

CSI in the News

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Arts

Ronnie Spector plays Staten Island Feb. 13

By Ben Johnson

February 08, 2010, 10:23AM



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RONNIE SPECTOR

A pre-Valentine's Day with the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer

When: 8 p.m. Feb. 13.

Where: Center For the Arts at the [redacted] 2800

Victory Blvd., Willowbrook.

How much: Tickets are \$35-\$40.

More info: CFAshows.com and 718-982-ARTS(2787)

STATEN ISLAND, NY-- To say that Ronnie Spector had a tough go of it would be an understatement. Sure, she was the lead singer of The Ronettes, was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, and she's hung out with The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix and Joey Ramone. Beach Boy Brian Wilson even called her "Be My Baby" the "greatest pop record ever made."

But Spector says she was a prisoner in her own home while married to musical genius (and, as of last year, convicted murderer) Phil Spector in the 1960s and '70s. Going from the top of the pops to a missing person, she watched the career of a lifetime effectively disappear, only to be revived with the help of the musicians who never stopped loving her sultry voice, from Billy Joel and Bruce Springsteen to George Harrison and Eddie Money.

In anticipation of her pre-Valentine's Day show Feb. 13 at the Center for the Arts, we spoke with the native New Yorker about her musical history, sex symbolism and surviving in the business known as show.

Q: I know you were on S.I. in 2008, recording with rapper Phenom of the group Mental Instruments. Did you ever come to when you were growing up in New York?

A: My mom and dad used to take me and my sister on the ferry. It was like a treat for us; it was like going on an airplane and going far away. So I grew up to love that name and that place, Staten Island.

Q: You grew up in a vibrant time for rock 'n' roll music, but also a pretty transformational era for race relations in America. In your autobiography you call yourself a "half-breed." Was it hard growing up in a mixed-race family?

A: I lived in Spanish Harlem. My father was Irish, my mother

was black and Indian. So we fit right in. I mean the kids would make fun of you because you were light skinned, but that didn't bother me too much. They had every color up there. So I didn't grow up thinking race, because I lived it.

Q: You called your 2006 album "Last of the Rock Stars," but you would call yourself one of the first, too, wouldn't you?

A: Yes. I called it that because when I walked out on stage in the '60s, I rocked. I didn't have a choreographer, with The Ronettes, we were on our own out there, and that's why we just rocked. When I came off stage it was like I had just gotten out of the shower. We had to do more stuff than the average people, because you had Marvin Gaye, you had Johnny Mathis, everybody had a hit record — and we did not.

Staten Island-connected boy band WOW! plays Nassau

By Ben Johnson

February 18, 2010, 3:22PM



So Chic Productions

Boy band WOW! The group features
Islander Frankie Zulferino.

STATEN ISLAND, NY--Justin Bieber is everywhere these days. The teen pop star has been seen at the Grammy Awards red carpet, heard **telling Z100 that he wasn't into dating Miley Cyrus**, and blowing up Twitter (thanks to those who love him and plenty of haters).

But when Bieber and Selena Gomez play **Nassau Coliseum Feb. 20**, they won't be the big draw for Staten Islanders; WOW! will.

Lead in part by Tottenville High School and Tottenville resident Frankie Zulferino, the boy group has been getting their own name out there as well, just like Bieber. With over **10,000 Facebook** fans, an upcoming single called "Swear It Again," and plenty of touring, the group continues to build a following; and a host of crazy videos like the one below, that feature

When we featured them last summer, WOW! was making a visit to [redacted] that was reportedly mobbed. So It's likely a good group of Islanders will head to Long Island on Saturday, to see something like this:

February 19, 2010

Spare Times: For Children

By [LAUREL GRAEBER](#)

‘ADVENTURES WITH DORA AND DIEGO’ (Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday through Thursday) The young Latino stars of the Nickelodeon animated television series “Dora the Explorer” and “Go, Diego, Go!” have taken their expeditions into new territory at the Children’s Museum of Manhattan, whose exhibition has separate Dora and Diego environments, including Diego’s Animal Rescue Center and Dora’s Fiesta. Intended for ages 2 to 6, the interactive, bilingual displays are designed to teach language, science and music skills, as well as facts about Latin America. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223, cmom.org; free with museum admission: \$10; \$7 for 65+; free for under 1 and members.

‘THE AFRICAN DRUM’ (Sunday and Wednesday) Shadow Box Theater’s multimedia presentation of traditional African tales features characters that include a talking leopard, a wise loon and a turtle who is just as resourceful as the hero of “The Tortoise and the Hare.” All are shadow puppets, manipulated behind a lighted screen so that the colorful animals appear to be frolicking in the grasslands, along with Kijana, the young heroine. (Through March 14.) Sunday at 11 a.m., at the Theaters at 45 Bleecker Street, at Lafayette Street, Greenwich Village; Wednesday at 10 and 11:30 a.m. at Whitman Theater, [Brooklyn College](#), Flatbush and Nostrand Avenues, Flatbush, (212) 724-0677, shadowboxtheatre.org; Sunday: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Wednesday: \$10 and \$15. Full schedule available via phone and Web site.

‘ARCHAEOLOGY ZONE: DISCOVERING TREASURES FROM PLAYGROUNDS TO PALACES’ (Friday, Sunday through Tuesday, and Thursday) Children will step into the shoes of an explorer like Indiana Jones in this permanent exhibition at the [Jewish Museum](#), but the adventures will be purely scholarly. Still, there is plenty of excitement in analyzing artifacts like a jar handle, a clay jug and a bangle and figuring out the purpose behind ancient pieces like a Greek helmet and a bull-shaped vessel. This interactive show also includes a recreated room from the Ottoman period (about 1900), where young archaeologists can dress in costume. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., except Fridays, open until 4 p.m., and Thursdays, open until 8 p.m.; 1109 Fifth Avenue, at 92nd Street, (212) 423-3200, thejewishmuseum.org; free with admission: \$12; \$10 for 65+; \$7.50 for students; free for under 12 and members.

BIG MOVIES FOR LITTLE KIDS (Monday) This big movie is more like a series of little ones: selected episodes from the animated television series “Pingu,” whose title character is an enterprising young penguin. Although the television show originated in Switzerland, there’s no need to worry about a language barrier: the penguins have their own honking means of communication, which all children seem to understand. At 4 p.m., Cobble Hill Cinemas, 265 Court Street, at Butler Street, Brooklyn, (718) 596-9113, bigmoviesforlittlekids.blogspot.com; cobblehilltheatre.com; \$6.50.

‘CHOCOLATE AND VANILLA ADVENTURES’ (Friday through Sunday, and Tuesday through Thursday)

‘GOODNIGHT MOON’ AND ‘THE RUNAWAY BUNNY’ (Saturday) Two famous literary rabbits will leap off the page and onto the stage in this puppet presentation by the Mermaid Theater of Nova Scotia. Both are the creations of the author Margaret Wise Brown and the illustrator Clement Hurd, who envisioned a sleepy bunny and an adventurous one in these children’s classics. At 3 p.m., Williamson Theater, Center for the Arts at the [REDACTED] 2800 Victory Boulevard, at Route 440, Willowbrook , (718) 982-2787, cfashows.com; \$10 to \$15.



Things to do this week in NYC Feb 20-Feb 27: Music

Jazz, Hip-Hop, Reggae, or the classics ? New York City venues feature music from all cultures. Whether you're catching an aria at Lincoln Center, or checking out a band at Central Park Summerstage, NYC has a gig you won't want to miss.

[Ariadne auf Naxos - Metropolitan Opera](#)

February 20, 2010 -

Strauss's dual gifts for groundbreaking modernity and classical elegance come together in a smart and fanciful production. The great Swedish diva Nina Stemme makes a rare appearance in the title role and Sarah Connolly as the Composer. Kirill Petrenko conducts.

[La Boheme - Metropolitan Opera](#)

February 20, 2010 -

Anna Netrebko stars in the most popular opera in the repertory. Piotr Beczala, who signaled his arrival as a top lyric tenor in last season's Lucia di Lammermoor, sings his first Met Rodolfo in Franco Zeffirelli's legendary production. Gerald Finley is Marcello, opposite Nicole Cabell and Ruth Ann Swenson alternating as Musetta.

[All Balanchine: Liebeslieder Walzer, Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 2 - New York City Ballet](#)

Through February 20, 2010 -

One of the greatest 20th-century artists, Balanchine created a ballet repertory stunning for its sheer diversity. The four couples of Liebeslieder Walzer take the waltz to extraordinary heights in a rapturous evening of romance set in an elegant ballroom. A sparkling display of ballet classicism, Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 2, is Balanchine's tribute to his Imperial Russian heritage.

['Blue Harvest' Tavern Concert - Historic Richmond Town](#)

February 20, 2010 - Staten Island

Featuring some of New York City's hottest acoustic musicians, this bluegrass band combines rich harmonies and fiery instrumentals to create real honest-to-goodness homespun music that everyone will enjoy. Pre-paid reservations only with credit card.

[Leslie Uggams - The Allen Room](#)

February 20, 2010 -

Uggams has been captivating audiences of stage, screen and TV since her debut at the age of 6. As a child she opened for acts including Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington at the Apollo Theater, then appeared at age 15 on Name That Tune on television, catching the eye of Mitch Miller. Impressed with her vocal ability, Miller put her on Sing Along with Mitch and she entered American pop culture history, becoming the first African-American to be a regular on a national, prime-time series. Uggams went on to Broadway, earning a Tony for Hallelujah, Baby! and accolades for her work in On Golden

explored in a new production by director Pierre Audi. Some of the brightest lights in contemporary design, including Miuccia Prada and the architecture team of Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron (the 2008 Beijing Olympics "Bird's Nest" stadium), have created the costumes and scenery. Idar Abdrazakov sings the title role, joined by Violeta Urmana, Ramón Vargas, and Carlos Alvarez.

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['Johnson Girls' Tavern Concert - Historic Richmond Town](#)

February 27, 2010 - Staten Island

This energetic all-woman a cappella group specializes in maritime music. Their repertoire includes songs of Afro-Caribbean, Irish, Anglo-American, Italian & French Canadian influence; songs of the inland waterways, of fishing, mining & much more. Pre-paid reservations only with credit card.

[Festival de la Independencia Dominicana - Theater at Madison Square Garden](#)

February 27, 2010 -

The lineup will feature: Johnny Ventura, Fernando Villalona, El Torito, Los Hermanos Rosario, Tono Rosario, Ruby Perez, plus a very special guest yet to be announced.

[Celtic Woman - Radio City Music Hall](#)

Through February 27, 2010 - New York

The international sensation Celtic Woman returns to Radio City Music Hall with their brand new tour: Songs From the Heart! The awe inspiring vocalists Lisa, Chlo?, Lynn and Alex along with the mesmerizing Celtic violinist Maairead continue to capture the hearts of fans across the country. Their critically acclaimed new television special, CELTIC WOMAN - SONGS FROM THE HEART, filmed live from Powerscourt House and Gardens in Ireland, is a blockbuster on PBS. Come see Celtic Woman with their 6 piece band and the Aontas Choir perform unique renditions of Irish standards, classical favorites and contemporary hits. CELTIC WOMAN - SONGS FROM THE HEART promises to be a live concert event that you and your entire family will never forget!

[Richmond County Orchestra presents Classics to Rock - Center for the Arts](#)

February 27, 2010 -

The Richmond County Orchestra presents violinist Akiko Kobayashi, winner of RCO's Musicians Contest Competition and "Not from Concentrate" a local ska/rock band. Tks are \$20 advance \$25 @ door \$5 for students. For advance price call 212-729-4792 before 2/20. If you cannot attend this very special one time event and would like to make an online tax deductible donation, please visit www.richmondcountyorchestra.org and click on donate.

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Today's Family & Kids Activities in Brooklyn-Feb 21

by Directories Editor



Parents, don't let your children miss out on the fun! Here are some of today's kids and family activities in Brooklyn, from concerts and museums to decorating cupcakes and gardening! Want to see what's going on next weekend or when you have those few days off? Check out the NY Metro Parents' [calendar](#)!

[Shen Yun Performing Arts - Radio City Music Hall](#)

February 21, 2010 - Manhattan

See classical Chinese dance

brought to life on stage with intricate backdrops, drums, and music.

[The Israel Ballet Presents Don Quixote - Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts](#)


February 21, 2010 - Brooklyn

This performance is part of Israel Ballet's first U.S. tour in 25 years. The ballet's production is set against a video-enhanced backdrop, adding an extra layer of energy and color to this classic story.

[Sesame Street: A Celebration of 40 Years of Life on the Street - Brooklyn Public Library, Central Library](#)

Through February 21, 2010 - Brooklyn

A free exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of the TV show "Sesame Street." Highlights include original show scripts and sheet music, behind-the-scenes photographs, and "Sesame Street" Muppets like Grover, Prairie Dawn, and Elmo.

['Goodnight Moon' and 'The Runaway Bunny' - Center for the Arts at the](#) 
February 21, 2010 - Staten Island

Whimsical puppetry and original music will bring a new sense of appreciation to these two stories, which have delighted children for years. Recommended for children ages 2-7.

Faculty & Staff

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010**COLLEGE PRESIDENTS SERIES****President Tomás Morales, College of Staten Island: A CUNY OASIS*****By Sybil Maimin***

Just a picturesque ferry ride or bridge crossing from Manhattan is a unique component of the City University of New York little known outside its home borough of Staten Island. The [REDACTED], one of the senior colleges of the CUNY system, sprawls over 204 verdant acres and includes neo-Georgian buildings, indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, playing fields and a great lawn, an astrophysical observatory, a Center for the Arts with studios, gallery, concert halls and theater, state-of-the-art laboratories, a busy student center, a tech-enhanced library, and a High Performance Computational and Visualization Center housing the largest supercomputer at CUNY; in addition, prominently installed around the spacious campus are sixteen important commissioned works of art.

Dr. Tomás Morales, a native of the South Bronx, past provost at California State Polytechnic University, and former dean of students at City College/CUNY, has been [REDACTED] president since 2007; and, as he recently shared with *Education Update* in an interview in his office on campus, he is determined to get the word out about the educational opportunities available on his island campus, to “tell our story,” even as he works to strengthen the institution. He sees the chance to experience college life in New York City in a tranquil, green, park-like campus as a unique draw for urbanites.

Morales has ambitious plans for [REDACTED]. He also recognizes the challenges he faces. [REDACTED] is the product of the merger in 1976 of Staten Island Community College (a two-year program) and Richmond College (third and fourth years). As the only public college in the borough, [REDACTED] continues to offer a two-year associate degree and pledges to continue to do so as a service to the local community. However, Morales is also expanding the number of graduate and doctoral programs offered, meeting the growing needs of the community. “It is a very complex institution.” Morales notes that, in a consortium with the CUNY Graduate Center, [REDACTED] has seven doctoral programs; last year 154 doctoral students did research on his

campus. Fifteen master's and 34 baccalaureate programs are offered. To bolster academics, Morales has appointed over 72 new faculty members, saying, "We were able to attract faculty from the most prestigious post-doc programs. I would put their credentials up against those of any institution." Based on test scores, the academic quality of incoming students is similar to that of other CUNY colleges. [REDACTED] offers three honors programs — the very prestigious Macaulay Honors College, found in seven CUNY colleges; the Verrazano School, a highly selective learning community for the highest achieving students; and the Teacher Education Honors Academy, an NSF-funded program aimed at addressing the shortage of teachers of math and science. Seen as a plus, [REDACTED] is unique as the only CUNY school to offer both doctoral and below-baccalaureate degrees. (The number of "conversions," or students who transition from two- to four-year programs, is significant.)

Geographic isolation is another major challenge for CSI, admits Morales, and transportation options are limited on Staten Island. In a popular move in 2008, he launched a very successful shuttle service from the Staten Island Ferry to [REDACTED] for students, faculty, staff and visitors. Fifteen-hundred riders a day use this free service, and its presence makes it possible for people from all boroughs to come to the college. Morales also wants [REDACTED] to become a residential college. Currently, 100 percent of [REDACTED] students are commuters, with 75 percent hailing from Staten Island. To broaden its catchment area, raise student quality, and attract international applicants (he hopes they will increase from the current 3 percent to 10 percent of all applicants), Morales plans to break ground on new residence halls shortly. He sees the student population increasing from 13,800 to 17,000. "New York is the consummate college town," he explains, and "[REDACTED] is an integral part of the mix."

Morales spends time in the local community "to tell our story, to celebrate excellence on Staten Island," and because "it is important for the college to serve the public good." He encourages students to perform community service, such as tutoring low-performing students in local public schools in the Strategies for Success initiative, has offered full scholarships to all valedictorians and salutatorians in Staten Island public schools (seven accepted last year), and, as a booster of public education, serves as a mayoral appointee on the Panel for Educational Policy. Recognizing the prominent role it plays currently and the potential for its future, he notes that [REDACTED] is the largest single organization on Staten Island and one of its two or three largest employers.

Inspired by his mother and mentor, Elsie Maldonado, who went from high

school dropout to psychiatric social worker, he has exciting visions for his growing college. Plans range from bike lanes and more plantings on campus to strong academics and an increasingly important role in the international education arena. #



February 1, 2010

Transportation report suggests new toll roads for Interstates 78, 80 and 287

By LARRY HIGGS
Gannett New Jersey

Interstates 78, 80, 195, 287 and 295 are likely targets to become toll roads, transportation experts predict in response to a report submitted to Gov. Chris Christie that suggests that the state explore placing tolls on certain highways.

The report, released on Jan. 22, also suggests having voters decide whether to raise the state's gasoline tax, after all revenue that is supposed to be dedicated to the state's Transportation Trust Fund has been returned to that purpose.

The report, which notes that the Transportation Trust Fund will run out of money in 2011 to pay for any highway, bridge or mass transit projects in fiscal year 2012, made six general recommendations about how to raise revenue but did not go into details.

Revenue from the state's gas tax will raise enough money just to cover the estimated \$895 million debt payment in July 2011, the report said.

It recommends exploring "limited tolling of select interstate highways to pay for improvements to those highways," but didn't identify highways to be considered.

Transportation experts said the most likely candidates for tolling would be east-west interstates I-78, I-80 and I-195, along with other high-volume highways such as I-287 and I-295. Doing that requires federal approval, which would require state officials to demonstrate why toll money is needed to fix that specific highway.

"You'd want a road with high volume that's steadily growing and that has few tolling (entrance or exit) points," said Jonathan D. Peters, associate professor of finance at the [redacted] who studies toll road finance. "All are high volume, I-78, I-80, I-295 and 287 pop out, most of those would test well."

Transportation Commissioner-designate James Simpson said he wouldn't comment on the recommendations until after he has been confirmed by the Legislature. Christie administration spokesman Michael Drewniak said many of the recommendations may never become reality.

"Many of the recommendations must be rejected outright. Others we'll use to inform our policy, and some will be adopted," he said. "We are fully aware of the Transportation Trust Fund situation, and you will hear things from the administration in the next few weeks."

Discouraging businesses

Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCroce, R-Morris, who's served on the transportation committee, said he opposes increasing the gas tax and putting tolls on interstate highways.

"We should look at existing revenues coming in and try and put together a funding program, enough

to keep the road maintained and begin new projects, like maintaining bridges and replacing other bridges and continue maintenance on NJ Transit," DeCroce said.

He opposes interstate highway tolls because they would discourage businesses from locating and staying in the state and would hurt small start-up businesses.

"Once you start it, that's just another fee and tax the state doesn't need. I'd hold off on that one," DeCroce said. "We should give the new governor the opportunity to work on straightening out the hole in the (state) budget and to talk to his new commissioner of transportation, NJ Transit executive director and treasurer."

Christie opposed increasing the gas tax or raising tolls on the state's existing toll roads, DeCroce said.

Winning federal approval to make an interstate a toll road isn't easy, as was the case with Pennsylvania's unsuccessful application to place tolls on I-80, which was rejected in September 2008. Pennsylvania officials have reapplied.

"It can't be that you just want to raise revenue," Peters said.

The federal government won't allow toll money from an interstate to be diverted to other roads or to mass transit, which is what scuttled the Pennsylvania I-80 application, Peters said.

"The feds turned it back to them when they wanted to do it to (also) subsidize mass transit in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh," Peters said. "The federal government made a significant investment (in the interstates), and they want to protect that investment."

Selling toll and gas-tax increases to drivers would be hard, especially in the current recession, experts said.

"We polled 1,000 motorists in November, and 64 percent of those polled said they don't see increasing the gas tax," said Tracy Noble, MidAtlantic AAA spokeswoman. "It hits motorists in pocket; they'll tell you no."

Getting the thumbs-down

Putting tolls on interstate highways also got a thumbs down from AAA.

"We do not support adding tolls to roads that are nontolled," Noble said.

Revenue for the trust fund to pay debt and fund projects will have to come from several sources, and there won't be one "silver bullet," said Zoe Baldwin, New Jersey advocate for the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, a group that works to reduce the dependency on cars.

Drivers are paying now for bad roads, she said, citing a June 2009 report that analyzed the nation's worst highways.

A New Jersey motorist spends an average of \$596 annually in extra vehicle operating costs because of bad roads, the highest in the nation and nearly double the national average of \$335, she said.

Baldwin cited projections that a gas-tax increase of 25 cents a gallon would cost the average household about \$230 a year. A 10-cents-a-gallon increase would cost the same household about \$93 per year, she said.

Peters said that it's also cheaper to collect gas-tax revenues than tolls.

"Even with cashless tolls, the cost of collection runs in the 14 to 20 percent of revenues collected," he said. "A fuel tax runs 1 to 2 percent for the cost of operations."

Both Peters and Baldwin said revenue solutions also must be equitable for all residents and regions.

"We need to make sure that, whatever solutions are enacted, they spread the burden across all of the transportation users and make sure they all benefit from Transportation Trust Fund projects," Baldwin said.

The report also recommends collecting the gas tax at the refinery, which will net a 10 percent increase in collections through efficiencies and cutting losses. Peters said it's not only more efficient, but that it also reduces the chance for fraud.

Peters also suggested indexing the gas tax to account for inflation and increased fuel economy of certain vehicles.

Another recommendation suggests merging the South Jersey Transportation Authority, which runs the Atlantic City Expressway, with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, which runs that road and the Garden State Parkway. It also proposed the turnpike authority, the state Department of Transportation and NJ Transit share certain functions for economies of scale.

Public trust

It also proposed the use of "enhanced" toll collection methods against drivers who use E-ZPass lanes to cheat on tolls.

Drewniak called the transition reports a chance to have people inside and out of the government sit down with the agencies, look at the issues and brainstorm possible solutions.

"They are useful in the ideas and assessments," he said. "They'll be used in the budget process and reform of state government and agencies like NJ Transit and the authorities."

Public trust will be a big issue, both Baldwin and Peters said, given that in the past, money that was supposed to go to the Transportation Trust Fund money has been diverted for other purposes.

"They have to make sure every dollar of revenue raised is dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund. The state has had a large problem with raiding the fund," Baldwin said. "The public is uneasy with paying a higher tax for transportation and finding it doesn't go to transportation."

The looming funding crisis opens the door for Christie to have an "honest dialogue" with the public.

"Showing the public what they get for their money will be an integral part of this," Baldwin said.

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Earthquake documentary up for Oscar

- Source: Global Times
- [01:37 February 04 2010]
- Comments

By Wang Anna

The only Oscar nomination related to China this year is a documentary by two American filmmakers, *China's Unnatural Disaster: the Tears of Sichuan Province*.

The HBO film by Matthew O'Neil and Jon Alpert is up for an award for Documentary (short subject) on March 7.

The 39-minute documentary was shot 10 days after the 8-magnitude earthquake in 2008 that left an estimated 70,000 people dead, among them many school children.

The four-member crew originally intended to make a film about the rescue and relief efforts. They changed the plan after seeing grieving parents marching with their deceased children's pictures, Xia Ming, professor of political science at the [REDACTED] and one of the crew, told the BBC.

The parents believed shoddy school buildings were to blame for the death of 127 children from Fuxin Primary School in Mianzhu, Sichuan Province.

The camera followed several such parents through their quest for compensation and justice after the quake.

In the aftermath of the quake, Tan Zuoren, an activist, independently concluded that more than 50 percent of the 5,781 student victims were killed as a result of shoddy school building construction.

Tan's calculation differs from the official figure, 5,335, which was announced by the Sichuan provincial government on May 7, 2009.

The documentary was not put on show in Chinese cinemas after its premier on HBO last May, but some Internet users have downloaded the film, and many more have tried to download it specially after learning about the nomination.

Why the classic Noo Yawk accent is fading away

By SHEILA McCLEAR

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The first thing theatergoers will notice about the revival of "A View of the Bridge," Arthur Miller's 1950s drama about a working-class Italian-American family in Red Hook, is that the characters are speaking a different language: Brooklynese. You got a problem with that!?

You can hear the mellifluous — some might say grating — dialect being celebrated on Broadway by Scarlett Johansson and Liev Schreiber. But that may be the only place. Linguists say features of the classic accent are heard less and less in the city itself, especially among the younger generation. Mocked and stereotyped, the long o's and w's have fallen out of favor, unless you're auditioning for a mob film.

Will old Noo Yawk become a museum piece, the subway token of language?

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First, a lesson in rhoticity. What, exactly, is the New York accent? One key component, linguists say, is the "R." Not only do New Yorkers drop Rs (call the doctah!), they add them in where they're not needed, usually when the next word starts with a vowel, which creates "I sawr it with my very own eyes!" and "The sofer in the living room is green." It all started across the pond. The New York accent, with its dropped Rs, is "absolutely from British English," says Kara Becker, a Ph.D. student at NYU who is writing her dissertation on New York City English. Londoners began to drop Rs around the end of the 1600s, according to Michael Newman, associate professor of linguistics at Queens College.

The East Coast is referred to as the "R-less corridor" by linguists, and other coastal cities have accents with features in common with New York, like Boston and Charleston, S.C. Those cities "were settled around the same time, and the speakers came from a certain place" — South London — "using a certain type of British English," Becker says.

Stephen Gabis, the dialect coach for "A View From the Bridge," says New York speech gradually got "a little slower, a bit lazier, and the muscularity was relaxed," becoming less stiff and leaning toward the heavier "ga'head" (translation: "go ahead").

Up until 1945, it was considered distinguished to drop your Rs. Think of FDR, on his radio addresses: "We have nothing to fee-ah but fe-ah istelf." After World War II, "Americans stopped considering British English to be quite so prestigious," says Becker. "Broadcaster English" became the new desired norm.

Then there's the curious case of the New York Honk, which Tom Wolfe wrote about in 1976. The Honk was a certain upper-class East Coast accent that persisted after WWII, spoken by wealthy prep-school types such as Bobby Kennedy and Nelson Rockefeller. Wolf called it "derived in the natural Anglophile bias of Eastern social life." The unique way that New Yorkers draw out their vowels is another important feature of the dialect. Raising the vowels is one of the first exercises Gabis does with actors learning the accent.

New York-style vowels are diphthongs — meaning they change into another sound during pronunciation. That's just a boring way to describe the musical "aww-uhh" that New Yorkers bring to their vowels, pulling them apart like taffy, turning "sausage" into "sawww-sage." Words like "talk" and "walk" turn into two-syllable words: "Taww-uhk" and "waww-uuhk." Travis Bickle's famous line from "Taxi Driver" actually sounds more like, "Yoo tawwhkin' ta may?"

Where do these diphthongs come from? There's no obvious answer. They've popped up since the 1600s in both England and America, perhaps just local dialects that developed independently.

More apparent is the lineage of "dese" and "dose." The only immigrant language that had the "th" sound in it was Greek, meaning all the other travellers to the New World had a hard time pronouncing the sound — in other words, they had trouble wid it.

And the rest of the country pronounces a word like "singer" as "seeeng-er," with a soft "g." But in the New York dialect, it's "SING-er." That pronounced 'g' is a vestige of Yiddish and Italian.

Nobody's quite sure when these features melded into the accent we know today, though it shows up on some of the earliest sound recordings. After the British, the next generation of European immigrants to New York City — Irish and Germans in the mid-1800s, Jews, Eastern Europeans, Russians, and Italians starting in the 1880s — contributed their own features. There were references to a "Bowery accent" by the turn of the century.

How and why dialects change is mysterious, influenced by a constellation of factors, and not even linguists can say for sure how it works. "Once you leave them alone, they just develop and change, like Latin became Italian, French and Portuguese. [A dialect] develops its own peculiarities," says George Jochnowitz, retired Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at the [redacted].

But that old story that you could tell by someone's accent the street they grew up on is an urban myth. Whether Brooklyn or The Bronx, New Yorkese is all the same accent.

"What people think of as borough differences are actually socioeconomic differences, like education, income level and occupation," Newman says. "No one has ever shown any geographical difference between any of the regions in the city."

"It's borough pride [in thinking] they talk differently from the rest," Gabis adds. Born in Brooklyn of Irish and Lithuanian descent, the accents in the play were inspired by the voices he grew up around: "It sounded like a Scorsese movie."

There are, however, slight ethnic differences between accents. The Carbone family in Miller's play is Italian-American, and "the Italian version [of the New York accent] is so musical," Gabis says, noting that their unique cadence is consistent with Italian. "The accents migrated, and a couple generations later, the music is still there." Think of the up-and-down inflections of Joe Pesci in "Raging Bull": "Fuggedaboutit, I ain't doin' it, I ain't hittin' ya!"

Then there's the Irish version, "the Jimmy Cagney way of speaking — real machine gun, like your mouth is a weapon," Gabis says. "*You doity rat!*"

Neighborhood homogeneity plays a part in developing an accent, which happens between the ages 8 and 14. "Back then, it was the purity of that neighborhood, so you spoke like the people in your little world," said Jessica Hecht, the Connecticut-born actress who plays Beatrice in "Bridge." "You didn't have any other influence."

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Population change is one major factor of the New York accent's decline, as the mixing of different people tends to neutralize accents. Why exactly hasn't been figured out by linguists: "There's a huge argument in the field as to whether it's changed by contact with other people or by self-identity," Newman says.

In other words, do kids neglect to pick up the accent that their parents have because not as many people around them have it — or in the self-identity argument, do they become self-conscious about the accent and not want to talk like their parents and grandparents?

Much will be learned from Kara Becker's field site — the blocks where she studies and records denizens' speech — on the Lower East Side. It is the same area that the "godfather of sociolinguistics" William Labov studied when he created "The Atlas of American English" in 1966.

The area had not been examined by linguists since, and Becker has spent the last two years recording and analyzing the speech patterns of 64 people. What she found: Young people native to the neighborhood aren't developing the accent Labov heard.

"On the Lower East Side in particular, the people we would expect to maintain the New York accent — those of European ancestry, Italian, Irish — the young folks of those ethnicities are not using the New York features," Becker says. "Older speakers [still] have the classic accent, among white people."

Becker's group is contained within the Lower East Side, which has seen a huge population shift during its gentrification of the last 20 years. But in general, "New Yorkers are more and more 'R'-ful, and the amount of R-dropping is decreasing," Newman says. "We don't really know why."

"In Manhattan [the accent] is definitely dying," Jochnowitz says. Manhattan has also seen the most influx of new people from outside the state, who don't usually pick up an accent. The dialect "remains mostly in the outer boroughs, and is most alive in Staten Island."

Staten Island is a known stronghold of New York talk not only because it has the most stable New York population, but because "anywhere you have lots of white people — Jews and Italians and Irish and Germans — whose origins are in the city, you're going to find that accent pretty systematically," Newman says. Its relative isolation may have also helped.

As the accent is dying in some places, it's migrated to others. New Yorkers have brought their accents with them to Long Island — also known as Lawn Guyland — or New Joisey (hello, cast of "Jersey Shore"!).

Although George Bernard Shaw thought the New York dialect was the most beautiful sound in the world — "the ultimate in sophistication in human speech" — not everyone is in love with the accent, mostly because it signifies working-class origins. To graduate from Queens College in the 1960s, students had to pass a speech test — and you would do well to pronounce your Rs.

Because of the accent's humbler origins, generations of parents hoping their children would grow up to be doctors or lawyers and get out of "the neighborhood" encouraged their children to leave it behind, deeming it lower class, ethnic or crude.

Some parts of the accent have simply gone extinct already for that very reason. No one asks to meet you on the corner of "Thoity Thoid and Thoid Street" anymore, or declares that "the oily boid gets the woim" — that particular feature has been gone for "50, 60, 70 years," Jochnowitz says. It was "laughed out of the dialect" — stigmatized so much that people were shamed into cutting it out.

The same thing is happening now to the "yuhs guys" and "sawr it."

"If people try to lose [their accent], they're more likely to lose it if they feel they're not going to get ahead in life with it," Jochnowitz adds, although he mentioned that a good number of educated people hang on to their accents, though sometimes a bit self-consciously. Ed Koch, himself an unrepentant R-dropper, once went so far as to say he wouldn't mourn Brooklynese if it disappeared.

Despite the unfair class bias, there are just as many who see the talk as an integral part of the city's identity. "I'm very saddened by the idea of losing [their accent] permanently," Gabis says. "I never met an accent I didn't like."

While it's true that the younger generation has moved away from New York dialect, that "doesn't mean that there aren't plenty of people embracing and using the accent, because they have strong associations and pride about being New Yorkers," Becker says. "The short answer is no, it's not dying, it's changing."

There's something to be said for the dyed-in-the-wool New Yorker, for whom Brooklyn or Queens is an attitude, not a place.

"Language is meant to shift around," Gabis says. "I think it's alive and well, depending on the neighborhoods you go to." But you might have to look — and listen — a little harder for it.

Freelance writer Sheila McClear's book, "The Last of the Live Nude Girls" (Soft Skull), will be published next year.

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Ein Appell für Meinungsfreiheit

Die taz dokumentiert einen Appell an den Iran, den 140 Intellektuelle aus 20 Ländern unterzeichnet haben - darunter Shirin Ebadi und Judith Butler.



"Mit aller Kraft protestieren": Iranische Flagge.

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Acht Monate nach der Bekanntgabe der umstrittenen Ergebnisse der Präsidentschaftswahlen gehen die Demonstrationen gegen das iranische Regime weiter. Trotz massiver Bedrohungen gehen Hunderttausende auf die Straße, um ihre Bürgerrechte zu verteidigen und gegen Wahlfälschung und die Einschränkung ihrer Freiheiten zu protestieren. Das Regime aber beantwortet ihre Forderungen mit Terror und gewaltsamer Unterdrückung.

Zusätzlich zum üblichen Unterdrückungsapparat mobilisiert das Regime irreguläre Kräfte, die mit Stich- und Feuerwaffen die friedlichen Demonstranten mit Tötungsabsicht attackieren. Weder Privathäuser noch Studentenheime bleiben davon verschont. Folter und Vergewaltigung gehören in den Gefängnissen zur Tagesordnung. Gerichte sprechen in Massen-Schauprozessen Todesurteile aus. Ein System der willkürlichen Rechtsauslegung soll den Terror legitimieren.

Trotz tausendfacher Gefangennahmen und öffentlicher Selbstbezeichnungen im Fernsehen, die unter Folter zustande kommen, hören die Proteste nicht auf. Während politische Grundfreiheiten geleugnet werden, nutzt das iranische Volk jede Gelegenheit, um die Überlegenheit seiner gewaltfreien Strategie unter Beweis zu stellen.

Das iranische Regime, das seine Hoffnung auf die Erschöpfung der demokratischen Bewegung gesetzt hat, sieht sich nun einer immer stärkeren Protestwelle gegenüber, deren Forderungen sogar gewachsen sind. Nun greifen sie mit ihren Parolen selbst die theokratischen Strukturen des Systems an. Unter den gegebenen Umständen ist es keine Überraschung, dass eine neue Welle der Gewalt und Repression die iranische Zivilgesellschaft zügellos bedroht.

Den Intellektuellen und Demokraten dieser Welt obliegt es nun, gegen diese Bedrohungen mit aller Kraft zu protestieren und dem iranischen Volk, das seine unanfechtbaren Rechte verteidigt, ihre Unterstützung zu versichern. Was die Fortführung der repressiven Gewalt des iranischen Regimes möglich macht, ist die Gleichgültigkeit und Passivität der öffentlichen Weltmeinung.

Aus diesem Anlass drücken wir, die Unterzeichner, unsere uneingeschränkte Unterstützung für die Presse- und Freiheitsrechte des iranischen Volkes aus. Wir fordern die Freilassung aller Intellektuellen, Journalisten und politischen Aktivisten, die verhaftet wurden und Folter ertragen. Wir verurteilen generell die Gewalt und die Repressionen, die dem iranischen Volk das Recht auf politische Selbstbestimmung entziehen. Wir rufen die internationalen Organisationen auf, vom iranischen Regime die Einhaltung der demokratischen Rechte zu verlangen.

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CSI professor is up for an Oscar

Ming Xia served as translator and guide for documentary about the 2008 Chinese earthquake

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Ming Xia, a political science professor at the [REDACTED] still remembers his feelings while visiting his home town in the rural Sichuan Province of China after the 2008 earthquake that killed 70,000 people, including 10,000 children, for a documentary.

"It was heartbreaking seeing all the devastation," said Xia, who's been living in Willowbrook since 1997, said. "It was a heartbreaking experience."

Last Monday, the documentary that Xia worked on as a producer and translator, HBO's "China's Unnatural Disaster: The Tears of Sichuan Province," was one of five films nominated for an Oscar in the short documentary category.

Xia got involved with the project after his friend, Peter Kwan, saw pictures of China on Xia's Web site and asked him to join the four man team to China. The team set out 10 days after the earthquake to try to document the devastation afterwards. He worked as a translator -- speaking the local dialect -- and cultural guide for the crew.

"We went through two days and did not get any human stories," said Xia, instead only finding rubble. On the third day, they asked villagers for stories and were told by one of a school that collapsed, killing 120 students -- mostly fourth and fifth graders.

The crew then followed the parents of the children, who created a memorial at the school and began marches and protests for their children.

"We saw marches of parents who lost their children," Xia said. "That's how we got (our footage) for the week."

However, documenting the struggles of these parents wasn't easy for the team.

"The government didn't want us to be there," said Xia. "(They) threatened to arrest us (so we) tried to avoid them."

The team returned to America with 58 hours of footage that Xia began to translate and subtitle while working with the editors.

"The whole movie doesn't have commentary," Xia said. "(We) only use their stories."

Originally, they planned to make a two-hour documentary, but during editing, Sheila Nevins, the executive producer for the movie and President for HBO Documentary, said it was Oscar material, so they started working on making the film fit Oscar guidelines.

"(It's) very exciting," Xia said about the nomination. "I'm not a filmmaker, I'm a professor."

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UHB/SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn, NY, Hosts Transcultural Conference

The Department of Nursing Services at the **University Hospital of Brooklyn (UHB) /SUNY Downstate Medical Center**, Brooklyn, NY, hosted the first Regional Transcultural Nursing and Healthcare Conference for the New York Metro area.

The conference was a grant-funded joint venture between UHB and the Transcultural Nursing Society and part of a national study to develop cultural competencies through evidence-based best practices.

More than 180 transdisciplinary participants represented five states and included nurses, physicians, and others.

Panelists included:

Marianne Jeffreys, EdD, RN, of the [REDACTED] **NY**;

Stephen R. Marrone, EdD, RN-BC, CTN-A, deputy nursing director at UHB and member of the Transcultural Nursing Society Board of Trustees;

Dula F. Pacquiao, EdD, RN, CTN, of the **University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey**, Newark;

Larry D.T. Purnell, PhD, RN, FAAN, of the University of Delaware;

Rafael E. Ruiz, PhD, director of clinical practice and outcomes research of the Greater New York Hospital Association; and

Virginia S. Tong, LMSW, vice president of cultural competence at **Lutheran Medical Center**, Brooklyn.

Program topics included: current and future regulatory requirements related to cultural competency; the Purnell model of culturally competent healthcare; transcultural nursing and healthcare administration; improving the quality of healthcare through cultural competence; meeting the needs of diverse learners; managing cultural and generational diversity in the workforce; and achieving cultural competence with limited resources.

UHB-SUNY Downstate is developing a Diversity Model based on the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Healthcare Services Standards.

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Pour la liberté d'expression et la fin de la violence en Iran

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Cet appel a reçu l'accord de nombreux intellectuels, universitaires, militants associatifs et politiques, en Iran, en Europe, aux Amériques, en Asie et dans le monde arabe. C'est un appel au soutien du peuple iranien dans sa lutte pour la démocratie et les libertés, la paix et le droit.

Depuis la proclamation des résultats falsifiés de l'élection présidentielle du 12 juin 2009, par centaines de milliers, des manifestants défient l'ordre établi en Iran. Ils expriment leur désir ardent de citoyenneté, s'insurgent contre la fraude électorale et la suppression des libertés. Une terreur aux multiples visages se déchaîne désormais contre eux. Aux forces de sécurité antérieures – la police, les pasdarans et les bassidjis – s'ajoutent des agents en civil, munis d'armes blanches et d'armes à feu, qui s'attaquent aux rassemblements pacifiques pour tuer et blesser les manifestants. Les domiciles privés, les cités universitaires sont attaqués de jour ou de nuit. Les prisons sont le siège de tortures et de viols. Des tribunaux envoient à la mort après des jugements sommaires. L'arsenal judiciaire d'exception est perfectionné.

Cependant, malgré les milliers d'arrestations, les condamnations, les aveux médiatisés de prétendus repentis, le mouvement de contestation populaire ne cède pas à la menace. Alors même que les libertés politiques fondamentales sont inexistantes, il se déploie à chaque occasion et démontre la supériorité de sa stratégie non violente. Le gouvernement iranien, qui comptait sur son épuisement, se heurte chaque jour à de nouvelles vagues de contestation. Celles-ci amènent une radicalisation des slogans, qui visent de plus en plus clairement la structure théocratique du régime iranien.

Rien d'étonnant à ce que, dans ce contexte, une nouvelle vague de répression sanglante menace aujourd'hui la société civile iranienne. Les intellectuels et les démocrates du monde entier doivent lui opposer une réponse immédiate et faire tout ce qui est en leur pouvoir pour protéger le peuple iranien en lutte pour ses droits légitimes. La violence ne peut, en effet, se déchaîner que dans la mesure où l'opinion publique internationale demeure inerte ou indifférente.

C'est pourquoi les soussignés, affirmant leur soutien de principe à la liberté de la presse et la liberté d'expression, exigent la libération des intellectuels, journalistes et militants emprisonnés et torturés en Iran, et plus généralement l'arrêt de la répression qui prive le peuple iranien de son droit à l'autodétermination politique. Ils demandent instamment aux organismes internationaux compétents de faire valoir ces exigences en permanence auprès du gouvernement iranien.

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Pour la liberté d'expression et la fin de la violence en Iran

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Cet appel a reçu l'accord de nombreux intellectuels, universitaires, militants associatifs et politiques, en Iran, en Europe, aux Amériques, en Asie et dans le monde arabe. C'est un appel au soutien du peuple iranien dans sa lutte pour la démocratie et les libertés, la paix et le droit.

Depuis la proclamation des résultats falsifiés de l'élection présidentielle du 12 juin 2009, par centaines de milliers, des manifestants défient l'ordre établi en Iran. Ils expriment leur désir ardent de citoyenneté, s'insurgent contre la fraude électorale et la suppression des libertés. Une terreur aux multiples visages se déchaîne désormais contre eux. Aux forces de sécurité antérieures – la police, les pasdarans et les bassidjis – s'ajoutent des agents en civil, munis d'armes blanches et d'armes à feu, qui s'attaquent aux rassemblements pacifiques pour tuer et blesser les manifestants. Les domiciles privés, les cités universitaires sont attaqués de jour ou de nuit. Les prisons sont le siège de tortures et de viols. Des tribunaux envoient à la mort après des jugements sommaires. L'arsenal judiciaire d'exception est perfectionné.

Cependant, malgré les milliers d'arrestations, les condamnations, les aveux médiatisés de prétendus repentis, le mouvement de contestation populaire ne cède pas à la menace. Alors même que les libertés politiques fondamentales sont inexistantes, il se déploie à chaque occasion et démontre la supériorité de sa stratégie non violente. Le gouvernement iranien, qui comptait sur son épuisement, se heurte chaque jour à de nouvelles vagues de contestation. Celles-ci amènent une radicalisation des slogans, qui visent de plus en plus clairement la structure théocratique du régime iranien.

Rien d'étonnant à ce que, dans ce contexte, une nouvelle vague de répression sanglante menace aujourd'hui la société civile iranienne. Les intellectuels et les démocrates du monde entier doivent lui opposer une réponse immédiate et faire tout ce qui est en leur pouvoir pour protéger le peuple iranien en lutte pour ses droits légitimes. La violence ne peut, en effet, se déchaîner que dans la mesure où l'opinion publique internationale demeure inerte ou indifférente.

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Youngsters study the Far East

By Diane Lore

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Students at PS 56, learning about China, have crafted projects displayed in celebration of the coming new year

STATEN ISLAND, NY – ROSSVILLE — The celebration of the Chinese New Year on Sunday may be a fitting climax for art students at PS 56, who've been studying the history and cultural arts of China for weeks now.

All classes, from kindergarten through fifth grade, have been participating in "History Through the Fine Arts" a program taught and coordinated by Connie Kenney.



In celebration of Chinese New Year, students at PS 56 in Rossville work on art projects as they learn about China from their teacher Connie Kenney. (Pictured on the cover is Jenna Lombardo, of class 4-311, drawing a Ming vase.) PHOTO COURTESY OF PS 56

Mrs. Kenney has traveled extensively in China and has adapted her curriculum to each grade. Kindergartners have studied Chinese inventions and crafted Chinese fans. First-graders have read Chinese folktales, illustrated some of the characters, and created "yinyang" clocks with Chinese numerals.

Second-graders are creating watercolor washes and embellishing them with oil pastels for their study of the Chinese landscape. They are working with oil pastels for the first time, drawing animals native to China, including the panda. They also learned about commonplace items that were first invented by the Chinese.

"The Chinese were the first to grow and eat soy," explained second-grader Faith Fauci. "Today we use soy in sauce, tofu and soy milk," added the 7-year-old.

Her classmate, Eddie Babilonia, noted that the Chinese also invented gunpowder, "They used it for war, and to make firecrackers."

The Chinese invented silk, explained Frank Frost. "They used the fiber from a silkworm to weave into cloth and make their clothes," he said.

Third-graders, meanwhile, designed blue and white porcelain vases with flowers and dragons, the symbol of the power and strength during the Ming Dynasty, which extended from about 1368 to 1644. After reading some Chinese lore, they wrote their own stories in Chinese calligraphy.

Third-grader Samantha Aloï said she enjoyed reading about the Forbidden City. "I learned that the Forbidden City was not really a city. It was the home of the Chinese emperor," she said.

Her classmate, James Kelly, said he enjoyed learning about Chinese kites. "Long ago, Chinese kites were made of silk, bamboo, and silk for flying lines," he explained.

Fourth- and fifth-graders created their own vases in color, using the symbol of the mythical phoenix. Fourth-graders also produced a watercolor of the Forbidden City in Beijing.

Fourth-grader Alexander Hong read about the ancient Qin Dynasty (221 to 206 B.C.). "They began the tradition of having emperors as rulers," he said.

Basel Romhen explained that the emperor of the Qin Dynasty built part of The Great Wall. "He built it to protect the Chinese from the Mongolian warriors," he explained.

Mrs. Kenney said the children's artwork will be displayed throughout the school, in hallways and classrooms, in the spirit of Chinese New Year.

She said she is also teaching her history-through-the-arts program to undergraduate students studying elementary education at the [REDACTED]

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Fighting hunger — A matter of faith

By Paul Virgo

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ROME (IPS) — The world's major religions might disagree on theology and matters like the foods we ought to eat and the days we should rest on, but when it comes to fighting hunger, they see eye to eye.

The holy books say that those who do not have enough to eat must be helped, which, if you are a believer, makes food insecurity a spiritual issue, not just a political or economic one.

"In every religion I know, the first or second most talked about issue [in their scriptures] is the number of verses that deal with the poor, the sick, the hungry," Tony P. Hall, director of the Alliance to End Hunger and former United States ambassador to the United Nations food agencies in Rome, told IPS.

"Over 2,500 Christian verses deal with this issue. Hunger is an issue that belongs to people of faith. God is very clear on this — we are supposed to take action."

Muslims agree.

"How can your spiritual state be in comfort when those around you are in need? Being a good Muslim is not just about locking yourself in a mosque in prayer," Mostafa Mahboob of the U.S. section of Islamic Relief told IPS.

"You also have responsibilities as a member of your community to those around you. There is definitely a connection between spirituality and hunger. By working to fight hunger, you are putting religious and spiritual teaching into practice."

Today 1.02 billion people are undernourished, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and believers are not the only ones to have allowed this to happen — the whole world has, agnostics and atheists included.

Furthermore, religious organizations are on the frontline in fighting hunger. The Catholic umbrella group Caritas International is one of the world's biggest aid agencies. Protestants, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs all have important organizations similar to Caritas and Islamic Relief.

Nevertheless, some commentators have reached the conclusion that, if the scourge of hunger now affects almost one in six in a world of adequate food supplies, millions of people of faith must be neglecting the religious principles they claim to adhere to.

"How high must be the pile of statistics of hungry people? How high must be the pile of dead people? How high must be the pile of Bible verses? What will awaken the people of God from their comatose state?," asked Craig L Nesson in his book "Give Us This Day, A Lutheran Proposal For Ending World Hunger".

Prof. Shannon Jung of the Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City agrees that many believers frequently ignore an issue that should be a priority for them.

"I would say that people of faith are remarkably disposed to respond to crises such as that which Haiti is undergoing right now, but that we people of faith tend to miss a joyful opportunity to address systemic issues in the food supply system," Jung told IPS.

"Sharing with others is a gift that we can give, and one from which we also receive. God created human beings to share and we have a real need to share. We remain spiritually stunted if we do not."

Jung believes some religious leaders have a share of the blame because they give hunger less attention than other issues such as abortion or homosexuality.

"I do think hunger is a more immediate, obvious and demanding issue than abortion or homosexuality. Hunger penetrates every other issue and impacts the human family far more than abortion or homosexuality," he said.

"Sometimes I think churches in affluent nations deal with abortion and homosexuality as a way of avoiding the more serious and challenging issue of their complicity in hunger and poverty — a complicity that we the affluent all share in."

Similarly, Richard H. Schwartz, an emeritus mathematics professor of the [REDACTED] and a commentator on Judaism and social affairs, believes many of his fellow Jews are ignoring God's will by not doing more about hunger.

"Jews rightfully condemn the silence of the world when six million Jews and millions of other people were murdered by the Nazis," he commented in an essay on Judaism and Hunger. "Can we be silent when millions die agonizing deaths because of lack of food? Can we acquiesce to the apathy of the world toward the fate of starving people?"

The religious exponents are also in sync about how people of faith should combat hunger, with three main forms of response advocated.

The first is financial support for, and personal involvement in, agencies and campaigns seeking to alleviate hunger.

"I think that Jews should be supporting a global Marshall-type plan to alleviate hunger, poverty, illiteracy, disease, pollution and other societal ills, by using some of the money now going for military purposes for this initiative," Schwartz told IPS.

George McGovern proposed that "every church member, every synagogue member, every Muslim, every Buddhist, ought to make sure that their church has an overseas arm and a domestic arm that reaches out to the hungry" in "Ending Hunger Now," a book he wrote with Methodist theologian Donald Messer and fellow former U.S. Senator Bob Dole.

The second suggested way of responding is political activism to try to pressure decision-makers into doing more to promote food security.

"They (churches) can be very effective in lobbying — they could have a special section where they

would organize and petition Congress or petition the state legislatures," said Dole. "It is pretty easy (for politicians) to forget about domestic or world hunger. I know from experience... but we've just got to keep pestering people until they get the message."

Mahboob backs this position.

"Hunger is a human rights issue and any peaceful means to promote it is good, so we should take advantage of political or advocacy channels," he said. "It's reasonable to say that greater pressure from constituencies could help remedy the lack of political force in addressing this issue."

The final form of response is via the individual believer's life style — simpler living with less consumerism and waste.

"One of the things that Islam teaches us is to only put on your plate what you can finish. It's not good to waste food. It's disrespectful to God," said Mahboob.

"We should respect what we have and be thankful. We are always trying to catch up with what our neighbors have, what car they drive and so on. But Islam says we should not be excessive in our everyday lives and we should share with our neighbors, our fellow humans... If we cut down on waste, we would spend less and have more to devote to those in need."

Schwartz even encourages people of faith to convert to vegetarianism, arguing this would free up agricultural resources to feed the hungry because breeding livestock is an inefficient way of producing food.

"I believe it is scandalous that the world is currently feeding about 40 percent of its grain to animals, while so many people are chronically hungry and malnourished," he said.

"It is urgent that religious communities and individuals scrutinize their life style and turn from habits of waste, over-consumption and thoughtless acceptance of the standards propagated by advertisements and social pressures.

"God — reality itself — calls us to respond to the cry for food. And we hear it as a cry not only for aid but also for justice."

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Your soap box: William J. Fritz, Ph.D.

By Staten Island Advance

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**Provost And Senior Vice President/Academic Affairs , [REDACTED]
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We asked Fritz if the [REDACTED] was involved in the cultural life of Staten Island.



William J. Fritz, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President/Academic Affairs, College of Staten Island, Willowbrook

"The arts play a vital role at [REDACTED]. The campus, and the Williamson Theater in particular, have become crossroads for the rich artistic expression and diversity of culture that has become Staten Island. Each year, thousands of people experience the power and the beauty of art on the many stages in the performing arts building and across the entire campus.

"Staten Island is home to exceptional artists and cultural programs. The work of gifted artists has helped to elevate Staten Island to a new height of artistic creativity. The artists of Staten Island and the academic community have much in common.

"The traditional mission of universities has always included a deep commitment to something other than what the world considers practical or commercial. Universities exist, in part, to advance knowledge and increase wisdom. The arts do the same.

"[REDACTED] is helping to create a new generation of artists to carry on this essential work. In classrooms and in studios, on stages and in recital halls, the talented faculty instructors are guiding a new generation of actors, painters, musicians, sculptors and dancers. The work of artists on Staten Island is valued and their contribution to Staten Island esteemed.

"The [REDACTED] is pleased and proud to be involved in the cultural life of Staten Island."

--- Pearl Minsky

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"Avatar," China and the Internet

When Confucius threatened Cameron, the masses went online and the government buckled. Keep watching this channel

Andrew Leonard

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If you are interested in the intersection of the Internet, pop culture and politics in China, then you should not miss the remarkable essay, [Critical Masses, Commerce, and Shifting State-Society Relations in China](#)," published on Wednesday at China Beat.

The title is hard to penetrate but the content is anything but. Based on a talk given at Google on Feb. 12 by Ying Zhu, a professor of media culture at the City University of New York, [the essay](#) lucidly covers an extraordinary amount of ground, but is especially enlightening as to how the Internet has created a discussion space that China's leaders must pay attention to, even as they strive to control it.

This discussion space is particularly potent when it merges with commercial forces increasingly at play in China's fast-growing economy, as demonstrated by the recent ["Avatar" vs. Confucius throwdown](#).

Pulling the 2-D version of "Avatar" to make way for "Confucius" was not quite the overanxious political move that it has been portrayed as in the West. Western news reports have suggested that the state removed "Avatar" because it felt threatened by the film's enormous popularity and some of its thematic content. The fact of the matter is that it was unusual to begin with for a Hollywood blockbuster to get a release window so close to the Chinese New Year holiday, which is normally reserved for major domestic releases. So ending "Avatar's" run about a week ahead of the holiday's start was more or less according to the usual practice. Nevertheless, the state's action was so abrupt, and the film was so popular, that audiences were considerably miffed. Miffed and moved to action, going online and on social media sites in huge numbers to express their passion for the blue people of Pandora and against poor "Confucius." The response was quick, widespread and intense, transforming passive association -- audience membership -- into active participation in a popular movement. Markets, too, joined the campaign -- many theaters simply ignored the government's order to remove "Avatar" -- and recently the government responded by restoring "Avatar" to more screens. So, a catalyzing event turns an audience into something more like a public, and the government takes some accommodating action.

It might seem trivial to look for the emergence of a potent Internet-enabled civil society in something as politically unthreatening as a blockbuster Hollywood flick, but you have to start somewhere, don't you? Ying Zhu describes a China where the Internet masses are making their minds known, and the future prospects of the Chinese Communist Party depends on its ability to accommodate that hubbub, instead of quelching it.

-- Andrew Leonard

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Crunching numbers to create jobs

By Kiawana Rich

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ALL SHORES

While many people wish they had a way to end the severe job losses of the current recession, Richard Prinzi has actually done something about it.

Prinzi is a successful public accountant who is one half of the New-Springville-based accounting firm, Prinzi and Tapinis, Ltd. He is also a man who has the interests of the Staten Island community and, most notably, his alma mater, the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), at heart.

Prinzi won't be able to single-handedly end the job crisis, but in these tough times, he has created a firm that has put 40 [REDACTED] alumni to work including 27 recent [REDACTED] graduates — all in their dream field of accounting.

That firm is Professional Tax Alliance (PTA) Inc. PTA officially opened at the end of January, and since then, has been supporting a mission of inexpensive tax preparation and assistance, education and community volunteerism.

Originally, Prinzi had been looking to fill two positions at his firm, but 40 individuals showed up to interview for the jobs. After talking with such an impressive array of candidates, Prinzi decided to create PTA and hire them all.

"Not only were they exceptional but they have such a strong work ethic," he said, noting, "The biggest thing for me was the managers. I was able to recruit and hire managers with experience out in the marketplace. Additionally, he said there were graduates with lots of experience either getting laid off or having difficulty getting jobs.

And while positions are open to anyone, Prinzi said [REDACTED] graduates, "are preferred."

A Richmond resident, Prinzi admits he is partial to [REDACTED]. Not only is he an alumni, he is also an adjunct professor, treasurer of the [REDACTED] Foundation Board, and past president of the [REDACTED] Alumni Foundation.

One focus of the business is to give people complete returns, done honestly and without any fear of being ripped off. Prinzi said every year a number of his students would come to him with friends or relatives who had been audited after going to tax-preparers who turned out to be con men.

Many of those victimized were often immigrants. Many of these immigrants, said Prinzi, "don't understand the system or speak the language well and they get ripped off by people claiming to have the ability to help them, but then they get audited and they have nowhere to go."

Prinzi said often these immigrants will send their family members and friends to these con men. "Once one guy gets a big refund, they would all go to the same place."

So his solution is to offer the company's services to the underserved or those who have been victimized with a simple introductory flat tax filing fee of \$69.98 through Sunday.

"There are no add-ons, no surprise fees," he said. The flat fee covers federal, state and city tax returns jointly. And while filing is \$69, consultations and the tax preparation are done free.

The regular fee of \$99 will be reinstated as of Monday.

PTA offices currently operate out of four locations: 318 Broad St., Stapleton; 311 Sand Lane, South Beach; 1988 Hylan Blvd., Midland Beach, and 2555 Richmond Ave., New Springville.

In addition to English, the employees or "associates" combined all speak 10 different languages including Spanish, Russian, Albanian, Arabic, French, Italian, Polish, Tamil, Urdu and Singhalese.

While there's a focus on providing outreach to the underserved, Prinzi says the firm's services are open to any member of the public who needs tax filing and assistance.

While there are no licensing requirements for tax-preparers in New York state, Prinzi said his associates receive 180 hours of training and most have already done extensive work preparing returns. Filings are also reviewed by firm superiors.

But tax preparation is only part of the business. Those same associates are out in the community, providing workshops and presentations to educate the public about preparing their own returns and new tax programs.

Additionally, many of the associates volunteer their time in after-school programs for children as well as computer classes for adults.

"We are trying to launch careers and we are creating very-community minded professionals that we hope will serve the community," said Prinzi.

Many of the employees are continuing their education through master's degree programs, CPA exam preparation courses or additional courses. Some have been or will be placed in major accounting firms, said Prinzi, such as Price Waterhouse and Deloitte and Touche.

Prinzi said he hopes to open six new locations next year and hire another 30 employees.

The centers are open from Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, phone 888-PTA4-TAX. Or visit the Web site at www.PTA4Tax.com.

Prinzi's Preparers

Richard Prinzi has hired dozens of graduates of the College of Staten Island to help Staten Islanders prepare 2009 income tax returns. There are go-to grads on every shore, plus six in Brooklyn and New Jersey.

South Shore residents

Samantha Sgarlato and Yeleina Slepukhova, of Tottenville;
Rashid Kahn and Margarita Gorelik, of Annadale; Denis Dzemovski and Raj Kanagaratnam, of Eltingville, and John Paolino, of Great Kills

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EDUCATION, CAREER, COLLEGE & ALUMNI : Manhattanville College Names Gail M. Simmons Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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(Prudent Press Agency)--- Manhattanville College is pleased to announce that it has selected Gail M. Simmons, Ph.D. to serve as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Simmons comes to Manhattanville after over 20 years in higher education as both a faculty member and an administrator. She received her BS in Biology (with a minor in Classics) from the University of Pittsburgh and a Ph.D. in Genetics from the University of California at Davis. She served as Staff Fellow in the Laboratory of Molecular Genetics at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences before joining the biology faculty of the City College of New York, the Flagship campus of City University of New York, in 1989.

Prior to joining Manhattanville, she served as Dean of Science and Technology at the [REDACTED] as Founding Dean of the School of Science at The College of New Jersey and as Associate Dean of Science at the City College. While on the faculty at CCNY her research program concerned the molecular evolution of transposable genetic elements (jumping genes) in the fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*.

"I am deeply honored to have been selected to serve Manhattanville College," stated Dr. Simmons. "I look forward to working with President Smith, the faculty, students, staff and the community in shaping the College's future and strengthening its proud traditions of service and global education."

As an academic administrator, her work has revolved around building disciplinary and interdisciplinary programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, providing leadership and support for outcomes assessment initiatives and accreditation processes, strengthening general education curricula, expanding and improving facilities, and developing

new funding sources to support the academic enterprise. She derives a great deal of satisfaction from working to empower faculty, staff and students to realize their full potential and move her institution forward.

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Rose settles suit brought by GOP

Her campaign agrees to pay \$8,525 to consulting firm, but admits no wrongdoing

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The lawsuit against City Councilwoman Debi Rose's campaign was settled yesterday, with the campaign agreeing to pay an additional \$8,525 to the controversial Data & Field Services (DFS) for consulting work done during Ms. Rose's Democratic primary run last year.

A lawsuit filed by Randy Mastro on behalf of a handful of Staten Island Republicans alleged that DFS, an in-house arm of the Working Families Party (WFP), charged the campaign below-market rates for things like get-out-

the-vote (GOTV) efforts.

Mastro claimed the cory arrangement allowed the WFP, which

Rose, to circumvent rules governing how much political parties can contribute to their candidates.

Also as part of a settlement announced in state Supreme Court Justice Anthony J. Giacobbe's courtroom at the former Stapleton home port, Ms. Rose's campaign yesterday paid DFS \$5,000 that it already owed the firm for work done during the special Council election held last February.

In addition, DFS agreed to implement reforms to ensure

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that it operates independently of the WFP.

Under terms of the settlement, neither the Rose campaign nor DFS admitted to any violations of state or city election law.

Despite the additional payment, Ms. Rose (D-North Shore) said that she paid fair market value for DFS services and that there was no undercharging.

Ms. Rose said her campaign settled the lawsuit in order to save taxpayers the cost of tying up the court in "wasteful litigation."

"The settlement agreement is crystal clear," she said in a statement released by her office, "we have not agreed that anything wrong occurred. My campaign paid at least full value for the services we received throughout the process."

The new payment includes \$5,000 for DFS employees who worked on Ms. Rose's campaign; \$1,000 for GOTV efforts; \$125 for access to voter-targeting computer software, and \$800 in tolls for transporting workers to the Island to canvass neighborhoods.

While Mastro suggested that the new payment could push Ms. Rose over spending limits for the primary, the

city Campaign Finance Board (CFB) has not completed its standard audits of last year's campaigns.

The settlement would not prohibit the CFB from seeking remedies of its own should issues arise with Ms. Rose's audit, said agency spokesman Eric Friedman.

Mastro, a former deputy mayor under Rudolph Giuliani, said, "I don't think there's any question that this is an historic settlement."

Mastro claimed the lawsuit proved Ms. Rose had been underbilled, but he said that he settled because larger goals had been met, including forcing DFS and the WFP to change their relationship. Mastro said there was no was of telling if any "extra" help from DFS was a difference-maker in Ms. Rose's primary win over then-Councilman Ken Mitchell.

But WFP chairman Dan Cantor, who was in court yesterday, said that changes were already afoot, with former state Chief Judge Judith Kaye having been hired by the party to review how DFS and the WFP operate.

"This is a very noisy lawsuit with a very quiet end," said Cantor.

Cantor said the payment

was not an acknowledgement of underbilling, but was "made to make [Mastro] go away."

DFS will have to appoint independent directors to its board, and hire accountants and law firms different from those used by the WFP.

The vast majority of WFP-backed candidates have used DFS as their consulting firm over the years, and few who were not endorsed by the WFP use the company. Cantor yesterday said he didn't know if DFS in the future would take on more candidates who are not backed by the WFP.

It was not yet clear how the settlement will affect the campaigns of WFP-backed candidates in the future.

The settlement also stipulates that Ms. Rose's campaign make a "good faith" review of other allegations raised in the lawsuit and make additional financial disclosures if required.

Giacobbe will have continuing oversight of the Rose campaign and DFS efforts to comply with the settlement.

From the bench, Giacobbe called the agreement "fair and just."

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Sports



Cutri Named Empire 8 Player of the Week

2/1/2010

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (February 1, 2010) – Sophomore guard [Mike Cutri](#) was named the Empire 8 Player of the Week for his performance in a pair of conference road wins this past weekend against St. John Fisher College and Nazareth College. Cutri is the first Stevens Institute of Technology men's basketball player to receive a weekly award in the 2009-10 season. Stevens is currently 15-4 overall and tied for second place in the Empire 8 with Nazareth at 8-3.

Cutri averaged 21.5 points in the two conference wins and also scored nine points as the Ducks cruised over the [REDACTED] last Monday.

In the Ducks' win over first-place St. John Fisher on Friday night, Cutri scored a game-high 19 points, pulled down four rebounds, tallied two assists, and one steal. He hit big shot after big shot and went 4-for-4 from long range.

Against the Golden Flyers, the Duck sophomore went 6-for-10 from the floor and scored a career-high 24 points. He hit three of his four attempts from three-point land and recorded two thefts in addition to grabbing two rebounds and handing out two assists. Cutri also finished 9-of-12 from the foul line, including several big ones down the stretch.

On the week, Cutri hit 9-of-11 from three and shot 54.2 percent from the field.

Stevens will host Utica College in an Empire 8 battle on February 5. Tip-off is slated for 8 p.m. from the Canavan Arena in Hoboken, N.J. For those unable to attend, the game will be webcast live at www.PennAtlantic.com/main.php.

Montervino tops 1,000 for the [REDACTED]

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By JOE O'GORMAN
Staff Writer

As he was coming through the recreation leagues of Ewing Township, Christian Montervino developed a love for the game of basketball.

Now, as a senior at the [REDACTED] he has a greater appreciation for the game.

"It has given me such a great opportunity," said Montervino. "It has given me the opportunity to go to college and play in college, and the game has allowed me to develop lasting friendships."

Montervino has been good for the game, too.

He is leading the Dolphins, who are in the chase for the CUNY Conference title, in scoring with 15.4 points a game. He hauls in 6.2 rebounds a contest and is leading the conference in 3-point field goal percentage, connecting at 45.8 percent.

"It has gone by pretty fast," said Montervino, who recently went past the 1,000-point milestone. "But it's been great and now I'm excited about these last several games. We want to make the most of them and get a chance at a conference championship."

Montervino knows his college career is winding down and hopes that he can continue his career overseas. Since his days at Ewing High, he has worked to improve his game to make the future bright.

"I've worked hard in the offseason on my entire game," said Montervino, who is a business major at [REDACTED] "My perimeter game is better and I've tried to be a better inside player."

It hasn't been just been on-court skills that have grown over the years. Montervino has become a more vocal leader on the court and one that leads by example away from the game.

He is 10th in the conference in scoring, among the leaders in rebounds and assists and ready to be a part of one final collegiate run.

"It would be great for us to finish it off with a CUNY championship," Montervino said. "This is such a great group of guys and we know we all have to pick it up at this time if we want to make a run come playoff time."

Gordonov Wins Churchill Scholarship

Simon Gordonov (Hightstown), a member of the Rutgers cross country and track and field teams, has been awarded the prestigious Churchill Scholarship to continue his graduate study at England's University of Cambridge.

Gordonov, who won the cross country team's Most Outstanding Freshman award in 2006, will bring a 4.0 cumulative grade point average into his final semester at Rutgers.

A biomedical engineering major, he will use the scholarship to pursue a master of philosophy degree in computational biology at Cambridge.

Lucas, Cook Lead Paterson

BriAnna Lucas (Nottingham) and Erin Cook (Princeton) are two of the major reasons the William Paterson women's basketball team is 20-1 and ranked 8th in the USA Today poll and 9th at D3Hoops.com.

Lucas, who is averaging 15.8 points a game, netted 27 as the Pioneers topped Rowan.

Cook, one of the New Jersey Athletic Conference's top rebounders averaging 7.7 caroms a game, scored 14 points in the win over the Profs and grabbed eight rebounds.

Jackson Gets Cavalier Call

Cedric Jackson (Northern Burlington) was recently signed to a 10-day contract by the Cleveland Cavaliers. Jackson has appeared in three games so far, grabbing a rebound and hitting a free throw in the Cavs' win over Indiana on Friday.

Weldon Earns Honorable Mention

Janae Weldon (Trenton Catholic) earned honorable mention in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference after leading Goldey-Beacom to a 2-0 week.

She had a career-high 26 points in the Lightning's overtime win at Caldwell and averages 10.9 points a game. The former TCA star's 37 assists lead Goldey-Beacom.

Weldon, the daughter of former MCCC All-American Mel Weldon, is tied for the team lead in 3-pointers with 27.

Falcone and Seto are Champions, Again

Christina Falcone (Notre Dame) and Stephanie Seto (Steinert) were a part of the College of New Jersey swimming and diving team that won its second straight NJAC championship. Falcone and Seto, both seniors, were a part of the Lions victorious 400-yard freestyle relay team.

Falcone also won the 200-yard butterfly while Seto placed second in the 200 freestyle.

White Gets Rookie Honor

Kendall White (Rancocas Valley) picked up his second New Jersey Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week honor after leading Rowan in a pair of games.

White, who a year ago was the recipient of the Jeff Coney Scholarship, scored 16 points in the Profs' win at New Jersey City.

White netted a career-high 22 points in Rowan's win over Rutgers-Camden.

Westerberg is Top Swimming Rookie

Zak Westerberg (Hamilton) picked up the NJAC honor after winning the 200 freestyle, 200 individual medley, the 100 butterfly and the 50 freestyle against Montclair State.

Talley Gets Rookie Honor

Dylan Talley (Life Center Academy) was named the America East Rookie of the Week for the third time.

After missing five games with a leg injury, Talley was a perfect 7-for-7 from the floor against Harvard and finished with 17 points. He added nine points against Vermont.

Sutton Leads South Carolina

La' Keisha Sutton (Trenton Catholic) netted 13 points and dished out six assists to lead South Carolina past Mississippi.

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley lauded Sutton for her defensive effort on Ole Miss' leading scorer. Sutton is averaging 11 points a game for the 11-9 Gamecocks.

Men's Basketball: Eric Kessler (Shawnee) scored eight points for Stevens in a win over Staten Island and had seven in a win over Nazareth. ... Ryan Foster (Council Rock North) averaged 19 points and 6 rebounds for Muhlenberg in a pair of games. He is second in the Centennial Conference with 34 3-point goals. ... William Jett (Pemberton) had a career-high 9 rebounds and 9 points for TCNJ in its win over Montclair State. ... Josh Caver (Pennsbury) had 9 rebounds for New Jersey City against William Paterson. ... Sam McDuffie (Bordentown) had 14 points in Goldey-Beacom's win over Bloomfield. ... Matt Medici (Notre Dame) had 9 points for Marywood against Gwynedd-Mercy.

Men's Ice Hockey: Adam Shemansky (Notre Dame) had an assist in Maine's win over Vermont. He has nine goals and six assists.

Swimming and Diving: Danica Roskos (Hopewell Valley) was second in the 100-meter diving in Miami's (OH) win over Eastern Michigan.

Track and Field: Robert Jiggetts (Robbinsville) was fifth in the Princeton Relays for TCNJ with a time of 7.14. ... Sarah Wehrhan (Peddie) earned a top-10 finish in the weight throw for TCNJ

Women's Basketball: Dana Mitchell (Pennsbury) made it a very productive trip home as her 18 points and team-high 5 rebounds led St. Bonaventure's past Temple. ... Keri Washington (Pennington) had 6 points and 5 rebounds in TCNJ's game against Richard Stockton. ... Bridgette Mitchell (Peddie) had 6 points and 5 assists in Duke's win over Florida State. ... Leola Spotwood (Trenton) had 10 points and 5 rebounds in Coppin State's win over Delaware State. ... Suzie Noyes (Hopewell Valley) grabbed nine rebounds for Lebanon Valley in a win over Manhattanville. ... Korinne Campbell (Notre Dame) is averaging 11.6 points and 7.9 rebounds a game for West Virginia. ... Becky Peters (WW-P South) had 11 points in Fordham's win over La Salle. ... Joanna Graber (Notre Dame) had a pair of treys in Alvernia's win over Elizabethtown. ... Ali Newman (Hopewell Valley) is averaging 4.2 points in 18 games for Wesleyan. ... Nicole Sheldon (Trenton Catholic) had 4 points and 3 rebounds in George Washington's game with St. Joe's. ... Marika Sprow (Trenton Catholic) had 6 points for Long Island University against St. Francis (PA).

Women's Ice Hockey: Izzy Huston (Hopewell Valley) had a goal and an assist for Wesleyan. ... Payson Sword (Lawrenceville) has a goal and an assist for Trinity.

Wrestling: Kenny Amponsa (Hightstown) needed less than a minute to win at 197 pounds for The College of New Jersey against Centenary. Amponsa won a technical fall over Worcester Polytechnic in the New England Duals. Kyle Packer (Cherokee) won at 157 for the Lions.

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██████ women rally past York for CUNY win, 69-68

By Jim Waggoner

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CSI photo

██████ senior point guard Mallory Ameneiros hit two key free throws to seal a 69-68 win at York on Wednesday night.

Marguerite Moran continues to pull rabbits out of her hat in a fashion that would make David Copperfield proud.

The women's basketball coach at the ██████ lost yet another player to injury Wednesday night, but the Dolphins managed to rally for a 69-68 CUNY Conference victory over York in Queens.

CSI's eight-player roster was reduced to seven when freshman Olivia Tierno limped off with a knee injury.

Senior point guard Mallory Ameneiros is playing out the season with a torn ACL and the wear-and-tear of the campaign has taken its toll on the Dolphins.

Yet they find ways to win.

Wednesday night, senior guard Danielle McLaughlin blistered the nets for 18 points, including four huge 3-point shots that kept the Cardinals at bay. The Dolphins sank seven treys and nailed 16-of-18 free throws.

"The players did what they had to do to win the game," said assistant coach Tim Shanahan. "We fell behind and could have folded, but York couldn't put us away."

McLaughlin hit two free throws and a layup to draw the visitors even at 65-65 with 1:55 remaining. Kristen Panariello sank two

free throws to give ██████ the lead for good and Ameneiros added two more free throws with 15 seconds left.

██████ even managed to sidestep a potentially fatal technical foul against Moran with the score 65-65. York hit just one of four ensuing free throws.

York sophomore center Kadisha Wickham's rebound layup at the buzzer provided the final margin as she capped a 30-point, 20-point rebound night.

"She's a great player," said Shanahan, "but in the last five minutes of the game (freshman) Katelyn Hepworth took her out of position and our help defense really worked.

"Our kids played hard and they played smart."

██████ improved to 8-2 in the CUNY and 11-9 overall with its third straight win, maintaining a one-game lead over Brooklyn College in the South Division standings.

York dropped to 5-5 and 10-11.

NOTES: Sophomore forward Caitlyn Johnson had 15 points, seven rebounds and four steals in a winning cause, while Ameneiros added 13 points and Hepworth 10 ... [redacted] hosts CUNY front-runner Baruch (9-0, 16-4) in a 1 p.m. game Saturday. The double-header — men's game to follow at 3:30 — is the annual NCAA-sponsored Take a Kid to the Game Day at the Sports and Recreation Center.

[redacted] (69)

Hepworth 3-6 4-4 10, Panariello 2-12 2-2 7, Ameneiros 4-11 4-4 13, McLaughlin 5-9 4-4 18, Johnson 6-10 2-4 15, Tierno 2-6 0-0 4, Quattrocchi 0-1 0-0 0, Zajonc 1-3 0-0 2.

Totals: 23-58 16-18 69.

YORK (68)

Greene 0-6 0-0 0, Jarvis 3-7 0-0 6, Wickham 16-22 3-5 35, Padilla 3-5 1-2 7, Dabo 5-13 1-1 12, Smith 2-4 0-0 4, Bogan 0-1 0-0 0, Orr 0-1 0-0 0, Mohan 2-5 0-0 4.

Totals: 31-64 5-8 68.

Halftime: 32-32.

Three-point goals: [redacted] 7-15 (Hepworth 0-1, Panariello 1-4, Ameneiros 1-2, McLaughlin 4-7, Johnson 1-1); York 1-10 (Mohan 0-1, Greene 0-2, Padilla 0-1, Dabo 1-6). Rebounds: [redacted] 30 (Johnson 7); York 40 (Wickham 20). Assists: [redacted] 16 (Panariello 5); York 15 (Dabo 7). Turnovers: [redacted] 18, York 25. Total fouls: [redacted] 14, York 20. Fouled out: Jarvis. Technical foul: [redacted] bench.

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Brooklyn tests for CSI men, women

By Jim Waggoner

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If there's another winter storm on the horizon, the [redacted] basketball teams must be involved in some manner.

The Dolphin women are scheduled to travel to Brooklyn College tomorrow night in a CUNY Conference showdown for the South Division title, but will likely have only six healthy players available for duty.

"We can't take much more," said [redacted] head coach Marguerite Moran, after learning that sophomore forward Caitlin Johnson would be sidelined indefinitely with a knee injury.

Add Johnson's name to a long list of physical ailments haunting the Dolphins this season.

[redacted] and Brooklyn enter the 5:30 p.m. contest with identical 8-3 records. The Dolphins are 11-10 overall and the Bulldogs 14-8. Brooklyn won the first meeting, 76-64, to snap a 29-game losing streak in the all-time series.

[redacted] could also nail down a first-round home game in the upcoming CUNY Tournament with a victory.

Life appears even stormier for [redacted] men, who take a four-game losing streak into the 7:30 contest. The Dolphins (5-6, 10-12) hold slim aspirations of landing a first-round CUNY game, but must win their final two regular-season games and get some help.

The good news?

They've already clinched a CUNY tourney berth.

The bad news?

Brooklyn is riding an 11-game winning streak, improving to 10-1 in the South Division and 16-5 overall.

The Bulldogs coasted to a 90-60 win at [redacted] early in the season.

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Ex-Rutgers players seek 2nd chance

By GEORGE MAST
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Four former members of the Rutgers-Camden women's basketball team are fighting to get another year of NCAA eligibility after being kicked off the team earlier this season for reasons they say were unjustified.

The athletes, junior Karima Blackwell, sophomores Brittany Turner and Regina Ondah, and freshman Alyce Milakovic, say they were removed from the team after expressing concerns to the university about what they considered inappropriate behavior by the coach.

The students alleged the coach, Kate Bowes, was sending "sexually inappropriate" text messages to a teammate's cell phone.

After finding the messages, the four athletes and other teammates took the issue to the athletic department last fall, the students said.

Milakovic said they read text messages such as: "How was your bubble bath" and "I can't wait until we are alone together so I can act myself."

Ondah, 20, Turner, 19, and Milakovic, 18, said they and others notified the school's athletic department because they felt uncomfortable by the apparent relationship.

"We didn't feel comfortable being in their surroundings," Milakovic said.

Coach Bowes declined to comment on Monday.

According to Rutgers' Web site, the university "strongly discourages" sexual relationships between a teacher and student, supervisor and subordinate or senior and junior colleague. Those types of relationships are "especially vulnerable to exploitation," the site states.

Officials from the school's athletic department held a meeting on Dec. 11 to inform the team that an internal investigation had turned up nothing inappropriate, according to the four students.

The four athletes skipped practice later that evening out of frustration over the outcome. The following day, a Dec. 12 game scheduled at the [REDACTED] in New York was canceled by university officials.

[REDACTED] officials said a Rutgers-Camden official called and told them something happened on their campus and they would not make the scheduled game.

"We were surprised by it because the weather was OK," said David Pizzuto, associate athletic director and sports information director at the [REDACTED]. Pizzuto said the game has not been rescheduled.

The following week the four women basketball players were told that they had been removed from the team and had been replaced by members of the school's volleyball team.

The athletes said they tried to go through the university's chain of command to get reinstated .

Now, with only a few games left on this year's schedule, they do not want their abbreviated season to count as one of their four years of college athletic eligibility.

"All we want is our year back," said Milakovic, a freshman from Somerdale. "Basketball is all we have."

Rutgers-Camden spokesman Mike Sepanic said the university "does not comment on matters related to student privacy and/or personnel matters."

"We conducted a thorough investigation in December based on concerns raised by members of the team," he said. "We have taken appropriate action."

But Milakovic, Turner and Ondah say they aren't satisfied with how the university handled the situation and feel they were targeted for being more vocal than other players about the alleged relationship between the coach and player.

"We are getting punished for something we didn't do," said Ondah, a sophomore from Jersey City. "I don't think skipping one practice is enough to get kicked off the team."

The girl's names have been removed from the team's roster on the university Web site.

The players were among the team's scoring leaders when they were dismissed.

Christopher Radford, spokesman for the NCAA, said it is "the responsibility of each institution to ensure appropriate behavior of their employees, coaches included. The NCAA's goal is to ensure all intercollegiate athletics programs are conducted in such a way as to protect and enhance the physical and educational well-being of student athletes."

Now, as their former teammates are completing their season, the students say they are continuing to meet with Rutgers administrators in the hope of gaining another year of eligibility.

Radford said typically if a student-athlete participates in any part of a game during a season it is considered as a "season of completion."

However, he said there is a waiver process for extenuating circumstances.

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Most sporting events on as scheduled today

By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

February 11, 2010, 1:50PM



Staten Island Advance file
photo by Hilton Flores

Shawn Brown and Curtis will try to pin down a PSAL A city wrestling title today against Brooklyn Tech.

Staten Island has recovered from yesterday's snowstorm and the majority of the borough's sporting community will be back in action this afternoon.

Today's PSAL city duals wrestling, featuring Curtis in the A championship and Port Richmond in the B consolation, is **scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today at Paul Browne HS in Queens.** The day's **PSAL and CHSAA girls' basketball games will also be played** as scheduled.

On the college hardwood, **Wagner's men's and women's basketball doubleheader at Fairleigh Dickinson University** is also going to be played. The [REDACTED] men and women will **make up yesterday's snowed-out games** against Brooklyn College on Sunday.

The Staten Island High School League Tournament semifinals, scheduled for tonight at Farrell, were **called off late Wednesday night** and will now be played at 7 and 8:45 p.m. at the Oakwood school.

Also cancelled was the day's **Catholic Youth Organization basketball schedule.**

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CSI men close out regular season with 87-59 rout of St. Joseph's

By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

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Jordan Young dominated the middle and senior sharpshooters Christian Monterrino and Ryan Hennessey owned the perimeter as the [redacted] closed out the regular season Tuesday night with a 87-59 non-conference victory over St. Joseph's of Brooklyn during Senior Night at Brooklyn Tech's gymnasium.

Young had 21 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and four steals as the Dolphins improved to 12-13 overall.

[redacted] returns to action Saturday (1 p.m.) in a CUNY Conference Tournament quarterfinal game against host Baruch College in Manhattan.

Monterrino added 21 points and 12 rebounds, hitting 4-of-7 shots from 3-point range, while Hennessey nailed 4-of-9 from downtown and scored 14 points.

The Dolphins raced to a 41-26 halftime lead and finished the game shooting 53.2 percent from the floor while holding the Bears to 32.3 percent accuracy. The visitors also enjoyed a huge 55-35 rebounding edge.

St. Joseph's fell to 8-16 overall, but owns a 6-0 record in the Hudson Valley Men's Athletic Conference.

The hosts received a solid outing from senior guard Lew Monaco as the Monsignor Farrell product had 11 points, seven rebounds and three steals.

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Monterrino 7-12 3-5 21, Young 11-19 2-5 24, Ledbetter 3-4 1-6 7, Taranto 2-4 6-9 10, Hennessey 5-12 0-0 14, Bisnauth 1-2 0-0 2, Comparato 0-0 0-0 0, Jenkins 0-1 1-2 1, Frank 1-2 0-0 2, Mondello 0-0 0-0 0, Maccarone 0-0 0-0 0, Person 0-0 0-2 0, Pan 3-6 0-1 6.

Totals: 33-62 13-30 87.

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Exantus 2-2 0-1 4, Dziewit 4-8 2-4 13, Monaco 4-11 1-5 11, Fawcett 1-9 0-0 2, Chiarel 0-2 0-0 0, Matzelle 5-9 0-0 11, Bhakta 1-3 0-0 2, Gist 3-15 2-4 8, Forehand 1-5 6-6 8, Karasinski 0-1 0-0 0, Manifold 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 21-65 59.

Halftime: 41-26, CSI.

Three-point shots: CSI 8-19 (Monterrino 4-7, Hennessey 4-9, Bisnauth 0-1, Jenkins 0-1, Frank 0-1); St. Joseph's 6-29 (Dziewit 3-7, Monaco 2-7, Fawcett 0-6, Chiarel 0-1, Matzelle 1-2, Gist 0-3, Forehand 0-2, Karasinski 0-1). Rebounds [redacted] 55 (Monterrino 12, Young 12, Taranto 8); St. Joseph's 35 (Monaco 7). Assists: [redacted] 21 (Monterrino 5, Taranto 5, Hennessey 5); St. Joseph's 8 (Gist 3). Turnovers: [redacted] 23, St. Joseph's 22. Total fouls: [redacted] 18, St. Joseph's 23. Fouled out: none.

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Salisbury's Weekend Baseball Doubleheader Postponed

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Gulls Off This Weekend

SALISBURY, Md. - The No. 7 Salisbury University baseball team will have to wait a little bit longer to play a home game at the SU Baseball Field, as this weekend's doubleheaders with the [REDACTED] and Stevens Institute of Technology have both been postponed due to unplayable field conditions. There has been no make-up date set for any of the four games.

The Sea Gull home opener will now be Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 2:30 p.m. against St. Mary's (Md.) College. That contest will also be the first Capital Athletic Conference game of the season for the Gulls (0-1). Last season the Sea Gulls were 24-2 at the SU Baseball Field.



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Baseball Ready For 2010 Campaign

2/19/2010

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HOBOKEN, N.J. (February 19, 2010) – The Stevens Institute of Technology men’s baseball team, fresh off a 21-20 season and an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Metro Tournament championship game berth, enter the 2010 campaign with hopes of capturing their first-ever Empire 8 crown. With a roster laden with veteran leadership, complimented by a talented corps of newcomers, tenth-year head coach [John Crane](#)’s squad stands poised to surpass last year’s 11-win improvement, while pushing the Ducks’ unparalleled heights.

“We had a really strong finish to last season and we only lost one everyday player, so with the freshmen we have coming in, plus our returning group, we’re pretty confident that we’ll have a strong season this year and our expectation is to compete for the Empire 8 championship,” said Crane. “Ithaca has won the league eight years in a row and they’ve set the bar pretty high, but our goal is to try and knock them off this year. It won’t be easy, but we think we’ll be really competitive.”

Returning to help lead the Ducks are seniors [Anthony Andrews](#), [Eddie Daniele](#), [Joe Finora](#), and [Mark Rasulo](#). One of the team’s resident speedsters, Andrews, who ranks third all-time in career stolen base percentage, hit .319 last year with 25 RBI and 30 runs scored, while going 16-for-16 on the basepaths. Meanwhile, the sure-handed Daniele had 133 assists last season, the second-best single-season total in Duck history.

Finora, went 3-5 a year ago while headlining the team’s pitching staff, posting a 5.55 ERA, with 69 strikeouts – good for fourth on the school’s single-season charts. His 73.0 innings pitched also ranked second in the conference. Rasulo, meanwhile, hit .291 with 24 RBI, six homeruns, and a team-high 11 doubles en route to second-team all-league accolades.

“Our seniors, Andrews, Daniele, and Rasulo, have been starting for the last three years so they have a lot of veteran experience,” Crane said. “Rasulo is one of the top hitters in our conference and he’ll be a key guy for us, while Joe (Finora) has been at or near the top of our rotation the whole time he’s been here so we expect big things from him.”

Also returning are juniors [Denis Ackermann](#), [Dan Anunziata](#), [Mike Caruso](#), [Shawn Dorman](#), [Matt Glassman](#), [Russ Grimes](#), [Kyle Hanas](#), [Kenneth Meerendonk](#), and Mike Paligaro.

Last season, Meerendonk pulled double-duty, serving as both the team’s primary third-basemen as well as one of its starting pitchers. The Vernon, N.J. native blasted a single-season program record eight homers a year ago, while hitting a team-high .347 with 30 RBI en route to first-team all-Empire 8 honors and third-team New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association (NJCBA) third-team accolades. The junior also earned a second-team all-conference nod as a starting pitcher after posting a 5-5 mark with a 4.28 ERA.

Ackermann will look to follow-up on a successful sophomore season in which he earned the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings Golden Glove Award and hit .319 with 22 RBI, while Grimes comes off a year where he clubbed a program-record eight round-trippers and drove in 29 runs.

“Returning are (Ken) Meerendonk, (Russ) Grimes, (Denis) Ackermann, to the three, four, five holes, and having that continuity in the middle (of our lineup) will be key for us,” said Crane. “Last year, they each had big seasons for us offensively, and they should be able to take the next step forward this season and be at the point where they are a very difficult part of the lineup for opposing pitchers to navigate.”

Meanwhile, sophomore returnees include, [T.J. Alcorn](#), [Sal Amato](#), [Chris Coutros](#), [T.J. Griffin](#), [Ryan Kiczek](#), [Corey Linden](#), [John Martelle](#), [Rudy Morin](#), [Tom Phillips](#), [Chris Tucci](#), [Vincent Vinci](#), and [Brad Warren](#).

Phillips and Vinci return after each enjoying breakout seasons as freshmen and earning NJCBA All-Rookie team honors. A patient hitter, Phillips drew 36 walks on the year – good for second on the program’s single-season charts – while sporting a team-high .444 on-base percentage. The then-freshman second baseman also nabbed a team-high 22 bases, while scoring 32 runs.

“Tom (Phillips) did a great job as a freshman last year getting on base and he’ll be in the lead-off spot. We expect him to be in that 30-stolen base range and he should score a lot of runs for us,” explained Crane. “He’s the prototypical lead-off guy. He can not only get on base, but he can drive the ball and hit it out of the ballpark to start off the game and we’ll have him and Rasulo in some combination at the top of the order.”

Vinci finished the season ranked second in strikeouts (32) among all Division II and III rookies in New Jersey. He posted a record of 2-3 with a 5.74 earned run average, but went 2-0 with 24 strikeouts in his final 16 innings pitched (four appearances). The Howell, N.J. native also earned the win in Stevens’ first-ever ECAC Tournament victory, tossing five innings and striking out eight against the College of Mount Saint Vincent.

Rounding out the Stevens’ squad this season are a talented collection of freshmen in [Tyler Courter](#), [Chris Daniele](#), [Michael Donovan](#), [Craig Leopold](#), [Kevin Mathews](#), [Mark Poinsett](#), [Matt Rodgers](#), and [Cory Stryker](#).

As a team, Stevens smashed a single-season school record 34 homeruns, ranking first in the conference. The Ducks also led the league in on-base percentage (.395), steals (98), and walks (172), while ranking second in runs scored (258). Defensively, Stevens ranked first in nine of the conference’s statistical categories including, fielding percentage (.957), putouts (958), assists (477), and double-plays (33), while the Ducks’ pitching staff ranked third in ERA (5.73) and strikeouts (205).

“We have our whole pitching staff back from last year and that kind of continuity will certainly help us. We also led the league in fielding percentage, so we feel like our pitching and defense are going to be strengths of ours,” Crane said. “Offensively, we feel like we have excellent team speed and we’re going to have one of the deeper lineups we’ve had since I’ve been here.”

In order to reach its goals, the Ducks will first have to navigate a challenging non-league schedule before beginning their equally rigorous conference slate. Stevens will open its season at home on February 21, when it plays host to the [REDACTED]. From there the Ducks take on preseason No. 6 Kean University on February 27 before hosting Mount Saint Mary College on February 28.

Stevens also takes on No. 3 Eastern Connecticut State University on March 10 and No. 17 SUNY Cortland on March 14, along with defending Liberty League champion Clarkson University on March 15. The Ducks are also slated to face Rowan University (3/19), William Paterson University (3/27), and Rutgers University – Newark (3/28) from the always competitive New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC).

Stevens begins its Empire 8 schedule on April 2-3 against No. 23 Ithaca College. Following the home-stand with the Bombers, the Ducks take a break from league play to face the College of Mount St. Vincent (4/5) and Gwynedd-Mercy College (4/7).

The Ducks will then face league rival St. John Fisher College on April 10-11 before facing Drew University and Utica College on April 14 and April 17-18, respectively. Stevens then hits the road for dates with SUNY Old Westbury and 2009 NJAC champion The College of New Jersey on April 25 and April 27 before returning home to wrap up its regular season against Rochester Institute of Technology on May 1-2.

“Our philosophy has always been to play a challenging schedule. I think playing that schedule serves as a measuring stick for us. It shows us where we are and we have those games spread throughout the season,” Crain explained. “We open up Empire 8 play with Ithaca, who’s always a top-25 team, so that will be a big challenge for us right out of the chute. Then we have Fisher who won the ECAC Upstate last year the following weekend. Utica has a good

coach and we expect that they're going to be improved and RIT were the preseason favorites last year. They've lost a couple of guys but they have a key group coming back, especially their pitching staff. It's going to be a competitive league and while Ithaca is still the class of the conference, behind them it's pretty wide open."

Hoping to help guide the Ducks through the season are assistant coaches [Corey Paluga](#), [Ken Zinchiak](#), and [Matt Girnys](#). Paluga will begin his first season at Castle Point after having served as an assistant coach at his alma mater Lynchburg College for the past three seasons. Zinchiak enters his fifth season on the Hudson, while Girnys, a former Duck, will begin his first-year as the team's graduate assistant coach.

"Corey (Paluga) comes from a strong program in Lynchburg and has NCAA Tournament experience and he'll play an instrumental role in working with our catchers and outfielders, while Ken (Zinchiak) enters his fifth year with us and will work primarily with the hitters," Crane said. "He has a really good group to work with this year and he brought them along last year, especially in the second half of the season and we're looking for him to continue that. Matt (Girnys) was a four-year member of the team and the team-MVP in 2008 and he has the respect of everyone in the program because of the effort he put in while he was here. He'll be our first-base coach and will work primarily with our infielders. Overall, we have a good staff that is pretty knowledgeable and I believe we have a good mix of guys experience-wise."

Also serving on the staff this season is former Duck [Dan Silva](#), a volunteer assistant coach, who will work with the catchers and infielders.

"We had a really good fall season. We only did three weeks, but we got a lot done during that time. We're ready to hit the ground running. We have some tough games right out of the shute, but I feel like everyone has put the work in to this point so we should be ready to go," said Crane in closing. "This team has certainly been through some low-points and the guys are really hungry, especially early on, when we had a lot of freshmen and sophomores playing. I think they saw how much they improved last year and they're really looking to take that next step this season."



**Baseball To Host College of
Staten Island In Season
Opener**

**HOBOKEN, N.J. (February 19,
2010)** – The Stevens Institute

of Technology baseball team's
scheduled season-opening
doubleheader with No. 7

Salisbury University, originally
scheduled for Sunday, February
21 has been postponed due to
poor field conditions. The Ducks
will instead open the season at
home against the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Stevens and [REDACTED]
will play a doubleheader at the
De Baun Athletic Complex
beginning at 1 p.m. on February
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Dolphins in a search for the good old days

Once one of the CUNY's premier basketball programs, CSI has struggled since its last championship in 2002

By JIM WAGGONER
STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

The good old days of College of Staten Island basketball are becoming more distant with each passing season.

And the reasonable question that again begs to be asked, especially on the men's side, is: "What happened to the Dolphins?"

If we're judging strictly by the standard of CUNY Conference championships, the good old days have indeed come and gone. CSI has won a CUNY best in post-season tournament titles, but none since 2002. The women's program has six championship trophies, but the last was in 2005 and the Dolphins haven't reached the CUNY finals the past three seasons although they won the ECAC Metro tourney crown a year ago.

But let's stick with the men, with sixth-seeded CSI facing the daunting task to-morrow afternoon of playing third-seeded Baruch in Manhattan as the 49th annual CUNY Tournament gets started. The Dolphins haven't gotten past the quarterfinal round in three seasons and are underdogs against the team that eliminated them in the same spot last year, 87-73.

Alarmingly, CSI's status in the CUNY regular season standings has also dipped to historic lows. The Dolphins just finished a 6-7 campaign, coming on the heels of last year's 3-10 finish. Only two

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previous teams had finished below .500 — 1977-78 and 1990-91 — in the history of the four-year program.

A few obvious, and anything but unfamiliar, culprits spring to the surface. Entrance requirements that often make freshmen ineligible; the absence of on-campus dormitories despite several previous CSI declarations of intended construction plans; and the glaring lack of interest by Staten Island high schoolers in a program that once thrived on local talent, immediately come to mind.

"I spend every working moment of my entire year trying to figure out how we can get better," said CSI head coach Tony Petosa, the school's 40-year-old head coach who remains the program's all-time leading rebounder as a player and recently gained his 300th coaching victory in his 20th

season. "We don't want to be where we are ... we want to be better. But the harder we work, it often seems like I'm in quicksand."

While the Dolphins have been sinking, others have been rising. York, Baruch and Brooklyn College were a combined 33-5 in conference play this season. CSI went 0-5 against the Big Three.

York junior center Marcel Esonwune and Brooklyn senior forward Richard Jean-Baptiste are MVP caliber players on a talent level rarely seen in the NCAA Division III CUNY Conference.

"There's no question that the CUNY is deeper now than it's ever been," said Petosa, a part-time coach and a full-time public high school teacher. "Many of our rivals have full-time coaches on campus and they have student housing. They have campuses that are very accessible to students by public transportation, and they are recruiting in boroughs with millions of people. We have no campus housing, and the (Verrazano-Narrows) Bridge absolutely kills us. Most kids don't have cars and if they do the expense of tolls and everything else makes CSI a tough sell."

"We have the smallest population base and even though our campus is the nicest of all by far in my opinion, it's the least accessible to city kids. How are they going to get here without it costing them a lot and taking a lot of time each day?"

As for local recruiting, Petosa and his assistants have been fixtures at local high school games for years. And the fruit of their labor has diminished considerably in the past decade.

"Let's face it, kids want to get out of their homes and experience college life away if they can, and I don't blame them," said Petosa. "They'll go to schools with dorms."

As for the oft-mentioned dormitory plans in Willowbrook, school officials have indicated that no funding will be available for the foreseeable future. In other words, Petosa can't tell recruits that the dorms are on the way.

"Without the housing, kids from the metropolitan area are going to be very reluctant to come here ... and frankly there aren't enough kids around here to help us. We have to get kids who qualify academically, first of all, and that shrinks the potential recruiting pool even though some of them can qualify to get into other CUNY schools and play right away."

Baruch's emergence as a basketball power in both the men's and women's division is no accident, observed Petosa. They have turned from a CUNY also-ran by marketing their new vertical campus, and impressive athletic facilities, to impressionable recruits. They have full-time coaches who perform other duties within the athletic department. Until the new campus was built, the Bearcats played their home games at Xavier High School.

CSI opened the season with a 15-player roster, with eight Staten Island players, including starting guards Ryan Hennessey and Dale Taranto. Their best player, 6-foot-4 sophomore Jordan Young, hails from Wall, N.J., and senior guard Christian Monteverino, a 1,000-point career scorer like Hennessey, is from Ewing, N.J.

And the 12-13 Dolphins might be in the same position as last year's 6-10 squad if not for the unexpected return of bulky 6-7 junior center Michael Ledbetter, a Susan Wagner HS product who last played at CSI five years ago.

"We didn't even recruit him ... Mike just walked through the doors," said Petosa. "He decided he wanted to come back and get his college degree."

The Dolphins are showing signs of progress in the face of a combined 76-83 record over the past six seasons. They have gone a winter without any of the turmoil of recent campaigns, when top players left the program or were dismissed. A couple of all-conference types even transferred to rival CUNY schools.

"This has been an absolutely good year in that regard," said Petosa. "These guys have been a great bunch to be around."

And he's not throwing in the towel, either.

"This group can win the whole thing," said Petosa, noting a recent 80-83 overtime loss to Baruch as an example. "We have no margin of error and our starting five have to all be playing well, but we have a chance. Last year, if we brought our 'A' game and they brought their 'B' game, we still didn't have a chance. That's not the case now and I think people realize that."

Baruch will be home this time, though, and they'll have senior forward George Kunkel, the school's all-time leading career rebounder



Susan Wagner graduate Michael Ledbetter has been a bright spot for CSI since returning to the program this season.

with more than 1,000, back in the lineup after a facial injury kept him out the first meeting. A CSI upset would definitely bring back memories of the good old days of Dolphin basketball.

NOTES: The CUNY men's semifinals (Tuesday, 5:30 and 7:30) and championship (next Saturday, 5 p.m.) will be held at City College's Nat Holman Gymnasium.

CUNY Basketball Tournament

MEN'S QUARTERS Saturday

No. 8 CUNY (3-10)
at No. 1 York (12-1)
No. 7 Lehman (5-6)
at No. 2 Brooklyn (10-2)
No. 6 CSI (6-7)
at No. 3 Baruch (11-2), 1 p.m.
No. 5 Medgar Evers (7-4)
at No. 4 Hunter (8-5)

WOMEN'S QUARTERS Sunday

No. 8 Medgar Evers (2-10)
at No. 1 Baruch (12-1)
No. 7 CUNY (5-6)
at No. 2 Hunter (10-2)
No. 6 Lehman (8-5)
at No. 3 Brooklyn (9-4)
No. 5 York (8-5)
at No. 4 CSI (9-4), 2 p.m.

CUNY Basketball Tourney Preview: [REDACTED] women limp into quarterfinals

By Jim Waggoner

February 20, 2010, 7:41AM



Staten Island Advance file photo

College of Staten Island women's basketball coach Marguerite Moran sends her six-player roster into CUNY Conference Tournament action Sunday afternoon at home against York College.

Talk about having limited options.

[REDACTED] women's basketball coach Marguerite Moran will look down her bench Sunday afternoon during the opening round of the CUNY Conference Tournament and find four people — two assistant coaches, one athletic trainer and one substitute.

Of course, that's not counting anyone carrying a pair of crutches.

The injury-plagued Dolphins begin their quest for a seventh CUNY title at home against York (2 p.m.) with a six-player roster, which doesn't give Moran much wiggle room when it comes to substitution patterns.

"It's ridiculous," says Moran, whose razor-thin squad will need to win three games in seven days but for now would settle for a trip to Wednesday night's semifinals at CCNY. "We started the season with what we thought would be adequate depth, a mix of veterans

and newcomers.

"Now we're down to this ... "

Moran expects the fourth-seeded Dolphins (9-4 CUNY, 12-11 overall) to come out swinging against fifth-seeded York (8-5, 13-11), even though senior point guard Mallory Ameneiros is finishing the season playing through a torn ACL and senior shooting guard Kristin Panariello has endured the discomfort of an injured foot the entire campaign.

"These kids are tough, we have no concerns about that," said Moran. "We have a lot of pride and competitiveness. We'll go as hard as we can and see what happens."

The most damaging injuries were the late-season losses of junior forward Allie Shanahan (13.6 points, 6.1 rebounds per game) and emerging freshman forward Caitlin Johnson (6.8 ppg, 5.3 rpg). Shanahan broke an ankle and Johnson damaged a knee. In the preseason, freshman Nicole Reyes tore an ACL, and freshman Olivia Tierno was developing into a key contributor (6.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg) when struck by the injury bug in her 20th game.

[REDACTED] won both games against York this season — 76-73 at home and 69-68 in Queens — but the tightness of both scores has to make the Dolphins a little wary of a team they have beaten 20 straight times on the way to a 49-6 all-time series advantage.

The Cardinals run their offense through 6-foot sophomore center Kadisha Wickham, an all-CUNY first-team pick who is very good on the glass.

Moran will look to her three seniors — sharpshooter Danielle McLaughlin (64 3-pointers), Ameneiros and Panariello — the latter who earned All-CUNY second-team honors this week. CUNY co-Rookie of the Year Katelyn Hepworth (9.8 ppg, 9.0 rpg) has produced like an upperclassman and gritty guards Denise Zajonc and Nicole Quattrocchi are also ready to answer the bell.

"We can do it," said a confident Panariello.

The razor-thin Dolphins might be limping into the postseason, but they hope to have a bounce to their step late Sunday afternoon at the Sports and Recreation Center.

NOTES: Sunday's other CUNY quarterfinals: No. 8 Medgar Evers at No. 1 Baruch; No. 7 City College at No. 2 Hunter; and No. 6 Lehman at No. 3 Brooklyn ... The semifinals are Wednesday (5:30 and 7:30) and the championship game a week from today (3 p.m.), all at City College.

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Baseball Rallies Past CSI In Nightcap To Salvage Split In Season-Opening Doubleheader

HOBOKEN, N.J. (February 21, 2010) – The Stevens Institute of Technology baseball team opened up its 2010 season by splitting a pair of games with the [REDACTED] in a season-opening doubleheader at Dobbelaar Field in Hoboken, N.J. After falling to the Dolphins 5-2 in the first game of the twinbill, Stevens found themselves down by two entering the bottom of the seventh before scoring three runs in the final frame to secure a thrilling, 3-2 victory in the nightcap.

Senior Eddie Daniele went 2-for-5 on the day with a double, two runs scored, and a steal, while junior catcher Denis Ackermann drove in a pair of runs.

Dolphins' sophomore **Steve Hession (Staten Island, N.Y.)** went 3-for-8 on the afternoon with a home run and a four RBI, while senior **Tom DiPietro (Staten Island, N.Y.)**, junior **Pat Gale (Staten Island, N.Y.)**, and sophomore **Joe Cassano (Staten Island, N.Y.)** each tallied two hits.

Game 1: CSI 5, Stevens 2 (9-innings)

Scoreless through two and two thirds, Dolphins' senior **Tom DeWaters (Staten Island, N.Y.)** drew a two-out walk before stealing second. Hession then drove in the game's first run with a single that just found its way past Ducks' second baseman Tom Phillips.

Stevens quickly responded in the bottom half of the third, tying the game on a two-out Mark Rasulo double to right center that scored Daniele. The game remained tied until the top of the fifth, when Hession blasted a three-run homer to right center – after a walk and hit-by-pitch – staking CSI to a 5-1 lead.

The Ducks would trim the margin to 5-2 in the bottom half of the stanza, when Daniele scored on a Dolphin error, but the Stevens bats remained silent the rest of the way, as Gale and [redacted] reliever **Nick Tingos (Staten Island, N.Y.)** combined for four scoreless innings down the stretch, surrendering just one hit.

Gale struck out 13, while allowing just one earned run on three hits in six innings, en route to his first victory of the season, while Tingos struck out five in three innings of work.

Game 2: Stevens 3, CSI 2 (7-innings)

[redacted] again struck first in the second game of the twinbill, capitalizing on an early Stevens' error to take a 1-0 lead through one. From there, Dolphins starter **Paul Ciccazzo (Staten Island, N.Y.)** looked to seize the day, tossing five-no-hit innings to preserve the slim CSI margin.

Hoping to give Ciccazzo more of a cushion, the Dolphins pushed an insurance run across the plate in the top of the sixth. Still down 2-0 in the seventh, Stevens' junior Ken Meerendonk, notched the Ducks' first hit since the eighth inning of game one, lacing a one-out single to right, breaking up Ciccazzo's no-hitter.

Stevens' junior outfielder Russ Grimes then reached on a CSI error before Ackermann recorded his first hit of the season with a game-tying double to left center. After Ciccazzo issued a walk to Daniele, [redacted] head coach Mike Mauro turned to his bullpen to try to close out the Ducks, bringing in **Chris D'Antuono (Brooklyn, N.Y.)**, but the sophomore hurler promptly surrendered a single to Stevens junior Matt Glassman to load the bases before being called for a balk that plated the winning run.

Meerendonk allowed just one earned run, while striking out three en route to the complete-game win, while Ciccazzo fanned nine, giving up just two hits in six and a third. Stevens returns to action on

February 27 at American Baseball
Coaches Association No. 6 Kean
University on February 27.

The following is a play-by-play
account of today's games:

FIRST GAME

starters: 35/cf
Hession; 16/2b Roman; 30/p Gale;
20/c DiPietro; 11/3b Sullivan; 15/lf
Cassano; 3/ss Glennerster; 14/rf
DeWaters; 10/1b DiCasoli;

Stevens starters: 11/2b Phillips; 3/cf
Rasulo; 21/1b Meerendonk; 12/rf
Grimes; 23/dh Alcorn; 31/c
Ackermann; 13/3b Coutros; 10/lf
Andrews; 27/ss E. Daniele; 35/p
Finora;

First Inning: Stevens 0, CSI 0

1st - Hession
grounded out to 2b. Roman
grounded out to ss. Gale grounded
out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 L
O B .

Stevens 1st - Phillips grounded out to
p. Rasulo struck out swinging.
Meerendonk struck out swinging. 0
runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Second Inning: Stevens 0, CSI 0

2nd - DiPietro
fled out to cf. Sullivan out at first 1b
to p. Cassano struck out looking. 0
runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Stevens 2nd - Grimes walked. Alcorn
struck out swinging.
Ackermann struck out swinging.
Grimes stole second, advanced to
third on an error by c. Coutros struck
out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1

L O B .

Third Inning: Stevens 1, CSI 1

3rd - Glennerster
lined out to lf. DeWaters grounded
out to 3b. DiCasoli walked. DiCasoli
stole second. Hession singled to
second base, RBI; DiCasoli scored.
Hession out at second c to ss,
caught stealing. 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors,
0 LOB.

Stevens 3rd - Andrews grounded out

to 2b. E. Daniele singled to catcher. E. Daniele stole second. Phillips struck out swinging. Rasulo doubled to right center, RBI; E. Daniele scored. Meerendonk grounded out to p. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Fourth Inning: Stevens 1, CSI 1

[REDACTED] 4th - Roman grounded out to 3b. Gale singled to center field. DiPietro grounded out to 2b; Gale advanced to second. Sullivan struck out swinging. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Stevens 4th - Grimes struck out swinging. Alcorn struck out swinging.

Ackermann struck out looking. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Fifth Inning: CSI 4, Stevens 2

[REDACTED] Cassano grounded out to 3b. Glennerster grounded out to ss. DeWaters walked. DiCasoli hit by pitch; DeWaters advanced to second. Hession homered to right center, 3 RBI; DiCasoli scored; DeWaters scored. Roman grounded out to 2b. 3 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Stevens 5th - Coutros struck out swinging. Andrews struck out looking. E. Daniele doubled down the rf line. Phillips reached on an error by ss; E. Daniele scored, unearned. Phillips stole second. Rasulo grounded out to ss. 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Sixth Inning: CSI 5, Stevens 2

[REDACTED] - Hanas to p for Finora. Gale singled to shortstop. DiPietro popped up to ss. Sullivan reached on an error by 2b; Gale advanced to second. Cassano singled to shortstop, RBI; Sullivan advanced to second; Gale scored, unearned. Glennerster grounded out to p; Cassano advanced to second; Sullivan advanced to third. DeWaters struck out looking. 1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Stevens 6th - Meerendonk struck out swinging. Grimes reached on an error by 1b. Grimes advanced to second on a passed ball. Alcorn grounded out to ss. Ackermann

struck out, out at first c to 1b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Seventh Inning: CSI 5, Stevens 2

7th - DiCasoli grounded out to p. Hession struck out. Roman struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Stevens 7th - Tingos to p for Gale. Coutros struck out looking. Andrews flied out to rf. E. Daniele struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Eighth Inning: CSI 5, Stevens 2

8th - Gale to dh for Tingos. Tingos to p. Gale grounded out to ss. DiPietro singled to center field. Sullivan hit by pitch; DiPietro advanced to second. Cassano struck out swinging. Glennerster grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Stevens 8th - Phillips singled up the middle. Phillips failed pickoff attempt, advanced to second on an error by p. Rasulo struck out swinging. Phillips advanced to third on a wild pitch. Meerendonk struck out looking. Grimes flied out to rf. 0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.

FINAL: CSI 5, Stevens 2

9th - Martelle to p for Hanas. DeWaters singled to right center. DiCasoli grounded out to c; DeWaters advanced to second. Hession grounded out to 3b. DeWaters advanced to third on a wild pitch. Roman struck out swinging. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Stevens 9th - Glassman to dh for Alcorn. Glassman struck out swinging. Ackermann grounded out to 2b. Coutros grounded out to p unassisted. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

SECOND GAME

35/cf Hession; 16/2b Roman; 30/dh Gale; 20/c DiPietro; 11/3b Sullivan; 15/lf Cassano; 44/1b Todaro; 3/ss Glennerster; 14/rf DeWaters; 33/p Ciccazzo;

Stevens starters: 11/2b Phillips; 3/cf Rasulo; 21/p Meerendonk; 12/rf Grimes; 31/c Ackermann; 27/ss E. Daniele; 41/1b Glassman; 13/3b Coutros; 10/lf Andrews;

First Inning: CSI 1, Stevens 0

[REDACTED] *1st* - Hession reached on an error by lf, advanced to second. Roman grounded out to 1b unassisted; Hession advanced to third. Gale grounded out to 3b, RBI; Hession scored, unearned. DiPietro struck out looking. 1 run, 0 hits, 1 error, 0 L O B .

Stevens 1st - Phillips struck out swinging. Rasulo hit by pitch. Meerendonk popped up to 2b. Grimes struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Second Inning: CSI 1, Stevens 0

[REDACTED] *2nd* - Sullivan grounded out to ss. Cassano flied out to rf. Todaro grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 L O B .

Stevens 2nd - Ackermann lined out to cf. E. Daniele struck out swinging. Glassman flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 L O B.

Third Inning: CSI 1, Stevens 0

[REDACTED] *3rd* - Glennerster grounded out to 2b. DeWaters struck out swinging. Hession popped up to ss. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Stevens 3rd - Coutros struck out swinging. Andrews grounded out to p. Phillips flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Fourth Inning: CSI 1, Stevens 0

[REDACTED] *4th* - Roman grounded out to 3b. Gale flied out to lf. DiPietro grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 L O B .

Stevens 4th - Rasulo struck out swinging. Meerendonk struck out looking. Grimes struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 L O B .

Fifth Inning: CSI 1, Stevens 0

[REDACTED] *5th* - Sullivan singled up the middle.

Cassano struck out swinging. Todaro grounded out to 3b; Sullivan advanced to second. Glennerster grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Stevens 5th - Ackermann out at first 1b to p. E. Daniele flied out to cf. Glassman struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Sixth Inning: CSI 2, Stevens 0

6th - DeWaters grounded out to 1b unassisted. Hession singled to shortstop. Roman singled to right field; Hession advanced to third. Gale reached on a fielder's choice, RBI; Roman out at second ss to 2b; Hession scored. DiPietro singled through the left side, advanced to second on an error by cf; Gale advanced to third. Sullivan grounded out to ss. 1 run, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Stevens 6th - Coutros grounded out to 3b. Andrews lined out to 1b. Phillips struck out looking. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FINAL: Stevens 3, CSI 2

7th - Cassano singled to left field. Todaro out at first rf to 1b; Cassano advanced to second. Glennerster grounded out to p. DeWaters flied out to cf. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Stevens 7th - Rasulo grounded out to 3b. Meerendonk singled to right field. Grimes reached on an error by ss; Meerendonk advanced to second. Ackermann doubled to left center, 2 RBI; Grimes scored, unearned; Meerendonk scored. E. Daniele walked. D'Antuono to p for Ciccazzo. Glassman singled to center field; E. Daniele advanced to second; Ackermann advanced to third. Ackermann scored on a balk. 3 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

CN In the Spotlight: Louis Valdes, Gill St. Bernard's, basketball

By JERRY CARINO • STAFF WRITER • February 22, 2010

It's well documented that Gill St. Bernard's has a stable of talented young players, but someone has to do the dirty work and provide veteran leadership. That someone is senior forward Louis Valdes.

A co-captain along with fellow senior Tommy Plate, Valdes averages 8.5 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. In Saturday's Somerset County Tournament semifinal he registered seven fourth-quarter points, including a critical three-point play with 1:57 left, to help the Knights top Hillsborough 60-53.

"I see my role as being a rebounder, and there are situations where the other team's not going to think I am a go-to guy," said Valdes, who will play at The [REDACTED] next year. "When Dom (Hoffman) is in foul trouble or Alex (Mitola) needs a hand in a pick-and-roll situation, I just try to get in there and help the team out."

The first guy at practice every day, Valdes also sets an example for the young guns.

"He's been through it all for us," Gill coach Dave Pasquale said. "He came when our program was not real strong. He's seen us gradually grow through some pretty tough times, and now we're playing in some pretty big games and he's a huge reason for that." "



Winter Break Means Service for Many Alma Students

The Alma College campus may be quiet during Winter Break Feb. 27 through March 6, but many students will be active in service activities, music performances and athletic competition at locations throughout the country.

Alternative Breaks: Eight Destinations

Seventy-four students and eight faculty and staff learning partners will participate in eight Alternative Break service trips during Winter Break:

- Immigration and Border Issues — Students will travel to El Paso, Texas, to work with immigrants while learning firsthand about immigration policy and border issues.



Students working on a Habitat for Humanity home

- Disaster Relief (faith based) — Students will partner with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Texas City, Texas, to assist with Hurricane Ike clean-up and home repair.
- Affordable Housing — Students will visit Hattiesburg, Miss. to assist the local Habitat for Humanity chapter in new home construction.
- Environment — Students will do trail maintenance and construction at Cumberland Trails Conference, Crossville, Tenn.

- Rural Poverty — In Knoxville, Tenn., students will assist with trail maintenance and service projects in a local Cherokee community in the Smoky Mountains.
- Education/Youth and Poverty — Students will mentor impoverished youth in after-school programming in Newark, N.J.
- Heath/Disabilities — Students will assist individuals with severe physical, development and emotional challenges at the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Greenville, N.H.
- HIV/AIDS — In Boston, Mass., students will prepare meals that are delivered to HIV/AIDS clients in their homes.

Choir Tour: Seven Concerts

The Alma College Choir, led by Director Will Nichols, tours Illinois and Michigan for its annual Winter Break tour. Here's the performance schedule:

- Feb. 27 — First Presbyterian Church, Homewood, Ill., 7 p.m.
- Feb. 28 — 4th Presbyterian Church, Chicago, 9:30 and 11 a.m. services
- March 1 — West Carroll Middle School, Mt. Carroll, Ill., 7 p.m.
- March 2 — First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mich., 7:30 p.m.
- March 3 — Rehoboth Reformed Church, McBain, Mich., 7 p.m.
- March 4 — First Presbyterian Church, Howell, 7 p.m.
- March 14 — Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, 4 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble at Notre Dame

The Alma College Percussion Ensemble will perform at the 52nd annual University of Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 in Washington Hall. Five highly acclaimed jazz artists will judge the participating ensembles.

Scots Athletic Teams

- The baseball team heads to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to open its 2010 season against [REDACTED] Eastern University, Ohio Northern and Manchester. The Scots have varsity and junior varsity games scheduled from March 1 through 5.
- The softball team travels to Orlando, Fla., to open its 2010 season at the NTC Spring Games Feb. 27 through March 6.
- The men's and women's tennis teams visit Orlando, Fla. with matches Feb. 27 through March 4.

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Panariello, Dolphins stand tall, top York

CSI advances to semis with 68-54 win behind Sea product's 18 points

By JIM WAGGONER
STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

On paper, it wasn't a fair fight.

In one corner stood the College of Staten Island's 5-foot-6 senior guard Kristen Panariello. In the other, York's All-CUNY Conference center Kadisha Wickham, a 6-foot sophomore.

Advantage, Panariello. "She got frustrated," said the St. Joseph by-the-Sea product after fourth-seeded CSI powered past fifth-seeded York, 68-54, in the opening round of the CUNY Tournament yesterday at the Sports and Recreation Center. "I like the challenge."

The Dolphins pulled off their game plan to perfection, with an injury-decimated roster of six active players. They put the active, tough-minded Panariello on Wickham and employed defensive quickness to pull away in the first half of a surprisingly easy victory.

CSI (13-11) advances to Wednesday's semifinal round against top-seeded Baruch (21-5) at City College. The 5:30 p.m. opener will be followed by No. 2 Hunter (16-10) against No. 6 Lehman (11-15) at 7:30 p.m.

Panariello tallied a game-high 18 points as all five CSI starters finished in double figures, with senior point guard Mallory Ameneiros doing yeoman's duty with 15 points (12 from the free-throw line), seven assists, six rebounds and five steals.

Wickham had torched the Dolphins in two previous meetings — 29 points, 24 rebounds in the first outing and 35 points, 20 rebounds in the second — and head coach Marguerite Moran and assistant Tim Shanahan both admitted to a sleepless night leading up to the contest.

"We played phone tag about a hundred times," said Shanahan. "We kept throwing ideas at each other until something stuck."

Panariello fronted the tall, agile Wickham — with plenty of off-the-ball help. The Dolphins also pressured the ball ferociously, leading to 24 York turnovers, and the defensive strategy helped free CUNY Co-Rookie of the Year Katelyn Hepworth to grab 12 rebounds.

Wickham finished with 14 points and 17 rebounds, but also had 10 turnovers and fouled out with 4:16 remaining. More importantly, she managed only 11 shots from the floor, hitting seven.

The Dolphins had barely squeaked out those two earlier meetings, 76-73 and 69-68, and the Cardinals brought high hopes of snapping their now 21-game losing streak to CSI.

"Kristin (Panariello) has a lot of heart," said Moran. "She's always played bigger girls. She welcomes the challenge, she wants to guard them if we need her. We've been able to put her in difficult situations and not worry about it."

CSI zipped to a 35-19 half-time lead, with Panariello nailing three 3-pointers on the way to a 15-point half. Denise Zajonc added 10 points as the Dolphins held the Cardinals to nine baskets and 25.7 percent shooting.

York, which dropped to 13-12 overall, never got closer than 10 points in the second half.

"In a crazy way, having only six players might have worked to our advantage today," said Moran. "These girls really clicked out on the court. They had no other choice, did they?"



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CSI's Mallory Ameneiros drives the lane and gets off a shot over a pair of York defenders.

NOTES: Zajonc had 13 points, seven rebounds and four steals, while senior guard Danielle McLaughlin scored 12 points. ... CSI's lone substitute, 5-2 junior guard Nicole Quattrocchi, played 10 solid minutes and earned Moran's praise afterwards. ... York had a commanding 57-34 rebounding edge, but shot only 30.7 percent (23 of 75) from the floor. ... CSI's penetration led directly to the free-throw line, sinking 19 of 27. ... CUNY's other first-round scores: No. 1 Baruch 66, No. 8 Medgar Evers 46; No. 2 Hunter 57, No. 7 City College 55; and No. 6 Lehman 73, No. 3 Brooklyn 56.

YORK (54)
Mohan 2-2 0-0 4, Greene 0-4 1-2 1, Jarvis 3-11 1-1 7, Wickham 3-11 0-0 14, Dabo 7-23 3-4 18, Padilla 3-11 0-0 5, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Rivers 2-6 0-0 5, Boggs 0-3 0-0 0.

CSI (18)
Hepworth 4-8 2-4 10, Panariello 3-14 1-3 18, Ameneiros 1-10 12-25 15, Zajonc 5-9 3-4 13, McLaughlin 4-11 1-1 12, Quattrocchi 0-0 0-0 0.
Totals: 21-54 19-27 46.
Rebounds: 25-38, CSI.

Three-point goals: York 3-15 (Greene 0-3, Dabo 1-5, Padilla 1-4, Jones 0-2, Rivers 1-2); CSI 7-22 (Panariello 3-4, Ameneiros 1-4, Zajonc 0-5, McLaughlin 3-11). Rebounds: York 37 (Dabo 18, Wickham 14); CSI 34 (Hepworth 12, Zajonc 7). Assists: York 12 (Greene 5, Dabo 5); CSI 17 (Ameneiros 7). Turnovers: York 24, CSI 21. Total fouls: York 22, CSI 13. Fouled out: Wickham.

Dolphins split pair with Stevens

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

HOBOKEN, N.J. — Junior left-hander Pat Gale and sophomore right-hander Paul Cicazzo were in mid-season form, but the College of Staten Island had to settle for a double-header split with host Stevens Tech yesterday, winning the opener, 5-2, before dropping the second game, 3-2.

The season-opening action for both clubs featured Gale's strong

debut, working five solid innings and posting the win backed by sophomore Steve Hession's three-run homer in the fifth inning.

Cicazzo was cruising along with a no-hitter as the Dolphins took a 2-0 lead into bottom of the seventh inning. But Stevens Tech rallied for three runs on three hits and an infield error to pull out the split.

The winning run scored on a bases-loaded balk.



Baseball Picked To Finish Third In The Empire 8

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (February 23, 2010) – The Stevens Institute of Technology baseball team, which opened the 2010 campaign by splitting a season-opening doubleheader with the [REDACTED] was picked to finish third in the Empire 8 according to a recent poll of the league's five head coaches. The Ducks received one first-place vote, while Ithaca College, picked to win its tenth-consecutive conference title, collected three first-place nods.

St. John Fisher College was slated second, while Rochester Institute of Technology, which tied Stevens for third, garnered the league's remaining first-place vote. Utica College rounded out the field of five with four points.

The Ducks, coming off a 21-20 season and an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Metro Tournament championship game berth, enter the season with hopes of capturing their first-ever Empire 8 crown. Last year, the Ducks blasted a single-season school record 34 homeruns – ranking first in the conference. The Ducks also led the league in on-base percentage (.395), steals (98), and walks (172), while ranking second in runs scored (258).

Defensively, Stevens committed a league-low 65 errors, while leading the league in nine of the conference's statistical categories including, fielding percentage (.957), putouts (958), assists (477), assists (477), and double-plays (33).

Stevens returns to action on Sunday, February 28 against Mount Saint Mary College.

Rugged test awaits Dolphins

By Jim Waggoner

February 23, 2010, 10:40AM



Photo courtesy of the College of Staten Island

Senior guard Kristen Panariello, right, insists that the short-handed Dolphins won't back down against top-seeded Baruch.

Remember the famous words of the late Tug McGraw?

'Ya Gotta Believe.

The Mets did and accomplished the seemingly impossible.

Now it's the gutty six-player unit that comprises the [redacted] women's basketball team that has taken up the charge for underdogs everywhere.

"That's exactly what is, 'Six against the world'," said [redacted] senior guard Kristen Panariello as the Dolphins prepare for tomorrow night's CUNY Conference Tournament semifinal showdown against top-seeded Baruch at City College. "We won't back down against anybody. I definitely think we can go all the way."

Fourth-seeded [redacted] takes a 13-11 record into the 5:30 p.m. opener at Nat Holman Gymnasium against formidable Baruch, which has taken over the conference in the past five years once controlled by [redacted] and Hunter. The Bearcats have won three of the past four CUNY titles, including the last two, and own an eight-game winning streak over the Dolphins, who had enjoyed a 23-4 all-time series lead before the turnaround.

DOMINATING RECORD

Baruch's overall record over the past five seasons is 110-34. The Bearcats are 63-2 in regular-season conference play. They are currently 21-5 overall after a 13-1 conference season.

Yet, there's a feeling the defending champions aren't indestructible. Lehman snapped Baruch's 32-game

CUNY winning streak two weeks ago, 65-57, and [REDACTED] led at halftime and put up a good fight before losing, 74-62, at home earlier this month.

"We played them with seven healthy players," said head coach Marguerite Moran, "and gave them a run for their money."

CUNY Player of the Year and junior point guard Monique Salmon runs the show, with senior forward Kalea Davis (12.2 points per game, 10.4 rebounds per game) joining 6-foot junior center Megan Bouwens (15.7 ppg, 9.3 rpg) inside. Davis was an All-CUNY first-team pick while Bouwens was a second-team selection.

The Bearcats are deep and talented, and are averaging 73 ppg while limiting opponents to 58 ppg and a 34.7 shooting percentage.

[REDACTED] counters with three solid seniors — Panariello, Mallory Ameneiros and Danielle McLaughlin — and three underclassmen led by the CUNY's co-Rookie of the Year Katelyn Hepworth.

The Dolphins saw their season turned upside down with the loss of four players to injury, including 5-11 junior Allie Shanahan, an inside-outside threat who averaged 13.6 points and 6.1 rebounds before being sidelined with a broken ankle.

But don't expect a scared bunch tomorrow night at City College.

"We'll go in with the mindset that we can win," said Moran.

Added [REDACTED] assistant Tim Shanahan: "With all we've been through, we're playing with house money now. We'll go after them hard and see what happens."

NOTES: In tomorrow night's other semifinal at 7:30, second-seeded Hunter takes on sixth-seeded Lehman ... Baruch advanced with a 66-46 win over No. 8 Medgar Evers, while [REDACTED] eliminated No. 5 York 68-54.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Ducks open with split

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

HOBOKEN - The Stevens Institute of Technology baseball team opened up its 2010 season by splitting a pair of games with the [REDACTED] in a season-opening doubleheader at Dobbelaar Field.

After falling to the Dolphins 5-2 in the first game of the twinbill, Stevens scored three runs in the the bottom of the seventh inning of the nightcap for a 3-2 victory.

Senior Eddie Daniele went 2-for-5 on the day with a double, two runs scored, and a steal, while junior catcher Denis Ackermann drove in a pair of runs.

Staten Island sophomore Steve Hession went 3-for-8 on the afternoon with a home run and four RBI.

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GRITTY CSI WOMEN LOSE IN SEMIS

Injury-riddled Dolphins put a scare into top-seeded Baruch, but run out of gas and people in 82-62 loss

By JIM WAGGONER
STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

The Little Engine That Could ultimately ran out of gas.

The College of Staten Island women's basketball team finished the game with four players and earned plenty of respect during last night's 82-62 loss to top-seeded Baruch in the CUNY Conference Tournament semifinals at City College.

The Dolphins had six healthy players in the final weeks of the season, clinching the No. 4 seed and winning a first-round home game against York.

Then they threw an early scare into two-time defending champion Baruch.

"We kept telling our kids, 'You gotta be careful because they aren't going to lay down and give you anything,'" said Baruch coach Machli Joseph. "CSI kids know how to play basketball. We're just lucky they didn't have 10 players tonight."

With senior guard Danielle McLaughlin draining four first-half 3-point shots, the Dolphins grabbed a 23-15 lead that had the Bearcats back on their heels.

Baruch responded with a 13-0 run but jogged off the court at halftime with a thin 30-28 advantage.

"We couldn't have asked for much more," said CSI coach Marguerite Moran.

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Gritty CSI women lose in CUNY semis

coach you'll remember more than others, and this will be one of those teams. We told them we're proud of them. They overcame a lot of adversity and we asked a lot from them."

Junior guard Monique Salmon, the CUNY Player of the Year, got untracked in the second half, while all-CUNY first-team forward Kalea Davis got most of her 18 points and 17 rebounds after intermission.

Baruch built a 51-38 lead on Davis' rebound layup, but CSI fought back to within 55-49 on Kristen Panariello's 3-pointer. The Dolphins got as close as 59-54 on Katelyn Hepworth's 3-pointer, before the Bearcats closed the game on a 23-8 run over the final seven minutes.

"They're a good team. They have good size, shooters and balance," said Moran. "They kept the pressure on us and maybe we just ran out of gas because they're so physical and tough on the boards."

CSI received a first-half scare when senior point guard Mallory Ameneiros had to leave the game when she re-injured an already damaged left knee. The Dolphins responded with Hepworth's layup and McLaughlin's trey from the right wing for the eight-point lead.

Ameneiros could barely walk off the court, but she returned three minutes later and finished the game with eight points, six rebounds and four assists in 37 minutes.

Final reality set in when Hepworth, the league's co-Rookie of the Year, fouled out with 4:46 remaining and the Dolphins trailing 68-55. Junior guard Nicole Quattrocchi followed with her



CSI's Mallory Ameneiros drives with Baruch's Kristin Sells defending.

fifth foul at the 1:48 mark and CSI was allowed to play out the game with four players.

"They played with heart and they played for 40 minutes," said Joseph. "To have six players, one with some size, and put up that kind of game is remarkable."

Christina Kelly and Salmon both had 14 points for the Bearcats, who shot 57.6 percent in the second half and finished with a 57-35 rebounding edge.

Denise Zajonc and Panariello scored 12 apiece for the Dolphins, who cooled off from the outside in the second half and made 11 of 31 from beyond the arc.

NOTES: Second-seeded Hunter advanced to Saturday's 3 p.m. championship game with a 62-57 win over sixth-seeded Lehman ... CSI (13-12 overall) will find out Monday whether it has been selected for the ECAC Metro tourney ... McLaughlin leaves CSI's basketball program as the all-time single-season 3-

point shooter with 72 baskets. The Moore Catholic product plans to play soccer at CSI next fall ... Panariello stands No. 8 in school history with 260 career assists ... Baruch (22-5 overall) has defeated CSI nine straight times and has won three of the past four CUNY titles. The Bearcats are 64-2 in conference play the past five seasons.

CSI (12)

Hepworth 4-6 9-8 8, Panariello 4-18 1-2 12, Ameneiros 1-8 0-7 8, Zajonc 5-8 1-4 12, McLaughlin 5-13 1-2 14, Quattrocchi 1-3 2-2 5.

Totals: 29-57 10-17 52.

BARUCH (22)

Salk 3-9 1-2 1, Salmon 4-13 6-7 14, Davis 1-10 0-5 16, Bouwmeester 3-10 0-2 6, Kelly 3-8 2-4 14, Boyce 1-2 0-2 1, Sells 2-7 1-2 6, Turner 0-4 0-4 0, Clarke 2-9 1-2 7, Crawford 4-5 0-5 8, Conde 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 30-57 15-27 52.

Halftime: 20-28, Baruch.

Three-point goals: CSI 11-31 (Hepworth 1-1, Panariello 3-12, Ameneiros 0-2, Zajonc 1-4, McLaughlin 5-10, Quattrocchi 1-2); Baruch 5-21 (Salk 0-1, Salmon 0-1, Kelly 1-4, Sells 1-4, Clarke 2-4). Rebounds: CSI 20 (Hepworth 6, Ameneiros 6), Baruch 37 (Davis 17, Bouwmeester 10). Assists: CSI 15 (Panariello 4, Ameneiros 4, Zajonc 4), Baruch 18 (Salk 6), Turnover: CSI 26, Baruch 22. Total fouls: CSI 22, Baruch 16. Fouled out: Hepworth, Quattrocchi.

Stories

CUNY Alert: Campus Condition Updates

The City University of New York | 9 February 2010, 5:30 pm

Classes Resume Thursday

Normal operations resume at the colleges and administrative offices of The City University of New York on Thursday, February 11, 2010. Hunter College and the [REDACTED] are opening at 11 am. Please continue to monitor this site or visit your campus website for more information on weather related conditions and current campus updates.

Equal parts blitz and bliss as blizzard hits borough

By Maura Yates

February 10, 2010, 10:58PM



Jan Somma-Hammel/Staten Island Advance

Children enjoy their snow day at designated sledding hill along Martling Avenue in West Brighton. (photo by Jan somma-hammel)

In the face of whiteout conditions, Staten Island became a ghost town earlier today.

As a brutal storm pounded the borough with 17 inches of snow (as of 11 o'clock this evening, according to accuweather.com) over a stretch of 24-plus hours, most Islanders looked out their windows and stayed inside.

Sleds filled the hills but the streets were largely empty for much of the day, as treacherous conditions sidelined most drivers.

That won't be the case tomorrow, as Mayor Michael Bloomberg ordered the public schools reopened. Staten Island Academy, however, will remain closed.

The [REDACTED], which was closed today, was to resume classes at 11 a.m. tomorrow. Classes that met before that hour were canceled.

St. John's University planned to reopen at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

Wagner College canceled all of tomorrow's classes.

Today's blizzard forced the closure of the lower level of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

Schools, fitness centers and numerous small businesses kept their doors closed.

SMALL TURNOUT

AT BOROUGH HALL

Only seven workers made it into Borough Hall, which called it a day at noon.

Even the Staten Island Mall took the rare step of shutting down for the day.

Tomorrow should be better, with mostly sunny skies and a high of 32, although cold winds could gust to 35 mph, according to Mike Pigott, a meteorologist with Accuweather.com.

"There will still be a lot of blowing and drifting snow," said Pigott.

Friday, the sun will again come out as temperature hit 32 and the winds start to ease a little.

This afternoon, the city Sanitation Department had 259 pieces of snow clearing equipment on borough roads to contend with the six-and-a-half inches of heavy snow that had fallen by 3 p.m.

PLOWS WORK THROUGH NIGHT

Plows continued clearing the streets through the night, and Sanitation Commissioner John J. Doherty said crews -- workers were putting in 12-hour tours, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. -- would concentrate on clearing crosswalks and bus stops and areas around schools in time for tomorrow morning's return to work and school.

"Sorry about that to those that wanted another day off," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg during a televised briefing on the snowstorm. "While [tomorrow] morning's rush-hour commute may be a little messy, we think we may be able to stay on top of the situation."

The mayor urged city residents to use public transportation.

The Staten Island Ferry anticipated maintaining a normal four-boat schedule during tomorrow's rush hours, said a Department of Transportation spokesman.

EMPTY STREETS

At the height of the storm today, while heavy-duty Sanitation machines tried to keep up with the snow, which reportedly fell at a rate of one to three inches an hour at times, the streets were largely empty, aside from motorists who had no choice but to be on the road.

The going was slow and treacherous, with cars spinning their tires, fishtailing or getting stuck altogether.

Meals On Wheels deliveries were canceled today when volunteers weren't able to drive to drop off food packages, though emergency meals were brought to those clients who would otherwise have no food to eat.

"I myself delivered a few meals around 1 p.m.," said Joe Tornello, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island.

He noted that deliveries for tomorrow would again be dependent on weather and road conditions.

The mail went through as the Postal Service upheld its storied tradition.

"Snow is accumulating faster than they can move with the plows," Borough President James Molinaro remarked earlier today. With gusty winds blowing around what had already fallen, Molinaro said he had more than a foot in his backyard. "It's bad," he said, noting he planned to play it by ear tomorrow, depending on how the roads are.

DOWNED POWER LINES

The heavy snow weighed down power lines, snapping some, including one arcing wire that set fire to the kitchen of Poillon House, on Hylan Boulevard in Eltingville, shortly before 6 p.m. The landmarked circa-1720 home was once lived in by Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed Manhattan's Central Park. The fire was soon extinguished.

Later in the evening, downed wires -- power lines, telephone lines and cable lines -- were reported in Eltingville, Great Kills, Oakwood, Rossville, Annadale, St. George, Westerleigh and New Brighton, among other neighborhoods.

A representative of Consolidated Edison said there were partial outages across the borough today, with 71 customers without power as of 8:30 p.m.

Felled trees and fallen limbs created problems in New Springville, Tottenville, Elm Park, Great Kills, Mariners Harbor and West Brighton, where Manor Road was temporarily closed between Martlings Avenue and College Avenue.

To deal with the large call volume, fire officials on the Island began dispatching the Brush Fire Units.

Mayor Bloomberg noted that a fifth firefighter was assigned to engine companies citywide for today's 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. shift.

Today's snow caused other disruptions for those with plans to travel by air. Flight cancellations kept about three dozen members of the St. Joseph by-the-Sea cheerleading team from boarding a plane to Orlando for a competition this Saturday.

"I thought Jet Blue would have offered them some sort of priority seating given the situation," said Mario DiSanto, 53, of Annadale, whose daughter Jessica is a coach with the team. "It's just very unaccommodating."

With new arrangements, the team will try to take a bus tomorrow leaving at 5 a.m.

Snow-slick road conditions also caused a car accident tonight on the Brooklyn-bound Staten Island Expressway between Slosson Avenue and Clove Road, authorities said. The vehicle's two occupants were taken to the hospital.

Throughout the day, Where-To-Turn, a program that matches junior high and high school students with seniors who need able-bodied snow shovelers, had volunteers clearing paths.

Brittany Carmona, 16, of Grant City, her sister Gabrielle, 13, and their mother, Teresa, helped to dig out neighbor Claire Morandi and even cleared off the woman's car.

Brittany's father, Stephen, had helped his daughter with the shoveling earlier today, and she planned to make a third trip tonight to clear the rest of the fallen snow.

"I'm so glad for the service," Ms. Morandi said. "This was tops."

VOLUNTEER SHOVELERS

Dennis McKeon of Where-To-Turn said this year's ranks included about 550 volunteer shovelers across the borough, though some 2,500 seniors had requested the service. About 75 seniors had called the day before the storm, hoping to be matched with a shoveler by the time the first flakes fell.

Students can still sign up as volunteers by calling 718-966-6531, though they will only qualify for five community service hours for the remainder of the winter.

McKeon said he hopes to boost the ranks of volunteers, to match more seniors up with a student in their neighborhood.

"We're doing the best we can," McKeon said.

The city is seeking able-bodied shovelers, whom it pays, to augment Sanitation's efforts; call 311.

Jeff Harrell and Doug Auer contributed to this report.

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Nor'easter poised to blitz Staten Island

By Staten Island Advance

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Anthony DePrimo/Staten Island Advance

Two people walk along Fingerboard Road in Grasmere early today as the snowfall begins to stick.

Closed

All public and Catholic schools and Staten Island Academy.

Wagner College, St. John's University.

Jewish Community Center, all locations, programs.

Open

All city offices

Getting around

Mayor urges everyone to use mass transit

Forecast

Today -- Blizzard conditions with strong winds, low visibility and heavy snow, accumulating 6 to 10"

Tomorrow -- Sunshine and cold with winds gusting past 45 mph and a high of 33

Friday -- Mostly sunny with a high of 34°

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We're ready

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Staten Island Advance

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A nor'easter was poised to blitz Staten Island with close to a foot of snow, but no matter how hard we get hit -- we're ready. Closed All public and Catholic schools and Staten Island Academy. Wagner College, St. John's University. Jewish Community Center, all locations, programs. Open All city offices Getting around Mayor urges everyone to use mass transit. Forecast Today -- Blizzard conditions with strong winds, low visibility and heavy snow, accumulations of 6-10 inches Tomorrow -- Sunshine and cold with winds gusting past 45 mph and a high of 33 Friday -- Mostly sunny with a high of 34 Silive.com is your storm central

Whether you are home or at work, visit SILive.com for the latest on the blizzard expected to hit Staten Island today.

We'll have the latest forecasts on the storm, as well as photos and video of commuters coping with the elements and youngsters enjoying their day off in the snow.

You'll also be able to upload your own weather photos and video for all of Staten Island to see.

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Staten Island school closings

By Staten Island Advance

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Though 17 inches of snow fell on the borough, public and many private schools are reopening their doors after a snow day yesterday.

Below is a list of schools that have reported closings or delayed openings:

CLOSED:

-Staten Island Academy

-Wagner College

DELAYED OPENING:

- [REDACTED] (classes resume at 11 a.m.)

-St. John's University (classes resume at 4 p.m.)

This list is based on reports received. Some individual schools may be closed, so check with administrators.

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Somma-Hammel

There will be no second snow day for many students who enjoyed a day of sledding at Martling Avenue in Clove Lakes Park yesterday. (Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel)



Staten Island Advance

Help for students bound for college

Forum at Wagner assists families in applying for grants, scholarships, work-study programs, loans

Sunday, February 14, 2010

By **FRANK DONNELLY**

ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Private colleges can cost upward of \$30,000 a year; tuition and room-and-board at state universities often approach \$20,000 annually.

So every penny counts for Staten Island parents whose kids are applying for college.

And like most parents, Sylvia Faison said she'll need some type of financial aid -- be it a loan, grant or scholarship -- for her son, Jason Price, a Curtis High School senior, to move forward with his education.

Jason is hoping to attend John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without financial aid," Ms. Faison, a Castleton Corners resident, said yesterday. "Then, again, I don't know if I'm going to get it."

Ms. Faison and her son were among the 35 families who attended Enter College Goal Sunday, which, despite its name, was held yesterday at Wagner College, Grymes Hill.

School volunteers, headed by Theresa Weimer, Wagner's director of financial aid, helped parents and students fill out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms via computer.

Completing the document makes families eligible for grants, scholarships, work-study programs and loans, said Jessica Santiago, Wagner's assistant director of financial aid. The money comes from a variety of sources, including federal and state government, colleges and universities, and private agencies, companies and foundations.

Ms. Weimer said four-year private colleges can set back **STUDENTS, PAGE A 6** parents more than \$120,000, even without room-and-board. State colleges can cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$80,000 over four years depending on the school, along with room-and-board.

Tuition at City University of New York (CUNY) schools, including the [REDACTED] in Willowbrook are \$4,600 a year, according to CUNY's Web site.

Ms. Weimer said it's hard to say how much aid a typical family might get, since each case is evaluated individually.

Some aid is based on financial need, which takes into consideration a family's income and assets, the number of kids in school and college and other factors. Other help, such as scholarships, can be need- or merit-based.

All students are eligible for loans, said Ms. Weimer.

Tottenville resident Jean Zimmer said her son, Stephen, a Staten Island Tech senior, hopes to attend a SUNY (State University of New York) school. Her daughter, Deanna, a junior at Tottenville High School will be applying for college next year.

"We have some money, but ... we're middle class," Mrs. Zimmer said. "Absolutely, I'm going to need some type of aid or loan."

Arden Heights resident Nicole Iulci plans to study nursing at a SUNY school. She, too, hopes for help.

"I'd definitely need a lot of financial aid," said Ms. Iulci, 17, a Tottenville High School senior, one of four siblings, who attended the session with her mother, Joanne.

Her schoolmate, Lauren Keough, 17, who also wants to go to a SUNY school, is in the same boat.

"I want to board, so I really need financial aid," she said.

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Diane Ravitch, expert on education, to speak at [REDACTED] In her new book, she reverses field to criticize standardized testing and charter schools

Thursday, February 18, 2010

By DIANE C. LORE

ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Internationally known scholar and education commentator Dr. Diane Ravitch is scheduled to appear at the College of Staten Island March 3.

Dr. Ravitch, author of the controversial new book, "The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice are Undermining Education," will discuss school testing, charter schools, curriculum and other education-related subjects, as well as sign copies of her book, at [REDACTED] Williamson Theater, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The college invited Dr. Ravitch to speak because of the recent shift in her public statements in respect of state testing, charter schools and national standards. She now is critical where previously she was supportive, according to Dr. Kenneth Gold, associate professor of education and chairman of the education department.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Ravitch is coming to [REDACTED]" Professor Gold said. "She is a leading historian of education, a staunch advocate for academic standards and a vocal and eloquent critic of current NYC DOE (Department of Education) policies. We look forward to hearing her ideas about schools, teaching and learning."

Professor Gold said that, while the program is free and open to the public, Dr. Ravitch's talk should be especially timely for teachers currently working in city public schools, as well as education majors and future teachers.

Dr. Ravitch last spoke on Staten Island four years ago, at Wagner College, Grymes Hill.

She maintains that public school graduates are ill-equipped for success.

In her book, Dr. Ravitch, who has more than 40 years of experience as an educator, argues against school privatization; cautions about the misuse of test scores to evaluate teachers, students, and schools, and warns about turning control of public education over to businessmen, philanthropists and politicians.

Dr. Ravitch is a research professor of education at New York University and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

From 1991 to 1993, she served as assistant Secretary of Education in the administration of President George H.W. Bush and was appointed to the National Assessment Governing Board by the Clinton administration. A native of Houston, she lives in Brooklyn.

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Donate a suit, boost someone's esteem

By Staten Island Advance

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STATEN ISLAND, NY - What you wear can affect how comfortable and confident you feel and act. When it involves job hunting, the indispensable interview suit can mean the difference between getting the job or being back out on the pavement.

To give a boost to underprivileged women re-entering the work force, **Dress Barn**, a national retailer of women's clothing, has teamed up with nonprofit organizations such as **Dress for Success** for its 8th annual Send One Suit Weekend.

Between next Thursday and Feb. 28, gently-used suits, pants, shirts, skirts, shoes and other professional items can be donated at the Dress Barn at 2935 Veterans Rd., in the Modell's shopping center in Charleston. The donations will be distributed among local nonprofit organizations to help women walk into a job interview with confidence.

Those donating clothing will receive a tax receipt and in-store discount coupon. For more information call 718-966-1923.

SPRUCE UP WITH MOTHER NATURE

Protectors of Pine Oak Woods monthly Forest Restoration Workshop will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Nature Center in Sea View at the junction of Rockland Avenue and Brielle Avenue. After a short walk to the bike path entrance at the junction of Rockland Avenue and Forest Hill Road, two hours will be spent removing invasive plants.

Protectors will supply gloves and pruners (and refreshments) to those in need. A short walk over nearby trails will follow the work session. For more information call Don Recklies at 718-768-9036 or Chuck Perry at 718-667-1393.

SHOP FOR FOOD DRIVE

[REDACTED] faculty, staff and students will host a food drive at local shopping centers for the **Project Hospitality Food Pantry** on Staten Island on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

[REDACTED] students will be at the following locations: Super Stop and Shop, 2795 Richmond Ave., New Springville on the West Shore; Stop and Shop, 2754 Hylan Blvd., New Dorp, on the East Shore; Shop Rite, 2424 Hylan Blvd., New Dorp, on the East Shore; Shop Rite, 985 Richmond Ave., Graniteville, on the North Shore; and Key Food, 450 Forest Ave., West Brighton, on the North Shore.

DIVERSIFY THE BLOOD SUPPLY

February is National Black History Month. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 3.5 million African-Americans living in New York and 1.3 million African-Americans living in New Jersey.

Currently, New York Blood Center donors are 71.5 percent white, 10 percent Hispanic/Latino, 6.6 percent black/African American, and 4.7 percent Asian/Pacific Islander which does not mirror the diversity of the patient population.

Healthy people of all blood types and ethnicities should consider donating blood. Patients can require a precisely-matched transfusion from someone who has inherited the same antigens, or markers. This "precise match" blood is most often found in someone from the same ethnic or racial background.

To donate blood, call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org for a schedule of blood drives. Also check the Health and Fitness section in Monday's Advance or at silive.com for local weekly blood drives.

To make an even larger impact, consider organizing a blood drive at your church, school or organization. Students who organize a drive are eligible for scholarship funds. For more information, call the number above or visit the Web site.

Helping Hands is a clearinghouse for nonprofit groups in need of volunteers. Agencies needing help may direct press releases to "Helping Hands," Staten Island Advance, 950 Fingerboard Rd., Staten Island, N.Y. 10305 or e-mail shores@siadvance.com.

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CSI to collect food for Project Hospitality pantry

Drive is scheduled for Saturday at 5 Island supermarkets

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

The College of Staten Island will stage a food collection drive Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at five supermarkets in borough shopping centers.

CSI faculty, staff and stu-

dents stationed at the entrance will distribute fliers describing what type of food needed. Volunteers will then accept donations of non-perishable items from shoppers as they leave the stores.

The participating locations are: Super Stop and Shop, 2795 Richmond Ave., New Springville; Stop and Shop, 2754 Hylan Blvd., New Dorp; ShopRite, 2424 Hylan Blvd., New Dorp; ShopRite, 985 Richmond Ave., Granite-

ville, and Key Food, 450 Forest Ave., West Brighton.

The drive is in aid of Project Hospitality, the Island's largest social-services organization. "This is a great way to get involved in the community and to be of service to an organization that serves the hungry and homeless in our community. Food pantries struggle on a daily basis to meet the growing needs of the hungry individuals and families who live in our com-

munity," said Carol Brower, director of student life for the college.

Those not affiliated with the college are also welcome to volunteer; volunteers will first gather at the college at 9 a.m. in the rotunda at the Campus Center to get instructions and assignments.

"The College is proud to be part of a community service project that lends a hand to our struggling neighbors," continued Ms. Brower.



Staten Island Advance

Giving the GED a good name

City Council aims to entice more New Yorkers into certificate programs, including several in borough

Friday, February 19, 2010

By AMISHA PADNANI

ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- It had been five years since Amanda Belajonas dropped out of New Dorp High School.

The 21-year-old was frustrated with waiting tables at a local diner and not seeing more of a future for herself.

So she decided to get her GED.

Four years had passed since Kareema Curry decided to leave Port Richmond High School. At 20, she was tired of working "dead-end retail jobs" to support her family.

So she, too, decided to get her GED.

The City Council is hoping to help thousands more people across the city realize the benefits of a GED, a certification of high school-level academic skills, the Council Speaker Christine Quinn said yesterday.

In her State of the City speech, Ms. Quinn introduced a three-tiered GED outreach plan as one of several initiatives to promote the city's economic growth.

"New York state ranks dead last in the percentage of people passing the GED," she said. "Why? Because our GED system is broken."

The first step of the plan is to launch a Web site in May that will guide people to prep classes in their neighborhoods. Ms. Quinn also said the city would get more people to sign up by letting them know about the benefits of having a GED.

She said about 27,000 people without high school diplomas sought assistance from the city's five Workforce 1 centers, which help people find jobs, and that it would have been a perfect opportunity to suggest they get a GED. Just 2 percent of people eligible for a GED take the test.

Of those, just 48 percent pass, which is why the third step of the plan is to make sure people are prepared by giving them a practice exam.

The benefits of having a GED are many. For starters, it would enable Ms. Belajonas to study marine biology in college and Ms. Curry to pursue a career in criminal justice. It also opens doors for students to land city jobs.

"People often say, 'Oh, you're only getting a GED?'" noted Jennifer Saladis, the program manager of

Achievement in Career and Education, a [REDACTED]-based GED prep course, in which both young women are enrolled. "There needs to be more education about what getting a GED means."

Other GED programs on Staten Island are offered through the Jewish Community Center and the city Department of Education.

Ms. Saladis said a successful GED program is one that not only teaches the material necessary for the test but encourages students to know they're capable of reaching their goals. The typical student attends the ACE program for three to four months and receives counseling and personalized attention from the professor. ACE also offers counseling for those who are struggling in their personal lives so that they can focus on their coursework.

The staff has accompanied students to pregnancy clinics, offered support to victims of abuse and helped one homeless student find housing.

Ms. Saladis said 78 percent of the students who go through the program either wind up in college or enter the workforce.

"Everyone has a million different reasons for coming here," she said. "They're not because they gave up."

Councilwoman Debi Rose (D-North Shore) favored the initiative, but said equal focus should be placed on students before they drop out of high school.

"The city made a big mistake when they stopped looking at programs to help bring students along and they just focused on high-performing students," she said. "And so a whole bunch of students got lost."

Ms. Rose speaks from experience. As the director of the Liberty Partnership Program at [REDACTED] for 20 years, she led a dropout prevention program that provides counseling and test-preparation to 250 at-risk high school students per year. The program boasts a 92 percent graduation rate.

The Liberty Partnership Program is successful because they assess what each student needs, "meets them where they are, and works with them," Ms. Rose said. "The key is, you give them the services that are needed, so they get a high school diploma," she added.

Peter Spencer of the Advance City Hall bureau contributed to this report.

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Extraordinary Black History event at CSI on Feb. 26

Friday, February 19, 2010

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- With a performance by the blues band Silas and the Knights tracing the growth of traditional blues into modern music, a skit about Harriet Tubman by Sundog Theater and honors bestowed on local leaders, the third annual Black History Month Celebration at the [REDACTED] promises to deliver on the theme "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things."

City Councilwoman Debi Rose (D-North Shore) will be the keynote speaker at the Feb. 26 celebration, which also will feature an appearance by the renowned PS 22 Choir.

The event -- sponsored by state Sen. Diane Savino (D-North Shore/Brooklyn), a longtime supporter of the Island's African American community -- will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Willowbrook campus' Performing Arts Center, with the pre-reception from 5:30 to 7:30.

Receiving accolades for their dedication to community will be Serena Mohammed, founder of the local organization Young, Gifted and Talented; Vincent Giles and Eric Hines, founders of There to Care; Sonya Mason, owner of Sonya's Hair Salon, and Michael Allamby, a sophomore at the [REDACTED]

Complimentary refreshments will be served. The event is free but seating is limited.

RSVP to savino@senate.state.ny.us or call 718-727-9406.

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Public hearing tonight in St. George on proposed MTA cuts

By Staten Island Advance

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Councilwoman Debi Rose is inviting seniors, students and commuters to a hearing on MTA cuts.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- City Councilwoman Debi Rose (D-North Shore) and Community Board 1 will host a public meeting tonight to discuss the MTA's **plan to eliminate express and local bus routes.**

The hearing will take place in the Jury Room of 126 Stuyvesant Pl., St. George, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Students, seniors and commuters are invited to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow officials the chance to hear rider concerns and to gather testimony to be forwarded to the MTA for inclusion in the record for their public hearing on the cuts, planned for March 2 at 6 p.m. at the [REDACTED] Center for the Arts.

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Riders have a chance to sound off on the MTA's planned service cuts next week, but critics say the public hearings are being rushed.

Photo: JEREMY SPARIG/METRO

MTA set for public hearings on cuts

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 2: [redacted] 2800 Victory Boulevard, and Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel in Flushing, Queens

Wednesday, March 3: Paradise Theatre, 2403 Grand Concourse, Bronx, and Brooklyn Museum, 200 Eastern Parkway

Thursday, March 4: Holiday Inn – Suffern and Fashion Institute of Technology, Seventh Ave. at 27th St.

All hearings begin at 6 p.m. For more info., go to www.mta.info.

As it contends with more than 1,000 employee layoffs, the MTA will kick off a series of public meetings next week to discuss planned cuts to bus and subway service and ending free student MetroCards.

But, because the hearings are booked twice a night throughout the city, some say the process looks like a sham. Others, like Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, accused the MTA of rushing.

"Many people will perceive that the hearings are a farce when they see they're booked back to back," said Councilman James Vacca, who chairs the council's Transportation Committee.

Holding the Bronx and Brooklyn hearings on the same night means the full board and MTA Chairman Jay Walder won't attend each meeting.

"This is bad for the public," said Andrew Albert, chair of the New York City Transit Riders Council.

Hearings held last year when service cuts were proposed resulted in "anemic" attendance by some board members, said Gene Russianoff, of the Straphangers Campaign. Some even arrived in chauffeured cars.

It was easiest to hold all hearings in one week, said an MTA spokesperson.



Bright minds meet in the name of anti-violence

By Staten Island Advance

February 25, 2010, 12:06PM

More than 60 youth from seven Staten Island schools gathered for the sixth annual **Eye Openers Youth Against Violence Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Leadership Summit** this month at the Staten Island Zoo, West Brighton.

Students from New Dorp, Curtis, Susan Wagner, Port Richmond and McKee high schools, Prall and Morris intermediate schools, and the [REDACTED] attended to discuss race, prejudice, and sexual violence.

The **Rev. Maggie Howard**, pastor of Stapleton UAME Church, was the keynote speaker.

Workshop leaders included Don Kao, executive director of Project Reach NYC; nursing professor Joann Paoletti of Bloomfield College; Justin Li Greci from the state Department of Health; Ron Speight of Staten Island's Eye Openers Youth Against Violence group, and Tanya Vasquez of St. Mary's of the Assumption Church. Co-sponsors included the World of Women Violence Against Women program, Project Hospitality, El Centro del Immigrante, Justin Li Greci HIV/AIDS Foundation, Project Reach NYC, the Staten Island Zoo, Stapleton UAME Church, and Assumption-St. Paul's Youth program. Congressman Michael McMahon, District Attorney Dan Donovan, Assemblymen Matt Titone and Michael Cusick, and Councilwoman Debi Rose supported the event.

Eye Openers Youth Against Violence was formed in 2003 in response to racial tensions between the Latino and African American youth in Port Richmond. The multi-racial youth leadership organization sponsors advocacy and leadership events aimed at building peaceful and productive relationships among youth of different races, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds.

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Last call at CSI for MetroCard Van

By Jamie Lee

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Student transit riders will have to go elsewhere to buy cards and replenish in the coming weeks

STATEN ISLAND, NY – WILLOWBROOK — Students reliant on public transportation to get to and from their classes at the [REDACTED] in Willowbrook had a welcome surprise Tuesday.

The **MetroCard** machines came to them for a change.

New York City Transit's MetroCard Mobile Sales program arranged for the campus to receive a special four-hour afternoon visit from the MetroCard Van, allowing students, staff and faculty to purchase cards on-campus, not at a transit hub.

MetroCard Van travels around the city on a regular basis, staffed by city employees. They sell unlimited ride and pay-per-ride versions of the passes. People can also add money to either their standard or reduced-fare MetroCards.

In addition to the van, the program features a MetroCard Bus, which also travels the five boroughs, but focuses its stops at senior-citizen centers, shopping centers and along main bus routes.

At the bus, patrons can also apply for a reduced-fare MetroCard, in addition to the basic van services.

Tuesday's stop was the last one scheduled for [REDACTED] although a spokesman for the college was hopeful that the van, which operates on a variable schedule, would make future trips there.

In and around the West Shore, the bus will be making scheduled stops on March 9 and March 23 in front of three locations:

- * Yukon Bus Depot, 40 Yukon Ave., New Springville, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- * Met Foods, 1795 Victory Blvd., Castleton Corners, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- * United Cerebral Palsy office, 281 Port Richmond Ave., Port Richmond, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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free event celebrates Black History Month

By Staten Island Advance


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City Councilwoman Debi Rose, the borough's first African-American elected official, will be the keynote speaker at tomorrow's event.

"Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things" is the theme for tomorrow's Black History Month celebration hosted by state Senator Diane Savino at the College of Staten Island, Willowbrook.

The event, to take place from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in  Center for the Arts, will feature City Council member Debi Rose, the borough's first African-American elected official, as keynote speaker.

Also featured will be the blues band Silas and the Knights who will perform a special set detailing the development of traditional blues into modern music.

In addition, members of the Sundog Theater company will perform a skit about Harriet Tubman's life. Members of the PS 22 Choir will also perform.

Local heroes will be honored as well.

Receiving the "Senator Diane J. Savino Unsung Heroes Award" will be Vincent Giles and Eric Hines, founders of There to Care, a youth mentorship organization that provides a variety of activities for kids, including training in track and field, programs to foster positive communication, as well as social and educational outings.

Receiving the "Senator Diane Savino Community Business Award" will be Sonya Mason, owner of Sonya's Hair Salon in Tompkinsville.

Receiving the Elizabeth Stanton Community Service Award will be Serena Brothers Mohamed founder of Young, Talented and Gifted, a youth organization that hosts the annual "Step out, Speak Up" annual youth summit. The award is named after the recently-deceased president of the New York City Housing Authority Tenants' Association who was known for her dedication and community activism.

Receiving the "Senator Diane Savino Community Student Leadership Award" will be Michael Allamby, a sophomore accounting major at the [REDACTED].

Food and refreshments will be served.

The event is free, but seating is limited, and RSVPs are appreciated. To reply, call 718-727-9406.

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Foot of snow by Friday night as latest storm rages

By Doug Auer

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Jan Somma-Hammel/Staten Island Advance

Yirmeyah Beckles trudges along Rugby Avenue to the college's Spiro Sports Center for his shift at the information desk. Snow is expected to continue through today, with a total of 12 inches.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. --- Is there any end in sight?

Just as the snow from the last storm walloping had all but melted away with the week's earlier rainfall, Mother Nature began dumping almost another eight inches of snow on Staten Island yesterday. Four inches had fallen by 4 p.m. and six inches by 8 p.m. Eight inches of snow had fallen by 11 p.m.

And the pesky, white, wet stuff will continue to fall today, possibly wreaking even more havoc, as fierce winds gusting to 40 mph are expected to buffet the borough.

The Island could see up to a foot of snow before the punishing weather event ends tonight, said Andy Mussoline, a meteorologist with Accuweather.com.

And snow showers are forecast for tomorrow and Sunday as well, Mussoline noted.

The mercury should hit the mid- to upper-30s today and Saturday and possibly top 40 on Sunday.

The city said it intended to open the public schools this morning.

"Our main objective is to keep our kids in school," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "That's why we have an education system. And right now we expect that snowfall [today] will be manageable enough that we can keep all schools open."

Bloomberg said the city would let parents know as soon as possible in the event of a change in plan.

Yesterday's parent-teacher conferences at schools were canceled.

Meanwhile, Catholic elementary schools in the borough were weighing whether to open today.

The borough's eight Catholic high schools and Staten Island Academy will be closed.

The inclement weather resulted in Wagner College and St. John's University, both on Grymes Hill, canceling afternoon classes yesterday.

Classes at St. John's University and Wagner are also canceled today. The [REDACTED] remained open as of early this morning.

For most of yesterday, the Staten Island Ferry schedule was subject to change due to reduced visibility in the harbor and snow-related conditions. For the evening rush, the ferry was placed on a modified three-boat operation, which was expected to continue for today's morning's commute.

The storm caused at least one death in the city, that of a 46-year-old Brooklyn man walking in Central Park who was hit in the head by a falling tree limb. The Parks Department is advising residents to avoid parks and to be cautious while walking under street trees.

The weather led to a few car crashes on the Island, the most dramatic being a vehicle that slipped off the road and slammed into a house on Allen Place in Annadale about 2 p.m. There were no serious injuries reported.

Treacherous road conditions also posed a problem for school buses making afternoon drop-offs, including a Pioneer Transportation Corp. bus that left St. Joseph Hill Academy, Arrochar.

Just before 2 p.m., the bus full of children skidded into a curb while trying to ascend steep Ridge Court in Sunnyside.

Pioneer notified parents, who came to pick up their children as a tow truck tried to free the bus and workers shoveled snow out from around the wheels. A new bus was dispatched to continue the route and the stuck bus eventually was on the move again after about an hour.

Jennifer Weinman's son, 5-year-old Nicholas, told her how his Pioneer bus got stuck three times dropping off children from PS 65 in Tompkinsville before it finally got stranded sideways around 2:45 p.m. on hilly Portland Place near Castleton Avenue in Brighton Heights.

Again, the bus company called parents to alert them.

"I thought, this is just ridiculous," said Mrs. Weinman, 37, of Randall Manor, who briefly lost control of her own vehicle on slick roads after retrieving her son. "We got hit differently than Manhattan and I'm concerned about schools being open (today). I haven't seen a plow yet on my street."

Throughout the day, there were emergency calls across the borough for wires down and fallen trees.

Just before 7 p.m., an all-hands fire broke out at 27 Hull Ave., Dongan Hills, fire officials said. It was extinguished in about 20 minutes and no serious injuries were reported.

While the snow was a pain for many, others found a way to persevere.

Anthony Mancuso, a sophomore at Wagner College and a member of the school's track team, was out running yesterday afternoon through the surrounding neighborhoods bare-legged in shorts.

"Driving here was the worst part," said the Great Kills resident of his commute to the campus.

---- Advance staffer Arianna Imperato contributed to this report.



Black History Month celebration, Haiti relief performance, Maffeo Foundation Dinner canceled, postponed

By Staten Island Advance

February 26, 2010, 10:56AM

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- State Sen. Diane Savino's 3rd annual Black History Month Celebration "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things" at the [REDACTED] has been canceled because of the snow storm.

The Natalie Douglas Haiti relief performance and the Maffeo Foundation Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn tonight have also both been postponed. The Maffeo dinner will be held March 5 from 8 p.m. to midnight. The Haiti fund-raiser has been rescheduled for Friday, March 19, with the same time of 7:30 p.m. dinner and 9:30 show.

The Black History Month event will be rescheduled though no date has yet been announced. Call Sen. Savino's office at 718-727-9406 for more details.



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Urbanite

Revised "doomsday" cuts still a big blow for bus riders

Sunday February 28, 2010 6:47 PM By Heather Haddon

(Photo by Kate Warburton)



The MTA may have scaled back some of the "doomsday" service cuts, but many bus riders won't be spared, with more than 100 routes slated to be nixed or changed.

"It's very frustrating," said Stephanie Paddock, 27, a rider of the B69 along Prospect Park. The MTA plans to restructure the Brooklyn route this summer, forcing 1,200 straphangers to walk two long blocks to another bus, the B67.

To help fill a \$750 million budget gap, the MTA is proposing \$60 million in bus cuts, impacting 200,000 riders. The change in service to 110 routes dwarfs the cuts potentially coming to the subways, which include eliminating the W line and allowing trains to be more crowded.

The public will get to weigh in on the cuts at public hearings in each borough starting tomorrow.

The cuts are especially bad in Manhattan and Brooklyn, where more than half of all local bus routes are being eliminated, restructured or shortened.

"They are fairly dramatic," said Craig Hammerman, district manager for Community Board 6 in Brooklyn. "(Brooklyn riders) depend on buses like you wouldn't believe."

MTA officials backed away from eliminating some routes entirely, and “restructured” others to make the cuts less painful. But they will force some straphangers to walk or to transfer, adding up to 20 minutes to their commutes, MTA documents show.

“One of the most deadly words in transit is transfer,” said Gene Russianoff, of the Straphangers Campaign.

The cuts will also make for more crowding on the remaining bus routes and neighboring subways, advocates say. A transit study last year found that the F train is beyond capacity in stretches of Brooklyn, but the MTA recommends 1,100 riders on the doomed B75 bus take the line.

“Wow, that really sucks,” said M9 rider Nathan Morales, 31, a rider of the M9, who will have to transfer to another bus to go cross town.

MTA CEO Jay Walder said the cuts are less catastrophic than ones considered last year, but agreed that the reductions are painful and will result in more layoffs.

“The changes are real. They do leave lasting impacts,” Walder said recently.

Julia Borovskaya and Nicholas Klopsis contributed to this story.

The public will get to speak out about the cuts this week at hearings in each borough, which start at 6 p.m.

Tuesday

2800 Victory Boulevard

Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel
135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing

Wednesday

The Paradise Theater
2403 Grand Concourse, the Bronx

Brooklyn Museum
200 Eastern Parkway

Thursday

Fashion Institute of Technology
Seventh Avenue at 27th Street

For more info. go to MTA.info

Students & Alumni

Confronted with evidence of his intended crime, scam artist locks would-be victims in a room and flees

By John M. Annese

February 01, 2010, 9:34PM



Michael McWeeney/Staten Island Advance

Nick Iorizzo of Oakwood and his girlfriend, Alyssa Fishman, of Willowbrook, hold up a flier they made up, trying to warn others about a scam.

Alyssa Fishman believed she and her friend had found the starting job to end all starting jobs: Pay \$80 for a background check, then \$125 for a training seminar in Dongan Hills, then end up in a high-paying post as a security firm sales manager.

Except after a few minutes of Internet research, the 20-year-old [REDACTED] student from Willowbrook found out the seminar was a confidence scheme, run by a slippery scammer who had pulled the same routine in several other states.

So she and her boyfriend, Nick Iorizzo, decided to put a stop to it before folks could be taken in.

They awoke early Saturday, traveled to the Dongan Hills site of the so-called training seminar and distributed fliers to everyone walking into the office, warning them they were about to throw away \$125.

"It's a scam! Do not give them any more money!" the fliers read.

What happened next made headlines -- the alleged con artist's would-be victims, armed with the information provided by Ms. Fishman and Iorizzo, confronted him with questions, and he fled, locking seven of them inside the building until police arrived.

Police showed up at the scene after Saturday's episode, but the couple suspect the man running the

seminars is long gone.

Ms. Fishman and her friend Alyssa Pivarnick, 18, of Great Kills -- the younger sister of Angelina Pivarnick, one of the stars of MTV's "Jersey Shore" -- found out about the seminar from a classified ad in the Advance.

They paid \$80 to pay for a fingerprint and background check, and spoke to someone who called himself Mark Bruno, the "regional director" of a company called Nationwide Concepts.

Later, when Ms. Fishman Googled the business, all she could find was links to the firm's official Web site.

"I don't buy that," Ms. Fishman said, adding that she couldn't find any information online about the company's so-called CEO either. "I didn't give up. I just started cutting and pasting."

And when she put one of the Web site's testimonials into Google, she found it repeated word-for-word on another company's site. A search of that company, Executive Rising Services, uncovered a September blog by WPIX's "Help Me Howard" and links to several Internet forums warning of a scam.

Mark Bruno, Iorizzo said, was one of the many aliases of a man who has run similar schemes in New Jersey, Alabama, Louisiana and Rhode Island.

Blog entries on ripoffreport.com describe Bruno as a man of diminutive stature who also goes by the name Matt Williams, Mark Mingolo, Mark Myers and Mark Anthony.

So last Wednesday, Iorizzo, Ms. Fishman and Ms. Pivarnick, returned to the Dongan Hills office, at 1140 South Railroad Ave., told Mingolo they knew all about the scheme and threatened to expose him if he didn't refund them their cash.

"He said, 'Yeah, if you don't want to work for the company, fine,'" then gave them their \$80 back, Iorizzo said.

But Iorizzo, who's majoring in criminal justice, and Ms. Fishman, a psychology major, said they didn't want anyone else to fall for the scheme or pay \$125 for a bogus seminar.

"We got the money back. It's not even about the money for us," he said.

So they arrived at the office at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, and started handing out fliers. Ms. Pivarnick had hoped to join them, but said she'd been at a late-night event with her older sister the night before.

Four people saw the flier, and decided to go home rather than risk being scammed, Ms. Fishman said. A few more took the information and went in, their interest piqued, while others said they didn't believe they were being scammed.

At one point, Iorizzo said, Bruno's secretary came out and locked the door to the office.

The seven people inside confronted Bruno, who started stuttering, wouldn't answer questions and started presenting multiple IDs and driver's licenses, said Robert Pillarella, 20, of West Brighton, one of the prospective job seekers.

The father of one of the job seekers had shown up by then, Iorizzo said, and called his son inside, so Iorizzo and Ms. Fishman heard much of the exchange over a speakerphone.

Bruno told the group at one point, "I can't give you my personal information," Iorizzo recalled, and when the crowd noticed an ID with the name Mark Mingolo on it, they started shouting.

That's when Bruno ducked out and didn't come back.

Iorizzo said one man trapped inside managed to find another way out by pushing through rubbish to get through a basement door. By the time police arrived -- about 45 minutes later -- Bruno had zoomed off in a Mercedes-Benz without license plates, Iorizzo said.

So far, Iorizzo said he hasn't had any luck with the various city and state agencies he has called to investigate the scam, but he hopes to follow up with authorities tomorrow.

Even so, he said, "I'm glad it turned out the way it did. I wish he got caught, but I'm glad people didn't lose their money."

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Stokes Named Assistant Director

Written by Fred Scaglione

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Zabrina Stokes, LCSW, has been named assistant director of the Staten Island Mental Health Society's (SIMHS) Day Treatment Center (PS/IS 25- South Richmond High School). Jointly operated by the SIMHS and District 75 of the NYC Department of Education, the Day Treatment Center is a special education school for children with severe emotional and behavioral challenges. The Mental Health Society's component provides therapeutic services for the more than 100 children who attend the elementary and intermediate schools, as well as the 50 students enrolled in the high school program. As assistant director of the Day Treatment Center, Stokes is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the high school program. She has been employed at the Mental Health Society since 2004, working in the Day Treatment program for the last five years. She has also been a staff clinician at the Society's Family Support Center and in its Prevention, Consultation & Education Program that provided services to children in several local group homes.

 Social Work from the College of Staten Island, and then earned her Master's in Social Work from the Hunter College School of Social Work Advanced Standing Program.

Raymond Masucci: Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Award

By Kiawana Rich

February 11, 2010, 12:41PM

COMMUNITY COMMERCE

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Raymond Masucci is a man who likes to see things come to fruition.

"I've always enjoyed seeing a finished project," said the 49-year-old businessman. That drive to deliver is topped only by one thing for Masucci: He is a man who absolutely loves his mother.



Raymond Masucci: Recipient of the Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Award

"I talk to her every day," he said.

It was a son's love and desire to be close to his mother that inspired Masucci to create Staten Island's first active adult living center – the Tides at Charleston – for those 55 years and older. This dedication and vision makes Masucci an excellent recipient in the Established category for the Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Award.

Masucci is president and founder of Masucci Developers, LLC, Charleston. He is also the managing member of the Tides.

Masucci said he decided to create the Tides after he and his brothers realized his mother, Elizabeth Masucci, now an empty nester and aged 81, was a perfect fit for an active adult community. However, Masucci noted, most of these communities were far away – places like New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida.

The Tides at Charleston opened in 2006. Located at 15 Tides Ln., along the Arthur Kill, the 190-unit complex is the city's first single-family-home, adult community. The buyers' average age is 64 and prices for homes range from \$449,000 to \$639,000.

The community offers two-story townhomes that include master suites and guest bedrooms, laundry rooms and a main living area. The homes average around 2,500 square feet.

The Tides features several recreational amenities including a clubhouse, pool, tennis and bocce; Masucci has plans to construct a waterfront restaurant.

"It didn't take long for most people to realize that this was something that the city of New York would benefit from," said Masucci. "Because when you retain the most valuable citizens it is something that is good for the city."

Masucci is currently working on more senior housing – a project called Charleston Towers. This would include 81 rental units on Androvette Street for those 55 and over. The building is to include services such as housekeeping, a dining room, and maybe laundry.

Creating RPM Energy Solutions, Masucci has also focused on energy and the environment. The business is located at 4553 Arthur Kill Rd., Charleston; Masucci is founder and president; his son, Joseph, serves as vice president.

While researching alternative energy sources, Masucci came across a company called Skystream Distributors which manufactures wind turbines. Masucci installed the city's first wind turbine at the Tides at Charleston. Energy created by the turbine is used to power the street lamps within the complex; whatever isn't used is funneled back to Con Edison's electrical grid.

Masucci has always been an entrepreneur. He founded RPM Courier Systems, Inc. in 1980. He is president and runs it with his brother, Robert, who joined him in 1985. Now officially, RPM Warehouse, Inc., the courier company has expanded to include trucks that transport goods. Eventually, the company began warehousing items.

Masucci said it was his connection with one importer who dealt in green coffee beans that helped him develop his empire.

"Once you get involved in an industry and provide a service for a reputable company, you establish a reputation of providing the right service and other companies will want you," he said.

Masucci took the company, formerly based in Rosebank, and expanded it to four locations: Port Ivory in 1989; Bayonne, N.J., in 1990; Edison, N.J., in 1995 and Norfolk, Va. in 2000.

The company now employs 200.

"We handle 20 percent of the nation's coffee, 80 percent of the nation's tea, and we have a liquor license in New York and New Jersey to transport and store alcohol. We do lumber and also a bunch of other commodities, and it all started on Bay Street in Rosebank," marveled Masucci.

His ability for creating a vision and transforming that into a bigger, practical picture stems from tapping into his inner needs as well as that of others.

It comes from something, "that I feel that somebody would desire or a product that someone would desire or that I would envision using or living in," he said.

Not everything has succeeded, he admits, which keeps him grounded.

"You never know if you will be successful, but part of being successful is having some failures in your life, but you try to make sure the successes exceed the failures."

One of the biggest advantages of being a developer for Masucci is that "you get to provide nice housing for your mother."

Masucci hopes to continue efforts to build a green environment on the Island. "I would like to see a cleaner waterfront and a green waterfront shoreline and debris-free waterways," he said.

"We need on Staten Island to continue to bolster the economy and, at the same time, utilize our waterfront," said Masucci, noting that part of his utilization includes the esplanade at the Tides, which allows the residents access to the waterfront; it will also be home to the new restaurant.

Born in Queens, and a resident of Oakwood since the age of 3, Masucci likes to consider himself a native.

He met his wife, the former Lisa Malvasio, when both were students at Susan Wagner High School.

"We started out as friends," said Masucci. But it wasn't long before it became something more.

The couple married in 1983 and now make their home in Tottenville; they have three sons.

Ray Masucci at a glance

Life Philosophy:

"Treat people the way you would like to be treated."

Goals:

"To continue to improve the quality of life both environmentally and economically for my family and Staten Island."

Education:

Graduate, Susan Wagner High School; studied accounting, [REDACTED]

Community Activities:

Manager, South Shore Little League; co-founder, Staten Island Victim's Relief Fund; former chair/co-chair, March of Dimes Gourmet Gala; board member, Building Industry Association of New York; board member, Staten Island Economic Development Corporation (served as two-term ambassador, cabinet member); board member, Casa Belvedere; board member, Eden II School for Children and Adults with Autism; also, affiliated with Project Hospitality.

Marital Status:

Married 26 years to the former Lisa Malvasio.

Family:

Wife, Lisa; three sons, Raymond Jr., 23; Joseph, 21, and Matthew, 12; mother, Betty; four brothers, Robert, Andrew, Richard, and Thomas.

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David Larsen of Oldwick Announces Candidacy for U. S. House of Representatives

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OLDWICK, N.J., Feb. 11 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/
-- Local business owner David Larsen will
announce his candidacy for the U.S. House of
Representatives, 7th District, at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow,
Lincoln's birthday, at the Oldwick Firehouse. Larsen
will run as a Republican, seeking to oust incumbent
Leonard Lance in the June primary.

"Our voices have been shut out of Washington far
too long. That's why my campaign is called 'A Voice
for the People Your Voice.' Instead of siding with the
special interest groups or advancing my own
agenda, I'm committed to listening to the concerns
of the people of the 7th District and being their
voice in Washington," says Larsen.

The owner of Larsen Windows and Doors, the
candidate has lived in Oldwick for 15 years, where
he owns a farm and raises American Quarter horses.

"I'm not a 3rd generation career politician, like my
opponent. I'm a 3rd generation business owner
who's fed up with politics as usual in Washington,"
Larsen continues. "We need sound business
principles and common sense budgeting to address
our country's financial problems, which includes
repealing unnecessary regulations and taxes on
businesses and individuals. It's a well known fact
that New Jerseyans pay the highest taxes in the
country, causing many to leave in favor of more
affordable states, and that simply must change."

Like many 20th century immigrants, Larsen's parents
came to the U.S. on a steam liner after the United
States liberated Norway from Nazi Germany during
World War II. David started college at Evangel
University in Springfield, Missouri and then
returned to New York City to attend [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] where he studied biology and
business administration. At 19, he started a
construction and home improvement company.
David grew that company for 6 years and then took
over the family business, named above.

"I've run a successful business for the past 30 years,
gainfully employing hundreds of people. I know
what it's like when you're responsible for the
livelihood of real people and their families and
that's the kind of accountability I want to bring to
Washington," says Larsen.

He married his wife Donna in 1980 and they have
three daughters, Kristen, Colette and Courtney. For
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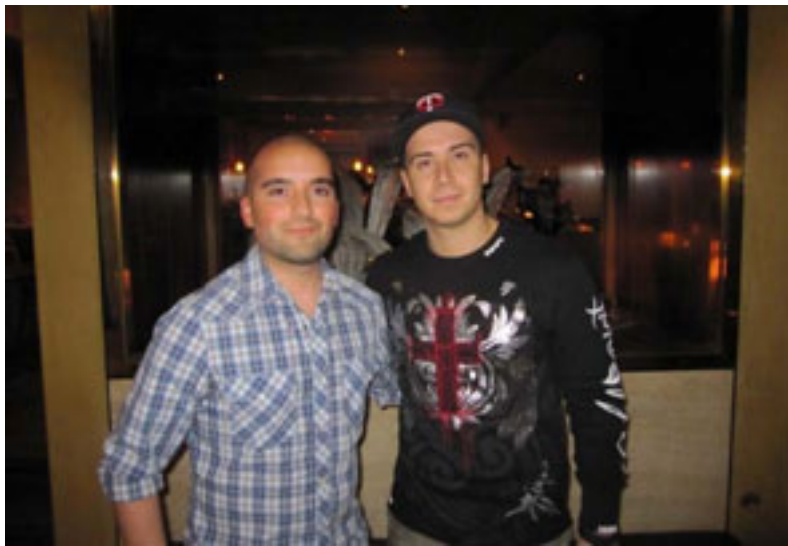
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What does the future hold for 'Jersey Shore's' Vinny? (Hint: He's worried you're going to think it's corny)

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Luis and Vinny in the lobby of Vinny's hotel in Rosemont on Thursday.

Vinny Guadagnino wants to be a rapper. He just has a hard time saying it.

The laid back “Jersey Shore” cast member brought up the topic on his own -- I only asked about his future aspirations -- but then seemed to get embarrassed the more we talked about it.

“A lot of people don’t know this, but I write rap songs,” said Guadagnino as we sat in the lobby of his hotel in Rosemont Thursday. “It’s more clubbish. I don’t sound like the average rapper -- I don’t know if that’s a good thing or bad thing. They’re maybe Pitbull-type songs.”

Guadagnino, who appeared at [Energy nightclub](#) in Stone Park, Ill. later that night, knows what the reaction would be like should he pursue a rap career. Maybe that’s why he momentarily backtracked on his initial comments.

"It's more like a producer thing," Guadagnino said. "I don't like to say I'm a rapper -- that sounds corny. I'm humble, I'm shy. I don't want to seem corny. But I also know I have things in my head I can express. If you're good, why not?"

You can't blame Guadagnino for dreaming big. Thanks to the success of "Jersey Shore," Guadagnino now spends his time hanging out with celebrities and making club and talk show appearances.

Although he isn't considered the star of the show -- that title likely goes to "The Situation" or "Snooki" -- he is often referred to as "the normal one."

What does Guadagnino think of the label?

"I think the majority of the other cast mates are normal," he responded. "In that situation, no pun intended, they get a little crazy. Whereas even in those situations, I'm pretty chill. I'm not the crazy figurehead of the show, which would get me on various talk shows doing silly things.

"I think other people in the industry realize that and see me with a little bit more longevity. I'm not saying the others don't have longevity. They just realize I can last. I know I made the choices I made for a reason while I was there."

When "Jersey Shore" returns for a second season, there is some concern among fans and media that the cast will try to play up the image that made them so famous in the first place. Guadagnino hopes this doesn't happen but felt it may be inevitable.

"I think it's going to happen once in a while," Guadagnino said. "What made the show so good was how genuine we are. We're a little famous now, but we're still the same genuine kids. Once we get back in the house again, we'll interact the same way. You can't exaggerate that."

Speaking of exaggerating, Guadagnino claimed the recent Us Weekly story, **"Jersey Shore's Vinny Considering Law School at 'Yale or Harvard' "** is a bit of a stretch.

"I told them 'If I would have gotten a good enough LSAT score to get into Harvard or Yale law, I'd give up this new life and would have gone to Harvard or Yale,'" said Guadagnino, a political science major who claimed he

graduated with a 3.9 GPA from the [REDACTED] “They made it sound like ‘Vinny is Harvard bound.’ ”

Well, if that’s the worst thing a celebrity magazine says about Guadagnino, he should consider himself lucky.



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PROUD CPA GIVES BACK

Five West Shore alumni of the College of Staten Island have been hired by entrepreneur to help Staten Islanders prepare income tax returns. **E 7**



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Richard Prinz, left, a public accountant and owner of the firm, Prinz and Tapinski, Ltd., recently hired about 40 CSI alumni to help during tax season. With him are Kim Richard, director of marketing, and Brian Samara, senior associate.

Crunching numbers to create jobs

Accountant hires fellow CSI alums to prepare taxes

By KIAWANA RICH
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ALL SHORES — While many people wish they had a way to end the severe job losses of the current recession, **Richard Prinzi** has actually done something about it.

Prinzi is a successful public accountant who is one half of the New-Springville-based accounting firm, Prinzi and Tapinis, Ltd. He is also a man who has the interests of the Staten Island community and, most notably, his alma mater, the College of Staten Island (CSI), at heart.

Prinzi won't be able to single-handedly end the job crisis, but in these tough times, he has created a firm that has put 40 CSI alumni to work including 27 recent CSI graduates — all in their dream field of accounting.

That firm is Professional Tax Alliance (PTA) Inc. PTA officially opened at the end of January, and since then, has been supporting a mission of inexpensive tax preparation and assistance, education and community volunteerism.

Originally, Prinzi had been looking to fill two positions at his firm, but 40 individuals showed up to interview for the jobs. After talking with such an impressive array of candidates, Prinzi decided to create PTA and hire them all.

"Not only were they exceptional but they have such a strong work ethic," he said, noting, "The biggest thing for me was the managers. I was able to recruit and hire managers with experience out in the marketplace. Additionally, he said there were graduates with lots of experience either getting laid off or having difficulty getting jobs."

And while positions are open to anyone, Prinzi said CSI graduates, "are preferred."

A Richmond resident, Prinzi admits he is partial to CSI: Not only is he an alumni, he is also an adjunct professor, treasurer of the CSI Foundation Board, and past president of the CSI Alumni Foundation.

One focus of the business is to give people complete returns, done honestly and without any fear of being ripped off. Prinzi said every year a number of his students would come to him with friends or relatives who had been audited after going to tax-preparers who turned out to be con men.

Many of those victimized were often immigrants. Many of these immigrants, said Prinzi, "don't understand the system or speak the language well and they get ripped off by people claiming to have the ability to help them, but then they get audited and they have nowhere to go."

Prinzi said often these immigrants will send their family members and friends to these con men. "Once one guy gets a big refund, they would all go to the same place."

So his solution is to offer the company's services to the underserved or those who have been victimized with a simple introductory flat tax filing fee of \$69.98 through Sunday.

"There are no add-ons, no surprise fees," he said. The flat fee covers federal, state and city tax returns jointly. And while filing is \$69, consultations and the tax preparation are done free.

That regular fee of \$99 will be reinstated as of Monday.

PTA offices currently operate out of four locations: 318 Broad St., Stapleton; 311 Sand Lane, South Beach; 1988 Hylan Blvd., Midland Beach, and 2555 Richmond Ave., New Springville.

In addition to English, the employees or "associates" combined all speak 10 different languages in-

cluding Spanish, Russian, Albanian, Arabic, French, Italian, Polish, Tamil, Urdu and Singhalese.

While there's a focus on providing outreach to the underserved, Prinzi says their firm's services are open to any member of the public who needs tax filing and assistance.

There are no licensing requirements for tax-preparers in New York state, but Prinzi said his associates receive 180 hours of training and most have already done extensive work preparing returns. Filings are also reviewed by firm superiors.

Tax preparation is only part of the business. Those same associates are also out in the community, providing workshops and presentations to educate the public about preparing their own returns and new tax programs.

Prinzi's Preparers

Richard Prinzi has hired dozens of graduates of the College of Staten Island to help Staten Islanders prepare 2009 income tax returns. There are go-to grads on every shore, plus six in Brooklyn and New Jersey.

West Shore residents

Ruchira Javatsurva, of Castleton Corners; Ankita Jain and Imran Sarwar, of Bulls Head, and Robert Nieto, of Bloomfield.

Additionally, many of the associates volunteer their time in after-school programs for children as well as computer classes for adults. "We are trying to launch careers and we are creating very community-minded professionals that we hope will serve the community," said Prinzi.

Many of the employees are continuing their education through master's degree programs, CPA exam preparation courses or additional CSI courses.

Some have been or will be placed in major accounting firms, said Prinzi, such as Price Waterhouse and Deloitte and Touche.

Prinzi said he hopes to open six new locations next year and hire another 30 employees.

The centers are open from Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, phone 888-PTA4-TAX. Or visit the Web site at www.PTA4Tax.com.

Two women with dozens of stories to tell

MLM Public Relations represents a variety of clients from local attorneys to Historic Richmond Town

By TEVIA PLATT
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WEST SHORE — "HOW TO DESIGN A KID-FRIENDLY KITCHEN," "GROUNDHOG BITES NYC MAYOR ON HIS BIG DAY," "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: AN APPETIZING FUND-RAISER."

These disparate news headlines have a common tie: Like hundreds of others, the stories they foretell begin as creative ideas generated by Staten Island-based MLM Public Relations.

Each story, which ran in New York Metro Parents Magazine, the Taiwan News, and the Staten Island Advance, respectively, broadcast an image of Staten Island to the public at large.

MaryLee Montalvo of Tompkinsville was a public relations director for the American Parkinson Disease Association and the American Red Cross before she founded MLM in 2000.

Marlene Markoe-Boyd, who became a partner in the firm a year and a half ago, had served as public information officer for Staten Island District Attorney William Murphy, and in the early 1990s, had been Governor Mario Cuomo's ombudsman for the Staten Island community.

Both women had young children when they struck out on their own, working from home with flexible hours has helped them to balance work and parenthood, and the business has allowed them to continue doing what they do well: Generate news stories, coordinate events, create local partnerships and serve the community.

Ms. Montalvo began with a single client: New Springville-based Gerald Peters Goldmine Jewelers. But the firm grew quickly, going on to serve the Staten Island Zoo, Gift of Limbs, Historic Richmond Town, the New York Center for Interpersonal Development, the Nicotina Group, AppleMetro's local Applebee's franchises, the College of Staten Island, the Richmond County Bar Association and Relax on Cloud Nine, among others.

"We have the shared background of having been raised on Staten Island, and that became a niche for us," said Ms. Montalvo. "We serve people who either have a Staten Island base or want to have a presence on Staten Island."

Ms. Montalvo said that



MaryLee Montalvo, left, and Marlene Markoe-Boyd founded MLM Public Relations in 2000. This successful business has allowed them to continue doing what they do well: Generate news stories, coordinate events, create local partnerships and serve the community.

The women behind the operation

The partners that operate MLM Public Relations have both been active volunteers with Staten Island non-profit organizations.

Marlene Markoe-Boyd, above left

Marlene has been involved with Community Resources since the 1990s, serving Staten Islanders with special needs as a board member, volunteer, and as president for two four-year terms. She is a past president and current board member of the Brighton Kiwanis Club. She has also served the Staten Island Business and Professional Women's Club, as vice president; the Democratic Party of Richmond County, as second vice-chair; the Staten Island Branch of the New York Urban League, and, as a disaster volunteer, the Staten Island Branch of the American Red Cross. She is currently active in fund-raising events and committees at Blessed Sacrament R.C. Parish, West Brighton, where her children attend school.

MaryLee Montalvo, above right

MaryLee is the founding co-chair of the local advisory board of First Book, Staten Island; past president and current director of the Rotary Club of Staten Island; a trustee of the Staten Island Rotary Foundation, and president of the board of trustees of the Staten Island Children's Museum. She has served as a judge for the annual Excellence in Education Award; a founding board member of Latino Civic Association, Inc., and as past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Staten Island. Before founding MLM, she also held public relations positions for Historic Richmond Town and the Staten Island Mental Health Society. Ms. Montalvo is co-author of the Advance column "Read All About It."

Staten Island is an anomaly in New York City because of its small-town character, its tight-knit community and the unique ways in which mom-and-pop businesses support local non-profits.

"We're invested in Staten Island," said Ms. Markoe-Boyd, who lives in Castleton Corners. "We're

Staten Island girls, but through our business, we try to be ambassadors."

The publicists' knowledge of Staten Island, their local connections and their hometown pride help them promote positive images and partnerships that benefit the borough.

"One of our objectives is to elevate Staten Island in

the minds of the media," said Ms. Montalvo. "We have real issues with tearing down Staten Island for the sake of a headline."

Another aim for MLM is to link business clients with non-profit organizations that serve the community. It was at MLM's suggestion, for example, that Applebees organized its Breakfast with Santa event as a fundraiser for the Children's Campaign.

Both partners are active volunteers with such organizations as Community Resources, the Rotary Club of Staten Island, Brighton Kiwanis Club, Blessed Sacrament R.C. Parish, First Book Staten Island, and the Staten Island Children's Museum.

The business partners collaborate in staging annual events like the Mosaic Coalition diversity celebration organized by Wagner College and the Center for Interpersonal Development, and Ground Hog Day at the Staten Island Zoo.

With assistance from two associates, MLM generates roughly 12 story ideas a week. The partners pitch these stories with press releases and phone calls to various media outlets. Depending on the story, they might tap the Advance or the New York Times, a TV or radio station, an affinity-based magazine or a trade publication. They prepare statements and field phone calls from the media, so that clients

have an opportunity to have a voice and news providers get timely and accurate information.

Generating story ideas requires regular meetings with clients.

During a recent meeting at the College of Staten Island, for example, Ms. Montalvo and Ms. Markoe-Boyd learned about scientists tracking asteroids and a political science professor who is up for an Oscar. The next step will be to contact mainstream media about the Oscar nominee and trade journals about the work of the observatory staff.

"A lot of our work is getting [our clients] to realize that almost everything they do has a story," said Ms. Markoe-Boyd. "... Finding the story is like finding that rock in the sand."

She dreamed up the recent article, "How to Design a Kid-Friendly Kitchen," which both informed the public and got out the name of Gramercy-based client Independent Kitchen and Bath.

Prime rules of the business include separating public-relations work from advertising; presenting facts honestly, and acting carefully to ensure positive results.

"People think we're creative, spontaneous people, and that doesn't describe us at all because we're very cautious," said Ms. Montalvo. "We think hard about the ramifications of what we put out."

But from marmots to asteroids, the variety of their work keeps the job exciting. "It's always challenging and always interesting," said Ms. Montalvo. "It keeps us charged."

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