it wasn't until DA Wojtaszek revived the case when



Joseph Belstadt, who is accused of murdering Mandy Steingasser.

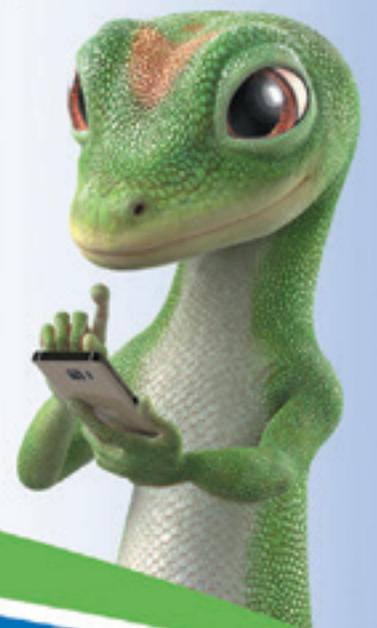
she was elected the county's chief prosecutor and with the aid of new technology was able to introduce key forensic evidence linking Belstadt to the dead girl from the vehicle he was driving at the time

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The 'Her Boyfriend Did It' Defense Cont. from Cover



Mandy Steingasser, who was murdered when she was 17-years-old.

of her disappearance.

Mandy Steingasser was described by friends as a good-hearted, strikingly beautiful teenager who enjoyed partying, much like other teenagers in her crowd at North Tonawanda High School. But her night of partying in September of 1993 marked the end for her and weeks later she was found bruised, battered, strangled, and dead in park in Lewiston.

Wojtaszek finally delivered a murder indictment against Belstadt in April of 2018, but here we are nearly two years later and a jury of his peers has yet to hear the evidence against him in the girl's death, to render a decision on his guilt or innocence.

For Lorraine Steingasser, life has never been the same since she lost her only daughter and five years ago she lost her grieving husband, leaving her alone in her pain.

For Many Steingasser's many friends who are waiting for the jury to get the case, it has been years of wondering if there will

ever be a day in court for her accused killer.

Judge Sheldon said in court last week she will rule shortly on whether she will allow the defense to introduce the ex-boyfriend as a suspect at trial even though the prosecution contends it should not be allowed because he just wasn't here when the girl disappeared.

At this point, the trial is scheduled to finally begin on March 9 and if there are no more delays, a jury will finally get to hear what the prosecution says happened to Many Steingasser 27 years ago. We'll try and keep you posted.

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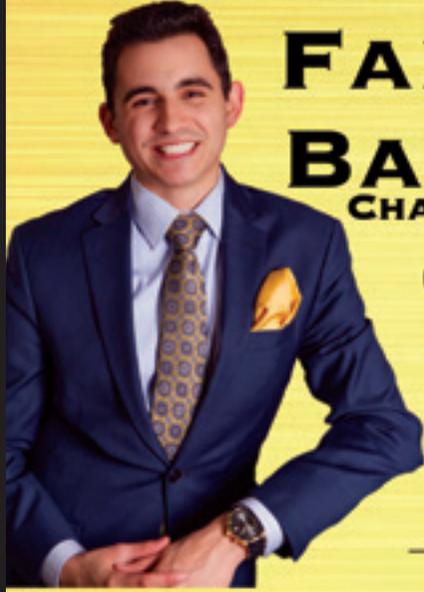
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